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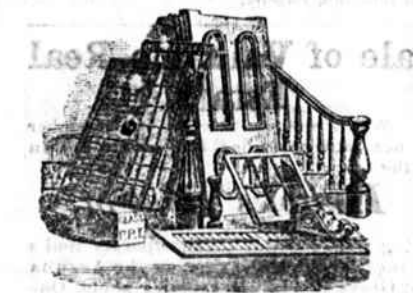
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S. A. TOWNES,  
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## REMINISCENCES OF PUBLIC MEN.

BY EX-GOVERNOR B. F. FERRY.  
[Continued from last Week.]

### PHILADELPHIA CONVENTION—CONTINUED.

Monday morning, Governor Manning, Judge Moses, Colonel Thea. Y. Simmons, Colonel Campbell, Mr. Shingler, and other delegates from South Carolina, arrived. From my memoranda, it seems the Convention did not meet till Tuesday. Our parlor was filled with visitors all day, and till a late hour at night. Tuesday morning the Massachusetts delegation called in a body to pay their respects to the South Carolina delegation. They were very cordial and kind, and really seemed to feel as if they were greeting old friends. They were all Democrats, who had been persecuted for their sympathy with the South, and they had a right to expect a cordial welcome from us. We gave it most gratefully and cheerfully. They proposed that we should go up to the Convention together. When we got there, Mr. Spofford, a Massachusetts delegate, and a most charming gentleman, suggested that two delegations should go into the Convention arm-in-arm. It was so announced from the stand by Governor Randall. The Convention rose and cheered us most vociferously, and made us march round the room, so that all could see the harmonious and affectionate spectacle. Immediately this was telegraphed to President Johnson, and it affected him to tears of joy! The effect was most happy on the Convention and throughout the country. On taking the chairs, General Dix, of New York, made a most admirable address to the Convention. How little did we then expect to see him, after delivering such a patriotic speech, go over to the Republican party, within a few years, and become their renegade candidate for Governor of New York. How true it is, that most politicians are mere gamblers, playing for success, without regard to the interest of their country, and with as little principle as the veriest black-leg. Senator Doollittle was appointed President of the Convention, and made a most happy, appropriate and patriotic address. The vigilance in which we were assembled was a huge building, gotten up for the occasion, and could accommodate ten thousand persons. It was constructed of rough plank and badly covered. The rain began to fall pretty heavy, and the ladies found their situation anything but pleasant.

In the evening, Governor Orr, Gen. McGowan and myself were invited by Gov. Bigler to dine with Mr. James. Mr. Clymer, the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania, and others, were present. The Major insisted that I should come and stay with him, and bring a friend with me. He said he had two rooms ready for us. But I declined his hospitality, as I was unwilling to leave the very pleasant company at the hotel. That night I was invited to make a speech in the room of the National Union Club. There were fifteen hundred persons present, and never before had I addressed so enthusiastic an audience. I was followed by Mr. Perrin, of New York, in one of the most humorous speeches I ever listened to. Mr. Cleveland, of Hartford, then addressed the meeting, and we adjourned.

Wednesday the South Carolina delegation went to return the visit of the Massachusetts. We were met most cordially, and treated to champagne in great abundance. Maj. Gen. Custer said to Gen. McGowan: "We were looking at each other in Virginia three or four years at a distance, and I am now happy to take a nearer view of you." In going to the wigwag, Judge Wardlaw was robbed of his pocket book, containing five hundred dollars, and Col. Campbell of his diamond breast-pin of great value.

I was appointed on the Committee of Address and Resolutions, which assembled that evening at the Continental hotel, sixty or seventy in number, and appointed a sub-committee to consider of the matters referred to them and report. I was on this sub-committee, and had a long sitting. Mr. Raymond, of New York, had prepared an address, which was read, and about one third, the historical part, was stricken out. In every instance where a Southern delegate proposed an alteration, it was agreed to.

Thursday the Convention met and received the address and resolutions. They were adopted amid great cheering. The whole Convention rose to their feet, and the galleries did the same. The ladies waved their white handkerchiefs, and clapped their little hands, with lovely faces wreathed in smiles. The picture, or photograph, of the Convention at this period would have been beautiful indeed. The ladies and gentlemen sitting or standing close together in the galleries, presented a beautiful appearance, and looked like mosaic work, with different colors of dresses, bonnets, faces, &c.

