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My home here, the session of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in the elegant residence, and in the midst of the kind and interesting family of Capt. J. C. MANUS, who is President of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, and engaged largely in running packets on the Mississippi River, whose majesty the waters sweep along, from North to South, under the commanding bluffs of the city. Rev. W. H. SMITH, D. D., is my room companion.

Memphis numbers between fifty and sixty thousand inhabitants, and is daily growing in population and business importance. Large quantities of grain, flour, bacon, &c., are shipped through this way and via the Memphis and Charleston Road, for Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina, &c., and I am told that the freights are lower than by any other route. A barrel of flour is carried from this point to South Carolina for about one dollar.

Standing on the banks of the Mississippi here, you look across its noble bosom into Arkansas and Mississippi; the low ground or swamp forests of which, that border on this mighty stream, stretching far out in the distance. Memphis has a beautiful park, immediately in the centre of the business thoroughfares of the city, which is a place of general resort.

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There are over two hundred members present. The lady is represented by some of the first men of the country. Ex. Gov. LUSTEN PULK, of Missouri; Judge James Jackson and General Colquitt, of Georgia; Judge Morgan, of the Chancery Bench of Tennessee, and several other Judges are present. The following are the members present from the South Carolina Conference: Rev. A. M. SHIPP, D. D., Rev. W. H. SMITH, D. D., and Revs. H. A. C. WALKER, Wm. P. MOUTON, Wm. L. FLEMING and F. MILTON KENNEDY; Laymen: Wm. J. MONTGOMERY, Geo. W. WILLIAMS, A. A. GILBERT, H. T. WRIGHT, SIMPSON BUBO, and THOMAS S. MOORMAN, reserve in place of Professor J. H. CARLISLE.

The Conference was visited yesterday by Bishop Edmund T. Jones and Dr. Wm. L. Harris, in the capacity of a commission from the Northern Methodist Church seeking reconciliation and union. The following communication was presented by Bishop Jones and read by the Secretary: Dear Brethren: By the action and authority of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held in Chicago in May, 1868, the undersigned were appointed a Commission in behalf of said Church, to treat with a similar Commission from any other Methodist Church, on the subject of union.

The Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who also constitute a part of this Commission, in May, 1869, communicated to the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the fact that such a commission had been appointed, and expressed to them the conviction that the Commission would be happy to meet a similar one from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the purpose contemplated in its appointment.

At a meeting of this Commission, held in Philadelphia, November 23rd, 1869, a resolution was unanimously adopted, approving the aforesaid action of the Bishops. Nevertheless the Commission as such, and as constituted by the General Conference, being desirous of discharging its duties in the fairest and most acceptable manner, deemed it proper to make a further communication on this subject, addressed to the Bishops and General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to meet in Memphis, in May, 1870.

The fact that the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church appointed this Commission, shows that, in the judgement of that body there are no sufficient reasons why a union may not be effected on terms equally honorable to all, and that the realization of such a union is very important and desirable.

Went to the Court House on the appointed day, Wednesday 11th inst., about the appointed time, to hear Capt. T. C. DUNN, the candidate for a seat in Congress who is canvassing this Congressional District in opposition to Hon. or rather dishonored, B. F. Whittemore, and to our surprise found him outside, instead of inside, whether from choice or necessity does not transpire, and really we must confess to a happy relief of feeling at being in the open air, as a promiscuous crowd in warm weather, in a close room is not very agreeable. We found the Captain a man of agreeable address and pleasant gestures. Of course Mr. Whittemore was his text, and he kept pretty close to it. He took up the case of fraud and made out a very clear case of fraud. Discussed Mr. Whittemore's benevolence, in building school houses for the colored people, canvassed all the school houses, in the State occupied by colored children, and showed to the satisfaction of all reasonable persons that Mr. Whittemore had not built one. That since his disgrace he had promised help in one case, but up to the present time, the help had not come, and while \$18 would have secured the land on which the house stood, even this pittance had not come to hand.

The speaker then discussed a fraud practiced upon a private individual, a former employe of Mr. Whittemore, previous to the war, and showed it up in rather an ugly form. He noticed that in all Mr. Whittemore's defenses he produced no vouchers and there was nothing upon which to base a judgement of innocence, but Mr. Whittemore's own statement, against the strongest evidence on the opposite side, and the speaker thought it rather a remarkable feat. He then showed that it was to the interests of the Republican party to discard all such rascals, and closed with an earnest appeal to the colored people to maintain the reputation of the party.

