

G. M. HARMAN, Editor.

FREE FERRY.

It has long been a clear point that the townships of the Fork should have better facilities for reaching the Court-house and other points on this side of Saluda River than they have heretofore enjoyed.

HARD ON SHERMAN.

Mr. Nicholls, of Georgia, offered in the House, last week, a resolution calling for an investigation of the lawlessness that has recently been manifesting itself in the loyal State of Ohio, and that John Sherman's Danville or Copiah County Committee be given the job.

RIPE FOR REFORM.

Ex-Gov. English, of Connecticut, has surprised the protectionists by coming out openly in favor of tariff reform. It has been claimed that Connecticut was overwhelmingly in favor of protection, but there is strong and growing evidence that this is an error.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The State Republican Convention meets on the 15th inst.

An insurance agent in York County is ready to write policies against loss by wind, cyclones, &c.

License or no license will be decided by the municipal election in Edgefield next Monday.

Isn't it a little unbecomingly to taunt John Sherman just now when he is so very useful of sympathy?

It has at last been found out that Ohio is a bigger State than Copiah County. Danville can also take a back seat; its glory has departed.

A fire broke out in Lonsville church during service last Sunday. It was with great difficulty that several of the congregation were awakened in time to save their lives.

Gentlemen find but one use for the nose. They use it to hang their spectacles on. But the ladies use it as a sort of hitching post when they tie on their hats with a piece of veiling.

Many of the leading manufacturers of Massachusetts and Connecticut are coming out openly in favor of tariff reduction. Our Southern millmen appear not to be alone on this question.

The steamship Daniel Steinman was wrecked on the 3d instant off the Newfoundland coast. Ninety passengers and thirty-four of the crew were drowned. Only six of the crew and three passengers were saved.

Senator Fair, of Nevada, has liberal views on the Presidential question. He wants the Democrats to nominate Bayard and the Republicans Edmunds, so the country will be assured of a statesman in the Executive Chair.

Will not the Danville sub-committee now ask leave to sit in Cincinnati? It can there get some expert testimony on the subject of riots that might be ingeniously worked into Senator Sherman's campaign documents.

A square manly fight for tariff reform will win. A weak compromise or a protective slant and the Democracy will lose without a doubt. The time has come for the Democracy to make a stand for its principles, and we believe it will do so despite the threatening defection of the Eastern wing.

The tariff issue cannot now be avoided by the Democrats. It is impossible for them to make a "straddle." They either have to surrender the question entirely and act the part of cowards, or they will have to meet it squarely and face the responsibilities.—Carolina Spartan.

The country is still in suspense. Mr. Tilden says he can't undertake the race—that Payne is the man for the nomination. Mr. Payne says he can not possibly be the candidate, and that Tilden is the man for the place. There is not a country editor in South Carolina who could not name a half dozen better men than either.

It is stated that several Congressmen are urging the purchase by the government of a picture of the Electoral Commission. It would be well to have the picture on exhibition in the Capitol; but, for it to be properly appreciated, it ought to be accompanied by pictures of the Southern returning boards being "fixed" by the distinguished statesmen.

The Educational Bill passed the Senate Monday by a vote of 33 to 11. As passed, the bill appropriates \$77,000,000 to be distributed for eight years, according to the Hoar amendment. It differs also from the original bill by instruction as to the expenditure of the money. The States are to apply at least an equal sum to that allotted to them for common school education. Reports have to be made by the States on the uses to which the money is put to the "Secretary of the Interior." The appropriations are not to be used for sectarian purposes.

Very disastrous fires prevailed in various parts of the State during the heavy wind of last Wednesday. Many turpentine farms, stills and saw mills were consumed in the forest conflagrations, among which we notice that Mr. W. D. Caughman, son of Col. H. I. Caughman, formerly of this place, who now lives in Richland County, lost his dwelling house, store, smoke house, barns, stables, saw mill, provisions, corn and fodder. Many other dwellings were destroyed. In portions of North Carolina the fires were very sweeping. In one section it is said they extended along the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad for sixty miles.

