THE COUNTY FINANCES.

the county, in our judgment, is the ed by law to be done only every four gravest and most complex subject be- years. The Legislature can order fore the tax payers, and for the earn- new returns to be taken and a new asest investigation of our Legislators at sessment, which, if carried out prop-Columbia. To those citizens familiar erly, would make operative our last with the county affairs, it is evident suggestion. that the finances are in a most alarming and wretched condition. Com- possible to give a clear statement of mencing with, and including the fis- the condition of the county. Every cal year, 1882, to the present time, one will agree with us that the presthe County Commissioners have been ent system is most wretched, and a forced, in meeting the current ex- change for the better is imperatively penses, to contract debts hundreds demanded. of dollars in excess of the tax money collected to liquidate obligations of something to put on a better basis, this character, which are denomina- the county's finances. ted "Ordinary county expenses." The result of this has been, notwithstanding an annual special tax levy to settle the unpaid claims, to create a large and increasing debt; and worse still, to completely demoralize the credit of the county. We hazard the assertion that, on account of this the Manning Times, whom I tound sick and damage to its credit, the Commission-confined to his bed, and was shown by him ers frequently find it impossible to let out work for less than 50 per cent. of the name of "Farmer," author of the comout work for less than 50 per cent. of its actual cost. Again, the effect of this is blazingly apparent when what are offered for sale, and 50 per cent.

is the highest amount given. is the highest amount given. The following balances for the fis-

cal years 1882-3 and '4 remained unpaid after the tax collections for the respective years were disbursed:

Fiscal year 1882—\$1,507.83. Fiscal year 1883—\$1,350.00. Fiscal year 1884—\$2,038.00.

ance of '83, which, being disbursed, loss is appreciably increased.

Please understand distinctly that the honesleft \$600 unpaid, and now owing. For the deficiency of '85, by act

ed balances in the County Treasury were applied thereto, with a special tax levy of one mill, which reduced been assigned him, rendered to him by a the debt down to \$450 owing now.

an annual special tax, and a considerof the Treasurer, there is still a debt of a thousand and fifty dollars against

report recently published, were forc- and that he can get no redress, ed, during the fiscal year just ended, Why not do away, then, with the public to approve claims aggregating \$7,724, weigher, and let the factor be responsible? conclude that the total indebtedness dress. will amount to \$8,000 and over. How-change seems to have this matter at heart, ever, to be sure that we are giving a would it not be well to tell the farmers what ed report as a basis of representation.

The Auditor's abstract, which is a summary of the property of the county, estimates the total taxable property of the county of t ty at \$1,485,172. To meet the expenses of the fiscal year ending last October, and to pay which the present taxes are being collected, the Legislature for 1885 provided a tax levy of four mills. The utmost amount to be realized by this levy, when the taxes to a cent are paid, which is never the case, is \$5,940.68. To this that will tend to a full investigation by that amount can be added about \$400 for honorable body, the Chamber of Commerce licenses and fines, which foots up and then neither farmer nor factor may be \$6,340.68. Thus, with the most liberal calculation, we have the sum c

\$7,924.90 to be paid with \$6,340.68; have to be paid by a special tax levy News and Courier. for the purpose. Thus, like the last three years, the county is sunk heavily in debt. Its credit is being hopelessly destroyed, and unless a change is soon made it is hard to tell what will be the final consequences. It is economic, and has now become an absolute necessity, that the annual expenses be promptly paid at the end of each year. In our judgment this can be accomplished in three ways:

2nd. To make the tax levy suffi-

3rd, To increase the assessment es must be carefully noted.

lar, but at present we cannot see how addition of a penalty of 50 per cent. it is practicable. At the present valuation of property, the second is the most available plan, and the present Board of County Commissioners, effor formically and the present Board of County Commissioners, approximately after furnishing our Legislators of 1885 with an estimate of expenses for the fiscal year '85, urged upon them to make the tax levy 5 mills, which would have just about liquidated the debt. The third and last suggestion appears to us to be just, proper, and wary. the most expeditious, but we fear that it cannot be utilized for the fiscal year 1886. It is a well known fact that property in this county is not returned at anything like its real value or selling price. Complaint upon com-

A proper appreciation of the total property would not only in many ways be beneficial to the county, but a Dec. 3rd, 1886.

plaint has been made about this, and

remedial step has been taken. It is

ers make correct and just returns, but

in the majority of cases, lands espec-

ially, are returned at only a nominal

great advantage to the owners. Taxes which are now so high would not be near so burdensome, because their distribution would be equitable. But unfortunately, unless by Legislation, we can't expect immediate relief from this source. Lands were returned last year and assessed by their Equalizing Board, in our opinion, at an im-The present state of the finances of moderately low price, which is requir-

We have endeavored as plainly as

LOSS IN WEIGHTS OF COTTON.