Walter Steele the "successful battler" of Charleston, recently made an airy excursion with Professor S. A. King of balloon notoriety—the aerial flight occupied little over an hour. Mr Steele with his usual business tact, distributed his circulars to the multitude below.—The balloon took a Northeast course and brought the Professor and his Companion to the plantation of Mr. Hagerman in St. Thomas Parish 23 miles from the city, where they landed and returned home in a sloop right side up with care. Three cheers for the enterprising hatter of Charleston.

It is impossible for us to give our readers even a synopsis of the Sabbath School Convention recently held in Charleston. We shall endeavor to give a full report in our next issue. Nearly every County in the State was represented, and all the various subjects connected with the interests of the Sabbath School fully discussed, developing many facts entertaining to Pastor, Superintendent, Teacher, and Scholar. The Minutes of the Convention will be published in pamphlet form and placed within reach of all.

THE RURAL CAROLINIAN FOR MAY. The appearance of "The Rural Carolinian" this month is more than ever indicative of that rapid and wonderful success which its enterprising and liberal management so well deserves. Among its principal points of attraction are, 1. Twelve pages of extra reading matter devoted to a sketch of the life of Geo. W. Williams, Esq., and accompanied by a costly steel engraved likeness of that successful merchant and useful citizen, making a valuable addition to the portrait gallery of the "Rural Carolinian" (already enriched by likenesses of Dickson, Darell, Liebbig and Co Lesseps.) 2. Agricultural reports obtained from all parts of the South by means of printed blanks furnished to subscribers and the mass of information thus obtained, being skillfully compiled by the editor, this is one of the most valuable features of the magazine, and makes it indispensable to every Southern planter who wishes to be well informed. 3. The contributions of Colonel D. Wyatt Akin which appear in various departments of the magazine, giving its readers the rich fruits of his shrewd observations of men and things during his tour through the South. 4. An illustrated article on Fish Culture, showing great practical knowledge of the subject and recommending it strongly to the consideration of planters. 5. An illustrated plan and description of a barn, being one of the series of interesting architectural articles contributed by Alex. Y. Lee, Esq., of Columbia. To these must be added the contributions of a host of correspondents, and a large quantity of well considered and useful editorial matter, the whole forming a pattern agricultural magazine.

The Nashville Banner of the 10th learns that the illness of Hon. Gustavus A. Henry, the great Whig orator of ante-bellum times, is of such a serious character—cancer of the stomache—that he cannot live but a few days.

The citizens of Orangeburg will hold precinct meetings on the 21st instant, to select delegates to the County Reform Convention which assembles on Sale day in June.

FEMALE EDUCATION. BY W. BRADGENT CLARKSON, Secy. G. H.

Woman generally, has never awakened to her highest destinies and holiest hopes, for she has yet to learn the influence she wields. Though she may not openly, yet may she in secret, or rather in the retirement of the home circle, exert her influence in the renovation of the world, though she may not minister at the altar of God, yet may she as an angel of peace, bear the messages of mercy and promises of forgiveness and salvation.

When woman has awakened to her power and influence, by the expansion of her mind by proper cultivation, we shall not find her seeking enjoyment in frivolous pursuits, but with the glow of benevolence, lighting her angelic and intelligent countenance, seeking immortal minds, to stamp her good influences upon.

Every man nearly, is prepared by careful education for some profession in life. Every woman should be educated for the position of daughter, wife, and mother, for man does not want merely a creature who can dance, sing, paint, or play on the piano, for a wife, but a companion on the voyage of life. We do not readily employ a physician, or lawyer, who has not been rendered fit for his position, by the proper training, we consider it as absolutely necessary, just so is the proper education and training necessary and essential to woman, to fit her for the domestic relations in life. Some one may be ready to exclaim, that she performs the duties incumbent upon her by intuition, perhaps so, but natural fitness for any position is improved by the proper training. Remember that the mother is the first instructor, it is she who assists the dawning faculties of the infant mind, it is the wife, who possesses the power to strengthen and bring to perfection early influence for good.

had the mother of Byron exercised her maternal influence for good, the giant intellect combined with the sweet gift of poetry, possessed by Lord Byron, would have been turned to songs of praise to Almighty God, and the amount of evil he has done to the human race, by the vitiation of the amount of good he would have accomplished had his training been other than it was.

