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The New Year.
Another year has rolled round and has numbered with the things that were the one that has just passed. Although we are in the midst of great financial depression and a general stagnation of industry and trade who will gainsay that our prospects for the future are more bright and inviting. Our political atmosphere is clearing up, and our horizon gives promise of clear sunshine and a more promising outlook. In our State we believe we have a pilot at the helm who will steer the good ship of State safely amid the wrecks that so numerous and disastrous strewn our pathway. We can begin to discern the light houses. Our compasses have been reset. New observations have been taken, and our latitude and longitude more accurately defined. We believe that under new conditions and under skilled and honest guidance we are about to reach a haven of safety. Gov. Chamberlain gives earnest of genuine reform, which so far, we have no reason to doubt will lead to legitimate results. So far his acts have been characterized by a vigor and independence for which we confess we were unprepared to hope. So much has been done already, that we have every reason to believe that at the end of another year will find new life, new prosperity and new hope inspired among a more united and a more happy people. In expressing to our readers our wishes for a "Happy New Year" we can add the hope that all our anticipations in this respect may be realized.

OUR OYSTER BANKS.
There could be no more inviting field for enterprise and for the investment of capital, than could be found in utilizing the extensive oyster beds, that exist in such abundance in the rivers and streams that make a net work of our coast. A very limited capital consisting of a few racks, boats and flats with such facilities for opening, canning and packing the contents of the bivalves that are to be got of the finest quality and flavor merely for the gathering, would develop a business at once remunerative and of endlessly growing proportions. There could be no better site to select for the establishment of a canning and packing depot than is to be got just at this spot, in the very centre of the oyster beds surrounding us on all sides. The business which has grown into such vast proportions in New York and in Baltimore was commenced only a few years ago upon comparatively a small scale, and now its huge proportions employ several hundred persons in various capacities and is represented by several millions of dollars capital. Our facilities are greater, laborers accustomed to gathering them can be procured in any quantity and at low rates comparatively, and our connection with the interior by railways ramifying in every direction and insures markets for consumption. The mouth of the Combahee river alone, where fresh water meets the salt are inexhaustible beds of bivalves that rival all others in lusciousness, size and flavor, while the whole coast from that stream nearly down to Savannah, is one mass of the most easily accessible beds of large, fat single oysters that are to be found anywhere upon the Atlantic coast. Columbia pays six dollars per barrel for oysters which can be got here at about seventy-five cents per barrel. We now luxuriate in oysters opened and sold in the market at forty cents a gallon and which the interior towns would be glad to get at three times that price. In addition to this, the supplies of the finest and rarest varieties of fish, that would become a branch of the trade in oysters, would still further draw upon the dormant resources of the sea and ocean to supply food both healthful and nutritious. We would be glad to see the idea taken hold of and some enterprising active oyster man improve upon it. We are sure it could be made in the highest degree remunerative. Can't Baltimore or Norfolk send us an expert to "shell out" from our banks?

Correspondence of the Tribune.
M. Editor:
In a former communication allusion has been made to the moral attitude at present occupied by the United States Government toward Army and Navy purchasers of forfeited and abandoned lands on the Sea Islands of the coast. There remains something to be said on a totally distinct question, namely, its legal liability in connection with the numerous certificates of sale issued to purchasers at public vendue.

The cursory examination of the wording of these certificates shows first, that a sale was made by the authorized United States officials, secondly that the United States acknowledged receipt of one-fourth of the purchase money and retain a right of recourse against the described premises to secure payment of the amount falling due at the end of three years.

Let us suppose now, that two citizens had engaged in a similar transaction, and that the Vendor had deeded the demised premises to the purchaser in the identical language employed in the United States Army and Navy Deeds. What would be their relative positions? Could the Vendor proceed to eject the occupant of the demised premises in any other manner than by regular foreclosure and sale as provided for? Could he set up his "ipse dixit" to the effect that he was not bound by his own agreement, and make his own sweet will a perfect substitute for lawful and legal process? There can be but one answer. The law would restrain him from acting otherwise than in accordance with law.

