

G. M. HARMAN, Editor.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The wife of Henry Fletcher, of Lowell, Vt. was killed by lightning as she lay in bed beside him while he was in no wise injured.

According to Dr. McGlynn school is a state and not a place. There are doubtless a good many people who will derive consolation of this view of the place of future punishment.

There is a movement in New York to unite the Labor and Temperance parties. In every day life there is no better or stronger coalition. How it will work in politics it remains to be seen.

Mrs. Langtry's mother has gone to England to see what can be done toward getting Mr. Langtry out of the way in order that Mr. Freddy Gebhardt may become known as Mrs. Langtry's husband. A noble ambition is that of Mr. Gebhardt.

The importance of voting the Democratic ticket straight may be seen in the present situation in California. The Democratic Governor of that State stricken with paralysis, is likely to die, to be succeeded in the gubernatorial chair by the Republican Lieutenant Governor.

A few days since the two children aged five and eight years, of Mrs. Kissell, of Silver Springs, Pa., came into the house and informed their mother that they had killed a rattlesnake. She went in the yard and found they had killed one with ten rattles.

Grape culture pays in California. A San Diego citizen says a grape vine that he says: Last year I helped pick and weigh 1,143 pounds of fruit from that vine. I saw these grapes pressed into 123 gallons of wine and it was sold at \$2 per gallon.

It looks as if the United Labor party in New York is to be an annex to the Republican party. It has selected a Republican commissioner to name their election inspector. The Republicans have always been great friends to laboring men—wink their mouths.

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Last month William Thomas, colored, was brought before Trial Justice Sitton at Due West, charged with stealing watermelons. He pleaded guilty and consented to take a whipping instead of the punishment prescribed by law. It is said the Trial Justice allowed him to be whipped—Marlboro Chronicle. [There are several boys now in our jail under same charge. They should have been treated to decent floggings and turned loose. The watermelon act passed by the last Legislature is a humbug, and burdensome on taxpayers.]

It is not probable that the proposed American party will become as great a power in politics as some of its promoters appear to think. There are doubtless a great many people in different parts of the country who are opposed to permitting foreign born citizens to exercise as much influence in political affairs as they do, but the number that is ready to join a new political organization, whose object is to antagonize citizens of that class, is hardly great enough to make such an organization formidable. Those who remember the old Know Nothing party, whose cry was "America for Americans," and who recall the history of that organization will hardly view with favor any similar organizations.

The New York Times says: "In addition to having the biggest cotton crop this year that ever has been, the South will have the further advantage of being nearer out of debt than at any time since the war. Records show that not only was there a general and big reduction of mortgages on farm lands all over the South last year, but Southern business men, lately in New York, say that their farmers have been able to make this crop without having to worry over anything like the ordinary needs for 'advances.' Millions of dollars of cash will be ready for investment by Southerners just as soon as this cotton crop is marketed." There is no doubt that the South is better off in all respects than it has been at any other time since the war. Prosperity has ceased to be spasmodic, and has become steady.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

August 26th, 1887.

Invitations to visit different cities and towns have so accumulated upon the hands of President Cleveland that it really has become necessary to employ additional clerical force on this account alone. Had the temptations Tuttle been able to foresee results of his blatant utterings, he surely would have desisted, and such popular tributes would perhaps never have been paid the Chief Magistrate of the nation. But, in the wise dispensation of Providence, even little insignificant creatures like Tuttle often mysteriously rise up and do good without knowing how or why. Then, I say, all hail Tuttle! His grateful country, especially the Western and Southern sections, should arise and call him blessed for his instrumentality in a rousing the President to the importance of making the first extensive tour of his Administration.

As I reflect on the projected visit of Mr. Cleveland, I trust you will pardon me for taking a retrospective view of the travels of our earlier President. Mr. Monroe, was the first of them to carry out the idea of a trip of this kind traveling in his coach through New England and as far westward as Ohio, and being everywhere cordially received; and for his time it was quite a tedious undertaking. President Jackson traveled by carriage all the way from the Tennessee to the Capital, and later in the same conveyance, made a tour of New England, which to the surprise of his political opponents, who supposed it was an element of weakness, was a continuous ovation, adding greatly to his popularity.

The building of railroads seems to have had the singular effect of dampening the traveling ardor of the Executives, down to the days of Johnson and Grant, were confirmed stay-at-homes, but the two latter, as is well known, made the most of their opportunities and facilities of travel.

