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PICKENS C. H., S. C.

Thursday, Dec. 16, 1875.

Editorial Correspondence.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 1st, 1875.

Dear Sentinel: Tuesday morning last found us at the Greenville Depot, ready to take the train for Columbia, for the purpose of returning to our Legislative duties.

Senator Bowen, of Pickens, Senator Donaldson, and Representative Austin of Greenville were on time, besides, quite a large number of Grangers, who were on their way to this place for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the State Grange.

Amongst them was Mr. W. G. Field, of the Anderson's Mills Grange, who accompanied me from the Court House, and Mr. S. D. Stewart, of the Liberty Grange, who joined us at Easley the previous evening. Mr. Laban Mauldin, of the Pickensville Grange arrived in Columbia Wednesday evening, and they are all with myself, comfortably quartered at the Central Hotel.

At Belton, we had quite an accession of Grangers, besides Col. Keith, of Oconee, and Representatives Vandiver and Simpson of Anderson. The numbers swelled at every station on the road until the coaches were crowded to their utmost capacity, and at Helena an other coach had to be attached to the train.

Amongst the distinguished passengers aboard, I noticed Judge Cooke, of the 8th Circuit, Solicitor Blythe, Col. A. M. Aiken, Treasurer State Grange, and Col. Lipscombe, Overseer State Grange. On our arrival at this place we found the city alive with Grangers from every portion of the State.

They met in Parker's Hall on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and have been in session since. Much business of general importance to the order is being transacted, and there seems to be much good feeling and unanimity amongst them.

The House of Representatives met on Monday night, pursuant to adjournment, but no quorum being present, adjourned to 11 o'clock Tuesday. Nothing in the way of Legislation was done on Tuesday, but the captains of the hosts got an opportunity to blow off a good deal of vituperative gas, which had been accumulating for some time, and vent their spleen by working up their followers to the point expelling Mr. Blackman, the reporter of the Charleston News and Courier, in consequence of a very scathing article he wrote for that paper, headed, "Nine Radical Rascals."

In this article he accused the nine Republican members of the Committee of Ways and Means, of questionable motives in passing upon the tax bills without having the two Conservative members of the committee (Major Meetez and Dr. Smith) present at the time they had them under consideration. After several blood and thunder speeches by leading Republicans, and a wholesale abuse of the Conservatives of the State, the resolution of expulsion, introduced by Simkins, the chairman of the committee, was adopted, a few Republicans voting against it. In this matter as well as on several other occasions, I noticed that strong efforts are being made to draw the colored line, and I am of the opinion it will be successful. Some of them declare that it is their right to govern the State exclusively, and they are going to do it. Wednesday the big "bonanza" bill, which levies a half mill for four years to pay off the floating debt of the State, passed a third reading and was sent

to the Senate for concurrence. The little "bonanza" bill, which proposed to levy one and five eighths of a mill to pay off claims passed at the last session was then taken up, and after much wrangling and various motions, on motion of Lesley, the enacting clause was stricken out. This was about the amount of Legislation in the House for this day. To-day, the vote by which the enacting clause was stricken out, was reconsidered, the bill brought back before the House and after debate, was recommitted to the committee with instructions. The regular supply bill was put upon its third reading; and amended so as to reduce it from ten and half to nine and a half mills, a reduction of one mill. The big bonanza levies a half mill, and it is proposed to reduce the little bonanza to one mill, which will make a total of eleven mills for State purposes, instead of twelve and five eighths as they originally proposed. This action on the part of the Republican members, (for the Democrats voted against all the bills from first to last) was induced by two speeches made to them by Governor Chamberlain in caucus, in which he is reported, to have informed them that he would veto the bills if they aggregated more than eleven mills. Whether they were influenced by a desire to reform, or from fear of the Governor's veto power, it is not known, but it is likely the latter was the moving cause, for Legislative expenses can not be paid until taxes are collected.

A Senate bill, introduced by Col. Bowen, to authorize and require the Town Council of Easley, to elect a cotton weigher, has reached the House, and I presume will pass. I, to-day, introduced a bill to incorporate the town of Liberty, which we hope to get through in time for the election of Intendant and Wardens on the third Monday in January next. The Senate has, by a large majority, passed an act repealing the lien law, but there seems to be much opposition to it in the House, and I fear it will be defeated. There are many bills of minor importance on the calendars of the two Houses, but no bills of much importance have yet been passed.