Friday evening the South Carolina delegation were invited by the Mayor of the city to dine with him and a few friends. Mr. McKim and seven gentlemen subscribed one thousand dollars to furnish the dinner. It was altogether the most magnificent dinner I had ever sat down to. It was said that the Mayor, McKim and his seven friends were worth eight millions of dollars. They were all Black Republicans of the Stoughton dye. Their hospitality surprised every one. Gen. McCook, of Ohio, said to me, he could excuse our going into the Convention arm-in-arm with the Massachusetts delegation, for they were Democrats, but our dining with the Black Republican Mayor of Philadelphia and his friends, was too bad! It was understood that no politics were to be talked, but we all made political speeches, and they were received most cordially. The Mayor said to Col. Campbell and myself, that he begged us to understand that in opposing President Johnson, who had deserted them and the Republican party North, they were not opposing the South. He wished the South restored to the Union. This was said on taking leave of him.

Saturday we were invited to dine with Joshua Francis Fisher, Esq., ten or twelve miles in the country, who married the youngest daughter of my old friend, Gov. Henry Middleton, of South Carolina. Mr. Fisher was the grand-nephew of Sir Philip Francis, the supposed writer of Panin's Letters. In starting to Mr. Fisher's, I had the pleasure of meet-

ing Gen. Meade, at the Railroad Depot. He was shabby dressed, and I did not at first recognize him. When I met him in Columbia, he was in full uniform, and looked the hero and high-bred gentleman. I never before was so forcibly struck with the effect of dress. Gen. Meade rode with us till we stopped to go to Mr. Fisher's. The South Carolinians whom I introduced to him were very much pleased with him.

Mr. Fisher lived like an English nobleman, in a magnificent house, with all the improvement, culture and refinement which taste and wealth could suggest. His residence is filled with the most beautiful statuary and paintings, with rare books and curiosities, etruscan relics, &c. I stayed with him till Monday morning, and went to Church with him and Mrs. Fisher on Sunday to hear the brother of President Buchanan preach. He was the pastor of the Episcopal Church, and gave us a very fine sermon. After services I was presented to him by Mr. Fisher, and had the pleasure of a short conversation with him. The country is in the highest state of improvement around Philadelphia. The farms are gardens, and cultivated as gardens.

Monday morning I returned to the city, and found Judge Wardlaw and Gen. McGowan, with an invitation for me to take up my abode at Mrs. Flemming's, where they were kindly and most elegantly entertained by me. I cannot close these reminiscences without mentioning a lady whose acquaintance it was my good fortune to make, Mrs. Reed, the wife of Col. Reed, a delegate from Georgia, and the daughter of my old friend, Henry Young, Esq. of Laurens, S. C. She was a most beautiful, accomplished and charming lady, and added greatly to the interest of our Southern tour at the Continental Hotel. It is sad to think how many pleasant and agreeable acquaintances we make in travelling, whom it is not our good fortune ever to meet again in life! Perhaps never hear of again! This Philadelphia Convention which promised so much, ended in nothing. The Republicans who met us, and acted with us, soon returned to their old party, and forgot their new allies. Mr. Raymond, who drew the very able and patriotic address adopted by the Convention, became as much of a Republican partisan as he was before he went to the great National Union Convention of Philadelphia.

[Continued next week.]

### Official Vote of the State.

Below will be found the completed table of the vote for Governor of South Carolina. The figures are taken by the correspondents of the Courier from the official returns of the Commissioners in the various counties in the State, and are reliable. It is the first official estimate of the vote for Governor which has been made public. It will be seen that General Moses received 71,783 and Mr. Tomlinson 26,478 votes. As compared with the vote of 1870, this is a light vote. In the election for Governor in that year, Gov. Scott received 85,071, and Judge Carpenter 61,557. Scott's majority was 23,514. There has been a falling off in the total vote as compared with the vote of 1870, of 28,747. Gen. Moses' majority is 34,305.

The table of the various counties is printed below:

Vote for Governor	Moses	Tomlinson	
Aiken	3224	264	Republican
Abbeville	3618	1517	Republican
Anderson	1209	1808	Mixed
Barrow	2519	577	Republican
Beaufort	4995	1442	Republican
Charleston	6237	9593	Bothers
Chester	3216	228	Republican
Chesterfield	320	279	Democrat
Columbia	1224	342	Republican
Colleton	3426	206	Republican
Darlington	2853	271	Republican
Edgefield	3878	219	Republican
Fairfield	2749	694	Mixed
Georgetown	1797	29	Republican
Greenville	2019	2019	Democrat
Hampton	529	806	Democrat
Kershaw	1333	1013	Republican
Lancaster	982	1004	Mixed
Laurens	2153	935	Republican
Lexington	327	1888	Democrat
Marion	3592	2526	Republican
Marlboro	1537	78	Republican
Newberry	2879	1048	Republican
Oconee	411	1078	Democrat
Orangeburg	3444	835	Republican
Tobacco	484	358	Democrat
Richland	2364	767	Republican
Spartanburg	892	2421	Democrat
Sumter	3268	1183	Republican
Union	1262	1446	Mixed
Williamsburg	1773	80	Republican
York	1641	1787	Mixed
Total vote	71888	36478	

Majority for Moses 34905

They are about to have peace in Mexico. The modest man will not parade his own excellence lest he should offend.