These are dull days, politically, officially, and socially, at the Capital; the President, seeking relief from the oppressive temperature of the dog-days, withdraws himself to the solitary shadows of Oak View where his wife has just returned. With the exception of secretaries Bayard and Fairchild, all of the Cabinet are on vacation—likewise the Justices of the Supreme Court and others equally prominent in social and political life.

Dea, though, is not idle; it has felled a part of the world of science in the person of Professor Spencer F. Baird, the world renowned Smithsonian Institution and the founder of the Bureau of Fish and Fisheries.

The amount of trade-dollars redeemed to date is about \$7,400,000; the time expires by limitation on September 3rd, and it is supposed most of their coin is now in the Treasury vaults; there is some excess over the amount estimated to be out, which is accounted for by importation from foreign countries. This week the Treasury paid out sixteen and a quarter millions for pensions, but notwithstanding this heavy disbursement the excess of Government receipts over expenditures this month is about three and a half million dollars.

The tall sycamore of the Washish is, flourishing his Senatorial tomahawk for a Mugwump Scalp no less a person than United States Treasurer Hyatt, the cause of the latter's refusal to remove one of his favorite \$2,500 clerks who is an offensive Republican partisan from Indiana. It is said to be the declared purpose of Senator Voorhees, together with his Democratic associates on the Finance Committee, Messrs. Beck and Vance, to use all means in their power to defeat Treasurer Hyatt's confirmation.

There was a great sensation in the Pension Office, a day or two since, caused by the arrest of a clerk named Richard Brunner, for stealing the records of that office for the benefit of a prominent claim Attorney of this city. The clerk confesses his guilt, but the lawyer who must answer to the charge or receiving stolen documents, stoutly denies the accusation, endeavoring to shield himself behind a discharged clerk of his own office, who, he says, committed the offence to serve a malicious purpose. Both of the defendants are under \$3,000 bonds each; the penalty of the crime is five years in the penitentiary. D.

Charcoal has been discovered to be a cure for burns. By laying a piece of cold charcoal upon a burn the pain subsides immediately, and leave the charcoal on one hour and the wound is healed.

On Wednesday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock Miss Eugenia McKinnie, a young lady of Aiken county, was killed by lightning. She had been standing under a tree by the side of the road, and was on her way to the wagon when the fatal flash came upon her and ended her life. She was 19 years of age.

Barbecue, Crops, Schools, Etc.

Mr. Editor: In a fleeting moment of leisure I will indite you a brief account of the pleasant day spent at Mr. S. D. Rister's barbecue on Saturday, 13th instant. As barbecues are so frequent in Lexington Fork, we did not expect to see so many people, but they, knowing that Mr. S. D. Rister never fails in giving first-class barbecues, took special notice of the appointed day in his advertisement. The people in civic dress came in from every point of the compass until they numbered about three hundred. Only a few minutes had elapsed till arrangements were made for the dance, in which quite a number of our young ladies, blondes and brunettes, the most beautiful and angelic the world affords with a lot of gentlemanly young men. Music was furnished by Messrs. Counts and Hill. This enjoyment, with other amusements, continued for some time.

Dinner being announced, the crowd assembled at quite a long table filled with all the substantial and sweets imaginable. Pork in every style offered an appetizing prologue, succeeded by mutton. The choicest foreign pickles were assorted for each guest. It would exceed my power to detail the delicacies proffered.

The planters of this section have excellent crops. Messrs. Willie A. Bundrick and D. Frank Chapman each sold last week a bale of cotton. Owing to the prevalence of measles the Mt. Tabor High School has been stopped; consequently the closing exercises are put off indefinitely.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Willie Counts, a recent graduate of Newberry College, has opened school at Spring Hill. We wish him success.

Rev. J. A. Sligh will preach the commencement sermon of the Mitchell High School on the fourth Sunday in September at eleven o'clock a. m. The closing exercises of this school will continue till the following Thursday, the 29th. On that day there will be speeches delivered on education by some distinguished speaker of the State. Everybody is invited and a full attendance is expected. An excellent lecture was given by Dr. J. W. Eargle on the circulation of the blood of his pupils in physiology. The doctor knows how to gain the full confidence and attention of his class.

We are glad to note that Messrs. G. A. Lucas and E. A. Leaird have completed their academic course at the Citadel. We predict a brilliant future for them. J. D. R. Aug. 26th.