The most destructive riots in the history of the United States have occurred in New York, Pittsburg, Pa., and Cincinnati, Ohio, and are refutations of the false theory that the people of the Southern States are more addicted to outbursts of lawlessness than those of other sections of the Union. Human passions are alike everywhere, and wherever the predisposing causes exist, there volcanic ejections of fire and blood may be occasionally expected. Many of the Republican papers have been so persistent in picturing the South as a lawless section that many well-meaning people have come to believe that there is lawlessness nowhere in the country except in the South. It is time that they know that the South is the most peaceable and law-abiding of all the other sections.

Washington Letter.

[From Our Regular Correspondent.] April 5th, 1884.

The first question, this week, which the House of Representatives took up and briefly discussed was a resolution directing the committee on Public Health to investigate the adulteration of food, drink and drugs, which is affecting so deleteriously the health of people in this country.

The inquiry was proposed for the purpose of ascertaining to what extent these poisonous compounds prevailed, and whether any legislation to prevent them in future was necessary. Teas, Oleomargarine and the new commodity that the manufacturer calls creamine were the principal items talked about. Representative Parker said it had been shown within a few days by examinations in the State of New York, that the workmen engaged in the manufacture of these substances were so affected by the acids used for deodorizing the filthy materials made into what they call dairy products that their nails fell from their hands and their teeth from their mouths. Mr. Browne of Ind., did not think this investigation was within the province of Congress. Mr. Wait of Conn., contended that action by congress would be more effective than disconnected legislation by the various States. Hon. S. S. Cox complained that Congress was getting omnivorous; it was taking in everything. There would soon be a committee to investigate how much sand the grocer put in his sugar, and how much water in his milk. He objected to the perpetual interference of Congress with local matters, and to what he called, these microscopic bills, brought in for the purpose of getting money out of the Treasury.

The House passed the bill withdrawing the trade dollar from circulation early in the week, and next proposed to discuss the Indian appropriation bill which calls for five millions and is still the pending measure. Bills and more bills were introduced again this week, although eight thousand have already been presented since the opening of the session, and five hundred are awaiting the attention of the House. It is probable that Congress will adjourn in June, and most of the House committees have come to the conclusion that it will be useless to report any more measures, however important, as there will be no chance of their being reached during this session.

This week again the Senate has wrestled with the Educational bill, involving Federal aid to common schools. Senator Coke delivered an argument against the measure, holding it to be inexpedient and unconstitutional, citing authorities to show the Government has no right to raise money by taxes for such disposal as the bill provides. Senators George, Beck, Garland, and Lamar discussed points raised by Senator Coke, and Senator Blair, the father of the measure, spoke briefly, taking time, however, to hurl at the Kentucky Senator, Mr. Beck, the declaration that there was no question of the superiority of woman among all races. The New Hampshire Senator had been twitted by Senator Beck, for his advocacy of the sixteenth amendment, recently reported from Mr. Blair's committee. The latter is now confident of the passage of his long cherished school bill.

Among some rather unimportant measures the Senate passed a bill to improve coynage. It provides for a more perfect regulation of the relative value of the minor coins, and their improvement as to metal, devices and inscriptions.

The Educational question was put aside the other day in order that Senator Platt, who is not addicted to long or frequent speeches, might dwell upon the necessity of making the Patent office a separate and independent Department. He read statistics showing the value to the country of inventive genius and urged that more room and a larger force were needed to properly perform the increasing work. The Connecticut Senator did not have complimentary attention from other Senators during his argument. Scarcely three of his political brethren occupied their seats at any one time, while the dozen or so Senators on the Democratic side were variously employed. Senator Salisbury propped the floor in rear of the desks. Senator Garland reclined full length on a sofa. Senator Hampton read a newspaper, while Senator Frye was absorbed in a pamphlet, and others attended to their correspondence or chatted in the cloak rooms. The chair was the only audience beneath the galleries that heard; but Senator Platt's speech was good for all that. On the following morning seventy two Senators were absent from prayers. Consequently only five were in attendance.

Can't Deny It.