In the present instance it so happens that the parties opposed in interest are a Sovereign power and a few of its citizens further that the latter, owing to the complete ruin and desolation which speedily overwhelmed this section of the State on the close of the war, have apparently become indifferent to their Sea Island interests, and in view of the great difficulties of prosecuting any claim against the United States Government, have abandoned all of saving anything from the wreck. Nevertheless a large number of titles are outstanding in the hands of legal owners, they having been neither foreclosed nor retired by the United States Government, and it would seem that, if the United States were originally, by virtue of the War Power or any other power, in a position to exchange valued titles for money, they actually did so exchange titles for money, and that in the total absence of all legal proceedings, thus far in foreclosure, the holders of said titles are still entitled to the possession and enjoyment of their partly paid-for properties.

In face of this plain and only possible deduction from the actual facts Congress saw fit to pass an ordinance ignoring the existence of any obligation towards Army and Navy purchasers, whose money the Government is now in possession of, and up to the present time the latter have not even seen fit to evince a disposition to maintain their legal rights for reasons before indicated. Indeed, the key to a correct understanding and appreciation of this whole question is only to be found in this very fact, that plantation property in this vicinity has scarcely any actual value. We wonder not then that the parties interested feel aggrieved at the present attitude of their Government, they having paid full value, and (according to the Government dictum) received nothing in return. They are simply told "go whistle for your money."

VIATOR.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
TOWN OF BEAUFORT.

An Ordinance to raise supplies for the year 1875, and for other purposes.

Be it Ordained by the Intendant and Wardens of the town of Beaufort, in Council assembled:

SECTION I. That a tax for the year 1875 for the sums, and in the manner hereinafter prescribed shall be raised and paid into the Treasury of the town for the use and service thereof, that is to say,

Sec. II. That after the passage of this ordinance there shall be paid into the Town Treasury one hundred (125 cent) and twenty-five cents, on every hundred dollars of the value of every house, building, lot, wharf or other landed estate within the limits of the Town excepting such property as belongs to, and is occupied by religious, charitable, or literary associations. One hundred (100) cents on every hundred dollars of the value of personal or possessory property of every kind, including money on hand, or on deposit, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness, and exclusive of household furniture to the value of one hundred dollars.

Sec. III. That immediately after the passage of this Ordinance, all persons or corporations, doing business within the limits of the Town shall be, and are hereby required to pay special taxes for the same into the Town treasury, as hereafter prescribed, to wit:

1st. For a Dray, Cart, Buggy or other vehicle kept for hire, \$5
2d. For non-residents of the town selling or offering for sale wares, or merchandise by sample or otherwise, not to exceed \$40 nor less than \$10, at the discretion of the Intendant.
3rd. For any person or persons selling any wares or merchandise, and offering in connection therewith, any prize or reward to be given by lot or decided by chance, \$500
4th. For any show, circus or public performance not exceeding \$50. At the discretion of the Intendant.
5th. For Express Companies, \$25
6th. For Telegraph Companies, \$35
7th. For all dealers in spirituous liquors and Hotels where liquors are sold \$165
8th. For Ginning Cotton, \$50

9th. For every person or persons using Steam as a motive power, \$10
10. For every Auctioneer, \$25
11. For every Undertaker, \$5
12th. For every Junk Dealer, \$20
12th. For every Commission Merchant, \$20
14th. For every Bagatelle or Billiard table, or Bowling Alley kept for public use, \$20
15th. For each Bank for Savings or deposits, \$50
16th. Traders who have commenced business since January 1st, 1875, shall pay in lieu of the tax on personal property, a special tax for the balance of the year at the rate of, per month, \$2
SEC. IV. That all taxes on personal property imposed by the provisions of this Ordinance shall have reference as to possession and valuation to the 1st day of December, 1874, and for the year beginning January 1st, 1875, to December 31st, 1875.

SEC. V. * * * * *

SEC. VI. That all taxes not paid on or before the 30th day of January, 1875, shall be liable to a penalty in accordance with the Ordinance, entitled "An Ordinance to raise supplies for the year 1868, and for other purposes." Ratified in Council, April 29, 1868.

SEC. VII. All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances, in conflict with this Ordinance, except that concerning the sale of gun powder, ratified March 19th, 1869, are hereby revoked.

