

STATE NEWS PARAGRAPHS.

Florence had four fires during the week after Christmas.

The graded school building at Orangeburg was burned Friday night Dec. 29 by an incendiary.

Columbia is to be deprived of its share of the dispensary profits because of alleged non-enforcement of the dispensary law.

A Tillman man in Spartanburg has offered the prohibitionists \$500 to use in procuring the establishment of a dispensary in that city.

The directors of the Newberry cotton mills have decided to increase the capital stock from \$250,000 to \$400,000 and to greatly enlarge the building.

Ex-secretary of the Navy Whitney, his son and a party of prominent Northerners were at Aiken Wednesday for a few days' recreation.

Judge Gary on the 4th granted bail in the sum of \$5,000 to Ingram Wilson, town marshal of Yorkville, who killed Gladden a few days before Christmas.

Hon. A. C. Latimer has asked Congress to pay the trustees of Newberry College \$15,000 for their buildings, which was destroyed by the Federal soldiers just after war.

A suit for foreclosure of mortgage against the Port Royal and Augusta railway was filed in the United States court, Charleston on the 4th. The suit is brought by R. M. Ogden, of Missouri.

State phosphate inspector Jones says that the mining companies under the act recently passed by the Legislature are rushing their preparations to resume operations in the phosphate territory. He thinks that every one of them will resume work.

During three years of Tillmanism more than \$15,000 above the Attorney General's salary has been paid for Court expenses. Gentlemen of the Reform party, how does this suit your pockets in these hard times?

The Yorkville Enquirer has received a letter from Mr. Sam Freidham, of Fort Lawn, in which he says that a tenant on his farm has made twenty-six bales of cotton, averaging 434 pounds each, with one mule. Besides the cotton, the tenant made sixty-five bushels of oats. "Please ask," requests Mr. Freidham, "if anybody in Texas can beat this?"

The Columbia State says: It is stated that one of the State liquor constables from the up country has come here and entered the Keeley Institute to be cured of the liquor habit. It is certainly a surprising state of affairs. The matter was generally talked of here last night, and as far as can be ascertained the story is true.

A terrible catastrophe happened near Union on Jan. 3d on the plantation of Senator Glenn D. Peake, by which three persons were killed and five wounded, one mortally. It was caused by the bursting of the boiler of an engine used to run a cotton gin. The dead are: Thomas R. Jeter, as well known man with fine connections; Crouch, who recently came here from North Carolina, and an unknown negro.

The railroad commission has accepted a new rate on leaf tobacco from points along the South Carolina Railway to Florence and Darlington. The new rate is from Williston, Elko, Lees, Denmark, Bamberg, Midway, Branchville, Rowesville, Jamison, St. Matthews, Fort Motte, Kingville, Gadsden, Claremont, Hopkins, Hagood and Boykin's to Florence and Darlington, in boxes 40 cents per 100, in bulk 32 cents. The old rate was from Bamberg to Florence in boxes or barrels 50 cents, in hogsheads or tierces 39 cents.

Mr. B. W. Hard, agent for the R. & D. Railroad at Greenville, on Friday last tendered money for taxes of the Richmond and Danville R.R., but as the amount tendered was less than what the treasurer had been called for he refused to accept it. The road offered to pay on the basis of its assessment, and not what the comptroller ordered. The money was then deposited in Aiken County Loan and Savings Bank subject to the order of the County Treasurer. The South Carolina Railroad made a similar tender, and it was likewise refused. The Carolina, Cumberland Gap and Chicago Railroad paid its taxes up in full.

A Spartanburg special of the 5th inst says: In a few more days the dispensary question for this city will be settled. The prohibitionists for the past week have been working the city and the township, for the voters to sign a petition against a dispensary for this city. The conservatives and the no-whiskey men have combined and are pulling together like a charm. Already there are a long list of names to the no-dispensary petition. Several Tillmanites, believing that the dispensary is wrong, have signed their names. It is thought that the number of names on the petition will sum up to something like 1,500.

A reporter of the Herald witnessed an exhibition of the Christopher Rotary Steam engine, invented and patented C. F. Christopher. The engine is surely destined to revolutionize the motive power of the world. It is extremely simple in construction, without piston rods or valves, and has no dead center. It reverses with great ease and its power is just double that of the old piston rod engine. Mr. Christopher says the company is going to build a big plant for the purpose of manufacturing the engines.