While the assertion of Mr. Simeon Caughman, the great dry goods salesman of Columbia, that no streams of red hot lava have rolled down the streets of that city is strictly correct, yet he cannot deny the fact that there is always a volcanic eruption of goods from the doors of C. P. Jackson—brought out in the arms of willing buyers at the lowest prices prevailing in that centre of dry goods palaces.

An Easter Offering to St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Two Handsome Chairs and a Tete-a-Tete—Fruits of the Nickel Box.

The members of the Ladies Aid Society unite with Mrs. S. E. Caughman in returning thanks to the contributors of the "Nickel Box" for their liberal contributions. The following is a list of the contributors and the amounts contributed:

- Belton Caughman \$1, Tyler Caughman 10c, Scott Hendrix 10c, John Meetze 25c, Newton Kyzer 35c, C. S. Bradford \$1.10, D. E. Ballentine 5c, Judge W. B. Green 10c, Leroy Hendrix 10c, Jacob J. Boozer 10c, C. M. Efrid 15c, Wade Caughman 5c, Miss Lu's Drafts 10c, S. P. Wingard 65c, Col. Graham 10c, Mr. Troy 10c, Jos. Little 5c, D. H. Witherspoon 20c, Stranger 5c, Thos. Waring 5c, W. W. Roof 15c, Jas E Hendrix \$1.20, H. W. Caughman 15c, Dr. Leaphart 20c, S. O. Kammer 15c, L. W. Kammer 5c, Stranger 5c, Dr. Smith 15c, S. Corley \$1.20, Mr. Parsons 15c, Willis Stuart 5c, F. C. Caughman \$1, Cal. Wm. J. Asquenoer \$21.80, Capt. Wiggins 10c, Mrs. Wiggins 5c, S. E. Caughman \$1, L. K. Snelgrove 20c, S. F. Hendrix 5c, T. P. Meetze 15c, A. S. Nauamaker 5c, W. V. Gardner 5c, C. B. Harman 10c, J. A. Muller \$1.50, M. D. Harman \$1.10, Allen See 5c, Em. Corley 5c, Frank Corley 10c, Thomas Caughman 5c, H. Rawl 10c, Bayles Wingard 5c, Sanders Corley 5c, S. D. Bailey 5c, E. Bailey 5c, James Rawl 30c, Mrs. S. E. Caughman \$1, Mrs. Ellis Caughman \$1, Mrs. Alice Caughman \$1, Mrs. S. E. Caughman's grandchildren \$1.30, Major H. A. Meetze \$1.35, Mr. Rice 25c, George Drafts 10c, Jno. G. Zenker 30c, Eli Corley 10c, Paul Wessinger 5c, I. V. Wessinger 5c, P. Henry Corley 15c, J. B. Kyzer 5c, Nellie Wilson 5c, J. S. Derrick 10c, Dr. Eargle 5c, Geo. A. Kammer 5c, G. M. Harman \$1.05, Mrs. M. J. Harth 5c, J. S. Hendrix 5c, T. S. Harman 5c, W. M. Drafts 10c, Mr. McElveen 5c. Total, \$44.55.

Miles and Miles of Fire.

RALEIGH, N. C., April 4.—For three days and nights the most destructive fires ever known in that section have been devastating six or seven Southern counties. Vast forests of long-leaf pine, which formed the chief source of the timber supply, have been attacked. The high winds fanned the flames into fury and hundreds of thousands of trees were burned and some of the largest turpentine orchards in the State were destroyed. Many farm-houses were ruined. The people have been barely escaping the flames. In some towns narrowly escaped destruction. At Maully, on the Raleigh and Augusta Railway, a number of houses were burned. Large stores of lumber and railroad sills on the line of the road were also destroyed, and a dozen turpentine distilleries were ruined. The County in great stretches is but a blackened wilderness. The extent of the disaster is not yet known, as the fire has swept here and there some fifty miles in one direction and thirty in another.

Dots from Rightwell.