Ratified in Council this twenty-third day of December, 1874.

[Signed,]
G. W. ROBERTS, J. C. MAYO,
Clerk Council. Intendant Pro-tem

FIREMEN'S PARADE.
The parade and inspection of the Beaufort Fire Department will take place on Wednesday afternoon, January 18th, at 2 p. m.

H. M. STUART,
Chief.

NOTICE.
ALL PERSONS PAYING TOWN TAXES, are hereby notified that only United States or National Bank notes will be received.

Geo. W. F. SIMMONS,
Treasurer of Town of Beaufort.

TREASURER'S OFFICE.
This Office will receive from 8 A. M. to 12 M. and from 1 to 4 P. M. for the collection of Town taxes until the 31st day of January, 1875, after which date the penalty will be added as provided by law.

Geo. W. F. SIMMONS,
Treasurer of Town of Beaufort.

C. G. SIMMONS,
Surgeon Dentist.
Will visit Beaufort for the practice of his profession during the month of January.
Jan. 6 03.

SHEPARD D. GILBERT,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
Attention given to M. & P. notes.
OFFICE
In the CLUB HOUSE Jan. 6-07.

W. H. LOCKWOOD,
U. S. COMMISSIONER
and
NOTARY PUBLIC.
Agent for sale, N. Y. Industrial Exhibition Co's. Bonds—\$20 each.

HENRY WELSH,
Importer and
WHOLESALE GROCER.
247 Washington Street,
Cor Franklin st.
NEW YORK.

TOWN PLATS,
FOR SALE,
With or without
ORANGE ORCHARDS,
IN THE TOWN OF
BEECHER,
FLORIDA.

Information relative to Beecher Florida, can be obtained. The former from a fine executed map, 20 by 28 inches, on linen paper, containing Fruitful Peninsula, Town plat of Beecher, and the only accurate map of the St. Johns river to Lake Harney. The latter from a large pamphlet, English or German on Florida. It climate and productions, with a sketch of its History.

These will be forwarded free of postage, on receipt of 25 cents each.

Address,
EDWIN A. STUDWELL,
MANAGING DIRECTOR,
The Beecher Land Co., Fla.,
P. O. Box, 2822, 24 PARK ROW NEW YORK.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF BEAUFORT.
ALLISTER WHITE,
Plaintiff,
vs.
RHINA WHITE
Defendant.

To Rhina White, defendant in this action: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint herein, which is filed in the office of the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said county and State, and to serve a copy of your answer on the subscriber, at his office, Bay Street, Beaufort, S. C. within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of service. And if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in this complaint.

And you are further required to take notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the Clerk's office aforesaid, on the 21st day of December 1874.

JOSEPH M. WILLIAMS,
Plaintiff's Attorney
H. G. JENN, L. S.
C. C. C. P.

State and County Taxes.
COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE }
COURT HOUSE,
Beaufort, S. C. }

NOTICE is hereby given that this Office will be opened for the receipt of State and County Taxes for the year 1874, on Monday the 30th day of November, 1874. For the convenience of Tax payers I will be at the following named places in the County to facilitate the collection of the same:

Gillisonville, December, 14th.
Robertsville, " 15th.
Brighton, " 16th.
Lawtonville, " 17th.
H. H. Peeples Store, " 18th.
Beach Branch, " 19th.
Brunson, " 21st.
Varnesville, " 22nd.
Altman's, " 23rd.
Yemassee, " 24th.
Grahamville, January, 5th.
Hardeeville, " 6th.
Savannah " Sheriff's Office, " 7th.
Scrivens Ferry, " 8th.
Levy's X Roads, " 9th.
Oakland, " 11th.
Bluffton, " 19th.

Hilton Head "Valentine's Store," Wednesday, Jan. 18.
Hilton Head, "McIntyre's Store," Thursday, Jan. 14.

GEO. HOLMES,
Treasurer, Bt. Co.,
Beaufort, S. C., Nov. 30, 1874.

STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.
COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE }
COURT HOUSE,
Beaufort, S. C. }

Notice is hereby given that this Office will be open for the receipt of the State and County Taxes for the year 1874 on the 30th day of Nov. 1874. All taxes not paid on or before the 15th day of January 1875 will be liable to a penalty of twenty per cent.

