Legislative Proceedings.

SENATE.

SATURDAY, Dec. 2, 1854.

Mr. Moorman presented the petition of John elton O'Neall, President of the convention op- sed to the liquor traffic, that a law be passed prevent the sale of alcoholic liquors by itine- nt traders. Referred to the Committee on the diciary.

Mr. McAliley gave notice that he would on onday next ask leave of the Senate to intro- ce a bill to amend the charter of the Colum- a and Charlotte Railroad Company.

Mr. Townsend, on part of the Committee on e College, to whom was committed so much the Governor's message as related to the in- tation of the Trustees to the College Com- encement, reported that they had attended to e duty assigned them, and recommend to the enate to accept the invitation, and that a com- ittee of four be appointed to unite with a ommittee to be appointed by the House to make e proper arrangements. Report agreed to, nd Messrs. Townsend, Barker, McAliley and ngram appointed a committee on the part of e Senate.

Mr. Chesnut gave notice that he would on Monday next ask leave of the Senate to intro- uce a bill to provide for the election of Electors f President and Vice President of the United tatet.

A bill was received from the House of Repre- entatives to alter the Constitution of the State o as to provide for the division of Pendleton into wo election districts. The bill received its first eading, and was, on motion of Mr. Pickens, nade the special order of the day for Wednes- ay next, at 1 o'clock, in the committee of the hole Senate.

Mr. Porter, on part of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to whom was commit- ed the petition of D. W. Bradley against he ight of the Hon. E. H. Miller to take his seat n the Senate, reported that the committee had ttended to the duty assigned them, and recom- nended that the committee be permitted to send for persons and papers with a view to the proper investigation of the matters referred to. Re- port agreed to.

Mr. Blakeney, on part of the Special Com- mittee appointed to count the votes for Solici- tors, announced that Simeon Fair had received 127 votes as Solicitor of the Eeastern, and J. P. Read 129 votes as Solicitor of the Western Cir- cuit; whereupon the Chair announced those gentlemen duly elected.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Rice presented the petition of sundry citi- zens of Union District praying that ministers of the Gospel be exempted from patrol duty. Referred to the Committee on Military.

Mr. Cunningham, from the Committee on Pri- vileges and Elections, made reports on the peti- tion of sundry citizens of Williamsburg Dis- trict praying a change in the mode of general elections, and begged to be discharged from any further consideration; also reported by bill on so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Sumter District as recommends but one day for all general elections; read the first time and ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. McGowan, from the Committee on Mili- tary, reported by bill on the petition of the Rich- land Volunteer Rifle Company, Governor's Guards, Carolina Blues and Richland Guards, praying the formation of an Independent Bat- talion, and recommended that the bill be passed; also a favorable report on the petitions of the C. F. A. and Emmett Guards, praying to be in- corporated. Ordered for consideration on Mon- day next.

The following is the report of the Committee on Federal Relations on the several bills refer- ring to the manner of electing Electors, of which notice was made yesterday.

"That after due consideration of the several bill's referred to them, it manifestly appeared that there could be no agreement of a majority upon any one of the measures submitted to them, rela- tive to the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and that the whole subject would be better considered in Committee of the Whole, where a decision would in effect, be a decision by the House."

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Mitchell introduced a bill to alter and amend the Constitution of the State, relative to the manner of electing officers to be chosen by both branches of the Legisla- ture; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Toomer gave notice that on Monday he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the law relating to compensation of physicians for *post mortem* examination; also asked leave to withdraw certain petitions from the files of the House.

On motion, the House adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY Dec. 4, 1854.

The Senate received from the House, a mes- sage, informing the Senate, that, that Body had appointed a Committee to unite with the Senate Committee, in making arrangements to join the procession from the College, to attend the Com- mencement of that Institution.

A Resolution was offered by Mr. Moses in- structing the Committee on Vacant Officers, to ascertain if any vacancies have occured in the Board of Regents of the Lunatic Asylum, if so, how many, and how, and when to be filled.

Notice was given by Mr. Mazyck, that to mor- row he would introduce a Bill to provide for a Bank of Discount and Deposit, and to define the business, powers and privileges of Banks.

Pursuant to notice Mr. McAllily, introduced a Bill to amend the charter of the South Carolina and Charlotte Railroad Company—read the first time and referred to the Committee on Incorpo- rations.

The report of the joint Committee of the two Houses, on attending the College Commence- ment, was read, agreed to, and sent to the House.

Mr. Bull, presented the petition of the Com- mercial Bank of Columbia, to be refunded a tax paid

Mr. Chesnut, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to provide for the election of electors for President and Vice President of the United States; read a first time, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The President announced a message from the President of the College, that the seats on the right hand of the center aisle in the College Chapel, were reserved for the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Townsend, the Senaae now suspended business in order to allow the Senate to attend the College Commencement.