Last Wednesday's gale partially unroofed E. P. Hipp's stable and Josh Shealy's barn and blew down a great deal of fencing. Frost last Thursday morning. D. W. Frick has added a shop 16 by 40 feet to his wagon and buggy shop. Wheat and oats are looking fine. Farmers behind with their work, but are endeavoring to catch up. On Sunday next Rev. J. K. Efrid will reorganize the Sunday-school at Piney Woods Church for the summer. Our young Dr. Wyche is increasing his practice, although the health of this community is good. APRIL 4, 1884.

Railroad Racket.

The Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company are building a number of new coaches at their shops in this city, and it is stated, will soon bring others from the North. They are improving their roadbed and have purchased about seventy-five miles of steel rail. When their two or three new passenger locomotives, of great strength and velocity, have been put on the road will be in first class condition, and the Northern travel South next winter will find it a pleasure to reach Columbia, Aiken and Florida by rail.—Columbia Register 6th.

Just after the great cyclone of February Mr. A. H. Gregory of Chester County, dug a storm pit as a place of refuge when another storm should come. Last week he thought the time had come to go into his hole, and accompanied by his wife and children went into the pit. They had scarcely entered it before the rain came down in perfect torrents. The pit rapidly filled with water, but they were afraid to come out until the storm was over. The pit, however, filled so rapidly with water that it was found impracticable to remain in it longer and they came out thoroughly wet and covered with mud.

With no disaster the yield of wheat and oats in Chester County will be the largest ever known.

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NOTICE.

ALL persons having demands against the estate of Dr. E. S. Hayes will render the same properly attested, and those indebted will make payment to the undersigned. CECECIA HAYES, Exr. J. H. LEWIS, Exr. April 3, 1884.—3w23

OSCEOLA.

THIS Jack will serve a few mares at Mr. J. Job Corley's near Lexington, C. H., at six dollars cash or ten dollars payable Nov. 1st. He is six years old, 13 1/2 hands high; black, good bone and a fine breeder. All persons wishing to breed will do well to call and see him. HAYWARD GREEN, Supt. Mar. 26—1w

"TOM"

THIS splendid Jack, 13 hands high, fine bone and handsome body, 8 years old, is a sure foalder; colt guaranteed to stand and suck \$100 will stand at the places of the undersigned and at Jacob Kyzer's Jr. C. E. LEAPHART, W. AB. CORLEY. Mar. 26—1w

Final Discharge.

THE undersigned will apply to Hon. S. P. Wingard, Judge of Probate for Lexington County, on the 14th day of April next, for a final discharge as Executors of the will of John A. Roberts, deceased. JNO. S. ROBERTS, GEO. E. ROBERTS, Executors. March 13, 1884. mar 19—21

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INSURANCE LICENSE.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL, COLUMBIA, S. C., April 1, 1884. I certify, that Mr. C. S. Bradford, of Lexington, agent of The Liverpool and London & Globe Insurance Co., incorporated by England; Home, by State of New York; Western, by Province of Canada, has complied with the requisitions of the Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to regulate the Agencies of Insurance Companies not incorporated in the State of South Carolina," and I hereby license the said Mr. C. S. Bradford, Agent aforesaid, to take risks and transact all business of Insurance in this State, in the County of Lexington, for and in behalf of said companies. W. E. STONEY, Comptroller General. April 9—21

REGISTRATION.

NOTICE.

To the Voters of Lexington County: MY books will be open for general registration on the first Monday in May, June and July, at Lexington, C. H. All persons who have attained majority since last election are entitled to a certificate. Persons who have changed location since registering, must apply for transfer certificate. Persons wishing to vote at a nearer precinct, though in a different township will apply for transfer. Persons who have lost their certificates are entitled to renewals, also defaced or mutilated certificates renewed. In all cases of transfer and changes bring original certificate. Books will close on first Monday in July. I will attend in person in townships where changes in precincts have been made viz: Boynton Academy, in Ball Swamp Township; T. J. Drafts' store, in Hollow Creek Township; Wilson & Fulmer's store, in Broad River Township, and H. H. Stewart, in Chinquapin Township. Notice of times and places will be duly given hereafter. J. M. MALPASS, April 9—1w Supervisor Registration.

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