

commands with entire approbation the course which has been pursued in the late session of Congress by our distinguished State Senator, the Hon. M. C. Butler, as well as by his Democratic colleagues, the Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken and the Hon. J. H. Evins, in the House of Representatives; and the State now calls upon them in their respective spheres of duty to exert their influence and ability to effect the desired modification of the exorbitant laws, and secure for our people the relief which is so much needed and sought for.

The Congressional Convention for this District, assembled in Columbia on the first instant, delegates from all the counties being present. Captain Stanley, of Columbia, was called to the chair and Mr. Geo. Johnston, of Newberry, requested to act as Secretary. After the organization of the convention, Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken was unanimously nominated for reelection. This action of the convention was only a fitting tribute to his services in the last session of Congress.

CENTRAL ITEMS.

It seems that candidates are indigent to Pickens County, for in spite of the drouth they continue to increase and flourish, ever and anon a new one prings up, looking as fresh and green as though no drouth had ever existed. Silo says some body is going to be eat, he is still making things lively. Yesterday morning he "beat the look" and was hollering hurrah for B. before light.

Look out for "Jerry and Jim," they made a raid on Aaron this week and passed through this place on their return. They are looking well, better than before, but Aaron dont.

Our little town is still lively and is progressing slowly but surely. Mr. Payne has made a decided improvement on his house, it beats "Ky's" new sign. H. D. has just completed the finest plank kiln in the city. Butch is gone, but we dont know when "Andy" is still President of the white-neck club, dont know when the ladies club of this place will open until the fall season.

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That these great principles have almost been buried out of sight, and that we have gone a long way down the broad and beaten road to despotism, will be admitted by all. Let us stop now while we may, and retrace our steps. It is not yet too late to arrest our downward course; but our only salvation lies in a speedy return to the principles of the forefathers. I do not despair of the Republic, or of the ability of the American people to govern themselves; but I have no patience with the present race of American politicians, and do not believe that three-fourths of them are worth the powder that it would take to blow them into the Atlantic ocean.

Let the people arise in their might, and speaking through the silent but powerful agency of the ballot box,

Letter from Liberty.

Mr. Editor: The people of Pickens County are interested in common with the rest of the State, in the complete restoration of good and honest government to this long oppressed and bewildered old commonwealth. They are expected to do their duty manfully in the approaching election, and I have no doubt that they will give Governor Hampton and his wise and patriotic course of action a cordial and full endorsement. The people of this county are deeply interested also in the final disposition of the Ladd murder matter now pending in the courts. They are waiting with anxious solicitude to see whether the cardinal principles of American liberty—those essential principles of freedom which were secured to their ancestors by the great charter of English liberty—are still left to them, and to be respected and confirmed by the courts both of the State and of the United States. Judge Kershaw's decision of the question whether these prisoners should be surrendered to the custody of the United States Circuit Court, which could and would not try them for the crime of murder, with which they are charged, (as that court has no jurisdiction in such cases,) or be retained in the custody of the State Court, where they can and will be fairly and impartially tried, and the majesty of the law and the rights of the citizen vindicated, is able and sound, characteristic of the man, and just what I expected from an enlightened, pure, and patriotic jurist. This decision will stand the test of review on appeal both in the Supreme Court of the State, and in the Supreme Court of the United States, if law and fundamental right are to prevail over political partisanship and an assumption of arbitrary or military power by the General Government in time of peace. I say this wise and righteous decision of Judge Kershaw will stand, if this government has not traveled too far from the great fundamental principles of freedom, right, and justice upon which the fathers of the Republic founded it, and intended that it should be maintained. Surely there is no law in this country, no act of Congress, passed since the close of the civil war, which authorizes any officer of the government, civil or military, State or United States, from the President down to even these drunken Revenue officials, in time of peace, to trample upon the cardinal rights of the citizen, by hunting persons with arms by night and by day, (who if guilty of any offence or violation of the law, have committed only a misdemeanor,) searching their houses and treating them with the greatest indignity and violence, shooting at them on sight, and firing upon and killing an individual when standing in the door of his own house, or attempting to escape through the yard in its rear. If there is such a law or Act of Congress, it is clearly unconstitutional, and ought to be repealed without delay. Such a law would be more subversive of genuine liberty and contrary to the genius and spirit of our American government, than any autocratic edict of the Czar of Russia or arbitrary exercise of kingly prerogative, even before the granting of Magna charta by King John of England.

