

The News and Courier of the 23rd contains a succinct biography of the members of the present General Assembly. Considerable prominence is given to the Hon. Jos. F. Rhame, our Senator.

Ex-President Chester A. Arthur died at his home in New York on the morning of the 18th inst. He was elected Vice-President in 1880, on the Republican ticket with Garfield, and by the assassination of the latter in 1881, by Guiteau, became President. When he assumed the duties of President the greatest fears were entertained at the South that he would adopt the partisan spirit towards her which distinguished his predecessor, R. B. Hayes; but in a short time his administration allayed all fears. His course towards the section was a most acceptable indifference. He did us no harm—requisite in pace.

Our outside contains a full account of his illness and death, with a brief history of his life.

PRAY YE THE LORD!

The President by his proclamation calls upon the people to observe tomorrow (Thursday) as a day of National thanksgiving and prayer. And the Governor of this State has added an earnest appeal in the nature of a proclamation that South Carolinians do praise and worship the Almighty to-morrow for his manifold blessings extended during the year.

It is the paramount duty of every man, woman and child, to obey in spirit these manifestoes of our chief Executives. As a nation, a people, and as individuals, we have a great deal to be thankful for; and especially is this the case with the inhabitants of our own State. We have felt, and know, the curse of living under a wicked Government. The bosom of every true patriot in South Carolina should swell with grateful praises to the Ruler of the Universe that the evil and designing are overthrown and wise rulers placed in their stead. And as individuals, in acknowledging the divinity of God, every man's conscience is a whispering monitor, that all the privileges and worldly goods he claims as his own and enjoys, are showered upon him by the hand of the Divine. Secure in the protection of a wise and prosperous Government, and enjoying richly the varied pleasures of life, all will unite in one loud acclaim, that "God is good." Then it is expected, and most earnestly desired, that our citizens will lay aside all business to-morrow and celebrate the day in attending religious services, and with grateful hearts proclaiming in loud hosanna's that "God is good," at the same time invoking a continuation of His bountiful mercies throughout another year.

OUR LAW MAKERS.

The Legislature now in session is composed more largely of new members (we are speaking of the lower branch of the General Assembly) than any House since the Reconstruction period. A canvass of the members develops the fact that only about twenty-four of those who composed the House of 1884-5 have been re-elected; and seven or eight of that number have been returned from Charleston. Pardon our digression, but right here is revealed the true cause of the immense power wielded by Charleston in the General Assembly. They have been taught by the experience of time the infinite superiority of a well trained Legislator to a rude unsophisticated gentleman of one term. Hence when a Charleston member develops into a skilled debater and parliamentarian he is kept there; returned time after time till age unfits him for further service or then he is elevated to a higher sphere. There are men from Charleston who have grown old and gray since their first election, and these sages of Solon will be kept there, and their power continue to be felt on every important occasion. It would be well for some of the counties to profit by the wisdom displayed by Charleston in this respect, and maybe we would hear less grumbling about Charleston members working for Charleston's interests.

The new House is remarkable again on account of the variety of principles and measures upon which its members are elected, and sent to Columbia as the exponents of and advocates.

The State during the past year has been stirred throughout its circumference with new issues, many of them, apparently, extravagant in their complexion. These took root and grew in the last election, and have been transplanted to be fruited in Columbia during the next four weeks. What kind of fruit it will be is yet to be seen.

The present House may, with all due respect, be dubbed youthful, for the greater part of its members are fresh from the people, and bearing, for the first time, Legislative honors. And it may be styled radical in its calling, for a good portion have gone to Columbia filled with new ideas of reform which, if put into effect, will completely revolutionize the present state of affairs.

Indeed it is a remarkable House in many respects. What it will accomplish is awaited anxiously. And the public will watch its every step with undiminished interest till it adjourns sine die.

The Pantagraph, published at Big Springs, Howard County, Texas, contains the gratifying intelligence of the election of the Hon. S. W. T. Lanham to Congress. The distinguished gentleman is a brother of our esteemed fellow citizen, Prof. Jno. C. Lanham, of Summerton.

THE EARTHQUAKE.

A SCIENTIFIC THEORY OF ITS CAUSE.

Every one feels and knows his individuality. We would do well never to speak or write, until we shall have thoroughly considered and examined the strength of the ground on which we propose to stand and collect our thoughts, for the purpose of erecting an argument.

While the premises may stand firm, it is impossible to share the conclusion. No one on this earth can tell how long our present artificial earthquake will last, as none can know how much work the two great forces of nature may have to do. We believe no impossibility on even the best of evidence. Our answer always is, that it is a delusion. Though we may think none the less of the witness, yet we may regard him as having been deceived by appearances. One may have heard or seen something, which may have led him to give publicity to what we are obliged to put down as impossible. We are not required by politeness to treat impossibilities seriously, merely that we may seem to agree with those who may be too credulous.