A HIGH HANDED MEASURE.—We learn by telegraph that, on Tuesday, Mr. J. K. Blackmon, the Columbia correspondent of the Charleston News & Courier, was expelled from the floor of the House of Representatives, because of certain strictures upon "the nine Radical rascals" of the ways and means committee, which were made by him in a recent letter to his paper. This is clearly a violation of the constitution, which guarantees to every citizen, the right of free speech; and it amounts actually to a denial of the right of the people to criticize, or even to be advised of the actings and doings of their public servants. How long the people will submit to be plundered by the corrupt wing of the Legislature is a question which we cannot answer. Ere-long a day of retribution will surely come.—Camden Journal.

Hon. M. C. Kerr of Indiana has been elected Speaker of the House of Representatives on first Ballot, he having been unanimously nominated for the position by the Democratic caucus on Saturday before. Messrs. Randal and Cox withdrew their names in favor of Mr. Kerr.

In the municipal election of 1873, in Charleston, the commissioners appointed by Gov. Moses rendered an account for election expenses amounting to \$18,208.67. In the last election, however, the commissioners appointed by Gov. Chamberlain, conducted the election at a total cost of \$1,184—less than one-tenth of the sum expended in 1873. This is a forcible example showing what honesty and efficiency on the one hand, and knavery and extravagance on the other, can accomplish.

The papers announce the escape of Boss Tweed from Ludlow street jail, New York. The general impression is that he has sailed for some foreign country. He has left his country for his country's good. There is no doubt but that bribery of the officers in charge secured his release.

New York, Dec. 9.—By agreement of counsel, Judge Peabody and Samuel D. Babcock, instead of the County Clerk, shall draw forty, from whom twelve jurors will be selected for the \$6,000,000 Tweed trial.

Killed, on Table Rock, on the 9th inst., by John Hines of this County, a wolf the largest we have ever heard of. We challenge competition on eagles and wolves.

Our town, as Christmas approaches, puts on a livelier appearance. Wagons are more frequent in our streets, and trade is becoming brisker with our merchants. Preparations, as is usual, are making for the coming holidays.

Mrs. Elizabeth Norris, near Cedar Rock in this County, who was advanced in years, died suddenly on Sunday the 12th inst.

Mr. A. S. Richardson, late postmaster at Chester, was arrested on Saturday night, by United States Marshal Grist, under order from Washington, and committed to jail at York on the charge of embezzling post office funds. He is still held in jail in default of bail.—Union-Herald.

What a fearful place Chester must be for Radicals!

Mrs. C. C. Bowen, wife of the Sheriff of Charleston County, died in Charleston on the 11th inst. Mrs. Bowen was the daughter of James L. Petigru, and was known throughout the State as Mrs. Sue Petigru King.

\$320,000 in specie was shipped during the week from New York.

1,500 recruits will leave Cadiz for Cuba on the 15th.

Babcock gave \$7,000 bail for his appearance in St. Louis.

James Fetner, the engineer of the engine which recently ran into the passenger train on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta Railroad, was taken in Charlotte on Sunday, the 5th inst.

THE UNITED STATES AND SPAIN.—Whatever may be the result of the present negotiations with Spain, it is to be hoped the government will not forget the lesson which the past has taught, and will hereafter be ready to vindicate the rights of its citizens without awaiting the slow methods of a doubtful diplomacy. The treaty of 1795 is as explicit as need be, yet it has been violated over and over again in the most shameless manner.—Smooth spoken Spanish words are no guarantee of corresponding actions. A naval police should always be on the alert around Cuba to jog the memory of Spain.

The scarcity of money seems to be on the increase. Have all the currents of ingress dried up?

Charles O'Connor, the great New York lawyer, is in a dying condition.

The News & Courier now heads its Columbia correspondence, "From our expelled reporter."

HYMENEAU.

MARRIED, on Thursday, the 2d instant at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. T. W. TOLSON, Mr. DAVID A. GILSTRAP and NANCY V. STEWART—all of Pickens.

On the 6th instant, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. Thomas Looper, Mr. JOHN L. LOOPER to Miss FANNIE WILLIAMS—both of this County.

T. W. Russell, Dealer in General Merchandise.

EASLEY STATION, S. C.

ONE AND ALL

That have been buying GOODS on a credit during the year, will please remember that the undersigned has concluded to accept Cotton, Corn, Currency, or anything else, to liquidate the same—and will always be found at his store, ready to wait on them, either to SETTLE or SELL MORE

GOODS very cheap for the CASH. Remember Pay Day is on hand—and I need my money.