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put statesmen in power, and then we may look for a return to the true principles of Republican government, a removal of great and pressing evils, and a successful solution of those great questions and problems of government to which the changes which have taken place in the country since the foundation of the government have given rise.

But however deep and abiding may be the interest which the people of this county take in these matters, there is another matter in which they are at this time more deeply and vitally interested, and upon the satisfactory settlement of which their present and future welfare and prosperity largely depend.

I need not say that I allude now to the unfortunate railroad ombroglio with the Air Line in which the County is involved. The length of this letter will admit only of a bare allusion to this grave and important matter to our people at the present. I propose to devote a letter to its consideration at an early day, in which I shall present my views in regard to it to the public.

In the mean time, let us remember that every day's delay of the final settlement of the question whether Pickens County is liable for and will have those bonds to pay, with interest thereon, is entailing a heavy loss on the County in many ways. The uncertainty which hangs over the future financial condition of the County depreciates real estate, restrains enterprise and cripples every industry and interest. To remain in this condition much longer will be worse than to have the full debt to provide for, and have things reduced to a certainty, that tax-payers may know what to depend on.

This railroad debt question settled, this would be one of the most desirable and prosperous counties in the State. But with this mill-stone of contingent debt hanging around her neck, she cannot have decent public roads, her people are depressed and seem to be paralyzed with a fearful dread of the future. Is there no way to shake off this dreadful financial nightmare! Let us consider and see. My readers may rest assured that I shall handle the subject frankly and fearlessly. PIEDMONT.

The Winnsboro News says: The blood of the murdered Ladd cries aloud for vengeance, and every attempt to defeat justice by removing the trial from the State Courts should be resisted to the last extremity. It is high time that these outrages should cease, and the spectacle of one of the murderers dangling at the end of a rope would do much to restore the confidence of the people in the supremacy of the law.

Overtaking the Energies.

It is not advisable for any of us to overtask our energies, corporeal or mental, but in the eager pursuit of wealth or fame or knowledge, how many transgress this salutary rule. It must be a matter of great importance to all who do so to know how they can regain the vigor so recklessly expended. The remedy is neither costly or difficult to obtain. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is procurable in every city, town and settlement in America, and it compensates for a drain of bodily or mental energy more effectually than any invigorant ever prescribed or advertised. Laboring men, athletes, students, journalists, lawyers, clergymen, physicians, all bear testimony to its wondrously renovating powers. It increases the capabilities for undergoing fatigue, and counteracts the injurious effects upon the system of exposure, sedentary habits, unhealthy or wearying avocations, or an insalubrious climate, and is a prime alterative, diuretic and blood depurant.

Tax Returns.

COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, PICKENS S. C., August 1st, 1878. NOTICE is hereby given that this office will be open at Pickens from August 1st to September 19, 1878, to receive Tax Returns of all Real Estate and Personal Property. All Returns not made on or before the 19th of August 1878, will be written up according to law from the old Tax Book, or made from the best information that can be obtained, and fifty per cent. added thereto. All male persons from twenty-one to sixty years of age are required to return their polls. Parties claiming exemption from Poll Tax on account of disabilities will be required to make oath that they are exempt according to law. Merchants and manufacturers must make their returns strictly according to law. By Act of Assembly, 1878, Auditors are required to make "a new assessment of all Real Estate in their respective Counties," and all persons owning Real Estate in their own name or as Committee, Trustee, Guardian, Administrator, &c., as the case may be, on the 1st of June, 1878, must govern themselves accordingly. In order to avoid errors in the Returns each taxpayer must make their own Returns, and with the view of enabling them to do this, I will be at the following places at the time specified, viz: Howard's Shop, August 10th and 12th. Payne's Store, August 13th. Central, August 14th and 15th. Liberty, August 17th. Easley, August 19th and 20th. Dacusville, August 21st and 22nd. Pumpkintown, August 23d. Eastatoe, August 24th. After September 19th, 1878, this office will be closed for taking Returns, and fifty per cent. penalty added on all returns not made. W. H. HESTER, Auditor Pickens County. Aug 8, 1878 48 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For the Senate.

