

**THE LEGISLATURE.**

After their holiday and feast at Rock Hill yesterday, the General Assembly felt in good spirits and proceeded to business in good style. They knocked out Dr. Sampson Pope in the first round, and as far as the Legislature of South Carolina is concerned, Dr. Pope's contest is in the soup. The Doctor did not have a single supporter on the Conservative or Reform side and his petition for a legislative investigation went by the board, without even an introduction to the Assembly. Speaker Jones announced that he had a letter from Dr. Pope saying that he could not get any member to introduce his petition. The speaker ruled that without the endorsement of at least one member, his (Dr. Pope's) petition had no place before the House and unless he was introduced by the body to present the petition for consideration, he could not do so. At this juncture Dr. Pope developed some sympathy and support in a measure from Mr. F. H. Weston, of Richland, and Mr. Earle, of Oconee, the latter moving that the petition be read and the former seconding the motion. Put to a vote the motion was lost. This settled Dr. Pope's hopes for a legislative investigation. No sensible man could expect anything else from such a body.

In the Senate Dr. Pope's petition met with a similar fate, the committee on same reporting it unworthy of consideration.

In the House the speaker announced the committees of which the following are chairmen:

- Printing and election, J. B. Watson.
- Ways and means, F. B. Gary.
- Judiciary, J. E. [unclear]
- Agriculture, D. W. [unclear]
- Incorporation, D. H. Magill.
- Federal relations, T. W. Bacot.
- Claims, W. M. [unclear]
- Roads and Bridges, W. D. Hardy.
- Railroads, C. P. Townsend.
- Education, J. E. Elder.
- Internal improvements, J. W. Kennedy.
- State House and grounds, J. C. Williams.
- Public buildings, W. M. Phillips.
- Accounts, J. N. Estridge.
- Mines and mining, J. A. Harvey.
- Military, M. B. McSweney.
- Public schools, M. R. Cooper.
- Penitentiary, W. O. Tatum.
- Commerce and manufactures, R. C. Barclay.
- Officers and offices, T. P. Mitchell.
- Lunatic asylum, W. H. F. Rast.
- Medical, M. O. Rowland.
- Public printing, E. R. Lessene.
- Engrossed bills, J. Mishoe.
- Legislative library, John P. Thomas, Jr.

Repealed, [unclear] [unclear].

A number of bills were introduced, the most important of which were:

- To open dispensaries in the county of Pickens, by Mr. Fred Williams.
- To reduce salary of State liquor commissioner to \$2,000, by Mr. Rainford.
- To amend the law in regard to pensions to Confederate soldiers, by Mr. Hammett.
- To authorize county supervisors and county boards of road commissioners of Charleston and Berkeley counties to purchase bridge on Ashley river, by Mr. Bacot.

After appointing a committee to confer with a committee from the Senate to decide upon a day upon which to elect judges for the third and eighth circuits and a superintendent of the penitentiary the House took a recess until 12:20 o'clock.

At 1:35 the Senate and House met in joint assembly to tabulate the vote for governor and State officers.

Wednesday, December 5, was fixed for the election of judges and superintendent of the penitentiary.

The first week of the General Assembly came to an end yesterday. The House was the only branch of the Legislature which could be said to have held a session, and that branch accomplished very little, if anything. The South Carolina Legislature is slow. It has been slow for years and will continue to be slow until there is political revolution. Not a revolution of arms and blood shed, but a revolution of the ballots. A change in the election laws. The item has contained complete accounts of the proceedings of the General Assembly up to yesterday and there was nothing of special interest done yesterday.

The following were the bills that were of most interest that were introduced:

- To appropriate the net profits on the sales of spirituous liquors by county dispensers, one-fourth to the use of the city or town in which the dispensary is located and three-fourths to public schools of the county. By Mr. Hough.
- To declare intoxication, drunkenness, the use of vulgar language a misdemeanor. By Mr. Buras.
- To enable the city council of Charleston to hold lands acquired or to be acquired for municipal purposes. By Mr. Bacot.
- To provide for the salaries of judge of probate, clerk of court, register of mesne conveyance and the sheriff of Abbeville County. Fixing the salary of the probate judge at \$1,000, the registrar and clerk at \$1,600 each, and the sheriff at \$1,000 and certain fees for dieting and transporting prisoners and lunatics. By Mr. Magill.
- To amend sections 23 and 24 of the "act to provide a system of county government for the several counties." It provides in section 23 that all the courts in this State and municipal authorities, which, under existing laws have power to sentence convicts to confinement in prison with hard labor, shall sentence all able-bodied male convicts to hard labor upon public roads of the county in which said persons shall have been convicted, and, in the alternative, to imprisonment in the county jail or State penitentiary at hard labor; provided, that municipal authorities may sentence municipal convicts to work upon the streets and other public works of the municipality in which they have been convicted, and such convicts, when so sentenced, shall work under the exclusive direction and control of the municipal authority imposing sentence; Provided, that no convict, whose sentence shall be for a period longer than two years, shall be so sentenced.

