

The People.

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LARGEST COUNTY CIRCULATION
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OUR COURTS.—Under an act of the General Assembly passed at its recent session, our Courts will hereafter be held as follows: The Court of General Sessions for Brunswick county will begin on the third Monday in March, the fourth Monday in June and the second Monday in November. The Courts of Common Pleas will be opened on the Wednesdays in each term following the Mondays on which the Sessions begin. Judge J. D. Witherspoon of Yorkville will preside at the March term.

Why Where You Are.

The number of persons returning to this and adjoining States, after trying Texas and other portions of the West a few years, grows larger every day. A large party was seen the other day returning south bound from Texas to the old red hills of Georgia, broken down in health and financially busted. The picture they gave of their ups and downs in the Lone Star State was gloomy in the extreme. They had tried "pastures new" in the Southwest, and were thoroughly satisfied with the result. The visions of plenty and "money growing trees" vanished after they got to their new homes. All emigrants in that direction will find it ever thus, and we advise any whereabouts who have the Texas or Western fever to stay where they are.—Augusta Evening News.

The Work of Nihilists.

The latest version of the recent accident to the Czar is as follows: The Czar was returning about three o'clock on the afternoon of December 17th to the Gatchina Palace from a shooting excursion, accompanied by a suite in eight sledges with a number of servants. Although darkness was coming on, the party noticed on the road ahead six men, apparently peasants, who were ordered to clear the way forward and ordered the men to drive off the way. The men saluted the officers and appeared to obey the order, but when the Czar's sledge came on a level with them they suddenly wheeled around and fired at the Czar three, and two of them ran toward him. The horses drawing the imperial sledge became frightened and galloped some five hundred paces, when the Czar was thrown out of the sledge. A bullet lodged in the Czar's shoulder. Officers, however, no danger. The Czar's followers immediately unharnessed their horses and mounted the animals, who escaped in a neighboring wood, owing to the depth of the snow the pursuit was fruitless. One of the pursuing officers ventured too far and was not returned.

Why Business is Dull.

The New York Journal of Commerce, the greatest commercial journal in the United States, gives the following reasons for the present depression in trade: The people have been trying to live upon each other instead of subsisting upon their own earnings. They have substituted speculation for legitimate trade, gambling for industry, grasping after what has been produced and was lying in the hands of others, rather than seeking to produce for themselves. Too large a portion of the community in all parts of the land has been imitating the criminal classes, and seeking by their wits to feel upon the gains of others. If they have not used the pick and crowbar to break into coffers not their own, they have been a little better than the burglars in appropriating gains for which they have not toiled. They have started their nickel plated schemes, sold both the project and its purchasers, gathered in their millions, and then laughed at the poor victims who have struggled and floundered under the lead thus transferred to their shoulders.

If we go upon the mercantile exchanges we find the members either gambling on their own account or busily engaged in placing the ventures of others. Out of bargains for nearly ten million bushels of wheat, which we had carefully analyzed in one day's business, less than fifty thousand bushels were actually bought and sold between parties who expected to deliver and receive the property; the rest was composed of gambling wagers, having no proper relation to legitimate business. Cotton, coffee and most other commodities are speculated upon in the same way. Many of the agents and dealers are simply acting as brokers, and thus may claim that their's is a legitimate calling, but the fever-stricken throng of gamblers who stand behind them, make the contracts and put up the margins are really trying to get something for nothing; they are seeking to win a return for which they never proposed to give any equivalent whatever.

There are 28 States. Of these the Democrats in four States are known to favor the abolition of interest.

New Laws for Old Ones.

THE PROVISION FOR THE RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.
AN Act to amend the law in regard to the registration of electors so as to provide for the renewal of lost certificates.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

SECTION 1. That Section 11 of an Act entitled, "An Act to amend Title II, entitled Of elections, of Part I entitled Of the internal administration of the government," of the General Statutes, the same now being Section 90 of the General Statutes, be amended by adding thereto the following additional clause:

