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COLUMBIA LETTER.

The State House investigation committee is now investigating the case of the late Senator Robert A. Aldrich.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 19.—The last week of the legislature has been the most sensational in the general assembly has known for many years, the report of the State House investigating committee having brought about very bitter feeling between the members of that commission and the members of the commission to complete the capitol.

As none of the latter—except Senator Marshall, who made the minority report—was present at any of the investigating committee's sessions it is now charged on behalf of and by the old commission that its members have been criticized and condemned without a hearing. The old commission, through several of its members, presented a memorial to the legislature setting forth this fact and several resolutions were thereupon offered looking to a presentation of their side of the case to the legislature and to the public. All of these gentlemen can hope for all that they ask—the opportunity to answer criticisms which have been placed upon them. This report does not charge them with any wrong-doing, they are not accused of collusion with the architect or contractors, and the worst reflection upon them that can be drawn from the report is that they permitted shoddy work to be put off upon the State of South Carolina.

It is quite easy to see what the desire of the old commission will be. They will claim, in brief, that the legislature instructed to do a certain work with a stipulated sum of money, that they could not change the plans and that they could not ask or expect more money if the work is faulty and unsatisfactory. It is because the best work could not be had for the amount appropriated; that the contractor's work did not come up to the architect's specifications, that was for the architect, not the commission, to judge and the commission could not refuse to accept the architect's statement that the work came up to the requirements. This defense, of course, will leave the burden to be born by the architect, Mr. Frank P. Milburn, of Columbia, and it is quite probable that the burden will rest there. It is not probable that the commission will make common cause with him.

SENATOR J. Q. MARSHALL.
The investigation was called forth by the minority report of Senator J. Q. Marshall of Richland, who all along contended that the work was not being properly done. Mr. Marshall was from the start opposed to the selection of Mr. Milburn as the architect and he had his own ideas as to how the work should be done. Since the time he was secretary of State, 1838-1860, Mr. Marshall has been considered the best posted man in the state concerning the capitol, its original design, its conditions and its needs. It was he who pushed through the appropriation and he has been very anxious in his desire to see the capitol finished in proper style. Determined, courageous, outspoken and honest, no one who knows "Old" Marshall would ever imagine that he would rest until he had won.

His objections were taken up by the commission provided for last year, consisting of Senators Robert Aldrich and R. L. Manning and Representatives T. Y. Williams, J. M. Bevilacqua and J. O. Patterson, Jr. The original State House commission consisted of Gov. McSwain, Mr. R. Cooper, secretary of State; Representatives R. J. Gantt and W. J. Johnson; and the following from the sinking fund commission: Senator Mower, Representative J. Harvey Wilson, Gov. Duncan Bellingier, attorney general, K. H. Jennings, State treasurer, and Governor and Secretary of State. There were also members of the sinking fund commission. Now in the composition of these two commissions there is not a little political history, which would be actually set on

SOME POLITICAL HISTORY.

The chairman of the investigating committee is Senator Robert Aldrich of Barwell, a man of fine intellect, possessing an incisive mind and a most excellent memory not only for facts but for friends and enemies. Another member of the commission is Representative Patterson, also from Barwell, and said to be politically friendly to the senator from that county. Now on the "A" commission, by virtue of his being attorney general, Mr. C. Duncan Bellingier, also of Barwell, and Gov. McSwain. For many years, ever since Mr. Bellingier entered politics as a very young man, he and Aldrich have been rival leaders in their county and at times the feeling between their factions has been very bitter. Neither is there much love lost between Senator Aldrich and Gov. McSwain; it was the talk four years ago that Senator Aldrich was responsible for the candidacy of A. Howard Patterson against Gov. McSwain. So that if Col. Aldrich wrote the investigating committee's report there is no use to be surprised at its "spicyness."

Mr. Bellingier has said in the public prints that he requested of Mr. J. O. Patterson, Jr., the privilege, or the right, to appear before the investigating commission and that his request was ignored. Mr. Patterson said on the floor of the house the other night that he did not understand Mr. Bellingier's remarks that way.

WARM WORDS.

The only members of the old commission in the legislature now are Senator Mower and Representative Johnson. Senator Mower has been out of the city several days this week. Mr. Johnson speaks for himself and his associates when the matter came up in the house and what he said was also "spicy." Mr. Williams and Mr. Rawlinson pined Mr. Johnson with questions to find out if the latter had been denied the privilege of coming before the commission. The moment was reaching when Mr. Rawlinson began to approach toward Mr. Johnson, but the speakers tapped the members to order.

Mr. Johnson declared the report of this commission, which set behind closed doors to have been a damnable insult to South Carolina. In reply to Mr. Patterson he said that there had been no division in the building commission except for one dissenting member, who had been permitted to write the investigating commission. Why not the other eight? They are honorable gentlemen, all of them, and any statement to the contrary is an infamously lie.

Mr. Williams.—Do you mean to apply that to the members of the committee?

Mr. Johnson.—You have heard what I have said.

Mr. Williams.—Do you mean to apply that to me? It is very easy for you to say.

Mr. Johnson.—If it fits you wear it; just wear it.

Mr. Williams.—Alright, sir.

Mr. Gaston made the point of order that the discussion was all out of order.

Mr. Mauldin, in the chair, ruled that the memorial was a matter for discussion.

Mr. Johnson, continuing, said that the joint committee was no more fit to pass upon the government architect's work than the building commission was to pass upon the work on the state house. Mr. Johnson continued that the damnable suggestions in the report were absolutely false.

This incident was one of the most exciting that has occurred in the South Carolina legislature in a long time but it is even more interesting than appears on the surface when it is known that the two gentlemen have not been on the most cordial terms since the fight in the general assembly on the Virginia-Carolina-Chemical company a few years ago, in which Mr. Johnson took a leading part against the trust.

WHAT WILL BE DONE.