Section 24. That all convicts so sentenced shall be under the supervision and control of the county supervisor and by him formed into a county chain gang and required to perform hard labor upon the public highways and roads. He shall direct the time, place and manner of labor to be performed by said chain gang. Provided, that said chain gang shall not be worked in connection with or near any road contractor or overseer. By Mr. Fowler.

To require cotton buyers to number each bale of cotton bought with same number that is put upon cotton bills and books. By Mr. Love.

This bill provides that each and every cotton buyer in this State shall be required to keep a book, in which shall be inserted the number of bales of cotton bought by him; he shall number the bales of cotton bought by him and shall give to the seller a cotton bill, on which he shall put the number of the bale or bales of cotton bought from him. The number on the bale of cotton on his books and on the cotton bill shall be the same number.

Section 2. That any person violating the provisions of the first sections of this act shall on conviction be fined in a sum not exceeding \$100 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

To forbid the three-fourth clause to be attached to any fire insurance policy. By Mr. Edwards.

Favorable reports were made by the committees on the following:

Mr. Whitmore's bill to provide compensation for the members of the boards of township commissioners.

Mr. Winkler's bill to amend Section 209 of the criminal statutes relating to punishment for murder.

The Section as proposed reads as follows:

Sec. 209. Whoever is guilty of murder shall suffer the punishment of death; provided, however, that in each case where the prisoner is found guilty of murder the jury may find a special verdict recommending him or her to the mercy of the court, whereupon the sentenced will be imprisonment in the penitentiary with hard labor during the whole lifetime of the prisoner.

General Jos. H. Earle has friends in the city working for him, for a judgeship. It is thought Judge T. B. Fraser's chances for succeeding himself are slim, although everyone must admit that no better man ever lived. It is quite probable, however, that Judge Fraser will develop strength and has friends that will stand to him and he won't be white-washed in the contest.

A bill that will be of considerable importance to Sumter's future will be introduced this week. Several enterprising Sumter gentlemen have been in the city this week, in the interest of the bill. Senator Moses in the Senate, and Representative Manning in the House, have charge of the bill. For certain reasons the nature of the bill will not be given out for publication until it is introduced in the General Assembly.

**KOLB'S LATEST DODGE.**

He Wants to Bring his Contest to the Notice of Congress.

WASHINGTON, December 2.—A special from Montgomery, Ala., says: A meeting of the supporters of the claimant, Reuben F. Kolb, has been called to take place here to-morrow, when it is proposed the future procedure for pushing the claims of Kolb would be outlined.

The conduct of Mr. Kolb in taking the oath yesterday has not been agreeable to all of his supporters and the effect is something of a split, as the result of which his plan of action so far determined upon has become public. The intention of Kolb is to perform all the functions of Governor, so far as he may. He will indite and send to the Legislature when it assembles a message, and at the proper time he will give to Warren S. Reese, a certificate as United States Senator of Alabama and issue similar credentials to the four or five contesting Congressional candidates. Governor Oates will sign the certificates of the gentlemen decided to be elected and it is the calculation of Mr. Kolb that the Republicans and Populists in the House will seat the contestants and thereby virtually recognize him as the proper Governor.

In order to prevent this line of action a bill has been prepared by Representative Knight, of Hale County, to go before the Legislature immediately upon its assembling, entitled "To prevent any attempt at usurpation of public office."

The troops have all left the Capital and everything is quiet. Neither Oates nor Kolb appeared on the street to-day.

An impressive monument will soon mark the grave of the late Jere Ruek at Viroqua, Wis. It will be thirty-two feet high and will stand on a base six and one-half feet square.

**Ionian Items.**

IONIA, S. C., Nov. 30, 1894.—Crop gathering is about done for this season, cotton near about all sold and debts not paid. What is to be done in the future is a problem that few of us can work. But what is to be will be, and all that we can do is to trust the Lord for the rest. Most of farmers have plenty of corn to do us, if our creditors will let us keep it. None of our neighbors have been broken up so far, but we can't tell how soon it will be the case.

Several fine hogs have been killed within the last few days, but the largest one was killed at Rose Hill, and weighed 1,000 pounds. Never heard who it belonged to, Mr. Ryttenberg, I suppose. It would't take many like that one to do me, but I would like better to have five at 200 pounds each.

I think if we can keep soul and body together one or two more years, that we will be more independent than at present. The farmers have about come to the conclusion that they will have to leave off cotton to some extent. We will have to make what we eat at home and eat what we make, and when we do that stop.

The hot supper last night at Dr. Britton's, from what I heard, was quite a success.

Mr. Sidney Corbitt, of Rattlesnake Springs, happened to a very painful accident this morning. While drawing the load out of his gun he neglected to uncap the gun, and, standing near a hog gallows, struck the ham, Mr. against it, causing the gun to fire. The load went through the palm of his left hand and into his foot. But the wound in his foot is not very serious.

