

A New Plan

To Defeat a New County Scheme--Dillon's Danger.

The opponents of the proposed new county of Dillon have hit upon a new plan to defeat this projected county. Without the township of Woodbury from Marion county the new county cannot be formed. In order to prevent this township being secured the opponents of Dillon have gotten the governor, under a special session, to order a special election in the township to be held on Jan. 12 next to give the people of the county a chance to vote the township into Horry county.

The petition has been on file for some time. If the election goes so as to carry the township into Horry county the Dillon county scheme goes to the wall.—The State.

NO EXTENSION TO TAXPAYERS.

SPECIAL TO THE STATE.
GREENVILLE, Dec 10.—Comptroller General Norton was in the city to-day and made the official announcement that there would be no extension in time for payment of taxes. He said: "The time for the payment of taxes for the year expires December 31st. that is for a year without penalty. The legislature does not meet early enough to extend the time and the governor and comptroller general will not extend and therefore there will be no extension."

Heretofore on account of the frequent extensions no objections were offered to treasurers receiving taxes after the 31st of December for a few days. This year the treasurers will be advised to deliver duplicates on the 1st of January to county auditors, who will immediately make up penalty books. In other words, the law will be rigidly enforced and treasurers required to collect without regard to former custom.

This will doubtless create a stir here as the taxpayers seem to be relying on the customary few days grace, as shown by the small receipts up to date. The penalties will doubtless attach in many cases.

COTTON CROPS.

This Year Makes a Better Showing Than Last.

WASHINGTON, Dec 10.—The December returns to the statistical division of the department of agriculture show a considerable improvement in the condition of the cotton crop as compared with the department's last report. This applies especially to North Carolina, Florida and Georgia, where the conditions have been favorable to the maturity of the top crop. Many reports say the yield has exceeded expectations owing to the large acreage of this year, and the late and dry fall favoring the maturing of the late crop. Late frosts are reported to have done some damage to the top crop in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The weather as a general thing has been excellent for gathering the crop. The following is the reported yield by States, as compared with last year: Alabama, 116; Arkansas, 112; Florida, 110; Georgia, 110; Indian Territory, 118; Louisiana, 126; Mississippi, 112; Missouri, 120; North Carolina, 109; Oklahoma, 130; South Carolina, 105; Tennessee, 113; Texas, 123; Virginia, 118. The general average is 115.2.

The department's final estimate of the crop of 1895, based on complete and revised reports of the movement from each State is as follows: Alabama, 663,916; Arkansas, 520,860; Florida, 38,722; Georgia, 1,067,377; Indian Territory, 68,668; Kansas, 152; Louisiana, 513,843; Mississippi, 1,013,358; Missouri, 11,816; North Carolina, 397,752; Oklahoma, 14,103; South Carolina, 764,700; Tennessee, 172,560; Texas, 1,905,337; Utah, 103, and Virginia 7,964 bales. Total crop 7,161,094 bales.

Second Day of Conference.

ABBEVILLE, Dec. 10.—The second day of the conference was opened with prayer by the Rev. S. A. Weber, D. D., and Bishop Grauberry took the chair. The roll was called and quite a number of preachers and lay delegates not in yesterday, reported their arrival.

The report of the trustees of the Columbia Female College was read by the Rev. A. J. Stokes. This report showed that institution in a good condition. The present session 90 boarders and 34 day pupils have matriculated; a total of 124.

W. H. Thrower, D. W. Kellar, Foster Speer, F. H. Shuler, T. B. Harper, J. C. Roper and W. C. Kirkland were admitted on trial into the conference.

The names of J. G. Beckwith, C. C. Hubert, L. L. Inabinet, G. C. Leonard, B. M. Robertson, P. L. Stokes, W. B. Verdier, J. F. Way, H. J. Cauthen and many others were called and their characters passed. The legal conference was held to-day and the business coming before it transacted.

The Rev. Jobn Manning's name was referred to the committee on conference relations for the supernumerary relation on account of health.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

What the State Penitentiary Has Done.