Mr. John E. Marley, an old railroad man, died at Aiken, recently.

Ohio boasts of a man who eloped with his mother-in-law.

The Presidential vote, in Abbeville county, 5000, whites, 911; colored, 3,284—Greely, 841; Grant, 3,343.

The military organization in Charleston, S. C., are preparing to have good old-fashioned celebration of Washington's birthday next February.

Value the friendship of him who stands by you in the storm; swarms of insects will surround you in the sunshine.

Clara C. Brown was granted a divorce at the last Abbeville court from Sumner W. Brown upon the ground of abandonment.

The loss of friends is a wholesome grief and the tears of sympathy are like balm to the sufferer; but the loss of property is a wound that festers.

Mr. Reuben Armor, of Glascock county, Ga., was taken from his bed, carried out of his store, and his throat cut, by four men in disguise, on the 9th inst.

From the Savannah News, 20th.

### A Sunday at Surrency.

An Interesting Account from the Spirit Land—The Entire Family Interviewed—A Reliable Report of the Mysterious Phenomena.

As we intimated in our issue of Saturday, we now have the pleasure of laying before the readers of the News an intelligent, correct and interesting account of the late wonderful phenomenal manifestations at Surrency, No. 6, on the Macon and Brunswick Railroad.

SAVANNAH, Oct. 28, 1872.

Editor Morning News: According to promise, I herewith transmit you the most important portions of an interview had on yesterday with the Surrency family, whose recent mysterious history has gone so far towards exciting the attention of our citizens and the public generally.

The 7, p. m., Macon train on the Atlantic and Gulf Railroad leaving your city on the evening of the 26th inst., bore your correspondent safely to

### SURRENCY STATION,

on the Macon and Brunswick Railroad, and the scene of the late mysterious doings. We left the cars at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, and took a casual survey of our surroundings. It is certainly one of the last places that I would suppose a spirit would choose to locate its ghastly pranks of a legerdemain or a magician to display his skill.

### THE HOUSE,

comfortable, though built in an olden style, is situated near the railroad and near the centre of a circle of cypress ponds, surrounding lands of a low, damp nature, and covered with saw palmetto. The train left, and we proceeded to the house, where we found several young men around a bright fire. We soon enlivened the scene with jokes, ghost stories, &c., and in this way passed off the remainder of the night, and the next day proceeded to converse with different members of the family, witnesses of the late exciting scenes.

### MR. A. P. SURRENCY,

the owner of the place, was the first whom we approached; but as he was in the city at the commencement of the affair, he only told us a portion of what was done, and which was told by members of his family who witnessed the whole proceeding. On his return he was made acquainted with what was going on, and soon after witnessed several mysteries himself, but we omit them, as they will come in under the testimony of the others.

### THE MOST SINGULAR THING

told us by Mr. Surrency was the affair of the clock, already mentioned in the Macon Enterprise, and which was witnessed by the representative of that journal.—The clock was hanging to the wall in the parlor, and had ever been characterized for the correctness of its time. Suddenly, with a

### WEIRD, BUZZING NOISE,

the hands began to move around with exceedingly rapid motion, the hour hand exactly five minutes ahead of the minute hand. In this singular position they continued to move for seventeen minutes in which time it had described five hours, and each time as it arrived at the twelve o'clock mark it would pause and strike, though with the greatest irregularity.—Sometimes it would strike one hour for another, such as twelve for one, &c., and at the end of the five hours ceased its wild movements and was regulated by a party present, and who was a watchmaker and jewelry by trade. It was then started, and ever since has kept its usual correct time, which was always very accurate, being kept according to the standard time of the M. and B. R. R.—During this occurrence the gentlemen present looked at their watches and found that each had the proper time, so that the

### idea of

### A CONCEALED MAGNET

is dissipated, as the watches as well as the clock would have been affected by its presence. While speaking of the clock, I will mention that on Sunday evening, in the presence of your correspondents and two or three friends, that at the hour of eight it struck only four, while it had been striking correctly from twelve the night previous, and I distinctly remember counting seven on the evening in question at that hour. We merely mention this as it occurs to us now, without ascribing it to any cause, either supernatural or the derangement of machinery.—It continued running, and when

examined was apparently all right. This is all that we witnessed during our stay, as we arrived too late to see any of the performances, which ceased

