

pressing year is 8,000,000 acres... The amount located since 1790, under the various provisions for the benefit of those who have served in war, is 20,000,000.

THE JUDICIARY.

This department needs some modifications and reforms for which reference is requested to the last Message.

The District of Columbia, whose residents are in a position singularly anomalous, is commended to special attention, and closes the list of particular topics.

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Terms—One Dollar a Year, in Advance. ABBEVILLE C. H. FRIDAY, - - - DECEMBER 15, 1854.

Acceptable Attention. Messrs. MARSHALL, HEARST, and others, of the Abbeville delegation, will please accept the thanks of the Press for their several attentions to it.

Hoggish Business. SEVERAL fine droves of hogs have passed through, and some have sold at six cents—Tall price, these depressing times, but may be suggestive to economy.

A Splendid Investment. THREE dollars for Godey's Lady's Book and the Independent Press together for one year! Old subscribers to the Press, as well as new ones, can have a chance.

The Bell Ringers. THE entertainments given by the "Swiss Bell Ringers," on Monday and Tuesday nights last, were attended by (for Abbeville) unusually large audiences, and afforded the highest gratification.

More Lawyers. THE following named law students have been admitted to the practice of Law in this State: ADAMS, BLAKE, BLUE, BREAR, BROWN, COYHRAN, DUNCAN, FORT, HONTER, JOHNSON, LIVINGSTON, MARSHALL, McCANTS, MEANS, REILLY, THOMAS, WICKLIFF, WILLIAMS.

The New Governor. It will be observed that Gen. JAMES H. ADAMS has been elected Governor of South Carolina for the ensuing two years.

Amalgamation. THE two Anderson papers, mutually agreeing that it was "not good to be alone," recently united, and henceforth will be issued as one, under the name of Gazette and Advocate, conducted by S. O. EARLE, Esq., for whom we wish all manner of good luck.

The late Fire in Columbia. THE Carolina Times publishes the details of the recent disastrous fire in Columbia, from which we gather the following particulars:

Richardson and Washington streets, consisting of the drug store of Dr. Mior, a store formerly occupied by A. BROWN, the offices of Dr. TARRANT, Dr. CRAIG, and Cousin & Co's Express, was entirely destroyed.

Mr. LANEAD, (whose card see) can give a picture unsurpassed. He is a Baptist clergyman of more than ordinary ability, a splendid artist, and a most courteous gentleman.

We learn from the Advertiser that the subscription to this Road, on the books at Edgefield, has reached one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

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Congress.

We have no news as yet of importance from Washington. Congress met on Monday, the 4th instant, and received the President's Message.

It has been predicted by "knowing ones," and wishing ones, that the present will be a stormy session. Of course we may expect some turbulence where so many elements meet, but for ourself we fail to discover symptoms of anything but the usual amount of wind.

Compendium.

MR. JAS. A. LYON offers to dispose of a valuable plantation. Apply soon; he is a trading man, and the first bidder may close the opportunity.

Other opportunities for land buyers will be afforded by the sales of the Commissioner, Ordinary and Sheriff.

MR. WM. C. MOORE has a bran new supply at his "Variety Store," and is willing to exhaust it as fast as possible, so that he may have room for another fresh stock.

MR. A. B. KENNEDY will expose to sale, on the 26th inst., a personal estate, and an opportunity will be afforded for the purchase of bargains.

WALKER, GLEN & HATTON, Newberry, will be pleased to have our readers remember them, when in a trading way, and we hope they will do so.

A Military School is to be established at Yorkville, soon. Messrs. COWARD and JENKINS, the projectors, are graduates of the Charleston Citadel Academy, and are highly recommended by those who know them.

The Abbeville Male Academy has "a place in the picture." The Principal, Mr. CALHOUN, is entitled to much credit for the example he is setting the educated and wealthy young men of the State.

A meeting of the Stockholders of the Savannah River Railroad Company is to be held, on Thursday next, at Hamburg.

COSGROVE & BERNAN, Augusta, Ga., are offering a vast quantity of goods for sale, in quantities to suit purchasers, and at cost prices. See their card.

