[From the Columbia Phœnix.]

PRESENTMENT OF THE GRAND JURY, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, DEC. 9, 1870.

To the Honorable George S. Bryan, District Judge of the United States Court for the District of South Carolina:

In the exercise of the privilege of the Grand Jury to make presentment to the Court of such matters as appear to be public evils in themselves, or to require judicious legislation and amendment, they would respectfully present:

1.—The present election law of the State of South Carolina. These laws are brought to the attention of this Court, because under them elections are held for members of Congress, and to that extent, at least, are laws of the United States. The attention of the Grand Jury has been called specially to these election laws by numerous cases which have been brought before them at the present term, for illegal voting, riots and conspiracy to intimidate and other charges of offences committed for the purpose of defeating the ballot.

The Grand Jury are constrained to believe that the election laws have more to do with these distuabances and these charges than any evil intent on the part of the citizens, whether white or black. They are unfair, unequal, and tend to breed discord and strife, and should at once be amended. It is no new thing for disturbances of the peace to occur at elections; but laws may be so framed as to irritate the citizen in the peaceful exercise of his right of suffrage. The present laws, instead of hedging around the ballot-box, leave the door wide open to fraud, and in a warmly contested election, a disturbance of the public peace seems to be invited rather than prevented by the laws themselves.

2.—Another fruitful source of mischief is the employment of militiary to superintend civil elections. The evils of this system, (for it is fast becoming a *system* throughout the whole country, North and South,) must at once be suggested to any reasonable thinking mind. It is unconstitutional; it is unwise; it is the parent of mischief.

The small military force usually employed for the purpose would be utterly insufficient and useless, if the people were disposed to oppose and resist it The military force employed in South Carolina during the recent elections could have been easily overwhelmed in an hour. What good, then, is accomplished? They seem only to excite a spirit of resistance and bad blood. Human nature is the same all over the world, and for the military to take the place of the civil arm of the Government is not only dangerous to the public peace, but hazardous to political liberty. We have been taught these lessons from the history of the country whence we derive the principles of our Constitution and most of our laws.

The views here presented, the Grand Jury are happy to see, are endorsed by the highest military officers of the United States, General Sherman and General Halleck. The latter reports as follows;

"Where United States Marshals and assistant marshals call for military aid to execute the process of the Courts, there should be *an order of Court* authorizing such requisitions, on the ground that no proper civil *posse comitatus* could be obtained. It may be proper to remark in this place, that I have been assured by Federal civil officers that the use of troops in executing judicial process and enforcing the revenue and other civil laws seems to *increase*, rather than diminish, the apparent necessity of resorting to such force in civil matters. The ill disposed become more and more exasperated at being coerced by a force which they think has been unconstitutionally employed against them, and the better disposed relax their efforts to punish local crimes, on the plea that this duty now devolves on the military. Hence, in the case of a robbery or a murder, there is a call for Federal troops to arrest and guard the criminals. It is, therefore, a question well worthy of consideration, whether the military in civil matters should not be limited to a few well defined cases, such as riots and insurrections, which cannot be suppressed by local and State authorities."

There is another evil of great magnitude, to which attention should be called.

Reference is had to what is known as the constabulary force of this State. This establishment has all the objections urged against the military, with many additional ones. They have control of, and they distribute the arms belonging to the State, and are themselves an armed force. They actually engage in electioneering, and in the night time they harangue ignorant crowds at secret meetings. They are strangers to our people, and instead of being the preservers of peace are the instigators of unlawful and violent acts in many cases. There is no need of such a force in South Carolina, and it should at once be disbanded.

The attention of the Grand Jury has been called to the late riots which have occurred in Laurens County.