In reverse of this with what pleasure do we point to the lasting influence produced upon society by the life and writings of Hannah Moore, and of Lady Huntington and of many others too numerous to mention here. It is in the power of every woman to wield the same influence with proper training God has given us talents and it is our bounden duty to cultivate them for use in his service.

OBITUARY. MRS. JUDITH ORLER MASON, fourth daughter of JAS. H. and CAROLINE BERTON, was born July 6th, 1818, was married to C. T. MASON January 11th, 1842, because a member of the Presbyterian Church in 1855, and died April 16th, 1870. The subject of this notice, married through the quiet and retired scenes of domestic life with conscientiousness and faithfulness. She circumscribed a circle of intimate friends and near relatives, and especially the sanctuary of home, filled the full measure of her duty in this world, and left behind her deep and tender emotions which give life its only substantial value. She knew what friendship meant. She put the largest level estimate upon the tender ties of kindred. She found enough to fill her heart and occupy her hand, for the most part, in the society of those who had been associated with her from the tenderest of her early ties and in affectionate maternal care of those dear ones whom God had given to her special guardianship.

How strange! that she for whom we weep, is crowned with radiant light—That she whose eyes are closed in death, Views Christ in glory, and his light, How strange! that joy is full in his heart, While we are sad below, What she would now say for profar, That all should be like her—O true it is, we dimly see, Those glorious things on high—But Jesus lead us to with thee, We cease to weep and sigh.

DEED, in Sumter County, on Wednesday morning, 3rd of May, NATHANIEL F. SPAN, aged 44 years. He had been a member of the M. E. Church, South, for about five years, and most of that time a professor of religion. He was so suddenly removed from earth, by the nature of his disease, that we have nothing from him when passing through the "valley and shadow of death," but we earnestly hope, that through the infinite merits of Jesus Christ, he rests in heaven. He leaves behind an affectionate wife and four children to mourn his loss. May God's blessing rest upon the bereaved widow and fatherless children, and may He raise them up many friends, to help and cheer them through life's wearisome pilgrimage. Sumter County, May 10 1870. Neighbor will please copy. J. W. M.

THE many friends of Mr. THOMAS HAIR respectfully announce him as an independent candidate for a seat in the Legislature from Sumter County, and solicit for him the support of THE CITIZENS. April 13, 1870.

COMMERCIAL. LATEST QUOTATIONS OF SOUTHERN SECURITIES, IN CHARLESTON, S. C. Corrected weekly by A. C. KAUFMAN, Broker, No. 25 Broad Street. MAY 4 1870.

STATE SECURITIES—South Carolina, old, 00@; do, new, 98@; do, registered stock, ex int, 00@. CITY SECURITIES—Augusta, Ga. Bonds, —@; do, Charleston, S. C. Stock, (ex gr int), —@; do, First Loan Bonds, —@; do, Columbia, S. C. Bonds, —@. RAILROAD BONDS—Blue Ridge, (first mortgage) —@; do, Charleston and Savannah, —@; do, Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta, —@; do, Cheraw and Darlington, —@; do, Greenville and Columbia, (1st mort), —@; do, (State guarantee) 68@—; do, Northern, —@; do, Savannah and Charleston, —@; do, (State guarantee) —@; do, South Carolina, —@; do, 73; Spartanburg and Union, —@. RAILROAD STOCKS—Charleston, Columbia and Augusta, —@; do, Greenville and Columbia, —@; do, 2; Northern, 6@9; Savannah and Charleston, —@; do, South Carolina, (whole shares) —@; do, 45; do, (half do), —@. EXCHANGES—New York Sight, 1/4 off par; Gold, 112@115; Silver, 105@108. SOUTH CAROLINA BANK BILLS. Bank of Charleston, —@; do, of Newberry, —@; do, of Columbia, —@; do, of Georgetown, —@; do, of South Carolina, —@; do, of Chester, —@; do, of Hamburg, —@; do, of State of S. C. prior to 1861, —@; do, Bank of State of S. C. issue 1861 and 1862, —@; do, Planters' and Mechanics' Bank of Charleston, —@; do, Union Bank of Charleston, —@; do, Southwestern R. R. Bank of Charleston, —@; do, Farmers' and Exchange Bank of Charleston, —@; do, Exchange Bank of Columbia, —@; do, Merchants' Bank of Cheraw, —@; do, Planters' Bank of Fairfield, —@; do, State of South Carolina Bills Receivable, —@; do, City of Charleston Change Bill, —@. Bills marked thus (*) are being redeemed at the Bank Counters of each.

Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED will continue the practice of Law, under his own name, Office on Main Street in the Town of Sumter, M. MOSES. May 9th 1870.

ATTENTION Sumter Fire Engine Co. YOU are hereby summoned to appear at Engine House, in full uniform, white pants, on Thursday afternoon, 26th inst., at 5 o'clock, for drill parade. Members are requested to be punctual. By order of President W. H. GIRARDEAU. A. WHITNEY SUDER, Secretary. May 17 County Commissioners' Office, SUMTER, S. C., May 13, 1870.

Notice to Liquor Dealers. All persons engaged in the sale of Spirituous Liquors (within the county of Sumter, S. C.) beyond the Corporate Limits of the Town of Sumter, S. C., Retail Dealers, Bar Keepers, Tavern Keepers, Billiard Table Keepers, &c., are hereby notified that returns must be made to them to this Office, for the Fiscal year, ending Nov 1st, 1869, and Licenses paid for, for that year, in accordance with Law, and under requirements of notice published by Board of County Commissioners of Sumter County, S. C., in Sumter Newspaper, May 12th, 1869. And all persons now engaged or who have been engaged in the sale of Spirituous Liquors, as above stated, since Nov 1st, 1869, must now take out License for the Fiscal year ending Nov 1st, 1870. Applications for License, must be made to the Board of County Commissioners, by the 1st day of June, next ensuing, and all persons engaged in the sale of Spirituous Liquors after that date, without License, will be prosecuted at the next Term of Court of General Sessions for Sumter County, S. C., for violation of Law in such case under and provided by Law in such case under and provided by Law. By order of Board JOHN H. FRITZER, JOHN H. FRITZER, Acting Chairman. C. M. HURST, Clerk of Board. May 17

THE STAR -AND- Southern Real Estate Advertiser, MARION, S. C. Aside from general intelligence—Religious, Agricultural and Political—one of the LEADING FEATURES of our paper, will be the publication of the interest of those who desire to PURCHASE OR SELL REAL ESTATE. In direct communication with the LEADING AND MOST RESPONSIBLE AGENTS AND AUCTIONEERS OF REAL ESTATE in every part of the country, with at once give PROMINENCE AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM for the sale of lands of every description, and lead to inquiries between those who desire to purchase and those who desire to sell. Each tract or parcel of land advertised will be numbered, and the address of the party wishing to sell given, so that correspondence may be opened directly with the advertiser. Communications descriptive of lands, soil, and sites for mills or factories, the health localities, or in any way relating to the geography of the country, solicited for publication. Parties are requested to write their names and post office address legibly. W. J. MCKERNAL, Editor. May 18

Just Received A Large Assortment of SPRING CALICOES -AND- Dress Goods. 200 BBLs. LIME, AT \$2.50. 300 Sacks Liverpool Salt, AT \$2.50. 1000 Bushels Corn, AT \$1.70. 20,000 POUNDS BACON, FROM 16 to 20 cts. 200 Barrels Flour, FROM \$7.00 to \$10.00. GREEN WATSON & WALSH, DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE. May 4

COTTON SHIPPED. We have made arrangements to ship COTTON To New York, Baltimore or Charleston, making Cash Advances EITHER POINT as long as may be desired. We will receive Cotton at Sumter, Lyneburg, Mayesville or Manchester. Green, Watson & Walsh, DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. TO ALL Whom it May Concern.