From the actions of both senate and house it seems that action will be instituted to recover from the architect, Mr. Milburn, and the contractors, Messrs. McIvaine, Unkefer & Co., while the state house commission will be permitted to make such statement as they desire, which will be printed in the Record. The suit is not to be brought by the attorney general but by counsel to be selected by two managers, one to be appointed by the president of the senate, the other by the speaker of the house.

The legislature, while this state house matter has been distracting has nevertheless done a lot of work this last week. Night sessions have been the rule. The house met on Friday night when President Benjamin Sloan of the South Carolina college was giving a banquet to the legislature on Tuesday night when a tremendous crowd to the opera house.

The house has passed both the appropriation and the supply bills, making only a few minor changes in each. The general law, for state purposes remains, as for some years, at 5 mills and the appropriations are about the same for all.

This levy has heretofore proved insufficient to raise the amounts appropriated and the only hope for the state to pay its expenses is to get more property on the tax books or to increase assessments on property already taxed. The joint committee appointed last year for that purpose reported very favorably on this bill but the only bill that has met with favor is that which places a tax on corporation franchises. To be sure, both houses have passed a bill to levy a tax of 50 cents per head on all dogs in the state.

CONTESTED MATTERS.

The hardest fight of the week in the senate was over Senator Brice's bill to allow counties to vote on the question of removing dispensaries already established. The bill brought out the most interesting debate on the dispensary system. The measure was finally passed after being amended so as to levy a tax of one-half mill upon any county voting out a dispensary and to deprive that county of its share of the dispensary profits for the public schools. A similar bill has passed the house.

The warmest contest in the house was on the proposition to prohibit, instead of immigration. The bill which has passed the senate passed second reading in the house by a vote of 50 to 48 but on third reading was recommitted by a majority of two votes; and has been reported back unfavorable. It will be called up today, no doubt.

The senate will tonight take up the matter of increasing the court fees, there being two bills before that body—one to establish two additional circuits for both the general sessions and common pleas courts, and the other to separate the civil and criminal business. There is not much prospect of either one becoming law.

Escaped an Awful Fate.

Mr. H. Higgins, of Melbourne, Fla., writes: "I was once taken with Consumption and nothing could be done for me. I was given up to die. The offer of a free trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, induced me to try it. Result was restoring. I am now on the road to recovery and owe all to Dr. King's New Discovery. I surely never get well until the cure is guaranteed for all throat and lung diseases at Letner's Drug Store and Johnson & Guy's. Price 50c & 1.00. Trial bottles 10c."

Mrs. L. T. Nichols.

Among sketches of prominent women the Keystone gives the following: Mrs. L. T. Nichols, the second vice president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, is a native Georgian, having been born in Atlanta, Georgia, of native born Georgia parents. Mrs. Nichols attended the Girls' High School of Atlanta, and married at the age of 16 Mr. L. T. Nichols, of Virginia. Immediately after her marriage the Nichols moved to Chester, S. C., which has been their home ever since.

Mrs. Nichols has been with the Carolina and Northwestern Railroad for eighteen years, and was active in organizing the Commercial and Manufacturers' Club of Chester, the presidency of which she held for four years.

Mrs. Nichols is the devoted mother of five boys and one girl, and has had time to do her part in behalf of the women's work of Chester.

She organized the Free Kindergarten Association, of Chester in June, 1902, refusing to accept the presidency of the association owing to other club duties. She is the secretary of the Palmetto Club of Chester.

Mrs. Nichols is a Baptist church member and has been a member of the Woman's Exchange, of Chester, and a member of the Palmetto Public Library, of Chester, and is also a member of the very fond of poetry and is partial to magazine reading. As a capable and efficient housekeeper who enjoys the duties which fall to her lot, she is fond of entertaining, but she confesses that her chief pleasures and recreation is travelling.

Mrs. Nichols is an active and energetic worker in whatever field her interest may lay, and the Federation was wise in securing her on its board and Chester is to be congratulated on being so well represented in her personality.

Better Than Gold.

"I was troubled for several years with chronic indigestion and nervous debility," writes E. J. Green, of Lancaster, N. H. "My remedy helped me until I began using Electric Bitters, which did me more good than all the medicine I ever took. This medicine has helped my wife in excellent health for years. She says Electric Bitters are just splendid for female troubles; that they are a grand remedy for constipation for weak, run down women. No other medicine can take its place in our family." Try them. The satisfaction guaranteed by Little's Drug Store and Johnson & Guy's.

He Alone Is Left.

Hanging on the walls of The Observer office is an excellent likeness, clipped from Puck of March 14, 1885, of President Grover Cleveland and the members of his cabinet. Over Cleveland's head is his sentence from his inaugural address: "It is the duty of those serving the public to public places to closely limit public expenditures to the actual needs of the government economically administered." Standing or seated about the president are seven men whose superiors were never gathered together in public office—W. C. Whitney, secretary of the navy; Daniel Manning, secretary of the treasury; A. H. Garland, attorney general; Thos. F. Bayard, secretary of state; W. C. Edick, secretary of war; F. V. Viles, postmaster general; L. Q. C. Lamar, secretary of the interior—a splendid galaxy. The first of the group to pass away was Daniel Manning. He died in office. The last was W. C. Whitney, who died only a few days ago. Cleveland, the chief alone is left.—Newberry Observer.

A Household Necessity.

A good liniment is a household necessity. Elliott's Emulsified Oil Liniment meets every requirement of the household and barn-yard in a most reliable manner. It is a most valuable remedy for all rheumatism, sprains, etc. Price 50c. Trial bottles 10c. T. S. Letner.