The engine is undoubtedly a success, and should be seen at the Morgan Iron Works by every one.—Spartanburg Herald.

The Decision is Reserved.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 5.—The argument in the famous Cantini case, which involves the constitutionality of the dispensary law, was closed today, Maj. T. G. Barker appearing for the plaintiffs, and Attorney General Buchanan for the defendant whiskey constables.

The plaintiff averred that the warrants under which the whiskey constables claimed to act were in blank. Attorney General Buchanan made some closing remarks, in doing which he took occasion to remark that there had never been a raid, but that some of the constables reported to have made such a raid had in one case been supposed to have occurred twice in twenty-one days.

He said that from the affidavits about the "body of armed men," he thought there must have been "at least forty musketeers, a couple of pieces of artillery and a little cavalry." The decision is reserved.

Popocatepetl, the Mexican volcano, is in a state of eruption.

It is said that it will require more than \$38,000,000 to run the city of New York this year.

The Committee on Rules will probably report a resolution to take a vote on the Wilson bill on the 22nd or 23rd inst.

Capt. Rhodes, who is in New York enlisting men for the Brazilian army says he has 740 men ready to start at a moment's notice.

Secretary Carlisle says it will take \$411,879,041, to run the United States government next year.

Mr. Carnegie has ordered all his mills to run on full time and ordered \$1,000 distributed to the poor each day throughout the period of distress and then sailed to Egypt for his health.

Ex-State Treasurer Harold, of California, committed suicide the other day because he got defeated for office.

Governor Greenhalge was inaugurated last week and Massachusetts is again under complete Republican control.

James Bryan, colored, killed John Brown, colored, at Savannah by striking him with a brick and breaking his neck.

A letter from Governor Flower in regard to enforcing Civil Service in the various Departments of the State has caused much commotion at Albany.

General Bonilla, aided by Nicaraguan troops, has invaded Honduras and declared himself president. He has been successful in the battles fought.

Out of the 33,000,000 of inhabitants in Great Britain there are but 176,520 who own farms.

Nathaniel Wheeler, the president of the Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine Co., is dead.

The steamer Rhyndland, in crossing the ocean several days ago, was struck by a wave 30 feet high. Several of the crew were injured and the ship narrowly escaped being smashed to pieces.

Some of the charity associations in Europe find it cheaper to pay the fare of the dependent to this country than to support them, and are accordingly furnishing the money to do it.

The new State Treasurer-elect Calvin, of New York, has appointed Chas. W. Anderson, colored, a graduate of Yale College, as his private secretary.

Dr. A. W. Reed, a Baptist preacher, committed suicide in Atlanta by shooting himself in the head on the 28th ultimo.

House rent is rather higher in the City of Mexico than in Chicago; gasoline is 50 cents a gallon; tea \$1.25 a pound; milk 9 to 12 cents a quart. These are the silver standard prices, \$1 being worth about two-thirds of our reckoning.

According to the annual summing up of the Agricultural Department the average price that the farmers of this country got for their wheat last year was \$2.1 cents per bushel, the lowest average that any wheat crop ever brought. It is somewhat remarkable that Irish potatoes brought more, the average price being 60 cents a bushel.

Clothing Cutters Association No. 7,954, K. of L., of Cincinnati, O., has adopted resolutions endorsing the Wilson tariff bill in its entirety and earnestly praying Congress for its speedy adoption. Also endorsing an income tax on all incomes exceeding \$4,000 as equitable, and as a means of relieving the non-possessing class and placing the tax on those whom it belongs, the opulent.

Not His Idea of Reform.

The Lancaster Review, which has heretofore supported the "reform movement," has rebelled with a vengeance, and Editor Connors handles the recent legislature without gloves. He declares that he has the most supreme contempt for the men who have ignored every sense of right, decency and justice, and takes no stock in the reform movement as at present conducted. "Some good," he says, "was at one time expected to result from the movement, but it has since degenerated into a mere political machine for sliding incompetent and unprincipled men into

office. Now and then a good man gets in, but these cases are rare indeed. Never before in the history of this country have so many grossly incompetent and densely ignorant men filled positions of public trust, as is the case to-day, from the office of trial justice up to the United States senate. Real reform has evidently been lost sight of by the leaders in their scramble for office. In the meantime expenses and taxes are jumping up higher. The people need not look for any improvement in the present condition of affairs until they begin to show judgment in the selection of their rulers."

