

Southern Life Insurance Company

We have a strong suspicion that when the affairs of this Company have been properly investigated, the chief cause of the disaster will be traced to the incompetency of its officials. From an erroneous conception of expediency on the part of those who controlled its destinies, that corporation, like many other business institutions in the South, was managed in great part by gentlemen who owed their influence almost wholly to the fact that they had acquired celebrity in other walks of life—most of them, indeed, in positions which were utterly foreign in their nature and scope to the mechanical and economic administration by means of which alone can substantial success ensue to enterprises like the one in point. Of course this view is purely conjectural on our part, but it is the fruit of our observation of the mistaken policy which has been pursued, with great unanimity, by Southern enterprises of a corporate character since the close of the war. There has been a strong tendency to reward gallantry in the field by bestowing upon its exponents the sweets of civil office. Nor is that at all reprehensible. It is both natural and proper that they who bared their bosoms to the storm of battle, should sit under the choicest vine and fig tree when peace has supervened. Neither the vine nor the fig tree, however, should subsist by sapping their neighbors, any more than should a man be assumed to be competent for the discharge of onerous duties in an unfamiliar position simply because he has been successful in another and different sphere of action. And this is especially true in reference to official responsibilities which have in their province the interests and fortunes of the community at large. In such cases, the utmost discretion should obtain in the selection of these officers. Competency should be the test; not chivalry. That is a truth too plain to need elaboration, and yet it is every day ignored. Hence follows—as with this Company—first, embarrassment; then misgivings; then bankruptcy. And so it will always be until we learn to value our enterprises more by results achieved through legitimate channels, than by the eclat which comes adventitiously from their being heralded by any persons, be they as respectable, distinguished or titled as they may.

The Georgia Press.
HOW IT WAS BOUGHT TO ADVOCATE A FRAUDULENT MEASURE—STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS.

The following editorial from the Atlanta Daily Commonwealth, one of the leading Democratic organs of the Empire State, will be lively reading to our readers, many of whom are of the opinion that it is preposterous to think that any but Republicans should be caught taking bribes. That honorable journal, the Chronicle and Sentinel, in the course of an editorial upon the subject, has this to say: "We cannot believe that such a statement was made. There must be some mistake about the matter. There cannot be a paper in Georgia that would make merchandise of its opinions upon any question." And yet Hemphill, of the Constitution, admits that he got money, and ex-Gov. Brown swears that he paid others. The editorial we now give will be lively reading to those editors in this State who have made hundreds of dollars in the same way. Why, one little weekly alone in Charleston got over \$7,000 for printing a few columns of the laws of the State. An investigation will take place some of these days. And then there will be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth? Here the fellow that didn't get any money.
"The committee appointed by the General Assembly to investigate the charges made against the lessees of the Western and Atlantic Railroad for using money to procure said lease, is composed of the following gentlemen of the Senate and House: Senators McDaniel, of the Twenty-Seventh, Chairman, and DuBose, of the Nineteenth; Representatives Walsh, of Richmond; Peoples, of Gwinnett, and Smith, of Lowndes. At the meeting

last night, at the Markham House, the committee examined Mr. Hemphill, of the Constitution, in relation to the charge that he had received \$5,000 from the lessees of the Western Atlantic Railroad for aiding in the procurement of the lease. Upon the direct question being put, Mr. Hemphill stated that he had received that amount of money. This settles the question at issue, and establishes the fact, beyond peradventure, that the lease was fraudulently obtained.

In the course of the examination of Governor Brown last night, he stated to the committee that \$21,000 had been used in the procurement of the lease of the State Road. He stated that there was a great deal of opposition to the lease, and he thought it was right and proper to use the money to secure it. He mentioned, among the papers to whom money had been paid, the Macon Telegraph and Messenger, the Augusta Constitutionalist, Columbus papers, and stated that about \$1,000 had been paid to the country press, though did not name the papers. He also stated that an editor, now dead, had been paid money to advocate it, and that J. Clark Swayze, who edited a Radical paper at Macon, had been paid money for the same purpose. Mr. Knight, an attorney, had also been paid to advocate it. We regret that the names of all the parties who had received money for that purpose were not given, but we suppose that they will at once declare themselves, as they consider that nothing discreditable is attached to it."