About "Treating"

The gentleman who considers that it will be an unendurable hardship to prohibit "treating" within a certain distance of an election precinct on one day in two years would fare badly in some other states. In Vermont, for instance, "treating" in a public place is prohibited at all times. The convivial individual is forbidden to treat and the "moon keeper" is prevented from selling his liquor with which to treat. This law is enforced, and the person who violates its provisions is likely to find himself in jail. The bars against treating are even more insurmountable in Mr. Bryan's State, Nebraska, as this section from the statutes of that State will show:

"Any person treating (or offering to treat) any other person, or accepting or offering to accept any treat or gift of any intoxicating drink whatever, in any saloon or public place where liquors are kept for sale, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to a fine of \$10, or imprisonment in the common jail of the county for ten days, or both, in the discretion of the court; but in addition thereto, shall be liable to the attorney prosecuting the case, if there be any, for the cost of the prosecution."

Only the very gilded youth, therefore, can afford to "open a small bottle" in Nebraska except for the cost of the "treat," irrespective of the price of the wine, which is \$2.00. Treating is treated and Nebraska are enforced every day of the year and the object is to decrease intemperance—the "treating habit" causing men to drink more than they otherwise would. The law proposed for South Carolina was only to suspend treating on one day out of 370 days and its purpose was higher than temperance, although the intemperance citizen of a low order; its object is to safeguard the purity of the ballot and to prevent debauchery of the weak and ignorant voters.

It is really asking too much of South Carolina's representatives to seek the boon of one sober day, one day every other year, when votes should not be purchased with whiskey?—The State.

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplished by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy loosens the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A cough is a sign of trouble. Sold by J. J. Stringfellow.

Mr. Mack Wilson Hurt.

The following taken from the Gastonia Gazette will be of interest to the friends of Mrs. Wilson, who was Miss Janie Wylie, of the Wallace neighborhood: "Mr. Mack Wilson, who has charge of Craig & Wilson's branch livery stable at Charlotte was painfully injured Friday afternoon while driving on South Tryon street in company with Mr. T. L. Davesaux. Their horse became frightened at a street car and dashed to the sidewalk, which was about three feet higher than the street. Mr. Wilson was thrown out and his head struck on the curbing, rendering him unconscious. He also received some other slight injuries. Mr. Wilson was taken to his boarding house where he remained unconscious till Saturday morning. He came to Gastonia Saturday and is able to be out but has not entirely recovered from the effects of the blow."

Nearly Forfeits His Life.

A runaway almost ending fatally started a horrible uproar on the leg of J. B. Orner, Franklin Grove, Ill. For four years it defied all doctors and all medicines. But Bucklen's Arnica Salve had no trouble to cure him. Equally good for Burns, Bruises, Skin Eruptions, and Piles. Sold by Letner's Drug Store and Johnson & Guy's.

OUR PRIZES.

To Be Awarded to Five Persons Elected by Cash Subscribers to The Lantern.

For the purpose of stimulating cash subscriptions to The Lantern, we offer the following prizes to be awarded by a vote of our subscribers:

- 1st. A scholarship in Due West Female college for the term beginning April 1st and ending with the close of the session in June. This scholarship carries with it board, including furnished room, washing, oil, fuel and servants attendance, as well as tuition in any of the regular classes absolutely free of cost. The pupil can take the business course, piano, voice, guitar, or expression on payment of \$6.25.
- 2nd. An Unlimited Scholarship in Maclester's South Carolina Business College, Columbia, S. C.
- 3rd. An unlimited, full course Scholarship in the Georgia-Alabama Business College, Macon, Ga.
- 4th. A New Gold Watch, filled case, Columbus movement. This is a beautiful watch, and the winner will be proud of it. It can be seen upon application to the editor.
- 5th. A Disk Piano. This class has been used a little but is about as good as new.

We will give the value of these prizes and some other information a little later. The person receiving the largest number of votes cast by Lantern subscribers will have first choice of the prizes offered, the one who receives the next largest number will have second choice, and so on.

WHO CAN VOTE.

Any subscriber may vote at the next issue of The Lantern he has paid for in advance—two for a year, or 100 votes for a year.

Those whose subscriptions are already paid in advance may count from the first of this year, or from the time their subscriptions began, if since Jan. 1st.

Subscribers who owe for past subscription may vote on what they owe for the past as well as for the future, provided they pay in advance for the remainder of this year; otherwise they can vote only on advance payment.

All those whose subscriptions are paid up to Jan. 1, 1905, will be entitled to ten additional votes.

Name five candidates on your vote and your whole vote will be counted for each. Voting will begin Wednesday, Jan. 27th, provided as many as eight candidates appear in the race. No votes will be received until at least eight candidates have been announced.

Why Know What You Are Taking

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is so plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay, 50 cents.

A Sharp—A frog was trying to get up a slippery bank twelve feet high, in the first twelve hours he climbed eight feet, but in the next twelve hours he loses four feet. How long will he be reaching the top.

B. Flat—After much calculation gives it up.

A Sharp—Why, having lost his four feet, how could he get up to the top at all?—Exchange.

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Rev. Parker Holmes, pastor of the 1st M. E. Church, South Charlotte, N. C., says: "I have used Rydals Stomach Tablets for indigestion and regard them as a perfect restorer of the digestive system. I have written in recommending them to all sufferers from indigestion. Use Rydals Stomach Tablets for your stomach trouble and you will find it a most interesting and agreeable experience. These tablets will digest the food you eat, and prevent the partial starvation, from which all dyspeptics suffer and which causes the loss in flesh and strength and all the disagreeable symptoms that attend. They will increase your strength and flesh, and restore to the first days use and will restore you to perfect health. T. S. Letner. & G.

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Col. McKorkle Dead.

Special to The State. YORKVILLE, Feb. 14.—The highly esteemed and popular judge of probate, Col. Wm. McKorkle died about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. B. N. Moore, after an illness of several weeks. The cause of his death was a general breakdown of health, incident to extreme age, he being in his 83rd year.