It looks as if the State penitentiary is going to make a splendid showing this year, one that will reflect great credit upon the management of Col. Neal. A statement made up Thursday, putting in the unsold cotton crop of 800 bales at the minimum figure of six cents a pound, shows that the institution will be able to refund to the State sinking fund commission the \$9,000 borrowed to purchase the State farm, pay for the 700 tons of fertilizers or for the coming crop year, and still have a surplus of at least \$10,000 in bank. In other words, the State penitentiary, through the management of its farms principally, has been able to make nearly \$20,000 during the past year. The figures speak for themselves.

Col. Neal is now at work trying to establish a waterworks system which will supply the State prison the capital building, the State hospital for the insane and the South Carolina college with pure water. It is proposed to develop the famous Gieger spring, to the north of the city, and supply the water through small pipes by means of an electric pump, run with power from the penitentiary, upon a plan similar to that in use at Clemson college. The spring furnishes an ample supply of water.—The State.

A DISASTER AT SEA.

Two Hundred People Swallowed by the Waves.

BREMEN, Dec. 10.—The steamer Salier, Captain Wempe, from Bremen for Buenos Ayres, left Corunna, Spain, on December 7th, and is reported to have foundered off Villa Garcia, Spain, and all hands lost. She carried a crew of 60 men and the total loss of life is believed to be about 78.

OVER TWO HUNDRED.

BERLIN, Dec 10.—Reports reach here from Madrid that more than 200 emigrants took passage on the Salier at Corunna, and that all of them were lost.

DISCREDIT THE REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—Lloyd's agents here discredit the report that a large number of emigrants were on board the steamer Salier, but they do not deny it. A dispatch received here from Bremen asserts that there were 240 passengers on the steamer, including German 113 Russians, 35 Galicians and 61 Spaniards, and adds that it is feared that all of them were lost.

JOHN BUZZARD DEAD.

Singular Legal Complications in Saluda County.

SALUDA, S. C., Dec. 9.—John Buzzard, who was shot, stoned and stabbed on our streets on November 28, and who it was thought might possibly recover, suddenly gave way under the weight of the physical shock, and last night, with a terrible groan of agony, passed into eternity.

The Henderson boys, who did the shooting, immediately upon hearing that Buzzard was dead came to the Clerk of Court and surrendered. They placed themselves in the Clerk's charge because Saluda's Sheriff has not yet received his commission.

Coroner-elect Hazel was apprised of Buzzard's death, but he announced that his commission had not been received. Magistrate Dean was then sent for, but under Judge Earle's recent decision some claim that Magistrates have no jurisdiction whatever and there is a question whether Magistrate Dean conduct the inquest.

This a most anomalous condition—unparalleled, perhaps, in the history of South Carolina counties. The Sheriff cannot issue or execute a warrant nor receive prisoners, even when they surrender, because he has not been commissioned. The Coroner cannot hold the inquest, for the reason that he has not been commissioned. The Magistrate cannot hold the inquest, it is said, because he, according to Judge Earle's decision, has no jurisdiction.

The question arises, What is to be done? Under the law, Buzzard's body cannot, or at least should not, be moved until an inquest is held, and under the law none but the Coroner or a Magistrate can hold an inquest. Not only that; but there is not an officer in Saluda County to-day who can issue or execute a warrant of arrest.

The Hendersons will voluntarily remain in the custody of the Clerk of Court—this officer having been commissioned—until the proper officers to take them in charge are qualified.—Columbia Register.

The Yale foot ball team will play at the following places during the holiday: Dec. 23 Louisville, with Louisville Athletic club; Christmas day at Nashville with Nashville Athletic club; December 28 at Chattanooga with Chattanooga Athletic club; December 30 at Birmingham, Ala., with Birmingham Athletic club, and New Year's day at New Orleans with Tulane university. The itinerary covers 4,000 miles.

Ex-Queen Lilioukalani, of Hawaii, has arrived in San Francisco. It is reported that she will appeal to the U. S. Government to restore her crown.

News Items of Interest From State Exchanges.

The three-year-old son of Mr. S. W. Scruggs of the State dispensary was very seriously burned on Thursday.

Governor Evans on Thursday appointed the various boards of township commissioners for the new county of Saluda. There were 24 of them. Recently Saluda's first term of the court of session was held, Judge Buchanan presiding.