### ABOUT TWILIGHT

on Friday evening, the 25th, and very nearly at the same hour at which it began on Thursday, the 17th. As I have said, Mr. Surrency was in this city at the beginning of the affair, and was expected home that evening.—The train, however, was behind, and his daughter, a young lady, of, I suppose, seventeen years, walked out to the track and looked up the railroad to see if she could discover the lights of the expected train. While anxiously looking she distinctly

### SAW AN OBJECT

in the form of a man approaching her, but apparently with no bad intention. She, however, turned and walked quietly back to the steps, and just as she reached them heard something like a chunk come whizzing through the air and fell to the ground quite near her. For fear of being laughed at for cowardice, she concluded not to mention it to the family, and sat down on the steps. She looked immediately in the direction she had come, but could see nothing.

### THE APARTMENT.

She could see it in no direction, though the grounds are quite open, and we feel sure, from the distance shown us, that she could plainly have seen an object of much smaller size, especially when moving. As she took her seat on the step, other things similar to the first fell around her in rapid succession, and in quite close proximity, none striking her. They all came from the direction whence she had seen the apparition. She then moved into the parlor, where were some gentlemen, among them a minister.—She still said nothing of it, and went into

### THE KITCHEN,

which adjoins the house, where her mother was superintending the preparation of supper. As she was going from the parlor through a passage way to the kitchen, she could distinctly hear things similar to those described, falling in the yard and against the end of the house, apparently moving in the direction of the kitchen. By the time she had gained the entrance, brickbats, bottles, &c., were falling

### IN THICK PROFUSION

on every side. The gentleman present were called, and diligent search made, though no one could be seen, yet those missiles were falling around. It then got among the pots on the stove, threw them off, overturned the coffee pot, threw crockery, knives, &c., about the floor, and entered the house, where similar actions took place. Books, glasses and other things were scattered about the floor. A younger brother of Mr. Surrency was here sent for, and remained with the family during the night. He was one of the principal witnesses of the

### STRANGE SCENES,

and detailed us many interesting items. One in particular was, that while standing before the fire in the parlor, looking towards some book shelves in the opposite end of the room, he distinctly saw a book from the middle of the pile of six or eight

### DRAWN SLOWLY OUT,

describe an arch upwards from the shelf, then gradually descend some six or seven feet from the shelf, and lie quietly on the floor. He picked it up, laid it back, and the same motion was gone through again. He then called Mrs. Surrency from an adjoining room, and she said that she had put it back from the same position three times that day. The book was a quarto volume of Walker's Dictionary, and was shown to us. We could enumerate very numerous instances of the kind, but space forbids.

### IT IS SINGULAR

to say the least of it, that these things could go on in different parts of the house at the same time, and that they usually choose this manner of proceeding; and frequently in open day time would go on inside the house and over the yard at the same moment, and with articles of an altogether different size and nature. We were also shown

### A LARGE GREASE POT

in the middle of the parlor floor, where a bottle of oil is said to have fallen. The bottle was removed from the house for fear of its coming in contact with fire, and placed on a post in the back yard, when it suddenly left, pass-

ed around to the front of the house, came through the front door while closed, fell on the floor and broke near the table where it formerly sat. The spot was evidently caused from oil, and it certainly fell from the direction of the front door as can be easily seen from its shape. We were told that

### MRS. SURRENCY

left her home for a day by the advice of her husband and friends, and with her daughter went to the house of a friend (Mr. Patterson,) some two miles distant. Anxious to get all the information we could, we sat out and walked to Mr. P.'s. And just here comes

### THE STRANGE PART

of our tale. Mrs. S. and daughter did leave home during the week, and went to Mrs. P.'s with the intention of remaining there, and as soon as they arrived at his house the identical proceedings enacted at Mr. Surrency's began at Mr. Patterson's and ceased at Surrency as soon as the ladies left.—They remained at Patterson's, for a few hours, and not wishing to have his household goods so badly destroyed, determined to return home. Miss Surrency remained at Mr. Patterson's and her mother returned, and as soon as she arrived home (about sunset) the very

### SAME BREAKS

began again. They ceased at Patterson's when she left there and have never returned, though the young lady remained, and was seen there by your correspondent and friends. These strange things have never happened except where Mrs. Surrency was present, and always ceased when she left; and it is very clear, assuming it to be from a supernatural source, that she is the medium through which it acted. She stated to us that she had never been mesmerized, never saw a mesmerist or spiritualist that she knows of, never read a work on

### SPIRITUALISM,

and has never thought about it except when she heard others mention it. The same may be said of her daughter, while Mr. Surrency has always been a strong opponent of the doctrine of spiritualism in any form. He is a plain, practical farmer, a well-to-do and popular citizen, and has an excellent name among his neighbors, many of whom we met at his house, and all of the railroad employees with whom we spoke via with each other in heaping praise upon himself and wife.