These unlawful acts are much to be regretted, and all good citizens should discountenance such disorderly conduct. The chief causes of these disturbances seem to be traced to the political excitement attendant upon the late general election, especially aggravated by the violent conduct and the malicious and threatening harangues of a few evil-disposed persons of that County. Such unwise, intemperate and criminal speeches to the more ignorant class of the community merit not only disapprobation, but deserve to be punished, if the arm of the law can reach the guilty parties. Some have been heard to tell colored people in public speeches that they must use their fire arms, and if these failed, then that a box of matches cost only five cents, and that these could be used to burn and destroy. Thus in open day encouraging incendiarism. The unlawful and mischievous acts and language of such wicked men are presented for the consideration of those whose duty it it is to enforce the law. The violent conduct of a few such men may lead to acts of vigilance by many, and thus injure not only the good name, but the peace and prosperity of the State.

We have visited the County Jail and the State Penitentiary, according to the instructions of the Court. We found everything in excellent order, and the prisoners well kept. There is not to complain of on this [illegible] seem to eliminate [illegible] prisoners [illegible] and humanely [illegible] ted.

THE WATCHMAN

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14.

A. A. McKAIN ..... EDITOR.

The Sumter Watchman has by far the largest circulation (especially in the surrounding country) of any paper published in Sumter, and was established in 1850.

THE SUMTER NEWS.

Adios! this is the best word we can say to our variable contemporary. It devotes a long article to us in its last issue, and with our best bow we say, *adios;* Having demolished the New York *World*, Charleston *Courier*, Sumter *Watchman*, and every other respectable and influential journal in a single campaign, it might now rest from its labors and live on its laurels. It continues to reiterate that the Union Reform party is dead—defunct—blown to smithereens, by the Radicals and the Sumter *News*. Well, if dead, let the ashes rest in peace, and don't dig up the corpse every week to indulge in the playful exercise of cracking the bones. Say something to the country in the way of congratulation on the happy government which the defeat of the Reformers has insured us for two years more, and call on the people to rejoice evermore, and to give thanks for all the mighty benefits which the *News* has conferred. The *News* is welcome to all the glory of such achievements, and we would not pluck one feather from its cap. It may tell its readers one time more that the Union Reform party is "dead." So is "old mother Wiggins," and so perhaps is the country. *Adios.*

THE COURIER'S "SPECIAL."

The writer who furnishes the "special correspondence of the *Courier*" for Columbia, disclaims any connection with the "corrupt Ring" to which certain persons belong who were recently noticed by our Columbia correspondent as being "puffed," &c.

The latter, no doubt, founded his allusion on what he had read in the *Courier*. But we take pleasure in saying that from our personal knowledge of the very active part taken by the *Courier's* "special" in the Reform campaign, he cannot be otherwise than *rectus in curia*, politically, and there is certainly no desire to do him any wrong in these columns. And we feel safe in saying the same for our Columbia Correspondent.

DEATH OF A LEGISLATOR.

The Columbia Phœnix, of 13th inst. says: The body of Daniel Kinsler, Esq., a Democratic member of the Legislature, from Lexington County, was found, on Sunday, in a by-road, near Horse Pond, about two miles from Congaree Ferry. As he was expected home on Saturday, and did not arrive, search was made for him, and his hat was found; continuing the search, the body was discovered nearly half a mile off. No marks of violence were observed. A jury was summoned and an inquest was to have been held yesterday. Mr. Kinsler was engaged in merchandizing in Columbia for a number of years, but retired to his farm in Lexington about the year 1854, where he has since resided. He was selected a member of the Legislature by the Democrats, at the late election.

REMOVAL OF POLITICAL DISABILITIES.

The Columbia *Phœnix* says: The Northern press, of both political parties come out decidedly in favor of universal amnesty, and declare that such is the sentiment of the Northern people. If it is why have they not taken steps to give a practical effect to these wishes? Why are not meetings held and the Representatives and Senators of the North called on to make this tribute to peace? Thousands upon thousands of their fellow citizens in the South, and the best men we have, are to day disfranchised under a Government that claims to be Republican and *free for all*, and is there nothing in this humiliating spectacle to call forth an emphatic expression of public opinion at the North?

