

INVESTIGATION OF COL. NEAL

Committee Met Wednesday and Heard Important Testimony.

SOME STARTLING REVELATIONS

Messrs. Cunningham and Fowler Tell of Transactions in Regard to the Hire of Convicts.

The legislative committee appointed just at the close of the general assembly to investigate into the management of the State penitentiary...

The testimony of Mr. J. J. Cunningham and Mr. Fowler was startling. The nature of it is best seen by reading it...

Here is the testimony.

Mr. John Taylor, the expert book-keeper employed to examine the books of the superintendent of the state penitentiary, was the first witness called...

The witness then exhibited a statement of the "prison accounts," which showed that these errors placed \$1,237 on the debt side of the ledger and \$1,447 on the credit side...

Mr. Taylor's testimony dealt in a large measure with explaining the inaccuracies of the prison accounts and showing how the errors occurred...

Mr. Stevenson then went on to question Mr. Taylor as to how the errors were discovered and how they were corrected...

Mr. T. J. Cunningham, chairman of the board of directors of the penitentiary, was the second witness...

Mr. Cunningham said that 260 convicts were hired out...

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DECIDED AGAINST CAPERS.

The Decision of the Supreme Court in Test Case.

MANDAMUS WILL NOT BE GRANTED. Profits Will Not Be Divided Among All the Counties in the State Full Text of the Decision.

There is in the state treasury \$80,000 deposited as profit from the 3rd section of Act 1887...

Since the distribution of the amount above specified the board of control has declared \$80,000 profits from the 3rd section...

The comptroller general, according to the statement in the petition to the supreme court, refused to pay the amount...

The supreme court on Friday decided against the petition of Mr. Capers. The opinion was filed by Justice Ira B. Jones...

This is an application in the original jurisdiction of the supreme court to appoint certain supplementary school funds...

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, that it shall be unlawful for any fire insurance company...

Section 2. That all fire insurance companies, associations or partnerships doing business in this State...

Section 3. The Comptroller General or any county treasurer or school board...

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General of the State...

Section 5. It shall also be the duty of the Comptroller General...

Section 6. This Act shall be in force from the first day of March, 1900...

Some of the Indians of the United States are among the richest farmers in the world...

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CANNED BEEF IN ZULULAND.

A tradesman's Experience in an African Chick's Kral.

Charles R. Busby, the representative of the Armour Packing Company in Cape Town, South Africa, and C. H. DeGroot, a merchant of the same place...

During the year, I have received my regular 1,600 miles by steamer on the coast and about the same distance in the interior...

"I spent in Zululand, calling upon the chiefs and natives and trying to induce them to eat corn meal rather than 'meat' meat."

"I made it into much more than corn meal by boiling the stuff in a pot. All day boiling the pot with flat sticks, and when dipping the paddles they tick their heads."

"These houses are made of sticks and grass, and are of rather generous proportions. There is only one opening and that is the 'door' about 160 or three feet high and as narrow as a door."

"In the first time I entered a kraal I remember I felt quite lost. It was pitch dark in the night and for three or four minutes I could see nothing. My eyes became accustomed to it. I found myself in the middle of the kraal. He was surrounded by various wives, children, dogs, goats and calves, all living in there together."

"I opened a tin of corned beef and invited the chief to try it. At first he was suspicious of poison and refused. Later he got to work, and before we had finished all the beef was gone. Then he passed the empty tin to the nearest wife, who licked her turn. When the children heard that their mother was eating the tin, they took the tin and began to eat the corned beef. The Africa there are 120,000 negroes, they will go by that name there. A large per cent. are employed by developing companies, which feed them on maize and corned beef. So one can readily realize the opportunities for trade here."

"Since I was in Kansas City I had my first ostrich fight. It was in the colony. Ordinarily the first to harness, except in the morning season. In this case the foreigner was setting and he got too close, when he started for me. Fortunately I knew what to do, so I stretched myself on my back in the sand, otherwise he would have ripped me with his foot. As it was he struck the back of my hand, showing the spear where the ostrich foot had left its mark."

Time to Call on the Powers. General Rios, the Spanish commander in the Philippines, in an official dispatch regarding the Spanish officials in the Philippines, says that Major General O'Hara has stopped the negotiations for the release of the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the rebels.

81 Ships Lost and 41 People Drowned. A special from Brisbane, Queensland, says: A steamer which has just returned here from Cooktown, on the Beavor river, this colony, reports that three schooners and 80 luggers were lost, and that 400 colored persons and 11 white persons were drowned, during the recent hurricane that swept the northeast coast of Queensland.

South Carolina & Georgia Railway Co. THE CHARLESTON LINE. Schedule in Effect Jan. 1st, 1899.

WEST DAILY. Lv Augusta 6:20 a.m. Lv Charleston 7:00 a.m. Ar Charleston 6:45 a.m. Ar Augusta 7:30 a.m. Ar Columbia 11:15 a.m. Ar Charleston 11:05 a.m. Ar Charleston 11:00 a.m. Ar Augusta 11:15 a.m.

WEST DAILY. Lv Augusta 10:10 p.m. Lv Charleston 11:30 p.m. Ar Charleston 11:15 p.m. Ar Augusta 12:00 p.m. Ar Columbia 11:00 p.m. Ar Charleston 10:50 p.m. Ar Augusta 11:15 p.m.

GAMDEN BRANCH, daily except Sunday. NORTH. Lv Augusta 10:10 a.m. Lv Charleston 7:00 a.m. Ar Camden 11:40 a.m. Ar Kingsville 7:00 a.m. Ar Columbia 11:00 a.m. Ar Charleston 10:50 p.m. Ar Augusta 11:15 p.m.

AIKEN ACCOMMODATION, daily ex. Sun. Lv Augusta 8:00 p.m. Lv Aiken 8:15 p.m. Ar Aiken 7:30 p.m. Ar Augusta 10:10 p.m.

North and South via Denmark, through deep-sea to and from New York. Lv Augusta 3:30 p.m. Lv New York 8:00 p.m. Lv Augusta 3:00 p.m. Lv New York 8:00 p.m. Lv Augusta 3:00 p.m. Lv New York 8:00 p.m.

Convention of Churches. The convention of churches of the South Carolina and Georgia Railway Company will be held at Charleston, S.C., on the 23rd inst. The convention will be held at Charleston, S.C., on the 23rd inst.