"Farmer" Replies to the Queries of the Editor of the News and Courier.

To the Editor of the News and Courier:-On lead to good results without any action from

the "Farmers' Convention."

The object of my letter was to call public attention to this matter, and if possible, to cease this universal complaint that rises from one end to the other of this district. My communication to The News and Courier some two years ago had the same aim in view, but it accomplished nothing. This The balance of '82 has since been paid in full by special levys. A half-mill tax was collected to pay the bal-

ty of no particular factor is questioned—but these losses have and do occur daily, and of the Legislature, certain unexpend- my honest opinion is that he cannot be held responsible for an act which he does not himself commit. He receives at his office the marks and weights of cotton which have Notwithstanding the application of and whose salary is only indirectly paid by him as well as others. When "farmer" complains of less of weights the factor mereable sum of money, which, fortunate-ly encloses him a statement of the public ly, happened to be idle in the charge weigher that these particular bales weighed so much. You write to the factor to have bale or bales reweighed at your expense, and receive for reply that these bales have been the county, standing from the years ,83 and '84.

This brings us down to the last fiscal year—1885—ending 31st of last October.

The county, standing from the years delivered to the purchaser and regret that "irregularity of mails," &c., —but "they were weighed by a sworn weigher," &c., &c., There is no responsibility of factor to farmer, and yet farmer has paid at the gin so much per hundred for ginning, has paid

In discharging the necessary duter all their office, the County Comties of their office, the County Commissioners as well by missioners, as will be seen by their and all that the poor fellow knows is that the loss has come out of his hard-earned labor,

.90. Since the publication of the report a number of additional claims weighing? and let him go back on the railroads if there is loss on the weight of a bail have been approved, and before the during shipment, that the farmer may have last claim is handed in, it is safe to some point to which he may look for re-As we are c the subject, and the Ex

perfectly true statement of the coun- becomes of samples that are taken from the ty's financial condition for the fiscal bales—what becomes of them? It is a physical impossibility to put them back into the year, 1885, we will accept the publish- bales, unless it might be done at the steam

Congress convened last Monday. and what is the result? When all the The principal business of the first day money received by the Treasurer is was the reading of the President's paid out there will yet remain unmessage, which was afterwards orderpaid the large sum of \$1,584,22. This ed to be published. The message is a debt against the county, and will was published in full in yesterday's

> THAT HACKING COUGH can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure.

▲ sentative) will be at the subjoined places, for the purpose of receiving Returns of Personal Property on the days fixed in this advertisement.

1st. To reduce the county expens-No returns will be taken of any Real Estate except in such cases, where there is change cient to pay the indebtedness of each by purchase or sale; improvements or destruction of property by fire &c. Such chang-

of property.

All persons not handing in returns by the The first would be the most popu- 20th of February, 1887, will be fined by the Persons between the ages of 21 and 60

APPOINTMENTS:

Falton, Thursday, 6th January Hodge's Corner, Friday, 7th January. Tindal's Mill, Monday, 10th January. Sprott's, Tuesday, 11th January. Brunson X Roads, Wednesday, 12th Jan-

D. Levi's, Thursday, 13th January, Summerton, Friday, 14th January. Duffies Store, Monday, 17th January. Foreston, Tuesday, 18th January. Wilson's Mill, Wednesday, 19th January. Brailsford's Store, Friday, 21st January. McFaddins, (Midway) Monday, 24th Jan-

the County Board of Equalization uary. appealed to for relief, but as yet no Box Boykin's, Tuesday, 25th January. W. J. Gibbons, Wednesday, 26th Janu-

true that in many instances the own- ary. Beulah Church, Thursday, 27th January. Bethlehem Church, Friday, 28th January. While not filling other appointments the office will be open in Manning.

J. E. SCOTT, Auditor Clarendon County.

. :--

THE

EARTHQUAKE .

Has had no offect on the immense

Stock of Goods

DAILY ARRIVING AT MY STORE,

Except to Shake the Prices POWN a Little.

Y Stock this year is very large, and consists of everything needed in the county. I have just returned from the Northern Markets, where I We hope our Legislators will do bought my goods in such large quantities as to get the very lowest prices, and I expect to sell them at corresponding figures. My salesmen will be found polite and attentive, and every effort will be made to give my customers satisfaction. Of course I cannot, in this space give anything like a list of the goods I keep, but whatever you wish, anything, just call at my store, and in nearly every instance you will find what you want. No other store in the State keeps as large a stock of General Merchandize as I do.

family groceries.