When a portion of any one of the strata of the earth is removed to the stratum, there is an immediate effort on the part of nature's laws to heal the wounds thus made, by putting just as much positive and negative power there, as the removed portion of stratum contained. Why reverse nature so suddenly and to the extent of our ability to do so? What other result can we reasonably look for, than confusion accompanied with artificial convulsions, when we call to mind the great extent of this field of work? This earth can never be destroyed by natural causes, as her forces can only preserve her equilibrium. If any one were to publish to the world that our earth would be destroyed by any process of nature, we would put it down by the side of materialism, evolution, and all such scientific impossibilities. The great God alone can destroy his own works. We take it, that the centre of the earth at the equator is a negative, as the temperature of water shows such a condition there. We know that snow, sleet, hail, and rain, (independent of better evidence at our command) prove that there is a powerful negative above us.

The two poles of the earth, its centre, and the negative forces in the temperate zones, are the negative focuses of this earth. The positive focuses of the earth are its surface at the equator and what positive there may be in the temperate zones. Each force attracts what is unlike to it, and repels that which is similar. The air and earth are thus kept purified by forces attracting and repelling each other. The pine forests and rivers' large and small water outlets, which have been destroyed, assisted somewhat in preserving the negative force on this side of the equator line. When the sun crosses this equator line, (sometimes when on the other side of said line) he may from unnatural causes, bring about cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, even in countries not at all subject to such convulsions. When nature calls upon the sun for extra work, she also makes the same demand upon the great negative whose residence is space. We believe that the positive focuses of this earth raise the flood tide, and that its negative focuses govern the ebb tide. But the great tidal focuses, are the centre and surface of the earth at the equator. Artificial earthquakes (so also natural ones) may have their origin under the water, or in the air. They may even originate in places where the disturbance of matter would attract a strong negative, that an undue amount of positive may be neutralized.

There can be no positive current (which is really the character of our earthquake) beyond the centre of the great negative force in nature. It occurs to us that flood tide is the result of a positive current, which is neutralized and driven back by a negative current that gives us ebb tide. When we have a tidal wave, nature makes a demand upon the sun that we may have the wave, and then upon the great negative that it may be neutralized. The tides are too uncertain and fickle in their character, be turned over to the care and keeping of the moon, whose phases are so regular and perfect. We cannot think that it comports with reason and correct thought, to admit that there is a positive surface and a positive centre at the equator. If men would be more economical in their demands upon the earth, nature would not call so frequently upon her two great forces to preserve her equipoise. When we contemplate the vast extent of vitreous matter upon our top stratum, that also which is several strata below us, the great ocean and our broad rivers, we can but see the wisdom of the great, good and merciful God, in providing against the mistakes of thoughtless men. From our standpoint of thought, we would say that Charleston will stand.

"When wrapt in fire the realms of ether glow, And Heaven's last thunders, shake the world below." J. L. EASTBERG, Blue Ridge, Clarendon County, S. C., Nov. 17, 1886.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for December.

In these days, when outdoor sports are so generally cultivated, many will read the article, "Why we Canoe," by W. P. Stephens, in the December number of FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY, and some at least will be tempted to try an amusement so exhilarating and attractive. "Persian and Turkish Tobacco" have their votaries too, who will endorse Mr. O'Connor's premises. The sketch of the Centenarian Chemist Chevrel, on whom our Harvard has just conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, will be read with interest. The article on the American Sparrow hawk is full of interest just now, as showing how easily it could be tamed and used instead of a scarecrow to keep off grain devouring birds. A venturesome young lady, Miss Taylor, one of what she beheld at the "Great Thirsty Dances" among the Indians, till his horrors overpowered her. W. E. McCann goes into the byways of life and tells of "Eccentric Recluses" in a charming way. "The treatment of Criminals," with a careful account of the Elmira Reformatory, is an article to be read and studied carefully. "A Winter in Jamaica" is a sketch of West India travel, very prettily told, and like the other articles in the number, well and attractively illustrated.

Arthur Dudley Vinton tells the story of "North America Earthquakes." "The Fish-girl of Grand Menan," "Two Inspirations," "Shadow or Substance?" and other articles in this magazine, justify its title of the "Popular Monthly."

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THE EARTHQUAKE

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Sept 22

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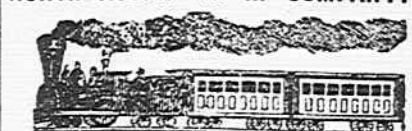
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