Charleston.

Instead of 24 per cent. tax for the city of Charleston as was first proposed, the Council has lowered it to 2 per cent. The News and Courier is delighted over the future of Charleston, and discourses as follows upon the subject:

"We congratulate the Charleston public most heartily upon the reduction of the City tax for 1876 to two per cent. Last year and the preceding year the tax was two and a half per cent. The reduction of one-half per cent. is equal to at least \$130,000. This large sum is saved to the people, in this distressing year, by the action of the City Council last night. The manner of doing it was not precisely what we desired; but a handsome reduction in expenses is effected, and the long stride forward now made will enable the City Council to go still farther next year.

Good faith is the essence of success in politics as in private life; and the municipal administration have strengthened themselves immensely by proving that they intend to fulfill their promises to the letter.

The Charleston public will breathe more freely to-day. There will be renewed confidence and cheerfulness everywhere, and we look forward with hope to that advance in the value of real property which, in the opinion of the wealthiest merchant in Charleston, will follow swiftly after economical administration and a tax of two per cent."

A New Candidate.

A new Democratic candidate for the Presidency has been announced. He is from New York, and his name is Horatio Seymour.—Chronicle & Sentinel.

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy." And we would advise you friend Seymour not to accept the nomination for the Presidency. The people down here are mad with you because you flooded them so in 1868, and want to get you on this side of Mason's and Dixie's line for the purpose of putting you astride a keg of Dynamite. Stay where you are, Horatio.

Washington dispatches state that there is a great deal more in the Conkling movement than has been believed. His friends have made a very strong organization, composed of some of the keenest and most active men in the Republican party. They claim New York solid in the Convention, and are now working to secure the neighboring States as a nucleus. The battle-ground now is Pennsylvania. The Blaine men are certain of it. The Conkling men are confident they will get it. Meanwhile Simon Cameron is a sphynx, and is for the man that wins.

"We confess that we don't like the devil."—Louisville Courier Journal.
No wonder; familiarity never fails to breed contempt.

Some vile frog-like creature, whose breath is as blighting as aqua fortis and as deadly when inhaled as the infections which the sun sucks up from hog-wallows, pens, flats and scavenger carts, sent us a Valentine on Monday last. Yes! a heavy-gaited toad, whose boils and plagues would infect a man a mile off—against the wind!—expended 1 cent on St. Valentine's day for our benefit. How? Because he thereby added his own gracious testimony to the opinion which we have all along entertained of him: That as full of obnoxious effluvia and putrefying substances as we know his loathsome carcass to be, we had yet to learn his full measure of hurtfulness. Even after he shall be dead and put under the ground—a place too sacred to receive him—the very worms are to perish, as he rots and stinks into dust, upon his poisonous clay.

The House Committee on Privileges and Elections have reported in charges against J. D. Robertson, a member of the State Text Book Commission. He made discreditable and corrupt proposals to northern publishing houses. They recommend that he be expelled from his seat as a member of the House of Representatives. Robertson's proposals covered the payment to him of liberal commissions on all books adopted for use in the public schools in South Carolina, and were made to leading publishing houses in New York.

Owing to unforeseen delays in the collection of taxes—the result of the tardiness of the Legislature in passing the tax bill—the payment of interest on the State bonds and stocks is postponed till April 1st, with a probability that the payment will be made in the middle of March. The tax for interest has been duly levied, but it will come in slowly till the end of this month, when the time for collection expires.

The Chronicle and Sentinel has lost some of its admiration for Senator Gordon. That paper tells him that he was sent to Washington to make laws and not Presidents.