"In case of the loss of any certificate of the elector losing the same shall be entitled to a renewal thereof by the Supervisor of Registration upon application and proof of the loss thereof, in the following manner, to-wit: The elector losing his certificate shall, at least thirty days before the next general election, make application, under oath, setting forth the fact of such loss and the circumstances attending such loss, as near as may be, and stating that he has not sold, bartered or parted with the same for any pecuniary, valuable or other consideration, and has not wilfully destroyed the same, which application the supervisor shall examine and consider, requiring other evidence under oath, if in his judgment necessary, to a determination as to the loss thereof; and upon such examination and consideration thereof, if the supervisor shall be satisfied that the certificate has been actually lost, he shall issue to the applicant a renewal thereof, marking or stamping the same 'Renewal'. The decision of the said supervisor shall be subject to review by the assistant supervisors, together with the supervisor to whom the application is made, in all cases in which the supervisor has refused to renew the said certificate: Provided, that from the decision of the supervisor and assistant supervisors any applicant who has been refused a renewal of his certificate shall have the right of review thereof by the Circuit Court, in which he was registered, provided he give notice thereof to the supervisor or to whom he made application for such renewal within five days of the refusal thereof by the supervisor and assistant supervisor, and commence proceedings within ten days from the giving of said notice."

SEC 3 That any registered electors who may reside nearer a polling place in a precinct or township other than the precinct or township of which he is a registered elector, and who desire to vote at such nearer polling place shall, upon the surrender of his certificate of registration to the supervisor on or before the first Monday of July preceding the next general election, be entitled to a new certificate permitting him to vote at such nearer polling place, the old certificate of registration to be destroyed by the supervisor and such changes made by the supervisor in the registration books as will conform to the general provisions of the Act in regard to registration: Provided, that the supervisor of registration may require of the applicant for such change an affidavit or such other evidence as he may deem necessary to a determination of the residence of the applicant.

DRAWING JURIES.

An Act to amend Section 2,237 of the General Statutes of South Carolina relating to drawing juries: That Section 2,237 of the General Statutes of South Carolina be and the same is hereby amended, so that said Section shall hereafter read as follows: Section 2,237. Of the list so prepared, the board of jury commissioners shall cause the names to be written, each one on a separate paper or ballot, and shall fold up said pieces of paper or ballots so as to resemble each other as much as possible, so that the name written thereon shall not be visible on the outside, and shall place them in a box, to be furnished them by the county commissioners of their county for that purpose, and by said board of jury commissioners to be kept. At the same time they shall place in a separate and special apartment in the jury box, to be known as the tales box, the names of one hundred and fifty persons qualified by law to serve as jurors, who reside within seven miles of the Court-house, from which shall be drawn jurors to supply deficiencies arising from any cause or emergency during the sitting of the Court: Provided, that in the County of Richland the number of names to be placed in the separate apartment shall be one hundred, and in the County of Charleston one hundred and fifty.

The General Assembly having, by a recent Act, repealed the law in reference to leasing delinquent lands, the provision of this Act will not be put in operation by the offer of such delinquent lands for lease on the first Monday in February, 1884. After advertisement as required by law, delinquent lands will be offered for sale on that day, and will in all respects be treated as has heretofore been customary.

Bertrand Mason, who attempted to shoot Gautreaux, has signed a contract with a museum manager of Philadelphia binding himself to appear on exhibition in that city for a limited period on a salary of \$200 a week.

The Hidden Treasure Box of the Confederacy.

ATLANTA, Ga., December 29.—Wilkes county, this State, is in great excitement over the discovery of a large quantity of Confederate treasure, about which much has been said and written. During a storm this week a small oak tree was blown down nine miles from Washington. John Frank, while riding by, saw something shining, and examined the roots of the tree. He found almost a peck of gold and a large quantity of jewels and precious stones. A box of the latter were diamonds, rubies and pearls and many pieces of exquisite workmanship, the value of which has been placed by several connoisseurs at \$20,000.

The belief expressed by all who have seen the treasure is that it is part of that lost by the Confederate Cabinet during its flight through this section. The road upon which the treasure was found is the same over which the Confederates retreated. It is supposed that the person who secured this part of the treasure, being unable to carry it off in safety, hid it and either died a natural death or was killed soon after, and consequently the treasure was never unburied.

The great quantity of jewelry and precious stones suggests that they must be the contents of the mysterious jewelry box entrusted to Mrs. Moss, and taken from her shortly after ward by a stranger who retreated through the country.—President Davis and his Cabinet, together with other distinguished Confederates, stopped at the residence of Mrs. Moss, an aged widow, where it is believed the last counsel of the Confederacy was held. When the meeting was about over Gen. John C. Breckenridge called on Mrs. Moss, and, handing her a box of jewelry, told her it was of great value, containing the jewelry which had been pawned by ladies of the Confederacy for the benefit of the cause, and he desired her to see to it until some one with proper authority should come to claim it.