Those in need of castings, cotton yarn, bacon and so on, will observe that KERR has the articles. Better call soon, though, for he advertises, and of course sells!

allowing will, &c. Read the first time and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

MONDAY, Dec. 4. SENATE.—Mr. McAlilly, pursuant to notice and leave of the Senate, introduced a bill to amend the charter of the South Carolina and Charlotte Railroad Company;

Mr. Chestnut, pursuant to notice and with leave of the Senate, introduced a bill to provide for the election of Electors of the United States; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. Hearst presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville District praying the opening of a new road; also a counter petition on the same subject; which were referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Tillman presented the petition of sundry citizens residing in the neighborhood of Graniteville, praying that the petition of the Directors of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company praying that no license to retail spirituous liquor within three miles of that place be not granted.

At 8:14 o'clock p. m. the Speaker took the Chair, when Mr. Middleton, from the Committee of Ways and Means, made favorable reports on the bill to amend the charter of the bank of the State of South Carolina; also on the petition of the City Council of Charleston, praying an increase of an appropriation for the support of the transient poor of Charleston, and recommended that the appropriation be \$7,000 per annum.

Mr. Thompson, from the Committee on Claims, reported on a large number of accounts and petitions, before referred to said Committee.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. B. F. Perry introduced a bill to authorize the State to aid in the construction of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company; also introduced a resolution authorizing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of establishing County or Inferior Courts in this State, and for the establishment of an additional Court of Appeals.

A bill to authorize the State to aid in the construction of a Plank Road from Conwayboro to Fair Bluff, North Carolina, was read the first time and referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

TUESDAY, Dec. 5. SENATE.—Mr. Drayton, on the part of the committee appointed to count the votes for State Assessor, reported that James S. Johnson had received 94 votes, and was consequently elected.

Mr. Drayton presented the memorial of the Northeastern Railroad Company asking legislative aid.

Mr. Chesnut, from the Committee on Federal Relations, on so much of the Governor's Message as related to the acts of this State in respect to free negroes and persons of color employed as mariners entering the State, reported by bill, which received its first reading, was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—Mr. McGowan asked leave to recur to the call for Abbeville District. Leave being granted, he presented the report of the Board of Visitors on the Military Academies of Charleston and Columbia. The report, with the accompanying documents, was ordered to be printed.

Also the report of the Solicitor of the Western Circuit on District Offices and Officers, and also a petition of sundry citizens of Greenwood praying that J. R. Tarrant might be reappointed magistrate. This petition was referred to the Abbeville delegation.

Mr. Hammond introduced a bill giving the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor to the people.

Mr. Mullins introduced a bill to arrange the State into judicial districts, and to provide for the election of an additional Law Judge.

Sundry bills were reported by the Committee on Incorporations, among which was a bill to authorize the Town Council of Hamburg to subscribe for stock in certain Railroads and for other purposes.

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

The House then resolved itself into a Committee 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. The bill provides for the election of a Board of Directors for Common Schools in each election district, 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 located in each section; to select competent teachers, and to appropriate all moneys received from the State or otherwise for the exclusive support of the common schools; also provides for the election of a Superintendent by the General Assembly, salary \$2,000 per annum; recommends an annual appropriation of \$100,000 per annum for the support of such schools.

Mr. J. R. Tarrant, called for the bill, and the committee of the day rose and adjourned.

That after the consideration of the special bill referred to, it was adjourned until the next day, to be held at 10 o'clock.

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Do not procrastinate. Attend to the Cough or Sore Throat in time. By so doing, you may avoid much suffering. This advice is applicable to hundreds who take cold, and cough for weeks, and sometimes months, thereby so weakening the delicate organs of respiration, that even should they succeed in obtaining relief, they are rendered much more susceptible to colds thereafter. All this might be prevented by the small outlay of 50 cents, in the purchase of a bottle of STABLER'S ANODYNE CHERERY EXPECTORANT, which almost invariably cures or gives relief in diseases of the Lungs and Throat. The same may be said of Diseases of the Bowels. We believe that hundreds annually die, from neglect of a slight tendency to Diarrhoea, whose lives might be saved by the outlay of 50 cents for a bottle of STABLER'S DIARRHŒA CORDIAL, which is so efficient in the cure of diseases of the bowels. See descriptive pamphlets, to be had gratis of the agents. Price of each, only 50 cents per bottle, or six bottles for \$2.50.