The Senate joined the House in the College procession, to attend the Commencement, and returning to the Senate Chamber, after the transaction of some other business of a local nature, adjourned until to-morrow 12 o'clock.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 4, 1854.

The House assembled at 9, A. M., pursuant to adjournment. After a quorum had been obtain- ed, the Clerk called the roll, and read the pro- ceedings of Saturday.

Mr. Hearsh presented the petition, and also as counter petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville Dist., on the subject of opening a new road. Referred.

Mr. Tillman presented a petition of the neigh- boring citizens of Graniteville, praying that the petition of the citizens of that town, asking the prohibition of the sale of spirituous liquors within three miles of Graniteville, be not granted.

Leave of absence was granted for the remain- der of the session, to Messrs. J. D. Blanding and W. B. Seabrook, owing to illness in their families.

Mr. Cunningham, agreeably to notice, intro- duced a bill to authorize the United States to purchase certain lands, for the erection of Light Houses, &c. Read the first time and referred.

Mr. W. D. DeSaussure presented the petition of the Colat Hotel Company, praying to be incorporated. Referred to committee on incorpo- rations. The House then joined in the proces- sion before ordered, and attended the Commence- ment exercises of the South Carolina College, after which the members returned to the Hall, when the Speaker took the chair, and Mr. Mid- dleton reported in behalf of the committee of Ways and Means, on the petition to amend the charter to the Bank of the State of South Caro- lina; also recommended that the appropria- tion for the transient poor of Charleston, be in- creased to $7000, per annum.

Mr. Boylston gave notice that to-morrow he would ask leave to introduce a bill to amend the Charter of the Charleston and South Carolina Rail Road Company.

Mr. B. F. Perry introduced a bill for aid in the construction of the Blue Ridge Rail Road. Read the first time and referred.

On motion of Mr. Thornwell, the House ad- journed.

SENATE.

TUESDAY, December 5, 1854.

Mr. Allen presented the report of the Board of Visitors of the Military Academy, which was re- ferred to the Committee on the Military. Also, pursuant to notice, asked leave to introduce a bill to alter the constitution in respect to the times of electing the Senators and Representa- tives to the General Assembly; which received its first reading and was committed to the Com- mittee on Privileges and Elections.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. Drayton asked leave to introduce a bill to extend to judges in cham- bers the power of appointing commissioner to value lands required by railroads, which received its first reading, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Mazyck pursuant to notice, asked leave to introduce a bill to provide for banks of discount and deposit, and to define the business, duties and powers of banks, which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Drayton, on part of the committee ap- pointed to count the votes for State Assessor, reported that James S. Johnson had received 94 votes, and was consequently elected.

Mr. Irby, on part of the Committee on Incor- porations, submitted favorable reports on a bill to extend the charter of the Columbia Female College, with amendments; also on a bill to in- corporate the Society for the support of indigent clergy of the Presbyterian church and their fami- lies, with amendments; also an unfavorable re- port on a bill to amend an act entitled an act to renew the charters of certain towns and villages.

Mr. Drayton presented the memorial of the Northeastern Railroad Company asking legisla- tive aid. Referred.

The rest of the general orders were disposed of.

Mr. Mazyck moved that when the Senate ad- journs, it stand adjourned till to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Moorman, the Senate ad- journed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House assembled at the usual hour.

The morning hour was expended in the pre- sentation of petitions, accounts, &c.

Mr. Tucker then called for the special order of the day, which was a bill for the improve- ment and reorganization of the common school system.

The House then resolved itself into a Com- mittee of the Whole, Mr. McGowan in the chair.

Mr. Tucker then advocated the passage of the bill at length, and showed the mismanagement and fallacy of the present free school system. This bill being, as we consider, of vast impor- tance to the people of the State, we herewith attach a synopsis of the bill. It provides for the election of a Board of Directors for Com- mon Schools in each election district, except the election district of Charleston, to consist of not less than six nor more than twelve members, the Board to subdivide their respective districts into school sections, each section being not less than four miles square; that a common school be lo- cated in each section; to select competent teach- ers, and to appropriate all moneys received from the State or otherwise to the exclusive support of the common schools; also provides for the election of a superintendent by the General Assembly; salary $2,000 per annum; recom- mends an annual appropriation of $100,000 per annum for the support of such schools, &c.

Mr. T. Y. Simons, jr., replied briefly, and moved that the committee do now rise and be discharged from the further consideration of the bill.

Mr. McKnight made a very happy speech in favor of the bill, in which he was more than once interrupted by the applause of the audience which filled the galleries.

After much debate, the committee rose, report- ed progress, and begged leave to sit again on Monday next at 1 p. m.

