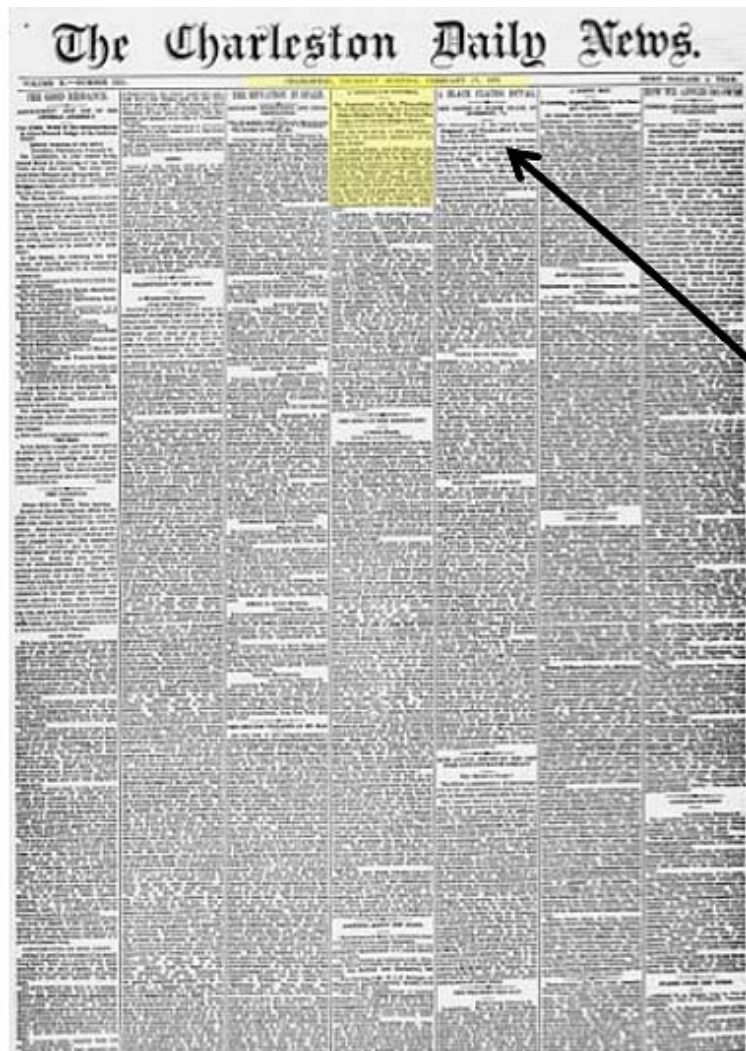


# What's the Problem?

## Newspaper Excerpt



CHARLESTON, THURSDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 27, 1873.

### *A GEORGIAN IN COLUMBIA.*

**His Impressions of the Place—Judge Tom Mackey's Little Joke on Parker—Foster Blodgett Living in Clover—The Reign of the Carpet-Bagger Ended.**

A sharp eyed correspondent of an Atlanta paper has been taking a look at Columbia. Noticing the prosperous appearance of the place, he says:

New opera houses, new city halls, new private residences are going up like magic, and Atlanta must look well to her laurels, or Columbia may yet outstrip her in the race. The finest building now in the course of construction is the "Parker Hall." Of course our readers must know who Parker is—the man who was elected treasurer of South Carolina in 1868—who had then to borrow money to pay his board and purchase decent clothes with, and who is now able to construct a fine stone front at a cost of \$175 000.