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The holidays are at hand, and we offer to our friends and patrons, heartily, the compliments of the season. At Christmas-tide, a holy grateful joy should possess the hearts of all. Peace, faith and charity, should reign in every heart. The sweetest of all earthly comforts—the doing for those who are more in need than ourselves—should be enjoyed by every one. The soft light of the star of Bethlehem should kindle our own souls, so that the light and the happy joy of human sympathy may light up every sad heart around us. Our mirth, and cheeriness, and frolic may be full to overflowing, but let us be joyful rather than jolly. A holy touch of the heavenly peace, should gently subdue us in all our sportfulness. The pregnant memories of the day should have their place in the heart and their influence over the feelings while we enjoy ourselves, and to give joy to others. And with spirit sweetness and chastened by the memory of the surpassing love of the Heavenly Father as made known by the birth and death of his Son, let us pass on to the New Year where Hope is at the head of the feast. Now thoughtfully unbuckle the burdens of the past year. Lay aside its crown of thorns. Put them carefully within the treasury of the heart. The wise ones will yet suck honey out of them, for to them they will blossom and bear the rich fruits of a chastened experience. We have just enjoyed anew the fragrance of Christ's love. With that in our hearts and hope for our crown, we will pass cheerily into the new year. We will fill the cup to the brim—not with wine—but with good will and good deeds to our fellows, and so grateful for the past, and hopeful for the future, and with faith's eye fastened on our heavenly home, we will with a lassy manhood buckle on our new burdens und sing as we go.

Editorial Correspondence.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 18.

"LEFT."

As a trial of patience I recommend an experimenter to go to Yemassee in a first-class Port Royal car and get left. I have tried and found that "the mad" got the better of me. However, the temperature of the railway station, the equanimity of the officials, the evident tranquility of the proprietor of the Saller's House, and the advantages of an early christian education, enabled me to settle myself gradually into something like resignation, or what is the same thing "can't help yourself."

TIMBER.

A timber train on the Port Royal road was the first cause of our late arrival at the junction. In seeking for consolation in our desolation we found it in the fact that first-class lumber detained us. We had heard of the good quality of the lumber found on the road, but were really surprised in looking at the splendid sticks which are being transported to Whale Branch and there thrown into the river for subsequent rafting to Savannah. The great waste of labor in the mode of shipment is evident, and we trust soon to see all the lumber brought over the road, shipped from the dock at the terminus of road.

The load on the bridge had consisted of thirteen cars. It was a part of a contract for four million feet of ship timber for the English market. Some of the stick were very handsome, measuring from fifty-five to sixty feet long, and squaring all the way from 12x12 to 18x18, solid heart pine. The demand for such timber is immense, and if there is much of it on the Port Royal road, it will be as good a paying line as any in the country.

COLUMBIA.

After passing through the ruins of Charleston, where all seem dead or sleeping, it is pleasant to arrive in so brisk a city as Columbia. On every hand are signs of life, energy or enterprise, not a street, and hardly a block, but is obstructed by great piles of red clay, dug from cellars of projected buildings. There are above one hundred buildings now in course of erection. The new city Hall which is to combine with its municipal purposes, those of stores and an opera house, is progressing rapidly. A new hotel is also under way. It is needed, for Columbia can certainly

boast the worst hotels ever run in a city of its size. No charge for this notice.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The bill providing for the payment of members was put through to-day, and the general assembly will adjourn on Thursday for the holidays, after having spent some weeks in doing very little. Impeachment resolutions against Governor Scott and Treasurer Parker were presented in the house to day. It is not likely that any action of a decisive character will be taken by the general assembly on this or any other matter connected with the disclosures in the over issue of bonds. It is conceded that no appropriation will be made for the payment of either the January or July interest on the public debt. So 1872 finds South Carolina financially in a bad way, with no one to blame but officials of our own party. This is a disagreeable statement to make, but it is the truth. The people have marked the men responsible for this shameful condition of affairs and the places that know them now will know them no more forever after next October. So mote it be.

THE KU-KLUX TRIALS.

These trials are dragging their slow length along. Several convictions have taken place upon confession of the criminals. These have not yet been sentenced, and it is believed that a division of the court upon the question as to what section of the enforcement act they should be sentenced under, will carry all the cases up to the Supreme court of the United States, all the counts where murder, arson and burglary are charged, are certified to the Supreme court on the question of jurisdiction. The trials are therefore proceeding under that section punishing a conspiracy to intimidate voters. The case of Mitchell went to the jury to day, after very able arguments by counsel on both sides. Messrs. Corbin and Chamberlain have acquitted themselves with honor in their legal combats with Reverdy Johnson and Stanbury. The court is daily crowded by an audience about equally divided between sympathy and prejudice against the accused.