E. H. STABLER & CO., Proprietors, Wholesale Druggists, Baltimore. Sold by Dr. F. F. GARY, Cokesbury; WARDLAW & LYON, Abbeville C. H.; HAVLAND, HARRAL & Co., Wholesale agents, Charleston; and by Merchants generally.

MARKETS. ABBEVILLE, Dec. 14.—We quote cotton at 5 1/2 cents.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 13.—The same dull and inactive feeling which characterized the cotton market on Monday extended to the operations of yesterday. 120 bales sold at 6 cents for very inferior to 8 for fair.

CONSIGNEES. The following persons have freight in the Depot at Abbeville:—

Dr. J. F. Livingston, C. T. Haskell, E. Tillman, Dr. A. W. Lynch, J. J. Cunningham, T. M. Perrin, Rev. E. Crittenden, Dr. J. J. Wardlaw, C. C. Puckett, J. W. Crawford, H. S. Kerr, W. M. Hughey, Judge D. L. Wardlaw, L. H. Carr, Mrs. J. J. Baker, Enright & Starr, J. A. Calhoun, T. C. Perrin, Wm. Morris, John Brownlee, D. J. Jordan, A. Martin, E. Roach, N. J. Davis, R. H. Wardlaw, Gen. S. P. Graves, J. S. T. W. Thomas. D. R. SONDELEY, Ag't

MARRIED. On the 7th instant, by the Rev. B. F. Corley, Mr. W. W. MABRY and Miss MARY JANE STRAWHORNS, all of Abbeville District. C.

DIED. On the 7th instant, of Pneumonia, Mrs. AD-ALENA H. PARTLOW, formerly Miss Bolling, wife of W. D. Partlow, in her 42d year. She has left a husband, two sons and two daughters to lament their irreparable loss.

Petersburg Intelligencer and Memphis Eagle please copy.

Factory Yarn. 200 BUNCHES, assorted Nos., for sale, by H. S. KERR.

Bacon. 6000 POUNDS old BACON, very choice, for sale, by H. S. KERR.

Nails. 100 Kegs NAILS, in store and to arrive, for sale low for cash, by H. S. KERR.

Candy, Candy! SUCH as is usually sold in this market, can be bought for 20 cents a pound at MOORE'S VARIETY STORE.

NOTICE. ALL Persons indebted to the Subscriber, by note or account, are requested to make payment by the first of February next, as longer indulgence cannot be given.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. ALL Persons having demands against the Estate of William Henderson, deceased, are hereby notified to tender the same to the subscriber duly attested. And those indebted will please pay up as soon as possible.

English Hollow-Ware. 2000 POTS, OVENs, &c., consisting of every size and shape, to arrive at my store next week.

REMOVAL. Cosgrove & Bernan, AUGUSTA, GA. HAVE removed their Stock of GOODS from the old store of T. J. Cosgrove, known as their "Lower Store." Having no connection with that house, they would invite their friends to call at their upper Store, where they are now opening an extensive stock of

FANCY & STAPLE DRY GOODS, which they will sell at low prices, in order to wind up the business of the firm, and satisfy the heirs of T. J. Cosgrove, deceased.

AT PRIVATE SALE. THE Entire stock of FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS, now open and ready for inspection at the store of

COSGROVE & BERNAN, 100 East Third & 1/2 Street, the undersigned, for the purpose of settling the estate of T. J. Cosgrove, deceased, and the stock of DRY GOODS, consisting of Fancy and Staple Goods, now open and ready for inspection at the store of

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Meeting of the Stockholders OF THE SAVANNAH VALLEY RAILROAD. A MEETING of the Stockholders of the Savannah Valley Railroad will be held in this Town on Thursday, the 21st instant. Business of the utmost importance to the Company will be laid before the meeting, and a full attendance is earnestly requested. By order of H. HUTCHINSON, President, Hamburg, S. C., Dec. 6, 54.