When the party resumed its retreat Mrs. Moss examined the contents of the box, and was dazzled by the brilliancy which met her gaze. For several weeks she kept her treasure at a profound secret, and guarded it from hundreds of men who were searching the country for remnants of the robbed treasure train. One night a horseman rode up to her residence.—Alighting, he called Mrs. Moss aside, and, in whispered words, told her he was the accredited agent of the persons who had left the jewelry box in her possession, and that he had been instructed to call for it. Completely deceived by the man's assurance and appearance of honesty, she placed the box in his hands, to see him disappear in the darkness, and to realize the next day that she had been cruelly imposed upon. She died a month later. The fact that the jewels just found correspond so well with the contents of the mysterious box, leads color to the supposition that they are the same.

FUMMAN'S FORMULA.—Take thirty bushels of well rotted stable manure, or well rotted organic matter, as leaves, muck, etc., and scatter it about three inches thick upon a piece of ground so situated that water will not stand on it, but shed off in every direction. The thirty bushels will weigh about 900 pounds. Take 200 pounds of good acid phosphate, which cost me \$22 50 per ton, delivered, making the 200 pounds cost \$2 25, and 100 pounds kaolin, which cost me, by the ton, \$14, delivered, or 70 cents for 100 pounds, and mix the acid phosphate and kaolin thoroughly, then scatter evenly on the manure. Take next thirty bushels of green cotton seed, and distribute it evenly over the piles and wet them thoroughly; take again 200 pounds acid phosphate and 100 pounds kaolin, mix and spread over the seed, begin again on the manure and keep on that way, building up your heap layer by layer until you get it as high as convenient. Then cover with six inches of rich earth from fence corners, and leave at least six weeks. When ready to haul to the field cut with a spade or pickaxe square down and mix as thoroughly as possible. Now we have thirty bushels of manure weighing 900 pounds of chemicals in the second layer, and these two layers combined form the perfect compost. You perceive that the weight is 2,400 pounds.

REMARKABLE BUT TRUE.—The Anderson Intelligencer tells of a lady who is still using the same pair of hair pins that she purchased before she was married, and she has been married, long enough to have a daughter grown up. The Edgfield Chronicle says that there is living in that County a lady who has a set of knives and forks, together with a set of cups and saucers that she has been using over thirty years.

As a set off to this we know a lady in Fairfield County, who is so very careful with her household things, that she has the same cups, saucers, plates, knives and forks that she has used for over thirty years. She has also a tin foot tub that is as good as new although it is as old as the other articles. What is the most remarkable of all is that her bonnet claims the same distinguished age and looks to-day as nice as one of the last fall bonnets, its shape and the character of its ribbons being changed none in a while. We need only further say that this remarkable lady is one of the best housekeepers, and the most lovable woman next to one in our own household that we have ever known.—Newberry Herald.

The present Congress is said, allegorically speaking, to be the soberest body that ever convened in Washington, and so few of the members "tip the rascal," that the bar-keepers are disposed to cry out for protection against the influence of teetotalers.

STATS NEWS.

Z-b Crouch, of Edgfield, was slightly bitten by mad dog last week.

A firm in Allen sold during Christmas week, ten barrels of whiskey or 400 gallons.

Mr. Thomas Howell, aged 72, and Miss Nellie Greer, aged 23, were married in Greenville county on the 20th ult.

Eight Newberry saloon keepers took out licenses at \$400 a year. Three closed up their places on New Years Day.

The Brunswick Town Council, at a meeting last Monday, adopted an ordinance making the license to retail spirituous liquors during the present year \$1,000. This means a "dry" town.

Ex Judge T. H. Cooke has entered suit against the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company for causing the death of Edmund McKittrick, who was found dead last fall upon the Air Line track near Greenville. It is claimed that the deceased was ejected from a train carelessly and so injured as to be unable to get out of the way of the next train. Damages are set at \$25,000.

Will It Prohibit?—A correspondent, writing from Yorkville to the News and Courier, reports that during the past week he saw 100 hundred jugs and kegs of whisky pass through the streets of Yorkville. The people get all the whisky they want.