Col. McKorkle was born in 1821, a mile and a half from what is now the city of Rock Hill, and came to Yorkville in 1840 as a clerk for the late Andrew Hutchison, dry goods, etc. Afterwards he formed a partnership with Mr. John H. Adams under the firm name of Adams & McKorkle, they doing one of the largest and best mercantile businesses in this place. In 1861 Col. McKorkle raised a company for the Confederate service and went into the army as its captain, it becoming Company A of the Twelfth South Carolina regiment. He gradually rose until he became lieutenant colonel of that regiment. He was wounded in the foot at Sharpsburg and was afterwards transferred to the quartermaster department. His old wounds were much pain and trouble in his last illness.

After the War Between the Sections the colonel engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years, being manager of several large stores. He was elected probate judge for Yorkville, succeeding Mr. J. R. Kay. This office he held until he died.

He was married to a Miss Taylor, and they had one daughter, who was also a prominent business woman. Col. McKorkle was married a second time, his first wife being a Miss Taylor, a daughter of Col. Wm. Wright, and to this union one son was born, Mr. Robert R. McKorkle, now living a few miles north of Yorkville. His second wife was a Mrs. Dixon, formerly Miss Elva Grier, of Charlotte. She had one son, Mr. Charles H. Dixon, of Columbia. To his last union two children were born, Mrs. B. N. Moore of Yorkville and Mr. Paul G. McKorkle, of Charleston.

Funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian church at 3:30 this afternoon, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. G. Neville, and the remains were interred in the city cemetery. There is universal sorrow here on account of the death of this beloved old gentleman and the deepest sympathies are with the family. G. T. S.

Mysterious Circumstances.

One was pale and sallow and the other was ruddy and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs of the complete good digestion and head of congestion. Try them. Only 25c at Letner's Drug Store and Johnson & Guy's. T. S. Letner.

A School Teacher who had great difficulty with a few mischievous boys said to one of them who had sorely tried her patience: "If I could be your mother: for just a week. I would aid you of your naughty disposition."

"Very well, said the boy, "father is a widower and I'll speak to him about it."—Exchange.

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Senator Hanna having been regarded as a formidable rival of Roosevelt for the presidency, his death is regarded by some as another evidence that Mr. Roosevelt is a man of destiny.

It is reported that Mr. B. A. Morgan, who is now a member of the house from Greenville, will be a candidate for lieutenant governor, also that Senator A. H. Dean, of Greenville will be a candidate for congress from the Fourth district.

A man must get his dues and then he may get more than his due. Our political leaders told us, while Marcus Alonzo Hanna was alive, that he was a trickster, a briber and everything that was bad in politics. Now that he is dead, they weep over him and say he was a loving man, that he was a dispenser of charity who did his limits in secret.

Steinkuhler-Smyer.

The most interesting social event which has taken place here recently was the marriage of Miss Annie Carolyn Steinkuhler and Mr. Wm. Smyer, at the Methodist church, Wednesday evening. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march played by Mrs. A. G. Brice, the bridegroom and attendants on the first the ushers, Messrs. Boyd Carroll, W. A. Locke, Wm. Spratt and Atticus Thornton. Next the little ribbon girls, Misses Alice Glenn and Hazel Thomas, of Littleville, Frank Harvey, of Charlotte, and Johnnie Brown, of Charlotte, who were lovely in their white mull, accordion plated dresses. Mr. W. S. McDonald, Jr., came in with the bride.

Miss Anna Hamilton, of Chesapeake, with Miss Rubie Bowles, of Robt. Mather, of Littleville, Irene Smyer, J. A. Barrow with Miss Bessie Clinton, of Edgemore, Theodora Tinsley with Miss Mary C. Owan, the maid of honor, Miss Kate Holcomb, of Boorea, came down the aisle alone, followed by the bride with her brother, Mr. Albert Steinkuhler, while the groom entered at a side door with his best man, Mr. Pearl Bowles.

The attendants faced the congregation, forming a tableau effect upon the pulpit platform and about the chancel. The Rev. C. P. Watson, the officiating minister, stood within the chancel while the contracting parties took their position in front of him.

After the ceremony that made the two one, the party left the church in reverse order, and Mr. and Mrs. Smyer took the train for a trip to Washington and Baltimore.

The bride wore white silk with over taffets, and carried an exquisite bouquet of bride's roses, white carnations and ferns. The maid of honor was dressed in white albatross with lace bodice and carried pink carnations and maiden hair fern, while the bridesmaids wore large black velvet picture hats, three being dressed in pink organza with pearl trimming, bearing pink carnations and maiden hair fern, and the other three similarly in blue with white carnations.

The church decorations were beautiful in their simplicity and arrangement.

The ceremony was witnessed by a packed house, and many good wishes attend the young people as they enter upon wedded life.

Some of the out of town guests at the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and daughter, of Chorlote, Mrs. A. R. Brown, of Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gall, of Lenoir, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, of Edgemore and Mrs. I. S. Brown, of Columbia.

The Vote.
We give below the vote as it stands now. A number of subscribers have indicated their choice, but they cannot be counted yet as their time has expired and subscription has not been renewed.

- Miss Kate Grant 1582
- " Fannie Sanders 1816
- " Mary Mills 9500
- " Tom Sanders 1431
- " Willie Castles 3104
- " Sadie Thrallkill 3043
- " Lucile Wright 1625
- " Reas Curry 2074
- Mr. N. J. Colvin 1528
- " J. Frank Clark 959
- Miss Emily Jordan 1472
- Mr. Roy Miller 2823
- Miss Victoria Hollis 1692
- Mr. Bart Koe 2007
- Miss Mary Amelia Varnadore 1344
- Annie Wilson 1359

COLUMBIA LETTER.