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

English journals are exhibiting great alarm in consequence of a report that the Russians have fifty iron-clad monitors, drawing under eighteen feet water, at Nikolaieff. This town is situated on the River Dnieper, which flows into the Black Sea through a basin called Dnieper Liman. It is stated that for some years back every difficulty has been thrown in the way of foreigners desiring to visit Nikolaieff, and Russia has refused permission to have English naval officers attached to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg. It is reported that the forts at the entrance of the Sea of Azof have been made impregnable.

GREAT EVENTS.

Grant has sent in his annual message which the northern Press pronounces a jumble of twaddle, and Holden is about to be impeached by the North Carolina Legislature for "high crimes and misdemeanors." Great country—great events, and great men, sure as you're born.

[illegible] will give [illegible] many friends would be fairly puzzling in judgment if they were at all influenced by the silly exultations of a few unscrupulous partisans, who after all, are only exulting over the most contemptible breach of confidence I ever heard of. I regret exceedingly the loss of your friendship and do not hesitate to disapprove the sentiments of which I suppose I must bear the odium. They appear in a letter of which I have no recollection; they are so different from the sentiments I always express towards yourself and the gallant officers of our army, and are so inconsistent with all my antecedents, that I scarcely consider them entitled to a moment's thought. I have the honor to remain, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

(Signed) DAVID D. PORTER,
To the President. Admiral.

MASONIC.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION OF CLAREMONT LODGE, NO 64, A.·. F.·. M.·. will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 5, 1870, at 7 o'clock.

By order of
E. C. GREEN, W.·. M.·.
T. V. WALSH, Secretary.

Notice.

THE Undersigned beg to announce that we can now be found at "The Planters' Warehouse," where our Town and country friends will have inducements offered, in prices and quality which cannot be surpassed in this place.

J. M. NETTLES.
GEO. W. LEE.

Notice.

A MEETING OF THE "LADIES MONUMENTAL ASSOCIATION, of Sumter District," is hereby called for Friday, 23rd inst., at 12 o'clock, M., on the second floor of the Sumter Hotel.

The attendance of each member is most earnestly desired, as matters of final importance tending towards the early erection of the Monument to our gallant Confederate dead will be brought before the meeting.

By order of
Mrs. O. H. MOSES,
President, L. M. A.

RICHARD D. LEE, Secretary.
Dec 14—2t.

Masonic Celebration.

The following Lodges:

CLAREMONT LODGE,	NO.	64,	A.·. F.·. M.·.
SUMTER	"	"	120,	"	"
BISHOPVILLE	"	"	104,	"	"
SALEM	"	"	141,	"	"

Will Celebrate St. JOHN'S DAY next, the 27th DECEMBER, 1870, at the Methodist Church in Sumter, at 12 o'clock, M., when an oration will be delivered, and their officers for the next Masonic year be installed by Bro. P.·. G.·. M.·. HENRY BUIST, of Charleston, S. C.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 54, Summerton Lodge, No. 105 and all Bro. Master Masons are invited to unite with us in the Celebration.

The public generally and the ladies particularly are invited to be present.

Brothers will please bring their Regalia, and assemble at the Lodge Room, at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the procession will be formed.

PROGRAMME:

PRAYER,
MUSIC,
ORATION,
MUSIC,
INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS,
MUSIC.

Committee of Arrangements.

E. C. GREEN, W. M., A. MOSES, S. W., J. D. CRAIG, J. W., R. W. DURANT, Treas. T. V. WALSH, P. M. Sec'ty,—on the part of Claremont Lodge.

J. B. ROACH, W. M., J. T. BRUNSON, P. M., S. W., J. W. DARGAN, J. W., T. A. PACK, Treas., W. H. CUTTINO, P. M., Sec'ty.—on the part of Sumter Lodge.

H. C. MOSES, P. M.,
Marshal.

Sumter, S. C., December 14, 1870.

Administrator's Sale.

BY ORDER OF CHARLES M. HURST, Judge of Probate for Sumter County, I will sell the ENTIRE PERSONAL ESTATE of W. W. McCUTCHEN, deceased, at his late residence, on THURSDAY 29th DECEMBER inst., the sale to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.