THE TAXES.

The attorney-general, in reply to a question from Auditor Gary, decides that there is no warrant of law for the postponement of the time for the collection of taxes. Several times during the past year, the governor has extended the time for payment beyond that fixed by law, but this action has been unlawful. In accordance with this decision the auditor will probably decline to fulfil the promise of the governor on the subject made to the taxpayer's convention. It is the opinion of those best informed that it is only those best able to pay who desire to delay payment. The poor men came up promptly, all over the State, while the capitalists are groaning and whining about the taxes. The fact is that many men would never pay as long as they could have the use of money for speculative purposes. The nabobs of the taxpayers convention do not represent any but themselves in this question.

National Guard S. S. C.

It will be seen by the following correspondence, that Col. Robert Spalls has been promoted to the command of the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, of the State Militia.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Executive Department,
Columbia, Dec. 22, 1871.

Brigadier Gen. Robt. Smalls,
1st Brigade, 1st Division, N. G. S. S. C.
Sir: You are hereby appointed Brigadier General 1st Brigade, 1st Division N. G. S. S. C., vice W. J. Whipper removed. You will at once assume command of your brigade.

ROBT. K. SCOTT,
Governor and Commander in chief.

COLUMBIA, S. C.
December 23, 1871.

Brig. Gen. Robt. Smalls, Beaufort, S. C.
Gen: I have this day received from His Excellency Gov. Scott, information to the effect that I have been removed as Brigadier General 1st Brigade, 1st Division N. G. S. S. C., and you have been appointed in my stead.

I desire to turn over the command of the 1st Brigade, N. G. S. S. C., to you at the earliest date possible.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

W. J. WHIPPER.

SCHOOL NOTICE.

The office of the School Commissioner will be open during the first week in January, 1872, for the settlement of teachers' claims.

Bills for services must be made out against the school trustees of the several townships, and approved by them. These bills accompanied by the "monthly reports" will be examined and if found correct "pay certificates" will be issued.

J. DOUGLAS ROBERTSON,
School Commissioner, Bt. Co.

A Strong Letter from Representative W. J. Whipper.

To the Editor of the Beaufort Times:

SIR—No doubt you are aware of my aversion to appearing before the public through the columns of the newspapers, but, under the present circumstances, I feel it to be my duty to state the motives and impulses that will govern my political action in the future.

I start out with the fact that I am a Republican by birth, by education, through necessity, and color, not because all Republicans are colored men, but because all true colored men should and ought to be Republicans, and because it guaranteed to my race political and civil liberty. To the great Republican party of the nation I will ever owe allegiance. I cannot and will not support other political principles, but when men under the guise of Republican principles rob, steal and plunder the public treasury, and thereby destroy the political basis upon which the future of my race must rest, bring odium and disgrace upon the race and party to which I belong, I feel it my duty to dissolve my connection, not with the Republican party, but with the men who, by dishonesty, demagogism and intrigue have defamed the name of Republicanism, and brought financial ruin upon the State.

That this has been done in South Carolina no one can doubt, because the figures of the officials themselves have written their condemnation—this fact being patent to all. A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives to impeach the Governor, who was foremost among the dishonest officials, but the resolution failed. Why? Because the very money stolen from the impoverished people of the State was used to bribe members of the House to defeat the resolution of impeachment. So eager and earnest was the move to stay the hand of justice that the briber and bribe-takers were known even to those who had no official connection with the General Assembly. Though the resolution failed, the Governor will pass into history impeached and dishonored before the bar of the civilized world. As the Hastings of other days and Andrew Johnson of our own time, these robberies and briberies have become a stench in the nostrils of all good men, regardless of party, throughout the length and breadth of the land.

Knowing this I feel it my duty to urge the people of the State to unite not simply to bring these men to justice, but to purge the entire State of dishonest and corrupt officials of whatever party. I ask this in behalf of humanity—in behalf of a robbed, plundered and impoverished State, and that the ends of good government may be obtained. The government organized under the reconstruction acts of congress has proven a failure, which has been fully demonstrated by the fact of its inability to protect life and property, and that the State is now necessarily invaded by Federal troops; and, financially, because it cannot meet its obligations. For the present condition of things, the Republican party is not alone chargeable.