This neighborhood is kept well supplied too, not from Gaston, but much nearer home, York County. Judging by our eyes, two counties that prohibition does not prohibit—here is as much if not more liquor consumed now than the people drank before the Legislature prohibited its sale in Gaffney City.—Gaffney Carolinian.

We have gained five minutes of daylight.

When a bachelor says he remains single from choice, ask him whose choice.

In Dublin, Ga., all children born in 1882 were males, and last year all were females.

Indiana has lynched over thirty men within a year and hit the right one every time.

Prohibition is gaining ground even in Texas. Two Counties have just voted against licensing saloons.

It is the oil in corn which makes it pop. The quantity is from 6 to 11 per cent. The process of heating turns it to gas, and when the pressure becomes strong enough it bursts the grain.

Fifty four members of the present Congress served in the Confederate army, and sixty-five in the Federal army, so the Confederacy is not altogether in the saddle after all—that has been said.

Foster Cromer is said to be the fastest runner in Abbeville County. He is willing to put up his money that he can catch any ordinary field rabbit on a fair foot race. He says he has often done so.

The Georgia truck growers will begin pitching their crops in a few weeks. The average this season will be larger than ever before, and the melon crop particularly will be heavily increased. They have been guaranteed a reduction of about twenty per cent. in freight rates.

Senators Hampton and Butler, and Congressmen Aiken, Dibble, Evans and Hemphill reside at the Metropolitan Hotel in Washington, while Ditzgen resides at 622 E street, N. W., and Tillman 412 Sixth street. Any of our readers desiring to write to any of these gentlemen may make a note of this.

Once upon a time a woman died; and as the mourners were carrying her to the grave they tripped against a stump and let the coffin fall. She revived having been only in a deep trance. Two years after she really died, and as they were carrying her down the same road and nearer the stump the widow sobbed, "Steady boys; steady there. Be very careful!"

Osmun Bailey, who was born on Edisto Island, South Carolina, owned a plantation and slaves there until the war impoverished him. Then he hauled lumber for a time, and at length he became a street-car driver. He sticks to his car, notwithstanding his wife's uncle, Thomas Whitridge, of Baltimore, died the other day, leaving her a large share of \$3,000,000.

A Philadelphia dispatch reports that President Arthur is engaged to be married to Miss Patterson, a daughter of Gen. Joseph Patterson, president of the Western National Bank of that city. Miss Patterson is described as thirty-three years old, very handsome, and for many years a leader of Philadelphia society. She is also well known in Washington, and was summering at Cape May last summer when President Arthur was there.

Probably more people are buried alive than is generally believed. As they were about to bury a grandchild of Gen. Turner at Memphis last week some one insisted that it should be buried and slapped on the back. It at once showed signs of life, and is now reported as having a fair prospect of recovery. The question of apparent death is worthy of thorough investigation, and some scientific test ought to be employed in all cases before burial.

A very great number of people were in town on Sunday. Poor prices were generally realized. The latter weather caused the early departure of all visitors and at sundown hardly a corporal's guard remained in the village.

The Bachelor and the Widow.



The bachelor, feeling that, as it was leap year, he must strengthen the barriers that had so long protected him from the bewitching maidens selected a widow to pay court to in 1884.



The widow had been advised of his coming and patiently awaited his arrival. She knew that he had deserted many a deep laid scheme and blasted many a fond hope—but he had never been in the clutches of a widow.



He called, spent a delightful evening,



and was invited to remain till after tea. He had never met so charming a charmer. Everything seemed to smile upon him, and when he returned to the hospitable home of his Uncle George to spend the night it was with a light heart and thoughts of a pleasant future. Sleeping he dreamed he had a rival.



Arising, he seized a friendly musket, and, rushing out into the darkness, he encountered the "cold wave," which soon cooled his ardor and now, in the language of Nat Walker, he is "lost, forever lost, alike to widow and to maiden."

AN IMPORTANT CHANGE.—The time of making assessments by the Auditor has been changed to the 1st day of May instead of the 1st day of June as heretofore. The change has been made to enable the County Treasurer and the County Auditor to make their trip around the County together. This will save a day to the farmers of the County during the busiest season of the year, and they can make their returns at the same time they pay their prior installment of the taxes.

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