

LEGISLATIVE.

In the Senate a bill has been introduced to reduce the phosphate royalty from 50 to 25 cents.

A bill to bring telegraph and express companies under the control of the railroad commissioner.

A bill to repeal the act against nepotism, so that heads of departments may employ their relations as clerks.

The clerk of the Senate has been authorized to purchase new gowns for himself and the presiding officer at a cost of \$150.

Other bills introduced are of little importance and interest to the State at large.

Judge Ernest Gary and Judge Townsend were re-elected judges of the 5th and 7th circuits, respectively.

A fire in Sumter on Friday destroyed a valuable business block.

King Alfonso, of Spain, celebrated his eleventh birthday on the 23rd inst.

It is said that Queen Victoria fears she will not survive this year, the sixtieth of her reign.

Three negroes, who confessed to the murder of three ladies, were lynched in Louisiana one day last week.

The new republican party in Georgia starts off with most as much eclat as the Palmer-Buckner ghost dance.

We suppose the Sumter lynching will be the subject of newspaper comment until some other county shall perpetrate a similar horror.

Mr. J. M. Cooper, of Sumter, county, a graduate of the South Carolina College in the class of 1889, has been appointed private secretary to Gov. Ellerbe.

At a recent meeting of the New York board of health tuberculosis, or consumption of the lungs, was declared to be infectious and classed with such diseases.

Gov. Ellerbe in his inaugural address asks for the support of the people in the enforcement of the dispensary law.

Severe earthquakes have occurred in Greece, destroying several villages. An island in the Persian Gulf has been submerged and its inhabitants swept to a watery death by a violent seismic disturbance.

There is some apprehension that the awful plague now raging in India will spread to other countries.

The Cuban army is now so near the city of Havana that their bonfires illumine it at night and it is impossible for anything to get into the city without paying tribute to the Cubans.

Harry Delgado, the correspondent of a New York newspaper, who was arrested some weeks ago on the charge of aiding in the Cuban rebellion, and has been lying in prison ever since, died on Wednesday last—a welcome release from a cruel and hopeless captivity.

The Atlantic Coast Line now runs a magnificent vestibuled train from New York to St. Augustine, the run between the two cities being made in twenty-six hours.

The first train brought 64 passengers. Travel southward is expected to be unusually heavy this winter, the naval review in Southern waters attracting many sightseers, doubtless.

Phosphate Inspector Jones reports that the phosphate industry is in a deplorable condition. One of the largest companies has quit the business, and others may have to follow suit.

Reduction of the royalty is absolutely necessary for the continuance of the industry, for without this concession the companies here cannot compete with those of Florida, where no royalty is paid the State, and where the rock mined is of a higher grade.

In the House a resolution relative to Cuban recognition has been passed without debate.

Intense cold prevails in England, and London is experiencing the first snow storm in five years.

Mr. Butler, of North Carolina, doesn't seem to be much of a popular leader. But how can a man be a leader when people refuse to be led.

Another fearful blizzard is raging in the northwest, the thermometer ranging from Zero to 40 degrees below. There is great suffering among the poor.

This week Mr. Childs, of Richmond, will present to the House the bill prepared by the prohibitionists of the State which provides that liquors be sold for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes only.

In view of the charges of corruption and mismanagement of the State dispensary, it is proposed to elect a committee of five, three members of the House and two from the Senate, to investigate such charges.

Gov. Ellerbe intends to use his influence to improve the public school system of education in South Carolina, and is a friend of the State's institutions for higher education, at Clemson, Winthrop and the Citadel.

The gold fever has broken out in North Georgia. Old mines, long abandoned, are being developed, and there is great excitement, because the deposit of gold is very much greater than was supposed, the veins increasing in width and richness as they go down.

Uneasy lies the head that wears the Russian crown. The Czar of all the Russias has lately had a surgical operation performed on his head to remove a growth that was the result of a blow he received while travelling in India some years ago, and the Czarina, his lovely young wife, is extremely ill and has been ordered by her physicians to the south of Russia.

The St. Louis Republican says Weather Prophet Irl R. Hicks is being kept in a cold state of perspiration trying to explain how it was that his predictions of one of the most severe Decembers ever known fell so utterly short of the mark.

He wanted and more, between the 12th and 30th of the month. The evil influences of Mars was to be added to other influences producing a commotion in the atmosphere that would be felt to a tremendous extent. But the blizzards did not come. Old Mars' evil influence did not commote the earth, worth a cent. Instead, there came a season of mild temperature and citizens who laid in arctic shoes, overcoats and other healthy apparel have been pouring maledictions upon Mr. Hicks' cranium, while they wiped the perspiration from their brows.

Prof. Hicks explains his bad shot by intimating that the forces he relied upon to produce a good old style Christmas got waylaid. When they ran across Mars they not only failed to materialize into the blizzards down in the programme, but went off celebrating on an entirely different plan, actually resolving themselves into seismic shocks or earthquakes.

It is true these seismic were not felt anywhere except in Great Britain and in a few villages on the eastern coast of America, but Mr. Hicks considers the excuse a perfectly valid one. Then, too, he calls attention to the fact that the high barometer on the Gulf Coast was alone a powerful factor in heading off his blizzards. So tickled is he with this latter discovery that he distinctly congratulates himself on his foresight. He predicted a month of frosts and wintry storms, instead of which there came a spring temperature here and a seismic shock about 7,777 miles away. And he thinks that was near enough.