Mr. Murray Roberson is teaching the Salem school.

Messrs. B. C. Cook and R. E. Cheewing, while building a brick chimney a few days ago, the top scaffold gave way, and they were but a short time finding the ground. Fortunately, neither was hurt seriously.

Yours, &c.,  
DRY JIM.

Mr. M. H. Hogarth, well known for his intelligent work in Egyptian exploration, tells of the high hopes he entertained when working to discover the site of a temple which he believed had hitherto been untouched. After digging down some sixteen feet he came upon small fragment of a German newspaper of 1875. He says: "This was by no means a singular experience."

Prof Hadley of Yale is to introduce a system of instruction in his classes in political economy. He will substitute debate for recitations. A division of thirty members of the class is to choose a subject for debate. The negative side then draws up a complaint similar to a legal paper. This in turn is met with a reply by the affirmative. The arguments are then made by the "lawyers" on each side, and finally the debate is thrown open to the house.

Robert T. Smith, one of the old-time temperance lecturers, is still living in Baltimore, and celebrated the 80th anniversary of his birth on Monday. He began his crusade against the cup that inebriates more than it cheers in 1837, as secretary of the Franklin Society of Baltimore county.

The colored republicans of New York city are calling the attention of the State republican executive committee to the fact of their existence and asking that their race be given its share of the offices to be filled by Gov. Morton. The colored republicans say they are 40,000 strong, that they mean to have their rights and that those rights include representation on the next republican State ticket.

Mr. W. L. Dallas reports that the observations of twenty-five years, made in the Bay of Bengal by the Indian government meteorologists, have shown that the average temperature rises during years that sun spots are numerous, and sinks when they are few. When the number of sun spots exceeded the average the barometric pressure was less than its average.

Two men, foreigners, happening to meet on La Salle street, Chicago, the other day, forthwith embraced, each kissing the other on either cheek. This quadruple form of osculation between men is common enough in Europe, but is so rare in this country as to attract attention. The two men were for a moment surrounded by a curious group of men and boys, but quickly walked away arm in arm, apparently oblivious of the fact that they had done anything out of the ordinary.

One of the most popular and eminent lecturers on astronomy is Sir Robert Ball, who used simple and graphic illustrations to give his hearers ideas of magnitude and distance. For instance, he says that going at the rate of the electric telegraph—that is 186,000 miles a second—it would take seventy-eight years to telegraph a message to the most distant telescopic stars. But the camera has revealed stars far more distant than these, some of which, if a message had been sent in the year A. D. 1—that is to say, 1894 years ago—the message would only just have reached some of them, and would still be on the way to others, going at the rate of 186,000 miles a second.

A fad over across the sea is to have your foot photographed, as well as your hand or face—that is, if you are lucky enough to possess a foot blessed with artistic curves and outlines. A prominent society woman of New York, on her return from Paris several months ago, exhibited to a room full of admiring friends the sweetest, daintiest little plaster cast of a foot, which, she declared, was a counterpart of her own, made by a sculptor of world-wide fame. She was at that moment having a life-size one carved in marble, to be mounted on cerise velvet, and several small ones, one-half the size, struck off in different shades of pale pink, blue and old rose. The extraordinary popularity of "Trilby" has helped to direct attention to our humblest member, and now the women of New York are experimenting to see whether they have in-steps that "water will flow under"—a sure sign of blue blood.

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**TAX RETURNS**

FOR 1894-95.

OFFICE OF

**COUNTY AUDITOR,**

SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., Nov. 20, 1894.

Returns of all personal property and Poll Taxes will be received at the following times and places.

- Mayesville, Tuesday, January 1.
- Reid's Mill, Wednesday, January 2.
- Mannville, Thursday, January 3.
- Smithville, Friday, January 4.
- Mechanicsville, Saturday, January 5.
- Kingman's Store, Monday, January 7.
- Rembert's Store, Tuesday, January 8.
- Hagood, Wednesday, January 9.
- Stateburg, Thursday, January 10.
- Wedgefield, Friday, January 11.
- R. I. Manning's, Saturday, January 12.
- J. M. Tindall's, Monday, January 14.
- Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 15-16.
- Magnolia, Thursday, January 17.
- Lynchburg, Friday, January 18.
- Concord, Saturday, January 19.
- Johnston's Store, Monday, January 21.
- Shiloh, Tuesday, January 22.

And at Auditor's office in City of Sumter from January 23rd to February 20th, inclusive.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, &c., return the same, under oath, to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Tax-payers return what they own on the first day of January, 1895.

Assessors and Tax-payers will enter the first given name of the tax-payer in full, also make a separate return for each Township where the property is located, and also in each and every case the No. of the School District must be given.

Every male citizen, between the age of twenty-one and fifty years, on the first day of January, 1895, except these incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, shall be deemed taxable Polls.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February, are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

A. B. STUCKEY,  
Auditor Sumter County.

Nov. 20, 1894.

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