Batesburg Items.

The protracted services of the Methodist church commenced on Thursday last. The pastorate of Rev. Mr. Vaughn, being assisted by Rev. Mr. Porter from Johnston. The services are interesting, and are rendered even more so by the presence of Miss Brown the adopted missionary for China, by the students of the South. Miss Brown leaves for New York soon, to take the study of medicine, preparatory for her departure for her field of labor.

Mr. Rufus Shealy sold the first bale of cotton this season, it was bought by E. Jones for \$1 cents. Quite a large number of visitors are still in town enjoying the healthy and invigorating air of the place.

The "boom" has at last struck our town. Several stores will soon be in course of erection in the most business part of the town, also a number of dwellings will soon be built, and altogether the signs of the times point to the prosperity and enlargement of our pretty town.

Mr. Ed. H. Butt, of the firm of Ford, Talley & Co., of Columbia, large cotton buyers, will be in town next week, and he promises to make this place one of the best cotton markets on the line of railroad.

Mr. Moses Gurtler will begin the erection of the steeple for the Baptist church at once, already the ladies of the church have enough money for the purchase of the bell. E. J. J.

"Putting Himself Right." I have been accused by some of working altogether for self, in trying to get up the free ferry. This is wrong. My trade from Lexington is large and of the very best people, and will do to depend on, many of them will drive a mile out of the way to trade with me, and men who do not "skin a flea for its hide and tallow." It is true I am making money; I don't deny it, but how? From my large sales and small profit system, being satisfied with 5 per cent. on my goods, hence I turn over from \$100 to \$200 every day, doing all my work myself, and having only one price and one set of scales for everybody, none of my customers ask me to take less for my goods than I ask for them. I believe I sell more tobacco than any other house in Columbia. My friends are those who trade with me, and I am under obligations to do something for them, and what better thing can I do than get up a free ferry to our market.

Respectfully, P. J. RUCKER.

Mr. D. H. Witherpoon, formerly of this place, but now editor and proprietor of the Clarendon Enterprise, has just closed the first volume of his paper, which is ably conducted and is a most prosperous condition.

Ground cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves, mace, flavoring extracts, fancy sugars for cakes, at the Bazaar.

Dots from Congaree and Lexington.

(For the Dispatch.)

Mr. Editor. The health of our community at present with a few exceptions is very good. Fodder pulling is progressing rapidly. Most of it would have been housed earlier had it not been hindered by the recent rains. Corn average well. It is thought, by some to be the best in a number of years. Cotton is opening very freely, although the weed has a fine appearance the yield will hardly excel that of last year. Peas, potatoes, &c., are doing well.

Capt. Levi Gunter, one of our aged and most respected citizens, has been very feeble several months. He is now attended by Dr. Hendrix. The mumps are in family of Mr. Jacob L. Roof. All the family have had them, with the exception of one. At this writing we have heard of no other cases in the community.

Watermelons are not quite a thing of the past with us. But, ah! Mr. Editor, we're bound to remember you when we read of your premium watermelons. Mr. J. E. Sox raised a number weighing from forty to fifty-five pounds.

Mrs. Koon will meet her singing class at Emmanuel's on the 30th Sunday. The Major is well known and as a teacher can not be excelled. Emmanuel's has a well organized choir, which meets once a month for practice under the leadership of Mr. J. Marshall Roof. Marshall is a clever young man and a good singer.

Our locality is well represented in Sunday-school work. St. David's has a large Sunday-school under the superintendency of Mr. L. L. Lown. There is also a well organized Sunday-school at Union school house, which is kept in successful operation. The Rev. William Roof preaches at this point every 3d Sunday. His services are highly appreciated. The prayer meeting every Saturday night at Union school house is well attended.

Emmanuel's has a flourishing Sunday-school with Mr. H. J. Roof as superintendent. Mr. Jesse Sox has been very feeble some time and it is thought he gets no better.

The Rev. J. A. Cromer will preach and administer the Holy Communion in St. David's church on the 30th Sunday in September, at 11 o'clock a. m. He will also preach at Emmanuel's 3 p. m. on same day.

If rumor tells a true tale, several of our young men expect to "take a rib" this fall. Go ahead boys we wish you success.

ANON. August, 24th, 1887.

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SPECTACLES AND EYE-GLASSES.



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