Y Stock of Family Groceries has been selected with unusual care and my customers will find them to be the Best. It is useless for me to attempt to enumerate what I have in this line-what you wish, I have. I buy bacon by the 10,000 pounds, and at lowest market prices. A large supply of FAMILY SOAP on hand. Try a barrel of Acme Flour-the Best Made.

Tobacco and Cigars.

very large stock of all grades and prices. Smoke the Sweet Violet very large stock of all grades and prices. Sinoke the Sweet violet Cigar—the best 5c. cigars in the world. The Prince Dave is also a very fine cigar.

CLOTHING.

OYS, Youths, and Gentlemen will find my stock of Clothing to be unusually large this year, and specially adapted to this market. Be sure to examine my stock before purchasing. I also have a full supply of all kinds of Furnishing Goods.

SHOES AND HATS.

have the latest styles in HATS and SHOES, and enough for all the county, and I propose selling them. For a cheap and comfortable shoe, buy a pair of Our Own Three Dollar Shors-every pair warranted. Babies shoes in endless styles. A stock of the Zeigler Shoes always on hand.

Gossamers and Rubber Coats.

THE ladies are requested to call and examine this line of goods—they are CHEAP, and just the thing for a rainy day.

Goods Department. Dress

PRICES AND QUALITY THE ATTRACTION.

Cashmere, double width, Diagonal Cashmere,

Kemingston's Sacking, all wool, Delanes, Poplin, Lustre, Brocaded Worsteds,

Ladies' Flannels. Brocaded Sateens, Silk Warp Henrietta Cloth, Camel's Hair Cloth.

CALICOES CRINOLINE, WIGAND, CAMBRIC, SELICIA.

EMBROIDERIES.

Full Line of Cambric, Mull, and Nainsook Edgings, Insertings, Embroidered Flouncing, All-over Goods, Colored Embroideries in Variety, Everlasting Trimmings, Torchon Laces, Etc.

Zephyr Shawls, Ladies' Bonnets, Infants' Hoods, Scarfs and Sacks, Jersey Jackets in all Styles and Colors, Solid Colored Hose, Leggins, Corsets, Hoop Skirts, Bustles, Merino Underwear, Gents' Shirts,

Gloves in Variety, Millinery of the Latest Style, Hats
Trimmed and Untrimmed, Window Shades, Lace Curtains, Carpets, and Everything Kept in a First Class Store.

FURNITURE.

have been before the public too long in the Furniture Line to have to blow too big. I have on hand in my Furniture Store all kinds of Furni-

RUBBER BELTING ALL SIZES FROM 2 TO 12 INCHES.

Cotton.

IBERAL advances will be made on Corron, or it will be bought at the Highest Market Prices.

MOSES LEVI,

Manning, S.C.

ESTABLISHED 1844.

Charleston Iron Works,

Manufacturers and Dealers in

Marine Stationary and Portable Engines and Boilers, Saw Mill Machinery, Cotton Presses, Gins, Railroad, Steamboat, Machinists', Engineers' and Mill Supplies.

Repairs executed with promptness and Dispatch. Send for price lists. East Bay, Cor. Pritchard St.,

Charleston, S. C.

Jan13 1vr.

If you need any Clothing, Furnishing Goods, or Hats, send your orders to

FALK & CO.,

KING STREET, OPPOSITE HASEL,

Charleston. S. C.,

as they have reduced the prices of their entire stock to cost, on account of change of firm.

JOHN S. WILSON,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

Manning, S. C.

MOISE & HUGGINS.

Attorneys at Law,

Manning, S. C.

A. LEVI,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,

Manning, S. C.

J. E. SCOTT.

Manning, S. C

HAYNSWORTH & DINKINS.

ATTORNEYS AT LAW,

Manning, S. C.

Boyd Brothers,

Wholesale Grocers and

159 EAST BAY, CHARLESTON, S. C.

Family Grocers,

185 & 187 Meeting Street, and 117

Market St., CHARLESTON, S. C.

Bargains:

cts. a doz.

These are but a few of the many attract-

No charge for packing or drayage.

Stephen Thomas, Jr., & Bro.

-WATCHES-

Jowelry, Silver and

Plated Ware.

Spectacles, Eye Glasses, and

Fancy Goods.

273 KING ST.,

CHARLESTON, S. C.

A WONDERDUL BOOK OF SONG.

THE POEMS

Father Ryan

THE FAR FAMED

POET PRIEST OF THE SOUTH.