Editor Connors then proceeds to show that Governor Tillman is largely responsible for the unfortunate state of affairs now existing, and says that "the passage by a legislature completely under his control of such infamous laws as the new dispensary bill, the distracting bill and the printer's bill, to say nothing of the judgeship elections, makes one's respect and patience threadbare."

Florence and the Dispensary.

Florence Messenger. Mayor Hursey says that while he does not sympathize with the dispensary law, he thinks that the police should aid its enforcement in Florence, hence the following to the chief of police:

To G. S. Turbeville, Chief of Police: DEAR SIR: Under the recent act of our legislature it is made the duty of all policemen and mayors and intendants of cities and towns to enforce the Dispensary Law. While I, personally, am not in sympathy with the law and would like to see it erased from our Statutes, yet I shall, while occupying the position I do, use my endeavors to suppress illicit traffic in whiskey and enforce this law. Hence, you and your subordinate officers, and the sheriff being ex-officio a policeman, will seize all whiskey from any and all persons who are not authorized by this law to sell it, which does not bear the proper stamp, except personal packages, wherever the same may be found, but before doing so, and before arresting anyone for any offense under this law you must first apply to myself or some trial justice and obtain a warrant, either to search or arrest, as I do not wish any of you killed.

A strict observance of this direction will be required, and you will notify your policemen accordingly; and any neglect will mean suspension from office of any such person. You will be careful to act toward all persons with whom it may be necessary to come in contact with under this instruction, in a manner becoming gentlemen. I hope it may not be necessary for you to enforce this law against any one, but should such be the case you will remember that you have a duty to perform as an officer of the law, and never swerve from that duty. W. W. HURSEY, Mayor. Jan. 1, 1894.

Radical Resolutions.

The Laurens Alliance, Reads Conservative Democrats Out of the Party.

LAURENS, January 6.—The County Alliance met to-day. About forty delegates were present. Speeches were made by Dr. Sampson Pope and Senator Irby. Non-members of the Alliance, but in sympathy with it, were admitted to the speaking. The following resolutions, offered by J. Andy Jones were passed unanimously by the Alliance. "Be it resolved by the county Alliance now assembled:

First. That the Alliancemen of Laurens county reassert their allegiance to the principles of the national and State Alliance and all the planks of the Deala platform; and that a candidate whose stomach is too weak to swallow it need not expect our support.

Second. That in State politics, as members of the Democratic party, and as believers in and as members of the reform movement of that party, we approve of the calling of a convention to name candidates who are in accord with it to be voted for in the general primary election; but we insist as a matter of right that that convention shall not be held sooner than the first of July of this year, for the reason that we want to see and hear the sentiments of the candidates among the Reformers. To do otherwise is forestalling the people and re-enacting the tricks of the ring that controlled this State, so long—witt: the naming of candidates who are unknown to the masses of this State, and in whose candidacy they have not participated.

"Third. We hold ourselves bound to support the omnines of the July convention in the primary election in September, but demand that simon pure Reformers be named, men against whom naught can be said as to their loyalty to truth, to the Alliance and to the Reform movement.

Fourth. That great care must be used, both in calling and holding the township and county primary conventions, to send delegates to said State July convention, and we recommend that Governor Tillman select three Reformers who will act with him and draft rules for the calling and holding of said township and county primary conventions, so that none but Reformers will participate in the election of delegates to the July State convention, and that the four gentlemen referred to above, call the said July convention if such be the sentiment of the Reform movement.

"Fifth. That we further suggest that in the naming of candidates from United States Senator to Adjutant and Inspector General, the convention shall not ignore that element in the Reform faction who are non-Alliancemen and ineligible to membership in the Alliance, but who are true to the principles of the Alliance and the Reform faction.

Cotton Market. For the week ending January 10. Receipts 125 bales. The following are the quotations: Middling, 7 to 7 1/2. Market firm.

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