Sundry bills were reported by the committee on Incorporations, among which was a bill to recharter the Board of Directors of the Theo- logical Seminary of the Synod of South Caro- lina and Georgia; read the first time, and order- ed for a second reading to-morrow; also a bill to authorize the Town Council of Hamburg to subscribe for stock in certain railroads and for other purposes; also a report on the petition of sundry citizens of Cheraw, praying an alterna- tion in the corporate limits of said town; also a favorable report on a bill to incorporate the Fire Insurance Company of Charleston.

Mr. Rice, from the same committee, reported a bill to incorporate the Southern Mutual Life Insurance Company; read the first time and or- dered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. Wallace gave notice that on to-morrow he would ask leave to introdnce a bill to appoint Commissioners of the Poor in certain cases.

Mr. Spain, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to exempt ministers of the Gospel from pat- rol duty; also a bill to define the mode and time of appointing Electors, &c.

Mr. Green, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill exempting certain persons therein named from road duty upon certain conditions.

And then the House adjourned.

SENATE.

Wednesday, December 6.

Various petitions and memorials were present- ed, but of an uninteresting character.

Mr. M. E. Carn, of St. Bartholomew's offered a resolution to adjourn on the 20th inst.

Mr. T. P. Brockman, of Greenville, reported that Senator Butler's term would expire next March, and suggested that it was necessary that an election should take place to fill the vacancy.

The bill to divide Pendleton District into two election Districts came up as the special order, and finally passed by 35 yeas to 9 nays.

Mr. Allen introduced a bill to provide for the election of members to the Legislature.

The Bill to amend an Act for the inspection of Flour, was passed.

In the House, the bill of Col. John Cunning- ham, to provide for a Bank of discount and de- posit, was taken up in Committee of the Whole, and supported by its author.

A majority of the Committee of Ways and Means reported favorably on a bill to afford aid to the Blue Ridge Railroad Company.

A bill to repeal the Homestead law, was read a first time.

J. S. G. Richardson, Esq., was re-elected State Reporter.

S. M. Boykin, Esq., was elected Surveyor General.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THURSDAY, December 7.

A message was received from the Senate, pro- posing to go into a third ballot for Secretary of State at 1, P. M.; also a resolution to adjourn the present Session *sine die* on Wednesdy the 20th inst., which was ordered for consideration to- morrow; also a bill to amend an act relative to the inspection of flour, read the second time and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Harrison presented the petition of the States Rights Artillery Co., praying an appro- priation to purchase ordnance, referred to the committee on Military.

The Speaker announced to the House that in consequence of the conflagration last evening, by which the *Carolinian* office was consumed, that there would be no printed Journal or Cal- endar for to-day.

The Senate returned to the House a bill to divide the District of Pendleton into two elec- tion Districts, which was read a third time.

Mr. Boyleston, made an adverse report on a bill to restrain the citizens of this State from voting more than once in the same election, and to prevent other inroads upon the purity of elections; ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McCrady called for the special order—it being a bill to prescribe the mode of appointing electors and other similar bills—with a view of discharging the order for to-day and to make the matter the special order for to-morrow, at 1, P. M. So ordered.

Mr. James Patterson was elected Secretary of State, on the third ballot.

Mr. Richardson, from the Committee on Pub- lic Printing, submitted the communication of Messrs. R. W. Gibbes & Co., and of E. H. Brit- ton & Co., on the matter of Public Printing; and also offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That R. W. Gibbes & Co. be re- tained as Public Printers for this House during this session, at the same rates paid them by the last session.

Resolved. That in view of the great loss sus- tained by Messrs. R. W. Gibbes & Co., by the recent conflagration, that an extension of 60 days be granted them on the term limited to complete the printing.

Mr. Tucker moved the following amendment: "That Messrs. E. H. Britton & Co. be recog- nized as Public Printers for this House after the adjournment of the present session, at the same rates paid R. W. Gibbes & Co."

Mr. Mitchell, from the Committee on the Ju- diciary, made a report on a bill to amend the Constitution of the State, so as to give the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor to the people, and recommended that the bill do not pass.

Mr. Queen, pursuant to notice, introduced a bill to amend the License Law.

Mr. Tillman gave notice of a bill to incorpo- rate the Hamburg Building and Loan Associa- tion.

Mr. Henderson gave notice of a bill to amend all the charters granted to railroad companies, so as to compel them to enclose their grounds, &c.

The special order for 3 P. M., to-day, being a bill to divide Pendleton into two election dis- tricts, was then called for by Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Boylston moved a call of the House. The Roll was called, and a motion to send for the absentees, was voted down. The friends of the bill were evidently much excited.

A second call of the House was ordered.

The vote was taken by ayes and noes, and re- sulted as follows, ayes 90, noes 15.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, December 8.

At 12 o'clock the Senate met and proceeded to business.