The Amended and Enriched Edition. Ring-

ing Lyrics of the War. Battle Songs which fired the South and com-pelled the admiration

of the Foe.

The Baltimore Publishing Co.,

174 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, Md.

N. B.—One-helf the profits accuring from the sale of this volume of poems from date to March 1st will be devoted to the fund for

purchasing a book.

Book Wanted men and women in every

town, village and parish to act as agents for the sale of this book. Liberal services will

be given for services rendered. Send for

S. A. NELSON & Co.

Wholsale dealers in

BOOTS and SHOES,

No. 31 Hayne St.,

Charleston, S. C.

Descriptive circulars.

by expert workmen.

Granulated Sugar, 15½ lbs. for \$1. Confectioners' Sugar, 15½ lbs for \$1.

White Ex. C. Sugar, 17 lbs. for \$1.

Light Brown Sugar, 19 lbs for \$1. Good Brown Sugar, 20 lbs for \$1.

Tomatoes, 9

S. THOMAS, JR.

3lb. Tomatoes, \$1.10 a doz. Good Segars, \$1 for a box of 50.

Invite attention to the following

Cut Loaf Sugar, 121 lbs. for \$1.

Wines, and Brandies.

Aug 18

Notary Public with seal.

Office South of Court House.

TONSORIAL ARTIST.

I have opened a first-class Shaving Saloon at the Enterprise office, and solicit the patronage of the citizens of Manning and com-PRICES -- Hair Cutting, 25c.; Shaving, 10c.

Shampooing, 25c. Special attention given to children. C. C. REDIC, MANNING, S. C.

July 7, 1886.

Dr H BAER,

Wholesale Druggist, Nos. 131 & 133 Meeting street, Charleston, S. C. Dealer in Drugs, Medicines, Foreign and Domestic Chemicals, Glassware, Spices, Brushes, Essential Oils, Surgical Instruments, Perfumery, Fancy Goods, SHOW CASES, of all sizes, and all articles usually found in a Feb25 First-class Drug House. Prices low W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, Quick sales and small profits.

McCobb, Jr.,

COMMISSION MERCHANT, AND DEALER IN
Lime, Cement, Plaster Paris, Hair, Fire

Bricks and Fire Clay, Land Plaster and Eastern Hay,

Agent for White's English Portland Cement. No. 198 East Bax, CHARLESTON, S. O.

INVALID ROLLING CHAIRS (RECLINING) A Priceless Boon to these who are unable to walk. Largest Factory

Easy Chair Co., New Haven, Conn. may be found on file at Geo. P. ROWELL & Co's u (10 Spruce SL), where advertising NEW YORK.

Wm. Shepherd

232 MEETING ST.,

Charleston, S.C.

STOVES,

Stoves,

-AT-

House Furnishing Goods, Potware, Kitchen and Stove Utensils.

Send for Price List and Circu-

DRUG STORE

Dr. J. G. Dinkins is still at the old stand, formerly occupied by the firm of J. G. Dinkins & Co., and is now prepared to supply the people of Clarendon with STRICTLY PURE

Drugs and Medicines. at the Lowest Possible Prices. -ALSO-

PAINTS, Oils, GLASS, Toilet Articles, TOOTH AND HAIR BRUSHES, COMES, FINE Toilet Soaps, Stationery, Etc. A full and select stock of all the

Patent and Non-Secret Medicines constantly on hand.

An elegant assortment of fine CIGARS AND TOBACCO.

> THE POPULAR DIAMOND DYES, ALL COLORS

Prescription Department. Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded by day or night.

G. ALLEN HUGGINS, JR., DENTAL SURGEON,

Office on Street South of Court | Goods direct from the Manufacturers. We guarantee to sell as low in prices as any Mch31 house in our line in the Union. Jan 13

NORTHEATERN R. R. COMPANY.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT. CHARLESTON, S. C., June 20, 1886. O'N AND AFTER THIS DATE THE following Schedule will be run.

Leave Charleston, No. 43 12.05 P. M.
Leave Charleston, No. 47 12.25 A. M. 12.05 P. M. 12.25 A. M. 4.10 P. M. 4.11 A. M. 1.35 A. M. 11.05 P. M. Arrive Florence, No. 43, Arrive Florence, No. 47, Leave Florence, No. 40, Leave Florence, No. 42, Arrive Charleston, No. 40, 5.00 A. M. 4.5 P. M.

Arrive Charleston, No. 42. Nos. 40 and 47 will not stop at way sta-Nos. 42, and 43 will stop at all stations. No. 40 will stop at Kingstree, Lanes and Monk's Corner.