At a time when good counsel, experience and advice were most needed by that party, the men who should have been most interested in the welfare and prosperity of the State withheld their aid, counsel and affiliation, and allowed bureau agents and unscrupulous men to take the part which they have since seen should have been taken by better men. Not only have they continued to withhold their counsel and advice, but in the upper counties of the State have organized or encouraged a reign of terror to prevent the Republicans from exercising the franchise. Of these men, natives of the soil, who lent aid or counsel, what was their fate? Social ostracism. In this the press of the State has aided. Ku-Kluxism on the one hand and financial ruin on the other demand different action in the future from the press of the State. Does this condition of things ask for a change at the hands of the people and the press? In taking this position as a Republican, it is indeed a painful duty, only warranted by the corruption of officials of the State and the utter disregard of law and order on the part of some of the members of the opposite party. Hoping that the change so much desired will be brought about at the next election, and that a new era of peace and prosperity will dawn upon the State, that all good citizens will lend their aid and influence, and assuring the public that I am pledged to this cause,

I am, sir,
Very respectfully,
W. J. WHIPPER.

Financial Statement
as corrected by the Chairman of the county board.

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| County of Beaufort, Dr. | |
| To checks issued by new board from December 9, 1870, the first meeting of the said board after organizing, up to annual meeting September 5, 1871..... | \$19,395 33 |
| To checks issued for borrowed money..... | 7,000 00 |
| To bills audited and checks issued to annual meeting Sept. 5, 1871..... | 2,832 21 |
| To checks issued by county auditor and allowed by this board | 1,000 00 |
| | 30,227 54 |
| Per contra Cr. | |
| By E. S. Kuh late Treas. | \$ 5,438 67 |
| By F. E. Wilder, Treas. | 11,987 84 |
| Borrowed for public Buildings, | 7,000 00 |
| | 24,426 51 |

The above is a correct account of the financial operations of the new board of county commissioners from the first meeting after their organization, up to their annual meeting held September 5, 1871.

Signed,
JNO. HUNN, Chairman.
At the annual meeting of the old Board, held November 11, 1870, they acknowledged a deficiency in the county treasury of the sum of (\$28,000.00) twenty-eight thousand dollars.
Signed,
JOHN HUNN, Chairman.

Geo. Holmes Esq., has assumed the duties of Sheriff, and friend Whitman has taken once more to Horological pursuits.

On Friday last, the Port Royal R. R. carried 95 passengers, in addition to dead heads. We think this is doing very well for a road only 40 miles long.

We are glad to learn that Treasurer Grace of Colleton County, has been honorably acquitted of the charges brought against him.

The sloop Nautilus, Capt., McGill brought down last week from the Combahee, 250 bushels corn, 100 bushels rice, 8 bags cotton, 25 bushels peas; consigned to W. Kressel.

Owing to the death of a brother of one of the committee engaged in getting up the Beaufort Club sociables, the one intended to be held New Year's evening will be postponed for the present.

A Bill for the relief of Beaufort county, was introduced in the Senate last Thursday by Senator Small, which together with the petition of citizens of Beaufort county was referred to the Finance Committee.

At a meeting of Harmony Lodge No. 22, held on the 27th inst, the following officers elected for the ensuing year, were installed: Wm. Elliott, W. M.; H. M. Stuart, S. W.; Geo. Gage, J. W.; Geo. Holmes, Treasurer; C. H. Wright, Secretary; A. Burkhat, Tyler.

The Christmas Hop at the Saxton House was a decided success. The Hall was handsomely decorated, the music excellent, the company sociable, the supper bountiful and altogether everything went as "merry as a marriage bell." Kingman besides knowing how to keep a hotel, knows how to get up a "Hop."

PETER'S MUSICAL MONTHLY.—The January number of this excellent publication contains fourteen pieces of music, Songs, Polkas, Gallops &c. We would advise our musical friends to send for the monthly, thereby getting as much choice music for 30 cents as could be bought by the piece for ten times the money; it is published by J. D. Peters, 599 Broadway N. Y.

Public Meeting.

A meeting of the citizens of Beaufort will be held at the Council Chamber on Tuesday evening next. Gen. Smalls wants to get an expression of the feelings of the people in regard to the county finances, and consult with them in regard to funding the county debt.

An attempt was made on Christmas eve by some fiend in human shape to throw the night train on the Savannah and Charleston road, off the track near Grahamville, by putting a plank across the track, but fortunately the train was running slow at the time, and the obstruction was discovered in time to avert a catastrophe.