All real and personal property is charged:
For State purposes, 10-5 mills
For County purposes, 8 mills
For Past delinquencies, 2 mills
Poll Tax per capita, 1 dollar.
For School purposes, Beaufort, Bluffton, Coatesville, Hilton Head, and Peoples Townships, 1 mill; Coosawatchie, Lawton, Pocolibro, Sheldon and Yemassee, one (1) mill; St. Helena and Ladies Island three (3) mills.

GEO. HOLMES,
Treasurer Beaufort County,
Nov. 25-74.

To Holders of County checks or Audited Claims, prior to Nov. 1, 1875.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
Beaufort, S. C., January 4th, 1875.

In accordance with the provision of a joint resolution entitled "A joint resolution authorizing the County Commissioners of Beaufort county to levy a special tax," dated April 7th, 1874, and an act to amend the same, approved the 29th day of January A. D. 1874, sealed proposals will be received at this office from parties holding checks or audited claims contracted prior to November 1, 1874, until Thursday the fourth day of February next, at 12 o'clock, P. M. at which time said bids will be opened, and the Board of County Commissioners will draw on the Treasurer to the amount of one thousand dollars in favor of the person or persons who shall have offered the largest per centum discount on their checks or audited claims.

Proposals must be addressed to Dr. Paul Pritchard, Chairman of the Board and endorsed "Proposals for settlement of past delinquencies of Beaufort County."

P. PRITCHARD,
GEO. WATERHOUSE,
V. S. 8409TT,
County Commissioners.

FURNITURE.
Just Received from Cincinnati a Lot of Old Fashion
OAK BOTTOM CHAIRS,
PRICE ONLY 75 Cents,
ALSO,
CHAMBER SETS,
MATTRESSES,
CARPETINGS,
CURTAIN ROLLERS, &c. &c.
Geo. Waterhouse.
dec2-55.

R. P. BARRY,
WHOLESALE and RETAIL DEALER IN
Dry Goods,
CLOTHING,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
HATS AND CAPS,
NOTIONS, &c. &c.
Bay Street, Beaufort, S. C.,
dec2-54.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR,
Maple Sugar,
Choice Syrup,
For Sale By
W. M. FRENCH,
E. A. & F. W. SCHEPER,
DEALERS IN

Dry Goods,
Clothing, Notions, &c.,
Have Laid in an Immense Stock of
Fall and Winter Goods,
LADIES GOODS,
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,
HATS, BOOTS, SHOES, &c. &c.,
Call and Examine the stock, which cannot be surpassed by any House in the State.
Prices Low to Suit the Times.
dec2-53.

BEAUFORT
MACHINE SHOP.
Having opened a Shop here, I am prepared with the LATEST IMPROVED TOOLS to Build and repair all kinds of MACHINERY, both Wood and Iron. Particular attention given to
Designing and Pattern Making,
For New Work.
STEAM PIPE and FITTINGS,
Constantly on hand
At Northern Prices.
Common Sizes of Iron Nuts
AND STEEL.
Personal attention given to
SETTING and CONSTRUCTING
STEAM BOILER
FURNACES FOR SAVING FUEL.
Shop next to Post Office
J. A. Whitman,
Mechanical Engineer.

BEAUFORT HOUSE
Beaufort, S. C.,
Public,
Carriages will be on hand to carry guests to and from the Depot and
Port Royal.
J. A. DUPONG,
Proprietor.

MRS. MORILLO,
Has Just Received a Fresh Stock of
FRUITS and
Confectionery.
Store Opposite the Bank,
BAY STREET.

SCHOONER BERTHA,
CAPT. E. B. TREVETT,
Will ply between Savannah and Beaufort, in connection with all Steamships between
Northern Ports
AND
Savannah.
F. eight Carried as
LOW
As by any other route with Quick despatch. All
Orders
Entrusted to me will be punctually attended to.
M. B. TREVETT.
nov25-41.

NOTICE
TO
SHIP MASTERS
AND
COTTON SHIPPERS,
Port Royal Cotton Compressing
Warehousing & Power Co.,
Are prepared to receive on storage and Compress Cotton at the usual rates at their works and yard at Port Royal.
CHAS. ROGERS,
Superintendent.
nov25-80.