French Judges have been wrangling over this question of absorbing general interest: "When a man dies and leaves all his fortune to his wife, has he the right to direct that in the event of her marrying again she shall lose the bequest?" A test case was first brought before the Lixieux tribunal, which held that the testator had the right. The Caen Court of Appeal thought differently.

This was its argument: "The Creator said 'increase and multiply;' celibacy is contrary to nature and should not be forcibly imposed. Celibacy becomes the more disagreeable when once the spouse has tasted the sweets of marriage." There was also talk of the decreasing population of France. The decree was that the widow could keep the money annuity marry again. But the Supreme Court of Appeals decided recently that the husband, or the wife, has a right to restrict the condition of a legacy in the manner about which there was dispute.

GOLD IN NORTH GEORGIA.

Excitement is running at fever heat—Prospectors See Money by the Millions In The Hillsides.

DAHLONEGA, GA., Jan. 20.—The golden fever is on here and it is running higher every day. Old prospectors from Cripple Creek and South Africa are pouring in and capitalists are taking options as fast as they obtain them. There is no staking claims here as the property is all held under title.

One hundred mines are being developed within a radius of two miles of this town, where a United States mint was located before the war. That mint, by the way coined \$26,000,000 in gold, but the discovery of the California field and the war broke up mining here except in a small way and the mint was abandoned. In the old days the mining interests in this field were done by crude methods and more gold was lost than was saved.

Nothing but surface ore was worked, as at a depth of 40 feet sulphurets were encountered and the Amalgam plates would not catch that.

Recently Mr. A. French of Pittsburg, Pa., the largest steel spring manufacturer in the world has demonstrated that the chlorination process is an economical way of treating these ores and assays of the tailings from the old mills show from \$25 to \$100 per ton, value which has been allowed to escape. The old mines are being opened and assays from shafts 10 feet deep give values running from \$25 up. Betz, the Philadelphia brewer, and Christian Wahl of Milwaukee, have obtained very rich assays, the latter having had ore to run as high as \$1,100 to the ton.

Judge Morris, of Tennessee, who is tunnelling a mountain near here struck three rich veins which run from \$29 to \$500. All this ore is aprotite or partly decomposed and easily mined. The belt is of great length. The Creighton mine, on one of these veins, 25 miles Southwest of here, yielded 98,000 pennyweights last year and the capacity is to be doubled.

Pope & Dye at Holly Springs are said to have taken on \$40,000 in the last few months.

Prospectors from South Africa say that this belt is full of mines richer than the famous Robinsun mine, and they all say that this is destined to be a wonderful mining camp.

Development is wild with development. Veins are the results. Veins which are mere ribbons on the surface run together at varying depths and widen out to 10, 50 and 100 feet, with increasing richness as they go down. One company is being organized to put in a large plant with a 200 stamp mill with another syndicate is getting ready to put in a 250-stamp mill with a Chlorination plant large enough to treat all the concentrates from 500 stamps.

As told in THE TIMES last week, Capt. R. J. Robinson was employed to run a survey from Abbeville C. H. to the Greenwood county line to determine whether or not the Greenwood people had their line nearer to Abbeville than the eight mile hunt allowed by the Constitution. He finished the work last Saturday and made his report on Monday, which shows that the Greenwood county line is only 7, 33-100 miles from Abbeville court house, or in other words the new county line runs two-thirds of a mile nearer to Abbeville than it should run. The establishment of this fact, it is believed, will prevent the present Legislature from passing the Act setting off Greenwood county. And now comes an interesting question whether Greenwood will be allowed to make a new survey and hold another election at once, or whether she will be forced to wait four years longer. The law says that when a section makes an effort to secure a new county and fails, another election on the question shall not be held on the question in the same territory within four years. The people of Abbeville cannot be blamed for protecting themselves, but at the same time it does not look fair that Greenwood should be kept out of the new county for four years on a mere technicality like this.—McCormick Times.

Very few people know that the terrapin industry on the coasts of South Carolina amounts to \$100,000 annually and that from \$150,000 to \$200,000 are raised from the sturgeon fisheries, and 50,000 from the shad fisheries.

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Stat. of South Carolina, General's Office, 15, 1896.

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CITATION. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD.

By J. D. Allen, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, P. O. Thurmond hath made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of T. O. Thurmond.

THESE ARE THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said T. O. Thurmond, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Edgefield, C. H., S. C., on the 10th Feb. after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have why the said Administration should not be granted.

I Given under my hand, this 21st day of Jan. Anno Domini 1897. Published on the 27th day of Jan. in the Edgefield Advertiser.

J. D. ALLEN, Probate Judge.

Notice to Executors, Administrators, Guardians, and Trustees.

Executors, Administrators, Guardians and Trustees will take notice that under the law they are required to make to the Judge of Probate an annual accounting of the estates in their hands during the months of January and February of each year, and upon failure to do so forfeit all claims for commissions, and are further liable to fine and costs.

J. D. ALLEN, Judge of Probate.

SUMMONS. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

Court Common Pleas. Summons for Relief. Complaint not served.

Jennie C. Hammond, as administratrix, cum testamento annexo, of the estate of Fannie P. Hammond, deceased, and in her own right, Plaintiff, against C. W. Hammond, M. P. Calbreath, Lucia Miller, Wm. F. Calbreath, Harry Calbreath, and The Farmers Bank of Edgefield, Defendants.

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for the said county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at their office, Edgefield Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated at Edgefield, S. C., Dec. 30th, A. D. 1896.

SHEPPARD BROS., Test—Plaintiffs Attorneys. JOHN B. HILL, (L. S.) C. C. P. Calbreath, non-resident defendant.

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