SNEAK THIEF.—Tuesday evening last just at dusk, a black man entered the house of Mr. French, and helped himself to an overcoat, two umbrellas, and two hats, as the thief turned to go Mr. French's servant girl discovered him, and gave chase as far as the court house, when she found some boys playing, she employed the crowd to pursue the thief; after a short run the foremost boy overtook the man and inquired if he was, "de man dat tied Mr. French's overcoat?" the only reply he received was a blow over the head with the umbrellas, the answer was entirely satisfactory, and the boy returned and received the reward.

Died.

At Brickyard plantation, Ladies' Island, Dec. 24, of bilious fever, Miss Martha Johnson, aged 48 years.

Miss Johnson was a native of Peacham, Vt., she had been engaged in teaching for several years previous to coming south, a part of the time at the home of the friendless in New York city. She came to Beaufort as a missionary under the auspices of the Freedmen's Association, in March, 1863, and has continued her labors among the colored people until her death, excepting when obliged to rest on account of ill health.

Governor Scott Sustained.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22.

Immediately upon the assembling of the House to-day the announcement was made of "a message from his Excellency the Governor." The message, which was sent to the speaker's desk and read by the clerk, was as follows:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 22, 1871.

To the Honorable the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina:

I herewith transmit for your information a proclamation convening the General Assembly at twelve o'clock noon on tomorrow, the 23d of December, 1871, pursuant to the authority invested in me by the constitution of the State. To adjourn

and leave the Chief Magistrate and treasurer of the State in office under a resolution accusing them of "high crimes and misdemeanors" pending in the House of Representatives, would be a most dangerous precedent, as it would enable one branch of the General Assembly which alone can prefer charges to paralyze the Executive arm of the State, while it denies the accused the right to meet the accusers face to face. If the pending resolution of impeachment expresses the sense of the House of Representatives, and is in their judgment warranted by the law and the facts, it is their duty to the State to so declare, and not adjourn and leave in power officers whose acts merit such charges. If the resolution does not express the sense of the House, then justice to the people and the accused imperatively demands that the House should so declare without further delay.

Very respectfully,
R. K. SCOTT, Governor.

The following is the proclamation:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
Executive Department.

To the Honorable the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Whereas, Resolutions of impeachment against the Governor and the treasurer of the State were introduced into the House of Representatives on the 18th day of December, 1871; and, whereas, by reason of a concurrent resolution adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives the General Assembly will adjourn at three o'clock P. M., on Friday, the 22d instant, during the pendency and consideration of the said resolution of impeachment, such adjournment to continue until the 5th day of January prox; and, whereas, it is neither decent nor proper and is injurious to the interests of the State that such adjournment should take place while the Governor and State treasurer are charged in a pending resolution with "high crimes and misdemeanors," without having a definite vote taken upon such charges;

Therefore know ye, that I, Robert K. Scott, Governor of the State of South Carolina, deeming this an extraordinary occasion, do by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution of said State, call upon the members of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina to convene in General Assembly at the Statehouse in the city of Columbia, at 12 o'clock meridian, on Saturday, the 23d day of December, A. D., 1871.

In testimony whereof, &c.,
(Signed) R. K. SCOTT, Governor.
F. L. CARDOZO, Secretary of State.

General Whipper having had the floor at the time of adjournment yesterday, attempted to continue his remarks, but was interrupted by Lee, who demanded the right to make what he called a "privileged motion," to the effect that all debate on the resolution then pending before the House be then closed, and that the House take a vote on the said resolution.

Lee's motion being put, was carried by a vote of sixty-seven to twenty-five.

Byas then moved to suspend the rule requiring the House to adjourn at 3 o'clock, and upon this, the previous question being called and sustained by sixty-one to twenty-one, the motion was carried—sixty-three to twenty-five.

Next came the vote, under the operation of the previous question, called by Lee, upon the resolution to strike out the resolving clause of the resolution impeaching Governor Scott, and this resulted in a vote of sixty-three to thirty-two.

The resolution to impeach the treasurer was lost by a vote of twenty-seven to sixty-two.

SIGN OF THE GOLD WATCH

B. B. SAMS,

DEALER IN CHOICE

FAMILY GROCERIES,

BUTTER, LARD, CHEESE,

SUGAR, COFFEE, TEAS FLOUR,

YEAST POWDERS,

Sugar-Cured Hams and Strips

BACON,

MACKEREL HERRINGS.

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Canned Fruits, Vegetables and Meats,

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