Mr. Watson presented the memorial of the city Council of Augusta praying renewal of charter of the Augusta Bridge.

Mr. Moses submitted the report of the Wil- mington and Manchester Railroad Company for 1854.

Mr. Chester, from the committee on Federal Relations, submitted a report on a bill to amend an act entitled "an act more effectually to pre- vent free negroes and other persons of color from entering into this State,—which was read a first time and ordered for a second reading to- morrow.

A bill to alter the Constitution of this State, so as to divide Pendleton District into two elec- tion Districts, having been read three times, in the House of Representatives, was now taken up by the Senate for a third reading on its final passage. The Senators were summoned, and on the question shall this bill pass? The ques- tion was taken up, and are yeas 33, nays 8, so that the bill having passed through all its con- stitutional forms, is now the law of the State.

Mr. Porter from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, submitted a report on the con- tested election of the sitting member from Prince William's Parish, recommending the seat of the member be vacated, and that a writ of election be issued forthwith for a new election for Sena- tor for that Parish. The immediate consideration of the report was moved, and the same agreed to.

The Senate took up from the General Orders of the day, a bill to punish assaults committed with concealed weapons. A motion was made to strike out the word "concealed," which was disagreed to after some debate thereon, the bill read a second time and ordered to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Allen, a message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing to go into an election for Governor on Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock and immediately thereafter for Lieut. Governor.

A bill to alter in relation to the duties of Or- dinaries in taking administration bonds; a bill to alter the times of holding the Courts of Equity for the second Circuit; a bill to promote the draining and improvement of inland swamps, and a bill to regulate the navigation of Horse Creek, were severally read a second time, and ordered to the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVFS.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 8. 1854.

Mr. Tillman presented the petition of the City Council of Augusta praying a renewal of their Charter of the Augusta Bridge.

Mr. Noble presented a petition of the village of ninety-six.

Mr. W. G. DeSaussure, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported on the bill to arrange the State into judicial districts, and to provide for the election of a new law judge. The bill was recommended to pass.

The special order of the day being sundry bills relating to the election of electors, was taken up by the House Committee of the Whole. Mr. Memminger in the chair.

The bill introduced by Mr. McCrady being first in order, that gentleman addressed the Com- mittee at length in favor of his bill.

Mr. Hammond followed Mr. McCrady, and in few brief remarks dissented with some of the opinions and suggestions thrown out by Mr. McCrady, but advocated the change.

The Committee then rose, and begged leave to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Cunningham offerred a resolution favoring the acquisition of Cuba, and also introduced a bill to admit Light Infantry and Riflemen in the 47th Regiment.

A message was received from His Excellency, the Governor, stating that he had no further communication to make, and that he was await- ing the appointment of his successor.

The message from the Senate, proposing to go into an election on Tueskay next, for Gover- nor and Lieutenant Governor, was then called up.

Mr. Mullins moved that a message of concur- rence be sent. The motion was lost by one vote.

Mr. B. F. Perry moved that a message be sent to the Senate, proposing that the election be held on Monday next, at 1, p. m.

Another Rail Road Disaster.

We copy the following dispatches to the N. Y. Associated Press, relative to a shock- ing rail road disaster on the Grand Trunk rail road:

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—As the train from Island Pond for Portland, on the Grand Trunk Rail Road, was nearing Thompson's Mills, in the town of Starks, this morning, the snow plough got off the track and stop- ped the train. At that moment the down freight train came along and ran into it, smashing the cars badly, and injuring eight or ten persons severely. Two passenger cars took fire and were consumed. Mr. Corser, the superintendent of the road, has gone to the scene of the disaster, with sur- geons, &c., in a special train.

NORTHUMBERLAND, (N. H.) Dec.1—9 P. M.—Ten persons are injuried, mostly by fractures of the bones and dislocations of the limbs. Their wounds, however, are not considered dangerous by the physicians. Good surgical aid is in attendance at the scene of the disaster from Portland and other places.

Mrs. Taylor, who had been visiting at at Lancaster, is badly burned, and lies in a critical condition. Four others of the suf- ferers only remain at Stark, the rest having been removed by their friends.

Among the injured are Wm. Burns, of Lancaster, whose leg is fractured; Wm. H. McCullis, of Bangor, whose arm has been dislocated; and the Rev. Mr. Baxter, of Wilton, Me., whose collar bone was broken.

The train consisted of one passenger car, to the rear of which was attached a box car, which was driven half way through the passenger car by the collision.

The train stopped in consequence of the locomotive becoming unshackled, and not by getting off the track.