TAX NOTICE.

OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER
ORANGEBURG, COUNTY,
ORANGEBURG, S. C., Feb. 17th 1876.
The time for payment of Taxes has been extended to the 10th of March next, after which time the penalty will CERTAINLY attach. Take notice thereof and govern yourselves accordingly.
J. H. LIVINGSTON,
Treasurer.
Orangeburg County, S. C.
Feb 19

FOR SALE—I will sell at public outcry for cash on Monday 6th day of March 1876 next, in front of the Sheriff's office at Orangeburg, C. H., S. C., a large BAY HORSE & MULE.
A. J. HOGER,
Feb 19

LOST—On the 18th inst., in Russell Street, near Cornelison's Store, \$40 Dollars in Greenbacks, wrapped in a cotton receipt, signed by G. H. Cornelison. A liberal reward will be paid to the finder by delivering the same to Geo. Boliver.
MELKER KITTRELL,
Feb 19

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having demands against the Estate of Wm. L. Millender deceased, are requested to present the same duly attested, and all persons indebted to said Estate will make payment to the undersigned, on or before the first day of April next.
Orangeburg C. H., Feb. 19th 1876.
IVY TILL,
Administrator of said Estate.
Feb 19

Sheriff's Sales.

By virtue of Sundry Executions to me directed, I will sell to the highest bidder, at Orangeburg C. H. on the First Monday in March next, for Cash, all the Right Title and interest of the Defendants in the following property, viz:
1 Lot of Merchandise, One Mule, One Wagon, and One Timber Cart, levied on as the property of John D. Fogle, at the suit of Crane, Boylston & Co., and others.
Also
2 Horses, 1 Wagon, and Dry, levied on as the property of J. W. Larey, at the suit of Marton & Co.
Orangeburg C. H., }
Sheriff's Office, } E. I. CAIN,
Feb. 19th, 1876. } S. O. C.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

Martha Stroman, Adm'r
vs.
W. A. O' Cain et al.
In Re. Ex. Parte
James E. Bozard.
By virtue of the judgment, herein, I will sell, for cash, at Orangeburg C. H., on the first Monday in March next, during the usual hours of sale, at public outcry, the following tract of land, viz:
All that tract or parcel of land in Orangeburg County, containing 50 acres, more or less, being a portion of 900 acres, of which Absalom Stroman died, seized, and which in his life time, he bargained to sell to James E. Bozard and one J. D. Bickelbaker, whereon the said James E. Bozard now resides.
Purchaser to pay for papers and recording.
Orangeburg C. H., }
Sheriff's Office, } E. I. CAIN,
Feb. 19th 1876. } S. O. C.

Notice of Dissolution.

The limited Partnership entered into on the Thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1875, by Jacob W. Moseley, as general Partner and Sarah E. Tobin, as special Partner, trading under the firm name of Jacob W. Moseley. The certificate whereof is recorded in the office of the Register of Mesne Conveyance for Orangeburg County aforesaid in Book No. 14, pages 45, 452, 453, has been this day dissolved by mutual consent and notice of this dissolution has been duly filed and recorded in the said office.
Orangeburg, S. C., Feb. 18th 1876.
J. W. MOSELEY,
SARAH E. TOBIN,
Feb 19

NOTICE.

Sale Under Mortgage.
By virtue of a certain Mortgage, I will sell at Orangeburg, C. H., on _____ day of March 1876, for Cash, One Sorrel Horse as the property of James Hampton under Mortgage to Geo. Boliver.
ALLEN BROWN,
Agent.
Feb 19

Notice of Dismissal.

Notice is hereby given that I shall one month from date file my final account with the Honorable Judge of Probate for Orangeburg County, S. C., as Administrator of the Estate of David J. Ruffel, and ask for Letters dismissed.
JOHN L. ROWE,
Wm. C. WOLFE,
Administrator's.
Feb 19

Notice of Dismissal.