WHEREAS, IN THE COURSE OF HUMAN EVENTS, it becomes necessary for a man to get what is due him, in order to live and PAY HIS TAXES, (Honest debts left out.) And whereas, the Subscriber returns his thanks to those who have so kindly and so promptly PAID HIM IN BANKRUPT AND OTHER NOTICES FOR THE GOODS they have so nobly carried off, and appropriated to their own use and benefit; he solicits a continuance of their patronage, BUT ON DIFFERENT TERMS, hoping they will come forward and be as friendly as ever. He don't ask others whose bills are standing, some of which have been due a shameful length of time, to come forward and pay up, but heartily desires them to do so. For further particulars enquire at NO. 3. April 13-17

A RICH AND BEAUTIFUL SELECTION OF SPRING MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS, IN GREAT VARIETY. The ladies are particularly invited to call and examine the many novelties of the season, which cannot fail to please the fashionable and those of good taste. Goods are much cheaper, and will be sold on very reasonable terms—to suit the times. Call at the fashionable Millinery establishment of MISS E. D. BRITTON. April 13. BUSINESS. VISITING. AND WEDDING GARDS, Neatly executed at this Office. March 27-17

Notice. THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a Partnership in the practice of Law and Equity, under the name of RICHARDSON & MOSES, has been dissolved by mutual consent. J. S. O. RICHARDSON, GUYENARD RICHARDSON. May 9th 1870.

J. T. SOLOMONS SUCCESSOR TO J. T. SOLOMONS & CO. ESTABLISHED 1848. At the Old Stand, One Door North of the Court House.

COTTON SHIPPED AND LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE THEREON, Exchange on New York Sold. THE SUBSCRIBER HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HIS SECOND TRIP NORTH AND now offers to his friends and the public generally A SECOND SUPPLY OF CHEAP GOODS. AS HE STRUCK THE MARKET WHEN GOODS WERE LOW AND BUSINESS DULL IN New York, he flatters himself that he has bought his goods so that he can sell them CHEAPER THAN ANY HOUSE IN THIS OR ANY OTHER PLACE. HE DEFIES COMPETITION. HE IS NOW OFFERING THE CHEAPEST AND PRETTIEST ASSORTMENT OF DRESS GOODS. NEVER BEFORE OFFERED IN THIS MARKET, CONSISTING PARTLY OF BLACK AND COLORED GRENADES, LENOS CLOTHS, - - - - - from 10 to 25cts. COLORED LAWN, IN GREAT VARIETY, - - - - - from 12 1-2 to 25cts. A FINE VARIETY OF COLORED FRENCH MUSLINS, - - - - - from 25 to 50cts. TISSUES, BAREGES, &c., &c. Also, a beautiful Line of WHITE GOODS, of every description, PARASOLS, FANS AND FANCY ARTICLES GENERALLY.

LACE SETTS, LACE COLLARS, RUFFLES, &c., all of the latest styles. Special attention of the ladies is called to our DRESS GOODS AND FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT. A lot of Misses' and Childrens' LINEN AND PIQUE READY MADE SUITS. A LARGE LOT OF CALICOES. A Large assortment of Boots and Shoes. LADIES' PHILADELPHIA SHOES, GENTS' HANDSOWN PHILADELPHIA SHOES, Ladies' and Misses' Lasting Gaiters, &c., &c. GROCERIES, IN EVERY VARIETY. Sugar, Coffee, Flour, Bacon, Corn, Lard, Canned Goods, Soap, Starch, Candles, &c., &c., 200 BARRELS FLOUR, all grades, just received. For pretty and cheap goods come to May 17-1m J. T. SOLOMONS.

SEGARS, PIPES. GENUINE HAVANA SEGARS, BEST IN SUMTER. A LARGE VARIETY OF Pipes. MERCHAUM—Genuine and Imitation. WOODEN—Various styles and prices. And many others AT LOW FIGURES. Glass and Crockery Ware, IN GREAT VARIETY. The cheapest ever offered in this market. Fruit, Confectionery, FANCY AND HEAVY GROCERIES, Always on hand CALL AND EXAMINE JOHN S. HUGHSON'S, Under the Photographic Gallery March 16

OPENING OF THE SPRING FASHIONS. LATEST STYLES OF Millinery and Fancy Goods MRS. M. J. ZERNOV, SUMTER, S. C. having recently returned from New York, announces to her friends and the public of Sumter, and the adjoining counties, that she has opened at the above establishment a CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF Millinery Goods, Including all the LATEST PARISIAN NOVELTIES. Satisfaction guaranteed as to the price and quality of Goods purchased at this establishment. Orders from the country will receive prompt attention. April 20

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