FIRE AT THE S. C. R. R. DEPOT.—At about five o'clock last evening, the cotton on two platform cars at the Upper or Line street Depot of the South Carolina Rail Road caught fire from, it is believed, the sparks emited from a locomotive which was passing at the time. The fire was quickly communicated to a third platform car, also, containing cotton, by the the exertions of our excellent fire department, its further pro- gress was stayed, and the loss confined to some fifty or sixty bales, which were seri- ously damaged by fire or water.—Char. Cour. Wednesday.

The Advertiser.

ARTHUR SIMKINS, EDITOR.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1854.

☞ EDITOR ABSENT AGAIN—GONE TO COLUMBIA *to see how the Legislature "fotches up."* (Our imp declares the foregoing to have been hand- ed to him in lieu of all editorial copy for the present week.)

Salutary.

THE kind readers of the *Advertiser*, will perceive by the above notice that our Editor is off on another visit to Columbia, and as the "old boss" is out on an electioneering tour, the duty of acting Editor neces- sarily devolves upon us—the "*imp*" as we are some- times vulgarly called. Therefore, we have quietly seated ourself in the Editorial chair, and will, no doubt, astonish the world with the exuberance of our cranium; and, if any should be bewildered at the su- periority of the interesting editorials and selected ar- ticles that adorn this issue, they may attribute it to the absence alluded to.

Well, in the outset (as it is customary) we will state our political views by simply remarking that they are THE SAME as those of our predecessor in *every sense of the term*; and as long as we honor the chair edito- rial of the *Advertiser* with our brilliant contributions, we will continue to war incessantly for the glorious cause he (the Colonel) has so nobly defended.—(Ain't that splendid.)

In our local affairs we agree in *toto*. We go in for railroads, and all other public improvements, "tooth and toe nail." Thus it will be seen that there is no difference in our views; yet every one must certainly observe a marked difference (in our favor) in the man- ner of expressing them.

As we have now succeeded in ascending to the highest pinnacle of fame—that of being Editor—and not having any other earthly desires to accomplish, we will rest content, striving to do our whole duty until the Editor returns. With this hurriedly written pre- face we will at once "pitch into" the various subjects that are now crowding our mind.

Fire in Columbia.

On another column will be found the particulars of the recent fire in Columbia. We sincerely regret to see, among other losses, that the *South Carolinian* Office was entirely consumed. The Office, materials, &c., was valued at $37,000, and not one dollar's worth of it was insured.

☞ OWING to sickness in the family of the late JOHN C. ALLEN, the sale of his personal estate is postponed indefinitely. Further notice will be given in due time.

The Bell Ringers.

WE heard this company last Friday night. They had quite a large number of our citizens at their con- cert. All seemed to be well pleased. Their perform- ances are very creditable—well worth the price of admission. The instrument with the unpronounceable name is a curiosity in its way. BREWIS, the vocalist, sings decidedly well. And upon the whole we freely bear testimony that the Bell Ringers are a good com- pany and deserve patronage.

☞ Mr. BOWERS, of Hamburg, will please accept the thanks of the Proprietor and many others for that bottle of "Old Bourbon Whiskey." They all, with a hearty smack of the lips, said "it's good—splendid —drive off the blues—cheer up the heart, and make a fellow feel all-overish." Friend BOWERS, has many other good things besides fine liquors, and we would be glad to see him liberally patronised.

Advertisements.

THIS week we present to our readers the card of H. W. KINSMAN & Co. of Charleston, S. C., dealers in Upholstery, Curtain Materials, &c. This is one of the largest and best furnished houses in this line of Goods in Charleston, and all who trade with them once are willing to do so again. See their advertisement in an- other column.

The large stock of Goods belonging to the Firm of Messrs. COSGROVE & BRENNAN, of Augusta, it will be seen is offered for sale at New York cost prices. Bargains can certainly be obtained here, as the whole stock will be sold, in order to satisfy the heirs of J. T. COSGROVE, deceased, of said Firm.

We omitted last week to cite the attention of our patrons to the advertisement of Messrs. ROBINSON & JACKSON, but it was altogether immaterial, as they are well known as being merchants of the first quality, always giving unbounded satisfaction to those who patronise them. They now have on hand one of the largest and decidedly the best assortments of Hard- ware and Cutlery ever offered to the citizens of Edge- field District.

Dr. RAVENSCOFT, also informs the citizens of this District, that he has just opened in the Town of Ham- burg, a well-selected stock of medicines, chemicals, &c. Give him a trial when you go to market.

Friends, Pay Up!

THIS is what every body says now-a-days, and we are compelled to adopt the same language. Money we want, and money we *must have*. And all ye, who are in anywise indebted to *us*, had better come up soon and hand over your "dabs," for if you don't, we will give you "bringer," while our Editor and Proprietor are off. That's the way we talk when we are in earnest. So take the hint, gentlemen, and pay up your dues. Christmas is most here, and we hav'nt got a continen- tal red.

Hogs—but prices too high.