Notice is hereby given that I shall one month from date file my final account with the Honorable Judge of Probate for Orangeburg County, S. C., as Guardian of Wm. N. Carson, and ask for Letters of dismissal.
SARAH J. CARSON,
Guardian.
Feb 19

SHERIFF'S SALES.

W. J. DeTreville, }
vs. } Foreclosure.
Ned Paulding. }
By virtue of the judgment herein, I will sell at public auction on the first Monday of March next, during the usual hours, at Orangeburg C. H., the following tract of land, viz:
All that tract or parcel of land situate in the County of Orangeburg in St. Matthews Parish, bounded West by lands of David Stack, North, East and West by lands of A. J. Hydrick containing 149 1/2 acres, more or less, known as the "Heigher Tract" conveyed by H. Riggs, Sheriff to W. J. DeTreville 2. Oct. 1871 and conveyed by W. J. DeTreville to Ned Paulding.
Terms—One half cash, balance on a credit of twelve months, purchaser to give bond bearing interest from day of sale, and Mortgage of the premises to secure the credit portion, and to pay for paper and recording.
Sheriff's Office,
Orangeburg C. H., } E. I. CAIN,
Feb. 18th, 1876. } S. O. C.

FRESH

Garden Seeds
JUST RECEIVED FROM
D. LANDRETH & SON
E. E. EZZEL.
Jan 1

FOR 1876

Red Rust Proof Oats
for Spring Sowing at Store of
J. A. HAMILTON.
You can leave Orders also with him for the

MAKES STANDARD FERTILIZER,

ETIWAN, ATLANTIC and other
PHOSPHATES.
Peruvian Guano
will be scarce for a pure article, but what we will offer will be A No. 1.
Agency for the staunchest Companies in
Fire Insurance,
NIAGARA, \$1,450,000 Assets.
ATLANTIC, \$750,000.
MILVILLE, \$1,350,000.
RICHMOND, \$500,000.
Risks taken on Dwellings, Ginhouses &c., &c.
JOHN A. HAMILTON,
Next to Court House on Market St.

Books! Stationery! Music!

A lot of WINDOW SHADES of an improved Patent, being neat, simple in putting up, durable and CHEAP in price.
Lamps, Chimneys and Lamp Fixtures always on hand.
SOLE AGENT FOR THE
Celebrated WATT PLOW and Castings, which I sell at Manufacturer's Prices, with freight added, viz:
One Horse A and B.....\$6 00
Two Horse M and N..... 9 00
Castings.....7c per lb.

Insurance and Collections promptly attended to.

AGENT FOR

Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co.
Georgia Home Insurance Co.
Manhattan Life Insurance Co.
KIRK ROBINSON,
Market St.
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THE CHEAP STORE

It will be to the interest of every one to call and examine my stock of

FAMILY GROCERIES

before buying elsewhere, as I guarantee that my prices and goods cannot be excelled this side of New York.

DRY GOODS SHOES

and various other goods, continually needed by the farmer and housekeeper. All of which will give genial satisfaction to those who will favor me with a call

Step in and look around at the cheap store of

C. R. JONES.

J. C. PIKE,

AT

VOSE'S OLD STAND,

Has OPENED, REFITTED and RESTOCKED this Large and Commodious Store with the most

SELECT STOCK OF GOODS

EVER OFFERED HERE, comprised of FRESH GROCERIES, WOODWARE, CROCKERYWARE, HARDWARE, GLASSWARE, CANNED GOODS.

Dry Goods, Hats, Boots and Shoes,

Which is offered at PRICES that will ASTONISH those that wish to SAVE MONEY these HARD TIMES. A call will convince you of the above facts.

COUNTRY PRODUCE WANTED,

For which the HIGHEST MARKET PRICES will be paid. Constantly on hand FERTILIZERS. LIME for Building or Fertilizing purposes, constantly on hand, and for sale at Reasonable Rates.
Jan 29 1876

S. E. TOBIN.

S. A. ALBERGOTTI.

S. E. TOBIN & CO.,

CORNER RUSSELL STREET AND RAILROAD AVENUE.