COLUMBIA, Feb. 18.—The legislature is hurrying through with its work in the endeavor to reach final adjournment Saturday morning so the members can draw their forty days pay and get home for Sunday, but the present prospect is that the adjournment cannot be had before Saturday night—in which case there will be a very small attendance at the final session.

The remainder of the session's work consists in agreement and disagreement of the two houses upon measures that have passed one body or the other but not both. A lot of bills have been left on the house calendar that have not even been considered in that body, where they originated. The appropriation and supply bills have been practically agreed upon, the only important reduction in the appropriations being that of \$100 in the wages of the governor's negro porter.

IMMIGRATION BUREAU.

The house has finally passed the bill establishing an immigration bureau. The measure accepted is the one introduced in the senate by Senator Manning, it being substituted in the house for the similar bill introduced by Mr. W. L. Mauldin and another by Mr. D. D. McColl. Jr. The fight for the bill in the house was led by Messrs. Mauldin and Morgan, both of Greenville and both of whom made strong speeches. However, the bill had a rough passage and passed to third reading yesterday with two house amendments, as follows: By Mr. Spragg: Provides that immigrants shall be confined to white males of the United States, citizens of Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, France and all the other foreigners of "Saxon origin." By Mr. Devore: "Provides that in regard to agricultural interests under this act it shall be the duty of the commissioner to cause these immigrants only who desire to purchase homes to be included in this class and who will be up-kept in their interest."

The commissioner of immigration is to be appointed by the governor for a term of four years and will receive a salary of \$1,950, with a clerk at \$1,000, and \$2,000 for advertising and traveling expenses. Gov. Heyward is already being besieged by applications for the new job but he says he will take his time and pick out the very best man he can find, regardless of any other consideration than fitness for the place.

The bill putting the telephone companies under the railroad commission, a measure introduced by Senator Hyrdick and after amendment passed by the senate, has now passed the house. Mr. Morgan, who had introduced a similar measure, accepted Senator Hyrdick's bill and led the fight for it in the house. It is no so stringent as it was in its original form.

The conference committee appointed on Mr. D. O. Herbert's bill to create scholarships at Clemson college made its report in favor of the senate amendment making these scholarships apply to the agricultural department alone, and the report was accepted. This provides 124 additional scholarships in Clemson confined to the agricultural course.

The house has again rejected the proposition to make school attendance compulsory by killing Mr. Herbert's bill requiring all children between certain ages to go to school for eight weeks in the year. The house has also killed Mr. Toole's bill to regulate the catching and sale of oysters, shad, clams and other shell fish and migratory fish. The bill was introduced last session and is somewhat along the lines of the law in Maryland, where there is an annual revenue of \$400,000 from the licenses issued to those in the shell fish industry. Virginia gets nearly \$200,000 out of such licenses. The bill at first seemed to be favored by the majority of the house, but Mr. Colcock's fight, almost unaided, except for the assistance of Mr. Lofton, carried the day and the bill was lost. One thing which operated against the bill was the fact that it was indicated by Mr. B. Mar and Mr. Bullock that this bill might interfere with the famous shad bill, now a law.

ANTI TREATING BILL.

Mr. Doyle's anti-treating bill has at last got through both houses, though variously amended. In its present shape the bill reads: "It shall be unlawful hereafter for any person to sell, barter or give away, or treat a voter, to any malt or intoxicating liquor within one mile of any voting precinct during any primary or other election under a penalty upon conviction therefor of not more than 30 days imprisonment with labor."

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FIT GUARANTEED.
We have just received our line of Samples for SPRING Wear. We are now ready to take your measure and make you a Spring Suit of High Grade material of which there are fifty in this season's newest styles to select from.

Our Mr. LATIMER, who has charge of the Tailoring Department, will be glad to see you and take your measure. You all know Mr. Latimer's ability in the art of measuring, as he enjoys the reputation of being an expert in this line.

20 to 30 Per Cent Saved.

Why pay 20 to 30 per cent more for other tailor made Clothing when we can save you that much, giving you better material and guaranteeing a perfect fit. Only high class tailors employed, and each garment is cut by an expert cutter. With such a combination you cannot fail to get a perfect fit.

Give us a Call and we will be glad to show you through our line at

THE BIG STORE

S M Jones & Co

But a lot of ugly talk

Berkshire Pigs for sale. J. McDaniel, Chester, S. C. 293

A perfect fit is guaranteed by S. M. Jones & Co.

Fodges Letter.

FULLBLES, Feb. 18.—Owing to so much cold and wet weather our farmers have not had any plowing yet.

they are having done these days in chopping and hauling wood.

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There has been a good deal of sickness in the neighborhood but I am glad to say all the sick ones are better at this writing.

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WHEN BUYING PAINT

There are several things to be considered, viz: How Many Gallons Will Be Required, How Much Will the Paint Cost, and the Most Important Feature: Its Finished Appearance and Wearing Quality.

In Using **HIRSHBURG, HOLLANDER & Co's STAG BRAND SEMI-PASTE PAINT**

There is no risk to the Buyer. The Quality is Unsurpassed and the Cost Less, because ONE Gallon makes TWO.



TRADE MARK
FOR SALE BY
JOSEPH A. WALKER.

Like the Pyramids

The pyramids are one of the wonders of the world, not for beauty or art in design, but simply and solely because they have lasted so long. Now

This Furniture Store

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Representing:
GEORGIA HOME,
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HANOVER.

If You Think

I am too far down the Street to call at my store and order your Groceries, just step to a phone and

Call Up Phone No. 261

and your orders will be taken and goods delivered with quick dispatch and the same appreciated. I hope to be in a larger and more convenient place very soon.

Appreciating past favors, I am—Very respectfully,
W. F. McCULLOUGH, In the Valley.

Our New Motto for 1904:

The Best Goods

—FOR THE—
Least Money.

Our hearts go out in grateful thanks to the people of this community for the kind, loyal support they have given us in our endeavors to keep a first-class Fancy and Heavy Grocery Store, and while we may not be able to sell everything lower than any one else.