THERE has been a fine drove of hogs in our Town for the last few days, but owing to the high prices ask- ed for them sales have been quite small. We under- stand there are several droves in the up-country coming on this way, and have good grounds to hope that we can get them cheaper than six cents.

Preparatory Academy.

WE call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. COWARD & JENKINS in our present number. It will be seen that they design opening at Yorkville a school preparatory to the Military Institutions of our State. We have heard these young gentlemen spoken of in terms of high commendation, and feel assured that their school will be skilfully and ably conducted.

☞ A bill has been introduced in the North Caro- lina Legislature, to repeal the act for restraing the taking of excessive usury, with the proviso that six per cent. shall be the lawful rate of interest, except in cases of special agreement.

What a Woman should and should not be.

MOST every one has an opinion of his own, as to what qualities "lovely woman" should possess. The following, which we have borrowed from an exchange expresses our sentiments:

WHAT A WOMAN SHOULD BE ALPHABETICALLY.—A woman should be amiable, benevolent, charitable, domestic, economical, forgiving, generous, honest, in- dustrious, judicious, kind, loving, modest, neat, obedi- ent, pleasant, quiet, reflecting, sober, tender, urbane, virtuous, wise, x-emplary, yielding, and zealous.

WHAT WOMAN SHOULD NOT BE.—Artful, bold, cross, deceitful, envious, fretful, grovelling, hollow-hearted, idle, jadish, knavish, lazy, moro-e, nonsensical, offici- ous, prudish, quarrelsome, ranting, snappish, talkative, unreasonable, vain, wrangling, x-travagant, or yawn- ing.

President Pierce and Minister Soule.

THE latest advices we have received from France throw quite a different light on the SOULE affair. And—and—ahem—a-n-d——Well, by George, it is hard to keep this article agoing. People will say that we got on a stumbling block, but that's not it, we are tired of writing. So, kind readers, we hope you will excuse us for breaking off so abruptly from our subject. If we are not ousted from "our chair" before next week, look out for something rich.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER UNION.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 9.

The steamer Union has arrived with three days later advices from Europe.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.—The market has declined one-eighth penny, closing dull. The sales of the three days were 16,000bales, including 4,000 bales to speculators and exporters.

Flour was quiet at prices favoring buyers; Balti- more 44s. Wheat was lower, White 12s. 6d. Corn had declined one shilling; yellow 45s, mixed 44s, white 46s.

Trade in Manchester had slightly declined.

Consols had advanced to 91¾. The money mar- ket was unchanged.

The steamer Pacific arrived out on the 22d, the Washington and Niagara on the 19th.

The Cunard steamers, New York and Arabia, have been taken to convey troops to Sevastopol. Only one steamer of the Boston line will be kept up during the winter. The Collins line will sail here- after on Saturday.

GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.—The bombardment of Sevastopol still continues, and re-inforcements for the allies were arriving rapidly. Everything was prepared for an assault, which was only deferred un- til the arrival of more re-inforcements, which were coming in at the rate of one thousand per day. Large Russian re-inforcements were also in motion.

The English government had called on the mili- tia for volunteers, which indicated a winter cam- paign.

The details of the battle of the 5th of November, show the English loss of four Generals, thirty-eight officers killed and wounded, and twenty-three hun- dred and fifty privates killed, wounded and missing.

The Russian General, Liprandi and the Duke of Cambridge were wounded. Lord Raglan is made a field marshal.

It is stated that Prince Gortschakoff has intimated to the Austrian Cabinet the willingness of Russia to negotiate a peace off the basis of the four guarranted conditions.

Dates from Sevastopol to the 14th of November, state that both armies had completed the third par- allels.

A Russian despatch says that the allies made a demonstration against their left flank, when the Russians retired.

Prince Napoleon had left the camp on account of ill health.

Lord Palmerston was holding daily interviews with the French Emperor.

Lord Dudly Stewart died at Stockholm on the 17th Nov.

It is stated that fourteen Russian war steamers had made a reconnoisance as far as Dageo without encountering any ships of the allies.

Condensed Items.

☞ "Four hostile newspapers;" said the great Napoleon, "are more to be feared than a hundred thousand bayonets."

☞ In the Criminal Court at Philadelphia, on the 28th ult., Dr. STEPHEN T. BEALE, convicted some time since of an outrage upon a Miss MUDGE, was sentenced to four years' and six months' imprisonment in the county jail. Previous to the sentence he made a speech, in which he asserts his entire innocence, and censured the district attorney and the jury.

☞ The Russellville (Tenn.) *Herald* says the ven- erable Bishop SOULE remarked, in the session of the Conference on Thursday morning the 25th ult., when the report of the committee on Temperance was up for consideration, that he was now 74 years of age, and that he had yet to learn how whiskey tasted!