P. M. WHITMAN,
Watchmaker and Jeweler,
BAY STREET, BEAUFORT, S. C.,
Has Just received from the North a fine assortment of goods at
Northern Prices.
WEDDING RINGS, \$3.00 to \$12.00,
SILVER RINGS, 30c. to \$1.50,
SILVER NAPKIN RINGS, \$2.00 to \$4.00.
LADIES GOLD WATCHES, \$36 to \$50.
8 Day & 1 Day striking Clocks,
\$3.50 to \$8.
GENTS' GOLD CHAINS, PINS, RINGS, SLEEVES, BUTTONS, STUDS, WATCH CHAINS,
LADIES GOLD and PLATED JEWELRY,
GOLD PENS, &c. &c.
Gents' Gold and Silver Watches.
Call and examine before purchasing, and satisfy yourself you can save ten to twenty-five per cent from Charleston or Savannah prices.
nov25-87.

JAS. E. MCGREGOR,
CARRIAGE MAKER.
Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and despatch, and satisfaction guaranteed. Shop cor West and Craven Streets,
BEAUFORT, S. C.
nov25-80.

A. ARTIS,
Barber.
SHAVING,
HAIR CUTTING,
DYEING, AND
SHAMPOOING,
In the most
Artistic style.
Saloon in the rear of the Drug Store,
BEAUFORT, S. C.
nov25-81.

LUMBER YARD.
A Full Stock of Lumber and Timber constantly on hand at
Low Prices.
Parties desiring estimates for large quantities are requested to give me a call. Yard in rear of the Post Office.
R. G. HOLMES,
nov25-87.

JAMES E. BOYCE,
WHOLESALE & RETAIL GROCER
Dealer in
ALES,
WINES,
LIQUORS,
AND TOBACCO
NOTIONS,
DRY GOODS,
BOOTS
and SHOES.
BAY ST.,
BEAUFORT, S. C., nov25.
J. A. ENSLOW,
FACTOR,
SHIPPING, AND COMMISSION
Merchant,
141 Bay, Street,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Dry Goods.
Fancy Goods,
CLOTHING,
Boots and Shoes,
Trunks, Valises, &c.,
Millinery and Dress Making
On hand a large assortment of
NOTIONS,
At Prices Bound to Please.
MRS. MARY McBRIDE,
North East Cor. Bay and Scott Street.
BEAUFORT, S. C.
nov25-49.

N. BRADY,
Dealer in Groceries, Liquors, &c
The highest price paid for
Otter Mink & Deer SKINS
and all kinds of
COUNTRY PRODUCE,
BAY ST.,
BEAUFORT, S. C.
nov25-82.

W. M. FRENCH,
AGENT.
Wholesale and Retail
DEALER IN
Fine Groceries, Fruits and
Vegetables, A full Assortment of
Canned Goods,
Dried Fruits, &c.
Just Received a Barrel of CANADA SALMON
in pickle,
20 Barrels Biscuits,
15 Barrels Apples,
\$3.50 per barrel,
Catawba Grapes,
Oranges, Cranberries,
Figs, Onions,
cabbages,
Potatoes, &c.,
THE BEST HAMS IN THE MARKET
SMOKED TONGUES,
DRIED BEEF,
BREAKFAST BACON,
4,500 pounds SHOULDERS,
Suitable for Country Merchants.

WM. MITCHELL,
Blacksmith and
Horseshoer.
Any work in my Line Executed promptly and with despatch. Satisfaction Guaranteed and work done as well as any where in the State.
SHOP OPPOSITE THE ARSENAL,
BEAUFORT, S. C.
nov25-43.

W. H. CALVERT,
TIN SMITH.
DEALER IN
JAPANESE PLANISHED and
PLAIN TIN WARE,
Constantly on hand a full Stock of
Heating, Cooking and Box
STOVES and PIPE.
Particular attention given to putting on and repainting Tin Roofs, Leadings and Gutters.
Terms Cash.
Hoping for a continuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed on me, I will not fail to do the best in the most workmanlike manner.
nov25-86.