We will always have something Cheaper and Everything as Cheap.

For the present and until further notice we will sell the Finest Whole Head Rice 14 lbs-for \$1.00. Splendid Standard 3-lb Tomatoes at 10 cents. A splendid 3-lb Standard Dessert Peach at 75c. For one week only, a splendid Loose-Roasted Coffee, 9 lbs. for \$1.00.

We are still selling the same kind of Cheese at the same price.

We Have Everything Kept in a First Class Grocery Store, Heavy and Fancy.

Just received one car Corn Meal, one car Flour, one car Cotton Seed Meal, one car Molasses, one car Seed Oats.

TO THE FARMERS: If you haven't seen Alexander on Molasses, Tobacco, Meal, Corn, Oats, Bacon and Gano you had better see him. Remember our motto, "Best Goods and a Little Cheaper." If I haven't mentioned it it's because I haven't the space. Call us up over the phone and get the price or you may be the loser.

J. R. Alexander,

THE CUT PRICE GROCER.

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THE FOUR POPPY GIRLS WHO WILL BE SEEN THIS SEASON WITH THE LYMAN TWINS - AT THE RAGES.
OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.

THE LANTERN
 THREE DOLLARS A YEAR, CASH.
 Telephone No. 54.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1904.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lewis spent last Sabbath at Lewis.

Mr. R. B. Mobley, of Rodman, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. John Snow, of Peasleeville, was in the city Wednesday.

Misses Nanale Kelsey and Milla Abernathy, of Fort Lawa, are visiting Miss Rose Hough.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stuvant, and Mrs. W. B. Ferguson, of Rossville, were in the city yesterday.

Miss Flossie McInroy has returned to the city from a visit to her aunt and sister at Avon.

Misses Marian Bulwer and Ida Wood, of Crosbyville, were in the city Wednesday.

J. Henry Gladden says he is not one of The Lantern's prizes but for sheriff of Chester county.

Mr. J. M. Daniel, of Columbia, spent two days in the city this week.

Miss Mary Harter entertained on Thursday evening in honor of Miss Frances Graham, of Charlotte.

The board of trustees of Erskine college will meet in Chester on Thursday, Feb. 25th at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Millan and daughters, Margie and Mattie, of Rodman, were in the city Wednesday.

Miss Lydia Gaither, of Greensburg, Penn., arrived in the city yesterday on a visit to the family of Prof. J. S. Marquis.

The advertisement of Mr. S. R. Lathan as fire insurance agent will be found in this issue. He represents a number of good companies, which he names.

Miss Mary Caldwell, of Wellridge, is visiting her aunt, Miss Leila Brice, -A. R. Presbyterians. [We are pleased to say that Miss Mary Caldwell is now of Chester. -The Lantern.]

Mrs. L. T. Nichols left yesterday morning for Newberry, S. C., to meet with the Executive Board of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. While there she will be the guest of Mrs. W. H. Hunt.

Miss Adeline Samuels, formerly of Chester, now of New York, is visiting her sister and mother, after spending the winter in Aiken, Augusta and Savannah. Her many friends are glad to welcome her back.

We have hit upon a fine scheme in dealing with candidates, but we are not applying it all around yet. One of them we charge a fee for admission to this office, and yet he comes often than any of the rest. The fee is 25 cents and upward, according as he has been prepared.

Mr. C. E. Darby made a flying trip to Fort Lawa last night to attend W. O. W. meeting. He said some did some good work, initiating three new members, and no doubt they are wondering today if they "broke the goat" or the "goat rode home."

Rev. Churchill Satterlee, Rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Columbia, died suddenly at Summerville, Ga., early Tuesday morning from heart failure. Less than a week before he, accompanied by his family, went there in the hope that a change of climate would hasten his recovery from an attack of grip.

Wanted - Several shares in Spratt B. L., series No. 7 or 8. Apply to the Lantern office.

Grand Seals.

We now have some garden seeds at this office, sent by Senator Lattner for distribution.

Dear Subscribers - Please do not send in votes on the prize contest unless you know subscription is paid in advance. Renew your subscription, then send your votes. Otherwise you give us unnecessary trouble.

At the Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. J. K. Hall, of McCollsville, will preach next Sabbath morning. It is expected that he will conduct the funeral of the Rev. J. K. Hall in the afternoon, if the remains arrive in time, but this cannot be known positively.

Services at 7:30 p. m.

Cheap Rates to Atlanta

On the fourth page of this issue will be found notices of rates over the S. A. L. to Atlanta on two occasions described therein.

For the educational meeting, the cost of ticket from Chester will be \$7.05.

Don't forget that the Mill End Sale will only last ten days. Lindsay Mercantile Co.

Death of L. Garwin.

Mr. Lee Garwin died at his home at Sharon last Friday of diabetes, after a short illness. He was a carriage maker by trade and was about sixty years of age. -Yorkville Enquirer.

W. F. McCullough has moved into the store room adjoining P. M. Nail's. Phone 261. Remember the place and pay him a call.

Sunday at Mr. Zion.

Subject 11 a. m. Jesus Christ. 7:30 p. m. Fire.

S. P. Parish McLees got another pouping from his Jeterville members one night last week. Many thanks. Come again.

Now is the time to select your spring suit at S. M. Jones & Co.'s.

About Bascomville.

The Bascomville school has been accused of two weeks, on account of an epidemic of colds and some cases of pneumonia.

Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hicklin, is ill with pneumonia.

Sarah and Marguerite, children of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Smith, are critically ill with pneumonia.

"Aunt Jane," faithful old family servant of Mrs. M. M. Ross, died of pneumonia Wednesday morning.

Spring clothing samples are very pretty this season at S. M. Jones & Co.'s.

Dr. Moffatt in Anderson.