The Board of Regents of the Hospital for the Insane held a regular monthly meeting Thursday. It was a meeting of a routine character. The total population of the Hospital is 843 at present, sixteen being discharged. The Superintendent was instructed to prepare a historical sketch of the Asylum and incorporate it in the annual report of the Hospital, this being the first report since the name was changed. The annual meeting of the Regents will be held on the 28th instant, when the officers will make their annual reports. In speaking of the condition of the Hospital, Dr. Babcock said: "The department for white women is much overcrowded. There are now 293 white females in the Hospital, against 263 on December 1. Were it not for the expected completion of the Dix Cottage by January, it would only be a question of a few days when county officers would have to be notified that white women could only be received as vacancies occurred. While this has been common in neighboring States, it has been avoided in South Carolina up to the present time and every effort will be made in the future to prevent it."

A couple of carloads of negro emigrants passed through Columbia on Friday, December 11th, on their way to Mississippi. It was stated that they came from Georgetown County via the Coast Line, and that they expected to settle in the Yazoo Valley.

E. M. Brayton, of Columbia, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the document room of the national House of Representatives. Mr. Brayton probably considers a bird in the hand worth two in the next Administration bush, for, although his new position does not pay a princely salary, it is better than nothing.

A commission for a charter has been issued to the Security Real Estate and Investment Company, of Charleston.

Comptroller General Norton has sent out the following circular letter, which ought to be entirely agreeable to all of those on the pay roll of the State: "In order that we may have a few days to close books for the fiscal year (1896) we ask that you have your receipt for December salary in this office by the 20th December, 1896."

Pythians Must Pay.

Suicide Does Not Vitate The Right to Secure Payment of a Life Insurance Policy.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 11.—In the superior court Judge Austin has rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Bertha Baggaber against the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World.

This case was made a test case in the settlement of nearly one hundred similar cases pending in all parts of the United States, from Maine to Mexico, and on the Pacific slope. The amount involved is estimated to be upward of \$100,000 in sums of from \$1,000 to \$500 each.

In the present case suit was brought to recover \$1,000 insurance on the life of the plaintiff's husband who committed suicide in November 1893, while laboring under an attack of insanity. Payment of the claim was refused on the ground that by the terms of the by-laws adopted by the board of control of the Endowment Rank of the Knights Pythias it was provided that if a member committed suicide, whether he be sane or insane, or the act be voluntary or involuntary, he shall forfeit all his rights under his certificate of membership.

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FROM THE WIRES.

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ATLANTA, Ga., December 11.—A special from Zebulun to the Constitution says that Taylor Dalk was convicted there to-day of murder of Sheriff Gwynn. This is the second conviction. There was no recommendation of mercy and he will be sentenced to be hanged. His son is under sentence of death for the same crime.

The Georgia Legislature has passed a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 to the public schools in 1898. The appropriation for next year is \$600,000.

Three negroes were frozen to death on a ferry boat near Albany, Ga., Wednesday night.

The German Government has rejected the recently appointed Chinese ambassador.

An important and novel insurance case was decided Thursday in the supreme court at Newbern, N. C., involving \$6,000 members of the National Reserve Fund Life Association of New York, and one hundred millions of insurance. The case involved the legality and validity of the reapportionment last year of assessment rates under which assessments of members who entered prior to 1890 were materially increased. The court decided the reapportionment to be reasonable, just and legal.

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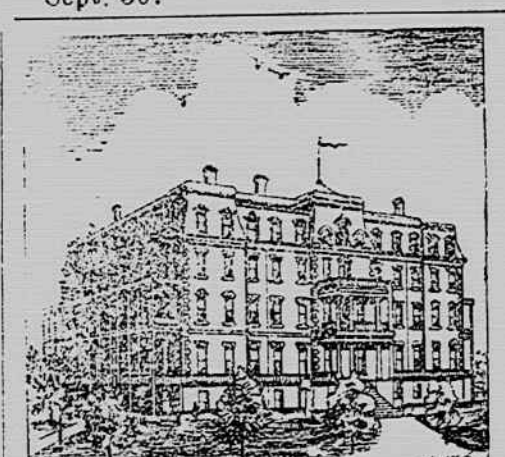
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