The many friends of ROBERT F. MORGAN, Esq., respectfully announce him as a candidate for the State Senate at the ensuing election, subject to the will of the whole people.

The many friends of Dr. W. T. FIELD respectfully announce him as a candidate for the Senate—subject to the primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

The many friends of the Hon. D. F. BRADLEY announce him as a candidate for the Senate—subject to the primary election. Mr. BRADLEY has made a useful and efficient member of the lower House, and cannot fail to give satisfaction in this new and higher field of duty. MANY VOTERS. Easley, June 7, 1878.

For the Legislature.

The friends of E. H. BATES take the liberty of announcing him a candidate for re-election for the Legislature at the ensuing election—subject to the primary election.

Mr. BATES made a very prompt and efficient member at the last term, as the journals show. MANY FRIENDS.

The friends of B. J. JOHNSTON respectfully announce him as a candidate for the Legislature at the ensuing election—subject to the action of the voters of Pickens County, at the approaching primary election. VOTERS.

The many friends of A. R. CRAIG respectfully announce him as a candidate for the Legislature at the ensuing election—subject to a nomination at the primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

The many friends of Mr. W. T. BOWEN respectfully announce him as a candidate for the Legislature—subject to nomination by the primary election. MANY VOTERS.

The friends of R. A. CHILD nominate him for the Legislature—subject to a nomination at the primary election. Mr. CHILD is a young man of ability, and if elected, will reflect credit alike upon himself and constituents. MANY FRIENDS.

For School Commissioner.

The many friends of REV. E. S. GAINES respectfully announce him as a candidate for School Commissioner at the ensuing election—subject to a nomination at the approaching primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

The many friends of Rev. G. W. SINGLETON, with pleasure, nominate him as a candidate for re-election to the office of County School Commissioner—subject to the will of the voters at the approaching primary election.

Mr. SINGLETON has been untiring in his efforts to build up and run the schools of Pickens County and faithful in the discharge of every official duty, and his re-election will give continued satisfaction to his. MANY FRIENDS.

For County Commissioner.

The numerous friends of HARDY GILSTRAP announce him a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the will of the Voters at the approaching primary election. Mr. GILSTRAP is a self made, practical man, thoroughly acquainted with the wants of the people, than whom none would better serve the interests of the entire people in this office. MANY VOTERS.

The friends of E. H. LAWRENCE respectfully announce him as a candidate for County Commissioner—subject to a nomination at the approaching primary election. FRIENDS.

The friends of JOHN T. LEWIS respectfully announce him as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Commissioner—subject to a nomination at the primary election. FRIENDS.

The friends of THOS. P. LOOPER respectfully announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Commissioner—subject to the primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

The experience, financial ability, patriotism, and zeal that has heretofore characterized the official record of JOHN T. GOSSETT, prompt us to present him as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner—subject to the voice of the people at the approaching primary election. MANY VOTERS.

After repeated solicitations on the part of my friends, and being the unanimous choice of Pumpkintown Democratic Club, I have consented to become a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to a nomination at the primary election; and as I am a stranger in many parts of the County, I will say to the voters, that if elected, I will endeavor to do my whole duty. A. B. TALLEY.

The many friends of LABAN MAULDIN respectfully announce him as a candidate for County Commissioner at the ensuing election—subject to a nomination at the approaching primary election. MANY VOTERS.

The friends of J. C. WATKINS (of Garvin Township) respectfully announce him as a candidate for County Commissioner at the next election—subject to the nomination by primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

The friends of Captain JAMES A. GRIFFIN respectfully announce him as a candidate for County Commissioner at the ensuing election—subject to a nomination at the primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

The friends of Captain J. J. HERR respectfully announce him as a candidate for County Commissioner—subject to the primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

For Coroner.