ANDERSON, Feb. 10.-Rev. J. S. Moffatt, D. D., of Chester, one of the most distinguished of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian ministers in this state, preached here Sunday afternoon, and announced that a church of his faith would be organized in the city at an early date. He considers the outlook very bright. Some aid will be given the congregation by the home mission board. Dr. Moffatt is an eloquent and forcible pulpit orator, ranking very high not only in his own church but among the ministers of the state.

More of that 50c. Peau de Sole silk, at 92c. by today's express. Lindsay Mercantile Co.

Old Purity in Ashes.

Old Purity church, two miles south-east of town, was destroyed by fire yesterday evening just after dark. It is not known how the fire originated. It is thought, almost impossible for it to have started from the stove used in school, as very little fire was left there.

The school has been annoyed with wanton or malicious mischief perpetrators and about the building, and it is suspected that the fire was incendiary. The building was erected in 1832, but there were at least two log houses on the ground before. The insurance was \$500.

Do not fail to swell yourself of the great bargain opportunity. Lindsay Mercantile Co.

Loss Promptly Paid.

The loss sustained by the Commercial and Manufacturers' Club on account of the fire on the early morning of the 7th inst., has been adjusted and paid. The insurance was carried in the Home Insurance Company of New York, which is represented locally by J. W. Benson & Co., Mr. Caldwell, the president of the club, said this morning when asked about the matter: "We are delighted with the prompt and liberal manner in which the company and its local agents have dealt with us. They paid us full value for every item we lost, and added \$10 to our list to cover our expenses for cleaning up after the fire."

Another big lot mulin underlined at half price. Lindsay Mercantile Co.

Mrs. Lee McKay, of Charlotte, has been visiting her father, Mr. D. B. Dickens.

In stock, California oranges, northern apples, dried apples, California evaporated peaches, stick and fancy mixed candies, cheese and cakes, tobacco, cigars, etc. J. W. Reed.

Hardin Is Married.

A note from Stevenson, Fairfield county, dated Feb. 18th, says, "Mr. J. N. Hardin and Miss Mattie Ellis Brice took a ride to Rev. J. R. Miller's last night and were married."

S. M. Jones & Co. have get in their spring clothing samples.

Capt. Stanley Charles H. Stanley's entertainments at the opera house and Purity chapel have been very first-class and highly rated. It is well as artistic effect. They have been highly commended. "I have many a time paid 50 cents to see a show not half so good" is but a sample of the remarks dropped by spectators. "We have heard that Capt. Stanley will leave tomorrow morning. When he comes to Chester again he will meet a warm welcome."

If you want a spring suit made to order see the line of samples at S. M. Jones & Co.'s.

Shot by a Dog.

Miss Carrie Douglas, daughter of Mr. Geo. Douglas, was severely shot in the foot two weeks ago, in a peculiar way. A dog ran into the house and behind a gun that was standing against the wall, knocking it down, when it was discharged, the marble having fallen just at the side of the young lady's foot. It tore off the sole of her shoe and also the flesh from the sole of her foot about the toes. It was fortunate that the gun was so close that the shot did not scatter. Mr. John C. McAfee was called in and acted very efficiently as surgeon until a physician could get there.

To arrive this week, second shipment northern Bliss and Rose seed potatoes, California oranges, northern apples. J. W. Reed.

The many friends of Mrs. L. T. Nichols will be pleased to read the sketch on our first page. They will find other things there that will interest them.

Paint Your Buggy for 75c. to \$1.00 with Davoe's Gloss Carriage Paint. It weighs 3 to 8 ozs. more to the pint than others, wears longer, and gives a gloss equal to new work. Sold by Jas. A. Walker.

Barlow & Wilson Minstrel appear at the opera house tonight. Lawrence Barlow the head comedian in the attraction is conceded to be one of the best all around minstrel men in the business, he never fails to keep the audience in an uproar when on the stage. Seats at Halfers. Regular Price.

"THE LYMAN TWINS."

To appear here.

It is announced that the famous twin comedians "The Lyman Twin Brothers" will appear at the opera house date of Feb. 22 in their latest and greatest musical comedy production "At The Races." This excellent company with its beautiful scenic equipment, numerous wonderful mechanical and electrical effects together with one of the strongest casts today in musical comedy, comprising a pretty chorus, wonderful dancers and clever comedians producing original novelties will give one of the most pleasing entertainments of the season. Regular Price.

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The Weather

has been cold and disagreeable, but people have to eat just the same, and we are doing all we can to help feed them.

These cold damp mornings one wants a cup of good coffee to brace him up and we've got it at the right prices, quality considered.

JUST RECEIVED - Another shipment of fine New Orleans Mustard. We are selling the best Ham on the market at 15c per pound.

Exclusive agents for Stars and Bars Tobacco - KINGSFORD in the tobacco line, not the very cheapest, but the best. Thanking the good people of Chester and vicinity for their patronage in the past and soliciting a continuance of the same, we remain ever ready to serve you all.

Irwin & Culvern



DID YOU GET A BATH TUB

For a Christmas Present?

No reason why you should not, for they are within your reach. No reason why the transaction should be delayed, either.

There are Gifts Here - Not only bath tubs, but many bath room fixtures that will just suit you.

Chester Plumbing & Heating Co. Phone 272. Valley St.

NOW IS THE TIME TO

Beautifully Your Home

Spring in all of its splendor will be here in a few days and house cleaning will begin in dead earnest. Destroy the home and you destroy the nation. Build up and beautify the home and you contribute largely towards the support and maintenance of the country in which you live.

ST. LOUIS WILL HAVE A FAIR

But come here to the Red Racket Store and we will show you an exposition every day in the week. Bed Room Suits, Rockers, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Dining Chairs, Hall Racks, Iron Beds, Mattresses, Springs, Lounges, Cots, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Wash Stands, Tables, Rugs, Pictures, Safes.