We beg respectfully to call the attention of the Citizens of Orangeburg and surrounding County to our FULL STOCK of

GROCERIES, BOOTS, HATS, DRY GOODS, SHOES, HARDWARE &c.

Which we offer at PRICES which cannot fail to PLEASE. Special attention will be given to

FAMILY GROCERIES,

And no pains spared to make THIS a HOUSE where

FIRST CLASS GOODS

Can be had at LOWEST FIGURES. No trouble to Show Goods. articles bought & delivered Free of Charge.

Mr. J. S. ALBERGOTTI can be found here prepared to take FIRE RISKS in Good Companies, at Reasonable Rates.
Jan 29 1876

SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO

AND
COMPOUND ACID PHOSPHATE.

These well known Manures of high grade made under the supervision of Dr. St. J. Ravenel, are for sale at present prices on limited terms. For descriptive circulars containing full information and prices apply to

H. E. FROST & CO., General Agts, Charleston, S. C.
BULL & SCOVILL, Orangeburg, S. C.
W. D. LUKES, Row's Pump, S. C.
CLARK & ARTHUR, Lewisville, S. C.
Jan 29 1876

SARDY'S FERTILIZERS.

THE BEST AND CHEAPEST IN USE.
Manufactured by the Ashpoo Mining and Manufacturing Guano Co. Factories at Charleston, S. C., Office North Atlantic Wharf.

SARDY'S AMMONIATED SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO.
Phosphate Peruvian Guano and Dissolved Bone Phosphate.

These well known Standard Fertilizers, after ten years Practical Test throughout the South, have proved to be the best in use for Cotton, Corn and all other Crops, particularly adapted to the Southern Climate and Soil—the Crops in many instances being

More than Doubled by their use.
While these fertilizers are being prepared from the Best Ingredients and of even of Higher Grade than ever before, The Prices have been MATERIALLY reduced for the Present Season, thereby placing them within the reach of every Planter, and none can afford to do without them.

Geo. H. CORNELISON, Agent at Orangeburg, S. C.
A Liberal Discount will be made to Dealers and Grangers.
Jan 29—3m

COTTON FOR GUANO!

A FAIR EXCHANGE.
THE CELEBRATED FERTILIZER,
WILCOX, GIBBS & CO'S MINIPULATED GUANO

Is offered at the following Liberal Terms.
ON CREDIT to 1st NOVEMBER, 1876, with option of paying in Cotton on the basis of 17 cents for Middling, delivered at the Planter's nearest Depot, (Planter paying expenses on Guano to destination.) Per Ton \$70.00.

The Advantage to the Farmer in buying on these terms is plain, as he will know when he buys the Guano, that 412 pounds Cotton, (Middling) will pay for it, no matter how low the price may be, and can make his calculations accordingly.

The QUALITY of this Guano is Unequaled, as has been thoroughly established by the use of the many thousand tons we have sold. Our Agents sell on same terms.

WILCOX, GIBBS & CO.
IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN GUANO.
Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga.
For Sale by BULL & SCOVILL, Orangeburg, S. C.
Jan 29—3m

J. STRAUSS J. J. STREET JAS. H. FOWLES

J. STRAUSS & CO.,

Proprietors of the Orangeburg Rice Mill, Grist and Saw Mill.

Our Mills being now in full operation, we are prepared to fill orders for Rice and freshly ground Grist and Meal, (bolted or unbolted), at living prices.

Our SAW MILL, being situated near the Town, is now turning out superior Lumber and bills for all sizes can be filled at short notice.

We can supply second hand Steam Engines, Portable or Stationary, and Saw Mills, guaranteed by our Mr. Strauss, at less than half the usual price. Highest price paid for Rough Rice and Corn.