The many friends of THOS. PARKINS respectfully announce him as a candidate for the office of Coroner of Pickens County at the ensuing election, subject to a nomination at the approaching primary election. FRIENDS.

For County Treasurer.

Resolved, That the Dacusville Democratic Club, and the many friends of MR. B. F. MORGAN unanimously nominate him as a candidate for County Treasurer of Pickens County, subject to the primary election.

Mr. MORGAN is an old resident of the county and fully qualified in every respect to fill the office with honor to his county and the many friends who earnestly desire his election to the office of County Treasurer at the ensuing election. DACUSVILLE DEMOCRATIC CLUB & FRIENDS.

Conformably to the requirement of the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party, the friends of W. B. ALLGOOD respectfully present his name to the Democratic voters of Pickens County for the office of County Treasurer, at the approaching primary election. FRIENDS.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: I have recently been appointed County Treasurer by the Governor! To conform to the requirements of our County Democratic Executive Committee I offer myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer at the primary election, 30th of August next. My health, and the duties of my office will not admit of visiting you much. I respectfully ask that you kindly consider my claims at the next primary election. Respectfully, T. W. RUSSELL.

For Auditor.

The many friends of W. T. McFALL announce him a candidate for Auditor—subject to the primary election. Mr. McFALL is a young man of fine business qualifications and will make a first class Auditor. MANY FRIENDS.

In presenting the name of W. H. HESTER, of Central, to the voters of Pickens County for their suffrages for the office of County Auditor at the ensuing primary election, we state without disparagement of any other person, that he is in every way pre-eminently qualified for the position, having graduated at a first class business college in Baltimore, and in addition to merit, he is a native son of Pickens. MANY FRIENDS.

Conformably to the requirements of the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party, the friends of JOSEPH W. BRUNSON respectfully present his name to the Democratic voters of Pickens County, for the office of County Auditor, at the approaching primary election. FRIENDS.

In compliance with the requirements of the County Executive Committee of the Democratic party, the many friends of S. D. KEITH respectfully present his name to the Democratic voters of Pickens County at the approaching primary election, for the office of County Auditor. MANY FRIENDS.

Conformably to the action of the County Democratic Executive Committee, the friends of CAPT. J. J. GARVIN respectfully announce him as a candidate for the office of County Auditor at the approaching primary election. FRIENDS.

The friends of W. W. F. BRIGHT announce him a candidate for County Auditor at the primary election. MANY FRIENDS.

For Probate Judge.

The many friends of REV. OLIN L. DURANT respectfully announce him a candidate for Probate Judge at the ensuing election—subject, however, to the primary election. FRIENDS.

The friends of W. G. FIELD, respectfully announce him as a candidate for reelection to the office of Probate Judge—subject to a nomination at the primary election. Mr. FIELD has made an efficient and faithful officer, and his re-election will be hailed with satisfaction by his. MANY FRIENDS.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



OFFICE OF ADM. AND INSPECTOR GENERAL, Columbia, S. C., July 20, 1878. General Order, No. 8, Series of 1878.

The State Volunteer Troops will prepare for inspection at the following time and places: August 8th, at Columbia. August 12th, at Edgefield, Court House. August 15th, at Spartanburg C. H. August 17th, at Greenville C. H. August 19th, at Easley, for Pickens County August 20th, at Walhalla, for Oconee county.

All commands for any adjacent counties will be allowed to assemble at inspection above named, and will be there inspected if they so desire. By order: E. W. MOISE, Adjutant and Inspector General. Aug 8, 1878 48 1

SCHOOL NOTICE.

OFFICE COUNTY SCHOOL COMMISSIONER, Pickens C. H., August 3, 1878. TEACHERS, or other persons, holding a teacher's pay certificates for the spring term of the present year, will present the same on Saturday, the 17th instant, for approval, in order that the amount of school funds now on hand may be pro-rated amongst them. G. W. SINGLETON, School Commissioner. Aug 9, 1878 48 1

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