☞ The London correspondent of the New York *Times* writes that pending the SOULE difficulty the Americans residing in Paris, numbering from eighteen hundred to two thousand, declared they would leave France with Mr. MASON, if he should be compelled to do so on being denied the asked-for apology.

☞ CALDERON DE LA BARCA, formerly Spanish minister at Washington, is said to be in exile in Paris since the outbreak in Madrid.

☞ The Postmaster General's Report speaks more favorably of the working of the cheap postage system than any since 1851.

☞ A rather curious incident, says the Jackson (Miss.) *Mercury* of Saturday, occurred in our streets yesterday. A large train of emigrant wagons from Henry county, Georgia, wending their way to Texas, with gangs of negroes, was met by another similar train, from the same section, *returning from Texas.*

☞ JOSEPH WHITE has been arrested in New Or- leans, on a charge of having murdered Levi Barrow, in Liberty county, Texas, some ten months ago. He is also accused of having attempted to get two slaves belonging to citizens of New Orleans, into his posses- sion, by fraudulent representations that he had money deposited in certain houses, and could easily pay for the negroes. Between the different charges against him, WHITE will be very likely to get his deserts. He is at present awaiting a requisition from the Governor of Texas.

☞ Two men, both dreadfully burned, were found on the top of a lime kiln on the outskirts of Balti- more, last Sunday morning. One of them, named Alonzo Marr, was already dead, and his companion was reduced to such a state of exhaustion from the effects of the fire and the gas escaping from the lime, that it was questionable whether he would recover.

☞ A Pastor in one of the New Jersey Churches has made arrangements to emigrate to Kansas with some forty families belonging to his congregation. This reminds us of the times of old, when the multitudes were led into strange lands by their ministers instead of their generals.

☞ JOHN L. NORRIS, of St. Mary's county, Md., has been sentenced to the Penitentiary for five years and seven months, for killing his slave.

☞ The typhoid fever is reported to be raging with with great virulency at Charlotteville, Va.

☞ No business was transacted in either branch of Congress on Thursday, in consequence of the an- nouncement of the death of Hon. PRESLEY EWING, of Ky. They adjourned till Monday.

☞ It is said that Mr. DOBBIN, the Secretary of the Navy is well satisfied that the six new frigates or- dered by Congress at its last session, form a nucleus only, for the American Navy as it should be. He will present, in the strongest light, the imminent necessity for a very large increase in this branch of the service, and not improbably urge the immediate construction of at least a dozen additional steamers of the first class.

☞ PARDONED.—The brothers JAMES and NEW- TON VICKERS, says the Carolina *Times*, recently tried in York District for the murder of DODSON, were sen- tenced to be hung on the 29th instant. We learn that one of the parties, who was recommended as a fit sub- ject for Executive interference, has been pardoned by His Excellency, Gov. MANNING, and in lieu of being hung, will remain in confinement until November next. The other will be executed in accordance with the sentence of the court.

☞ Men are like tea; their real strength and good- ness cannot be properly drawn out till they have been in hot water.

☞ The Washington *Star* states that the impres- sion is current in European diplomatic circles of that city that the Spanish Government, acting under the prestige or influence of what has of late transpired in France, will certainly again refuse to receive Mr. SOULE.

☞ A friend of ours, passing a house where there was a funeral, stepped up to an Irishman and asked him if he could inform him who was dead. The Irish- man replied: "I cannot exactly say, sir, but I pre- sume it is the man in the coffin."

☞ Our last advices from the Sandwich Islands are quite satisfactory, so far as relates to the annexa- tion project, against which we hear of no further de- monstrations being made by the British Consul. From Tahiti the reports are of a melancholy character. Some portions of the country had been nearly depopu- lated by the small pox.

☞ The prohibitory liquor bill, which it is thought will pass the Canadian Legislature is of a more strin- gent character, than even the Maine Law. It positive- y prohibits the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquor of any description under severe penalties. It is possible the measure may be vetoed by the Governor.

PARTICULARS OF THE FIRE.

In a brief postscript hastily written (says the Columbia Times) we announced, yesterday morning that during the previous night the block of buildings, bounded North by Washing- ton street, East by Sumter street, South by Lady street, and West by Richardson street, was almost entirely laid in smouldering ruins by fire. Our distant readers will better under- stand the locality, when we mention that the block was immediately North of Hunt's Hotel and East of the Congaree House. After care- ful inquiry we have learned the following par- ticulars.