Fast Line between CHARLESTON AND COLUMBIA AND UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA. Condensed Schedule

GOING EAST.

GOING WEST.

| 7.20 A. M. | Lv. | Charleston, S. C. | Ar. | 9.10 P. M. |
|-------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 8.40 " | ** | Lanes, " | | 7.45 " |
| 9.33 " | | Sumter, " | 44 | 6.42 |
| 10.40 " | Ar. | Columbia, " | Lv | 5.27 " |
| 3.02 P. M. | | Winnsboro, " | " | 3.48 |
| 4.18 " | 11 | Chester, " | 46 | 2.45 " |
| 6.05 " | | Yorkville, " | 44 | 11.45 A M |
| 7.01 " | 1. | Lancaster " | ** | |
| 5.03 " | 44 | Rock Hill. " | 44 | 2.02 P M |
| 6.15 " | ** | Charlotte, N. C. | | 1.00 ** |
| 2.42 " | Ar. | Newberry, S. C. Greenwood, " | " | 3.04 P M 12.41 " |
| 6.30 " | | Laurens, " | 44 | |
| | Argon I | | Control of | |
| 4.47 " | | Anderson, " | " | 10.22 ·· |
| 5.35 " | ** | Anderson, "Greenville, " | " | |
| 5.35 " | " | Anderson, "Greenville, "Walhalla, " | | 10.22 ** |
| 5.35 ·· 6.33 ·· 4.10 ·· | " " | Anderson, "Greenville, " | 44 | 10.22 ·· 9.45 ·· |
| 5.35 " | " | Anderson, "Greenville, "Walhalla, " | " " | 9.45 " 8.20 " |

On Sundays train will leave Charleston, S. C., 8.45 A. M., arrive Columbia 1,00 P. M. Returning leaves Columbia 5.27 P. M ... Attorney and Counsellor at Law, arrives Charleston 9.45 P. M.

Solid Trains between Charleston and Columbia, S. C. Special Parlor Cars attached to this train between Charleston and Colum-Sumter, S. C. bia. No extra charge for seat in these Manning, S. C. cars to passengers holding First Class tick-T. M. EMERSON,

Gen'l Pass. Agent.

TO THE PEOPLE OF CLARENDOM Having made arrangements with the best distilleries, I am now pre-

Commisson Merchants pared to furnish my customers with Direct Importers of Ales, Porters, Purest Distilled Liquors-

My stock is now complete with the choicest brands of

> Whiskies, Brandies, Wines, Cordials, Beer. Ale. Porter,

Etc. Etc. I have in stock a magnificent line of Cigars and Tobacco in which I defy competition.

Liquors for Medicinal purposes a specialty. I also take pleasure in introducing

the Kurnitzkie's celebrated Wire Grass Bitters; also the Carolina ions we are constantly offering, and house-keepers will find it greatly to their advan-Ginger Tonic. These Bitters and tage to send for a copy of our Monthly Price Tonics are noted for their medicinal List, and consult it always. properties.

My Pool and Billiard tables ARE NEW AND FIRST-CLASS.

Thanking the public for past patronage and soliciting a continuance of same, I remain, Respectfully,

S. WOLKOVISKIE, Acr.

93I 13 Weeks.

The POLICE GAZETTE will be mailed, securely wrapped, to any address in the United States for three months on receipt of ONE DOLLAR. Liberal discount allowed to postmasters,

Watches and Jewelry repaired agents and clubs. Sample copies mailed free. Address all orders to RICHARD K. FOX, FRANKLIN SQUARE, NY.

Bernard O'Neill & Sons. Established 1845. Wholesale Grocers AND

COMMISSION MERCHANTS. 191 East Bay and 48 and 50 State St., CHARLESTON, S. C.

2 Consignments solicited.

Complete in one volume, 423 pages, beautifully illustrated. The engravings include a steel portrait of the author; his old Church and adjoining Residence in Mobile: "Erin's Flag;" and the "Conquered Banner."

The book will be sent to any address on receipt of price, \$2.60.

Wulbern & Pieper

Wholesale Grocers,

AND DEALERS IN

Provisions, Liquors, Tobacco, Etc.

1679 & 16 East Bay, Charleston, S C

the erection of a MONUMENT TO FATHER RYAN, to be placed over his grave in Mobile. Help on the work and swell the fund by

HEADQUARTERS AT

Christmas Goods,

Now is the time to lay in your supply of

before the rush comes on-every delicacy to be found there—Children's toys a specialty. Remember Santa Claus has his headquarters at Mrs. Edwards' store.