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Divine Service. ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH. Rev. J. H. BAYLEY will hold Divine Service, in each month, in the Lutheran Church, at this place, as follows:

The State Nominating Convention will assemble in the City of Columbia, on Thursday next, and we suppose will endorse the nomination of Judge Greene for Governor.

Messrs. R. D. Senn & Son, of Columbia, requests us to state, to their friends, customers, and the public, that they are selling goods exclusively for cash, and all orders received, unless accompanied with the cash, will be returned.

It is supposed that the "Governor Orders" will be obeyed by the people of the Vansant's Saloon.

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The bar-room remedy for all ailments is Rum Bitters, surcharged with Fused Oil, a deadly element, rendered more active by the pungent astringents with which it is combined.

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We are informed that R. H. Kirk, John A. Williams (colored) and Shadrack B. Harris (colored) have been appointed by his Excellency Gov. Moses, Election Commissioners for Lexington County.

Died, on Sunday the 27th inst., near Hope's Station in this County, little Jimmie, son of Mr. Jas. C. Hope.

We have now on hand at our office legal blanks of every description. Attorneys and Trial Justices can be supplied at once.

There has been a Post Office established at Barr's Landing, between our Village and Summit, in this County, on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad.

We would inform our many subscribers that after the expiration of this volume, which will close next week, we will necessarily be compelled to discontinue all papers not paid for in advance, and no paper will be sent or continued unless the cash accompanies the order.

We are requested to notify the citizens of Congaree Township that a meeting will be held at Cayse's Mill, on Saturday the 10th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing five delegates to represent said Township in the Convention to assemble at Lexington Court House on the 2nd Monday, the 12th instant. A full attendance of the voters is desired.

The premium engraving issued by Peterson's Magazine, for 1875, is really one of the most beautiful and costly we have ever seen. It is not one of those cheap, colored lithographs, with which the market is flooded, but a first-class line and mezzotint engraving, executed in the highest style of art, after an original picture by J. W. Ebninger, and costs, as the publisher assures us, two thousand dollars in all.

The result is a matter of history. Mrs. Curtis became the wife of the great hero, and was known, in after years, as Lady Washington. This is a picture that ought to be in every household. You can get it, gratis, by raising a club for "Peterson" for 1875, or by remitting \$2.50 for it and for the magazine. This is a rare chance.

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The Holy Spirit, dumb. I am dumb. Do with me as seemeth good to your Honor.

According to previous announcement the County Tax Union held a meeting at this place on Saturday last, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Nominating Convention, and the following gentlemen were requested to act as delegates to the same:

Dr. G. Muller and Capt. D. Nunnamaker.

After the adjournment of the County Tax Union a mass meeting was to have been held, but owing to a small turnout of the citizens, we suppose the most of them were engaged on their farms, nothing of any consequence was accomplished. It was anticipated that several addresses would be delivered and the speakers who had been invited were present, but owing to the slimness of the meeting the speakers were excused. Mr. Hope being present stated that he had expected to meet a large attendance at this meeting, but finding so few of the citizens present he said that he had a good deal to say, and it would take him at least one hour, therefore he preferred some future opportunity to meet a large crowd to address them.

At 2 o'clock p. m., a meeting of the Democratic citizens of Lexington Township held a meeting for the purpose of electing delegates to the County Democratic Nominating Convention, to be held at this place, on Monday next, the 12th instant. The following gentlemen were elected as delegates to attend said Convention: Saml. P. Carghman, H. H. Geiger, Geo. M. Drafts, Capt. Levi Gunter and N. F. Corley. Alternates—Ed. Harman, Capt. A. H. Caughman, Daniel Kleckley, H. T. Dooley and S. P. George.

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I have had occasion to be present at several called meetings in this County, and I see but little interest manifested by our people at these meetings. Can it be possible that the white men of this County mean to allow the negroes and their infamous leaders to step forward and drive them out and grasp the reins of our County government, take possession of our affairs, generally, which have, in the past, been in the hands of fully competent to discharge their various duties—men that the people of Lexington County should be proud of?—

They must remember that every nerve of the physical party will be fully strained and exercised in the ensuing campaign. They are now hard at work, I believe with a determination to win, if possible. Yet I am perfectly satisfied that if the white people of our County do their duty, victory will never be stamped upon a Republican banner. However, we need work—earnest work—and must work. Let every man be fully alive, keep well organized and see that every white man goes to the polls and casts his vote in the right direction. From what I see and can learn, the County Convention will be composed of our best citizens, and this Convention I have a suggestion to make, in the way of a ticket, which I hope they will give due consideration, and would say, just here, that I do so without any consultation with either of the gentlemen named. I ask this privilege as a man of honor and a white man, to put before the Nominating Convention the following ticket, and having some little experience I would not be one to impose upon them the name of a single individual whom I knew to be incompetent and that would not give general satisfaction to the party.