See Our Big Stock of Racket Goods

Notions, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, Crockery Ware, Glass Ware, Agate and Tin Ware. When in Chester come up on the Main Square where you can get a good view of the mercantile chess board. Our prices are right and right you know makes night.

W. R. NAIL'S RED RACKET STORE.

Main Street, Chester, S. C. We sell Furniture for Cash or on the installment plan.

Job Printing

The Right Kind, at The Lantern Office

When You Buy FURNITURE

You must depend to a large extent on the honesty of the dealer.

B-SHARP WE ARE NOT ANGELS

(If we were we would be out of business) but whatever you buy of us must be as we represent it to you or you get your money back. In all the years that we have been selling goods to the people we have not had one person to say we cheated them or misrepresented our goods. WE NEVER MAKE A STATEMENT WE CAN'T BACK UP and we want to make one right now.

We Can Save You One-Fourth on Your Furniture Purchases.

Come to see us. Get our prices and let us show you how we get goods at such a big discount below our competitors. There is a way to prove our statement too: Compare our prices with those of our competitors. EXAMPLE: Man came in our store the other day, said he wanted some furniture, picked out a lot, bill was fifty dollars. Man was surprised and said: "Why, that bill was a duplicate of a list I had picked out at a Furniture Store down street only your goods are much newer and they wanted seventy odd dollars." He had made twenty dollars in a few minutes. We have his name if you want to know. Also that of lots of others who have had similar experiences. Moral is shown in our illustration.

THE NICHOLSON FURNITURE STORES

WE ARE OFFICIAL WATCH INSPECTORS

For the Southern, S. A. L. and C. & N. W. R'ys.

Does it not appeal to you that the above mentioned Railroads would be very careful about appointing Watch Inspectors, when so much depends on the running of a watch? Five minutes has caused the loss of many human lives and loss of thousands of dollars.

Have Your Watch Repaired by Us and GET SATISFACTION.

We absolutely guarantee every piece of work that is repaired. If at any time you are not satisfied, let it be known to us and we will make it satisfactory or refund your money. Come in and see our Repair Department and we will be glad to explain everything to you.

J. C. ROBINSON,

Jeweler, Watchmaker and Optician. Under Tower Clock. Chester, S. C.

Suppose It Is a Bargain

We have to offer in Plates, Cups and Saucers and all kinds of useful and pretty dishes, then won't you come and inspect our stock?

We have just opened up four Hogheads, two Crates and more than a half dozen barrels of the prettiest China, Glass and Englishware you ever saw anywhere. The Englishware you will find cheaper than you expected and perfect in design and decoration. The China is of this year's design and is lighter and much prettier than the old styles. From our stock you can pick out each piece that is to go into your dinner set. Buying just what you need at present and adding to it as your wants increase.

Waters & Spratt.

Quit Coughing

There is no need of wearing your Lungs out, when you can get a bottle of Murray's Household Balm, Mullen and Tar. A few doses of this Household Balm will give immediate relief. A positive cure for Influenza, Bronchitis and Diseases of Throat. Anti-Spasmic in Croup.

THE MURRAY DRUG CO., COLUMBIA, S. C.

NOTICE.

Stock notes number eleven to the Spratt Building and Loan Association advertised to begin February 16, 1904, has all been taken and considerably more has been applied for. In order to accommodate all those wishing stock the directors have decided to open subscriptions for another series to be known as Series Eleven "A" to begin on the same day as Series Eleven. The number of shares to be taken TUESDAY, FEB. 16, 1904. All persons wanting stock please call on the president or secretary, or any of the directors.

G. B. WHITE, President. M. S. SPRATT, Secretary.

Money Talks

When money talks the people listen; all the strained arguments and lame efforts of some of these dull, hard-up for trade, Chester merchants have to take a back seat--go away back and sit down hard--so long as Kluttz's cheap prices have the floor.

Ladies' Entertainment.

Glistering Blue Brilliantine, 1 1/4 yards wide, only 50c.
 Cadet Blue and Steel Grey shirting, hair breadth of yard wide, only 35c.
 New South heavy Suiting 1 1/2 yard wide, only 50c.
 Snow Flake Zibeline, yard and 2 inches wide, only 25c.
 Bruret rich Wool pading, yard wide, only 25c.
 Satin Stripe and Persian band novelty Waistings, only 40c.
 Tricot waist Flannels, only 25c.
 Black Navy, Carmet and Gray Cashmere yard wide, only 25c.
 Black Taffeta Silk, yard wide, only 95c.
 Many bargains in many colors Dainty Silks, 25 to 75c.
 Cashmeres and Brocades, double width, only 12 1/2c.
 White Corded P.K., only 7 1/2c.
 American made Butcher's Linen, only 9c.
 White Mercerized Silky Waisting, only 30c.
 Percals, dainty and pretty, only 8c.
 Bleached Table Damask, only 30c.
 Turkey Red Table Damask, only 20c.
 Yard wide white Homespun, and Jeany, check, Homespun, and Apron check Gingham and Calico, only 5c.
 White Bed Quilts at old 5 cents a pound, cotton price.
 North Carolina Wool Blankets, only 2.75.
 Ribbon Bargains.
 Embroidery and Laces and novelty Collars and Handkerchiefs that you had best see.
 Shoes for Ma, Pa, Bud, Sis, and the Babe cheap enough.
 Towels 5 cents and to cents and 15 cents to beat the band.
 Stockings, Ladies' and Children, best in South Carolina for 10c.
 Ready-to-wear Hats and Coat Suits and Skirts at a down price sure enough.
 Fresh Garden Seed One Cent a Paper.

Gentlemen and Boys.

Just throw away your old Pants, and Coats, and Vests, and Suits, and Hats, and get new ones greatly marked down in price at

KLUTTZ Old Reliable - New York Racket, Big Cheap Store.