WALKER, GLEN & HATTON, Successors to McMORRIES & BRO.

THE Undersigned have purchased of J. B. McMorries & Bro., the entire stock in trade, and will continue the Dry Goods business at the old stand of McMorries & Bro., where they will keep constantly on hand a general, complete and varied stock of

DRY GOODS. Ladies' DRESS GOODS, of the best and latest styles, and in short, every article pertaining to the dress, we offer at the lowest living rates. We respectfully solicit a continuance of the patronage heretofore extended to the old firm. Dec 14 54

CHRISTMAS PARTIES. Piano, Forte, Organ and Melodion Tuning and Repairing.

THE Subscriber begs to offer his services in the above Branches to the Ladies of Abbeville and its vicinity. Having had considerable experience in the manufacture of these instruments, and being a practical performer on them, he feels satisfied he will be enabled to give the most perfect satisfaction. Unexceptionable references if required.

My stay here being limited to a few days, orders should be sent immediately to give due time for their proper execution. G. F. DAVENE, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Music. \* \* \* Next door to Mr. James Shillito. Dec. 14, 1854. 32

EDUCATION! MR. JAMES C. CALHOUN, having been elected Principal of the ABBEVILLE MALE ACADEMY, will continue his services during the next year.

Owing to the great increase in the number of scholars, the services of Mr. MONTGOMERY, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, have been procured.

A new and commodious Academy will in a short time be completed. The building is so retired as to insure perfect quiet, and freedom from all things calculated to distract the attention of the scholar.

The government of the School will be rigid. The morals and general deportment of the Students will at all times receive special attention. Students will be prepared to enter the Freshman or Sophomore Class of the South Carolina College, and the greatest care given to their preparation.

The Scholastic year will be divided into two Sessions. The first will commence on January 8th, and continue twenty-eight weeks; the second will begin on the second Monday in September, and continue twelve weeks.

The Tuition of each Class will be for the 1st Class: Reading, Writing, 1st Sea. 2d Sea. Spelling, and Primary Geography, \$14 00 \$ 5 00

2d Class: The above with Geography, History, Arithmetic, English Grammar, and exercises in English Composition, 20 00 9 00

3d Class: The above with all the advanced English Branches, 23 00 10 00

4th Class: The above with Latin and Greek, 25 00 12 00

Boarding can be obtained in desirable families, and at reasonable rates, either in the Village or country near the Academy.

Although it is of the greatest importance that all the pupils should be present at the opening of the Session, still they will be received at any time during the term. Students will be charged from the time they enter until the close of the Session, unless special arrangements are made to the contrary.

For further information, apply to the Principal, JAMES C. CALHOUN, A. B., Principal, Instructor in Mathematics, JAMES A. MONTGOMERY, A. B., Instructor in the Ancient Languages. December 14, 1854. 32 6m

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville District.—Citizen.

WHEREAS, Nathan Calhoun has applied to me for Letters of Administration on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of G. W. Calhoun, late of the District aforesaid, deceased; These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Ordinary's Court for the said District, to be held at Abbeville Court House, on the twenty-seventh day of December next, to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal, this eleventh day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and in the seventy-ninth year of American Independence. WILLIAM HULL, C. J. D. Dec 11 54

Wags, Wags! GOOD clean Cotton Rags, for any quantity, wanted at H. S. KERR'S. Dec 8 54

HIGHLY IMPROVED AND COLOURED DACTYLOTYPE. C. H. WARRAN, President of the company, Ladies and Gentlemen of ABBEVILLE, and surrounding country, that he has opened ROOMS for a short time, at the Mansard House, where he will be happy to see and converse with all of them with a Superior and Universal Dactylotype. Extracts through the front of our cards. Abbeville, Dec. 5, 1854. 31

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