The personal estate consists of

Horses, Mules,
Cattle, Hogs,
Corn, Fodder,
Household and Kitchen Furniture, &c., &c.

TERMS CASH.
H. C. McCUTCHEN.
Dec 14) 2t

Estate Sale.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL SELL AT the late residence of Mr. N. S. PUNCH, deceased, by authority of his will, on Thursday, 22d of December inst., one mule and one half of the stock of cattle left by the deceased. Terms cash.

L. W. DICK
W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH,
Executors.
Dec 14—1t

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF SUMTER.

IN THE PROBATE COURT.

William J. Anderson, Administrator of Edward Anderson, deceased, Plaintiff, against Robert Bradley Wilson, Executor, R. Miles Wheeler and Ann E. his wife, Emily H. Brunson, Susan W. Brown and Brown, her husband, Mary Anderson, Edward L. Anderson, Archibald Barnes and Julia, daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth Barnes, husband of said Julia, Robert W. Scott and Sarah C. his wife, John J. Reardon, Susan Purlina Reardon, James E. Reardon, Mary M. Reardon, Samuel McB. Reardon, Ida J. Reardon, Louisa J. Anderson, Julia H. Anderson, Donald M. Tisdale and Vermeille R. his wife, Sarah L. Wells and Wells, her husband, Pennyman Anderson, Joseph H. Anderson and Ravenel S. Bradwell, Adm'r. Defendants.

Summons for Relief. Complaint not served.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, Robert Bradley Wilson, Executor, R. Miles Wheeler and Ann E. his wife, Emily H. Brunson, Susan W. Brown and Brown, her husband, Mary Anderson, Edward L. Anderson, Archibald Barnes and Julia, daughter of Archibald and Elizabeth Barnes, husband of said Julia, Robert W. Scott and Sarah C. his wife, John J. Reardon, Susan Purlina Reardon, James E. Reardon, Mary M. Reardon, Samuel McB. Reardon, Ida J. Reardon, Louisa J. Anderson, Julia H. Anderson, Donald M. Tisdale and Vermeille R. his wife, Sarah L. Wells and Wells, her husband, Pennyman Anderson, Joseph H. Anderson and Ravenel S. Bradwell, Adm'r.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this Action, which is on this day filed in the Probate Court for the said County, and to serve a Copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office in the Town of Sumter, in the County and State aforesaid within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this Action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated December 3rd, 1870.

FRASER, HAYNSWORTHS & COOPER,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

First insertion Dec. 14, 1870. 6w

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS,

A Fine Assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's

Staple, Dress and Fancy Goods.

BLACK and COLORED DRESS SILKS.
HANDSOME SCOTCH PLAIDS, - - at 50 cts.
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MORE OF THOSE FINE KID GLOVES, - at $1 50.
COLORED SWISS AND ORGANDIE MUSLINS FOR BALL DRESSES.
REAL VALENCIENNES LACES AND COLLARS.
FRENCH PERFUMERY AND SOAPS.
A HANDSOME STOCK OF SHAWLS, CLOAKS and ARABS.

WATER-PROOF TWEEDS

For Ladies' Cloaks.

Tweeds, Cassimeres, Cloths, Jeans and Satinets,

For Boys' and Men's Wear.

A CHOICE ASSORTMENT OF

Fancy China Cups & Saucers,

For Christmas Presents.

Christmas Boxes,

CANDY OF ALL KINDS.

Fire Crackers.

Gun Powder in 1 lb. Canisters,

AT FIFTY CENTS.

New Buck-wheat Flour.

SALMON, MACKEREL AND HERRINGS.

Raisins, Almonds, Citron, Currants and Prunes.

Old Government Java Coffee, Rio Coffee of all kinds.

Sugar, Molasses and Syrups.

NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.

Goshen Butter at 40c. per lb.

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Champagne, Wines and Liquors of all Kinds, French Cordials.