The fire originated in the rear of Mr. D. F. Spigener's Grocery Store, which was of brick, and was undoubtedly kindled by an incendiary. The fiendish wretch effected an opening through the wall, by removing a few bricks behind the fire place, which portion of the wall was only one brick thick, caused by the disintegration of the chimney jaws. Through this opening he must have thrown fire into the Store. This seems to be the unanimous opinion as to its origin, of those who first discovered the fire. The adjac- ent buildings being of wood, and a fresh breeze blowing at the time, the consuming element defied all control and soon enveloped almost the entire square, in despite of the active exertions of our fire companies, aided by a large number of other citizens of the town. In this connex- ion we will remark that the Independent Fire Company, the Hook and Ladder Company, and the Fire Company composed of negroes, con- tended manfully for the mastery over the fire, and did not cease their exertions to save the property of their fellow citizens, until further effort was no longer needed. The Carolina Blues, under the orders of their Captain, Barku- koo, and the Richland Volunteer Rifles, under the command of Captain Radcliffe, did effective service in preserving order, and in guarding the property saved from the conflagration. Our worthy Mayor and Councilmen were present, aiding and directing the operations of the fire- men.

The entire block was consumed, save only a one story wooden building, occupied by G. A. Pelton, a two story building occupied by Palmer & Hodges as a tin ware shop, and another building occupied as a Barber's shop, and by H. & S. Beard's fruit and confectionary store, all property of the estate of Edgar. These are lo- cated at the intersection of Richardson and Lady streets. A bakery on Lady street also still re- mains, and a dwelling at the intersection of Lady and Sumter streets. Adjoining this is a small wooden tenement, which is unconsumed.

We subjoin a list of the sufferers, which is as accurately compiled as circumstances would al- low. Beginning at the corner stores, at the in- tersection of Richardson and Washington streets. This property, consisting of Dr. C. H. Miot's Drug Store a store formerly occupied by A. Brodie, and some small offices on Washington street, occupied by Dr. Alex. Tally, Dr. S. Crane and Combs & Co's. Express Office, was owned by Dr. Fitch, and is fully insured for $3000 in the Ætna Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. Dr. Miot's stock of Drugs was estimated at $5000, insured for $3000 in the Columbia Insurance Company. The books were saved, as also a large portion of the stock in a damaged state. Drs Tally and Crane's and Combs and Co's Express losses, we could not ascertain.

Proceeding down Richardson street, we come next to the Grocery store of D. F. Spigener, in which the fire originated. This property was owned by Mr. James Boatwright, and is insured for $1000 in the Columbia Insurance Company. Mr. Spigener's store is estimated at $8000, of which $5000 is covered by insurance in the Hartford Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn. The books, papers, and some money, which had been placed in an iron safe, were saved.

We come next to the Exchange—a restaurant —belonging to the estate of William Beard, deceased, and recently occupied by James S. Rawls, deceased. There is no insurance on the building. Stock estimated at $6,000, insured for $2,000; nothing saved.

Carolina Hall is next in order, owned by Mr. Peckham. In the first story was J. I. Craw- ford's Clothing Store; stock not insured; a part saved. Another store room was occupied by J. J. Mackey, as a gunsmith, insured for $800 in Hartford Insurance Company. In the second story there were no exhibition a number of paintings owned by———, and valued at $3.000 all consumed. We did not learn whether or not there was insurance on the Hall.

A two-story wooden building owned and oc- cupied by Mr. A. C. Squier, furniture manufac- turer and dealer, was next consumed. Stock insured to the amount of $4000 in the Southern Mutual Insurance Company, Athens, Ga. The building is insured for $1500 in Ætna Insurance Company, and $1800 in Southern Mutual.

The fire then consumed the three story brick building, the property of Mr. James Boatwright, which is insured for $6000 in the Columbia Insurance Company. The first story was occu- pied by Mr. G. S. Bowers, furniture manufac- turer and dealer, and by Mr. Heise, Confec- tioner. Mr. Bowers' stock is partially insured for $1800 in the Ætna Insurance Company. Dr. Heise not insured. The progress of the fire in this direction was arrested at this point.

The office of the South Carolinian and Ban- ner, located on Washington-street and owned by R. W. Gibbes & Co., being partially pro- tected by a tin roof and sheet iron window shut- ters, resisted the progress of the flames in that direction, for some time. A large sign-board on the roof first caught and communicated the fire to the frame-work of the roof, and in a few moments the whole structure was wrapt in flame. The destruction of the building, printing mate- rials, presses; in short, everything was consum- ed, except only the books and a lot of printing paper. The loss is estimated at $35 or $40.000, and we sincerely regret to add, not a dollar's worth of the entire establishment is insured. This is a heavy loss to the proprietors, and they have our heart-felt sympathy in their misfor- tunes.

Next above the Printing Office was a range of wooden houses, belonging to Mr. J. S. Boat- wright, occupied by Mrs. Packenham as a Board- ing House, by Mr. E. Bellinger as a Law Office, and Capt. Jas. D. Tradewell as a Law Office. Mrs. Packenham saved all her furniture. Mr. Bellinger's valuable Law Library was consum- ed—the portion