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life and character, would know something about it, as well as Hayes' henchmen; for surely he is not quite so simple as to pretend that I have disclosed such damning nonsense to only such of his friends as would retail it to my detriment, while my friends, each and all, brand it as false, in every particular.

But the vile assertion is as stupid as it is false. If any colored men are "entitled to white wives," then it legitimately follows that all colored men are so "entitled." This would deprive all white men of any choice of their own race in the matrimonial market, as it would take more white women than the State could afford to supply the colored demand! But what would become of the colored women, who would be thus deserted by the natural protectors of their own race? It must be admitted that this would be a rare chance for some of my vile accusers who do not hesitate under the cover of night, to seek repose on the couches of their colored paramours, yet, such innocent creatures, fired with the virtuous indignation of "pure goodness," are ready at all times, under the broad sunlight of Heaven, to cast a stone at me, for no crime save that of a manly defense of the poor negro's political rights.— Hayes and some others might not object to this mingling arrangement, but I have the interest of both races too much at heart to endure, much less advocate any such an unnatural doctrine.

It will be remembered that I placed myself on the record against any such a mingling of the races, when I entered my solemn protest against the retention of certain of our County officers in their respective positions, after they had prostituted their offices to the furtherance of such a disgraceful business. For this honorable act of my life, I was turned out of office through the machinations of this man Hayes, and his corrupt ring, in the Senate of South Carolina. Surely, then, a man who has been assailed for the last four years by Hayes for his opposition to the practice of said unchristianlike and unwholesome whisper to Hayes' pets that he favored any such doctrine. If either of us are committed to this odious position it must be Hayes—and in its worst form too, as is fully shown by his action in the outrageous affair just alluded to, as well as in others which might be mentioned.

Through the slanders of such men as Hayes, all over this County has the report gone forth that I am an advocate of the social equality of the races. It has been retailed for years, and has become as chronic as it is malicious and vicious. But unfortunately for my traducers among them stands prominently the semblance of a man who I thought a member of the "mystic circle," and under a most solemn oath to protect the chastity and virtue of a brother's wife, in attempt stands to-day, a perjured villain before God and man. Among them are men whose blood flows in the veins of a colored illegitimate brood, and they now but vainly attempt to cover up their own infamy, by assailing a man's character which is free from any such stain! Is it because I have helped to place the colored woman on a plane of equal political rights—so that she can arraign her seducer, and make him pay for the maintenance of his illegitimate offspring—that I am so meanly assailed? It is a well known fact that since reconstruction, the proportion of mulatto children born, is much less than formerly!

The success of my theories, then, have not been favorable to amalgamation, either in wedlock, or otherwise; and he who shall hereafter assail me upon such a flimsy pretext may be held up as a degraded wretch, who is mortally offended because he can no longer gratify his hellish lust on defenseless women with impunity. It would be infinitely better for such low-down fellows to marry 'negro women—if they can find any low enough to have them—than to sink down into the slough of promiscuous intercourse, and throw dirt at every decent man who disapproves. Every man and woman has a right to marry any one they may want, and can get; but I trust that no one, white or colored, male or female, is so lost to the instincts of their nature as to seek a partner of the opposite race.

Poor Hayes,—Kirk and Corley haunt his morbid imagination day and night. Like you, Mr. Editor, I am not responsible for Kirk's

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Cotton	13 @	13 1/2
Bacon Hams	12 1/2 @	13
Shoulders	9 @	10
Sides	14 @	15
Lard	14 @	15
Corn	90 @	1 00
Peas	90 @	1 00
Oats	70 @	75
Flour	1 25 @	1 50
Four	1 25 @	1 50
Feed	1 50 @	2 00
Sweet Potatoes new	1 25 @	1 50
Irish	1 50 @	2 00
Rice	4 50 @	5 00
Butter	25 @	30
Eggs	20 @	25
Turkeys	2 00 @	2 50
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