### NO SUSPICION

was ever known to rest upon his conduct, and in politics we were told he was a staunch Democrat—in proof of which I will say that he is a subscriber to the Savannah News. Your correspondent noticed several files of different papers in the house, all of them were staunch Democratic journals.—This part of the long and interesting interviews that we had with the family, and whether attributed to human or other agency, the whole thing is

### A STRANGE MYSTERY,

if true, and we at least have no right to doubt it. Every word spoken by them carries with it an air of candor that no intelligent auditor can disregard. Each of them was questioned by us apart from the others, and at different times, and when they did not expect it, and each tallied with the other as closely as possible. What they said was also substantiated by many of their neighbors and away from their presence. It is

### CERTAINLY SINGULAR

that human agencies could operate so diffusely over a house and grounds, in the presence of hundreds, all on the alert, and yet not be detected, unless we assume the improbable position that a man's eyes and brains are little value to him. That the scheme is concocted from motives of profit, is alike futile, as we were assured by disinterested authority that in the past week Mr. Surrency had fed no less than

### ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE,

lodging them at night, and all without charging one dime. We can bear witness to this to some extent from last Sunday's observations, and judging from what we saw in the neighborhood of Mr. Surrency's cane-patch, we would guess that a goodly number had paid court there as well as at the table. That such things are done by either himself or family, is equally absurd, as it is highly improbable that they would continue a thing so

### COSTLY AND DESTRUCTIVE.

This assertion seems to hurt them very much, and they all seem to be quite worn out with it, and hope it has gone forever.—

Mr. S. is also pained to see so many absurd stories and exaggerations in regard to it, as for instance the,

### SHAMEFUL TALE

about the hog appearing in the house, and also about the whisky bottle coming to Capt. Burns voluntarily. Mrs. S. assured us she had lost several dozen pieces of crockery, glassware, china, &c., and showed us the only remaining piece of her old lot, which was a small china saucer, and which she had seen for six different times removed mysteriously and by

### AN UNSEEN POWER,

from one part of the house to another, without being broken.—No live object has ever been seen by any of the family, that seemed at all mysterious, except the apparition seen by the young lady.—No mysterious voice has ever been heard, no questions have ever been asked from either party, and no intimations have ever been given from the unseen power.

### The whole thing is clothed in darkness and to us bears the

### SPRIT OF THE SUPERNATURAL,

and it any one will do as we did, and come to any other conclusion, it is more than we can now suppose. It is at least a phenomenon, and one that we would like to have explained.

### IN CONCLUSION,

we will return our sincere thanks to Mr. Surrency and family for their untrusting attentions and kindness during our brief stay. The many questions were met by prompt and cheerful answers, and each seemed to all the other in all those little kindnesses that go to make life and business pleasant.  
ST. BERNARD.

### An Embarrassing Situation.

Max Adeler says: That little affair of Needham's that some of the papers have been telling about was certainly unpleasant—at least to Needham. Needham owned a deep-mouthed watch-dog, who always bayed him welcome home, and snatched mouthfuls of chops out of the legs of strangers. Needham took that faithful animal along with him one day to guard his clothes while he went swimming. Needham bathed for an hour, and meanwhile the dog went to sleep on Needham's garments. When Needham came out the dog did not recognize him in his nude condition, and refused to let him come near his garments. Every time that Needham would grab for a suspender or a sock, the dog would bite a mouthful out of his arm or leg, and whenever Needham would make a dive for a boot or undershirt that animal would seize him by the calf and shake him. So Needham stood there in the sun pretty nearly roasted, and he spent the afternoon dodging in and out of the water to avoid the Dorcas societies and female students at the boarding school and factory girls coming down the road. At last, when the dog went to sleep, Needham crept up behind him, caught him suddenly by the tail, and flung him across the stream. Before the dog could swim back, Needham got most of his clothes upon his bleeding body and limbs, and the dog came sliding up to him, looking as if he expected to be rewarded for his extraordinary vigilance. And yet they say that the dog is man's best friend.

### An Episcopal minister, Rev. J. Brinton Smith, in Raleigh N. C.,

was poisoned to death on the 1st October last, by his wife and daughter.

### About one hundred and seventy-five negroes left Atlanta, Ga.,

recently, for Arkansas.