T. W. RUSSELL, Easley Station, S. C., Dec. 16, 1875.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Attention is called to the new advertisements in this week's issue.

Mr. T. W. Russell, of Easley, wants those indebted to him to come forward and settle. See advertisement.

We call particular attention to the notice of R. A. Bowen, Esq., School Commissioner.

CHRISTMAS.—This great holiday is but two weeks off, all who have holiday goods and Santa Claus pleasures for the children should hasten to advertise them.

Sam Ragsdale, a colored boy who lives on Dr. Earle's plantation, near town, while out hunting, by some mischance, shot himself through the hand. One cannot be too careful when handling fire-arms.

W. A. Lesley, Esq., our efficient County Treasurer, has gone, to attend the Methodist Conference, which meets at Orangeburg S. C.

For the last few days the weather has been fine—clear and bracing—with cold North-western winds—just such weather as causes visions of back-bone, spare-ribs and sausages to rise before us.

S. D. Keith, Esq., Clerk of the Court, has gone to Columbia, to attend the United States Circuit Court—being subpoenaed in the case pending between Pickens County and the Bank of Commerce in reference to the validity of the bonds issued in aid of the Air Line Railroad.

R. A. Bowen, Esq., our worthy School Commissioner, the other day, killed and captured a very large gray eagle on his place. It measured seven feet from tip to tip. It, however, had been previously wounded by a gun shot—its leg being broken. Can the Anderson eagle beat this for a size?

While in Greenville last week, we stopped at the Gilreath House, located on Buncombe, opposite the Methodist church. We found Mr. P. D. Gilreath to be a most excellent host, pleasant and entertaining to his guests. This is a new establishment, and judging from the elegant fare this house affords, we bespeak for him a large patronage. His charges are moderate—\$2 per day.

The Celebrated Bishop, Cummings, is preaching in Charleston.

THE CAREER OF ANDREW JOHNSON.—This statesman and patriot has passed away, but his deeds will live after him. What a commentary is his fame on the advantages of an American citizen? Unlettered and unaided, relying upon himself, he advanced step by step from the lowest station in life to the highest office in the gift of the American people. All this was accomplished by unswerving integrity, dauntless courage, and persevering research. By the exercise of these principles, it is in the power of any poor and friendless boy to attain the same grand result. The same success is attainable in the commercial world as in the political, as it is proven in the case of Dr. TUTT'S STANDARD PREPARATIONS. He, conscious of their value, labored patiently, and to day no medicine has taken so firm a hold on the public estimation as his Liver Pills. They stand on the topmost round of the healing ladder.

Prepare for Winter. Don't let the winds of winter find your windows without shades, or good whole doors, but have them fitted at once from the manufactory of Mr. P. P. TOALE, whose advertisement is in another column.

He is also sole agent for the "National Mixed Paint Co.," who warrant their paint not to crack, peel or fade. Any one can apply it.

NOTICE. ALL teachers in Pickens county are hereby notified that the Examining Board will meet on the 8th day of January next to examine teachers for the Public Schools. There will be, positively, no other examination till next June. Those, therefore, who want to teach must come forward on the above day or they will be debarred from receiving a certificate. R. A. BOWEN, School Commissioner. Dec. 16 16 31,

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Annual Report of the County Commissioners of Pickens County, ending the 31st of October, 1875, showing the registration, restrictions and corrections of the Past Indebtedness of the County in obedience to the Presentment of the Grand Jury, and the order of his Honor T. H. Cooke, at the last term of the Court. Also showing the disbursements of the Special Tax of two mills, and the ordinary tax of three mills.

Table with columns: NAME OF CLAIMANT, AMOUNT OF CLAIM, AMOUNT DEDUCT'D, CHARACTER OF CLAIM, PAID OUT OF 2 MILLS FUND. Lists various claims and amounts, including repairs on bridges, school expenses, and other county-related costs.

Total \$2,747 21 \$15 50. Condensed statement of special tax 1874. Amount special tax collected as per County Treasurer's Report \$2,906 10 1/2. Less 5 per cent on collections 174 35 1/2.

Amount applied to past indebtedness \$2,731 75. Amount claims paid as per County Treasurer's vouchers, 2,731 71.

Balance special tax in Treasury, Past Indebtedness Registered, Approved, and Unpaid. WITNESS PAY CERTIFICATES OF 1873 AND 1874.

Table with columns: NAME OF CLAIMANT, AMOUNT OF CLAIM, AMOUNT. Lists numerous small claims and amounts, including State vs. Julius Durham, State vs. Samuel Edens, etc.