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Which will be sold LOW.

BEFORE MAKING YOUR PURCHASES CALL

—AT—

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Sumter, S. C.

Dec 14

What beauty I saw in that morning!
Where but yesterday was nothing—
Lo, I saw a fallen bough On the ground.
Through me what tears were shifted,
Quickly was my eye uplifted,
Upward lifted, as by *Caldwell's*
Looked around.

"Good friend," said I, approaching
"Do not charge me with reproaching—
Are you waiting for some messenger Of news?"

But no other word he uttered,
And no other sentence muttered,
Save "you'll find there's none like Caldwell's Boots and Shoes."

"That's a strange expression, surely,"
Said I, looking down demurely.
"I trust, good sir, that you the question Will excuse."

But he only looked the prouder,
As he spoke the words the louder,
"There's always perfect comfort in Caldwell's Boots and Shoes."

"Why, bless me, man," I shouted,
As his sanity I doubted,
'Tis surely naught to me what people's goods You use."

But he only cried the higher,
With enthusiastic fire,
"You'll save your cash by wearing Caldwell's Boots and Shoes."

So I left him there reclining,
Where no ray of sun was shining—
And frequently I wondered at the words the man Did use.

Thinking surely 'twas a mystery,
And that some hidden history
Was weaving round myself and Caldwell's Boots and Shoes.

So then I resolved to buy them,
Nay, I felt compelled to try them,
And behold I've cause for gladness,
That the words I deemed were madness,
Induced me thus to purchase
Caldwell's Boots and Shoes.

Old Santa Claus here rushed up,
All spruce and nicely brushed up,
And swore he'd not be hushed up But say
Whate'er he choose,
And to my greatest wonder,
Cried out in tones of thunder
The Christmas Tree's a blunder
Which bears not
Caldwell's Boots and Shoes.

OPPOSITE J. T. SOLOMON'S.

SIGN OF THE BIG BOOT.

Dec 7

In Purchases as in Poetry,

YOU'LL DO THE BEST

At Spann's.

JUNIUS SPANN calls every man, and little boy, who wants a toy, and ladies bright as starry night, to visit his store, whether rich or poor, and see what they shall see.

High diddle, diddle,
With banjo and fiddle,
The goods are waiting your call.
And 'tis here that your money will buy you a treat
Of all that a Grocery keeps good to eat,
Or a Fruiterer delights to expose on his shelves—
A feast for your friends and a feast for yourselves
Tit to rip to rango;
Where, O where's my banjo.
Christmas comes but once a year—
Go to Spann's and get good cheer.

JUNIUS SPANN is a pleasant man, and waits at the door of his handsome store, to welcome all who may give him a call, and tries very hard, whether in Butter or Lard, his customers' trade—as soon as he's paid,

To send every customer away from his door
All radiant with smiles 'cause they came to his store.
High diddle, diddle
Tune up the old fiddle
For the goods are awaiting your call.
All sorts of groceries and some things in cans,
You'll find very cheap at the wonderful Spann's.
O give him a call—'twill be better for thee,
And all through the Christmas you merry may be.
Tit to rip to rango,
Hore, yes here's my banjo.
Christmas comes but once a year—
Go to Spann's and get good cheer.

J. N. SPANN, Agent,

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Dec 7

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A. A. McKAIN.

Dec 7—3t

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CHARLESTON, S. C., October 13, 1870.

THE FIFTH INSTALMENT OF FIVE DOLLARS PER SHARE, will be payable on 15th January, proximo.

In Charleston—at the Office of the Company, No. 10 Broad-street.

In Sumter—To Major JOSEPH JOHNSON.

In Clarendon—To Dr. G. ALLEN BUGGINS.

WM. H. PERONNEAU, Treasurer.

Dec 14

A GOOD TIME

To enter COIT'S MILITARY and COMMERCIAL ACADEMY, is on the 1st of JANUARY 1871.

Boys prepared for College or Business.

Address, CAPT. W. H. COIT,
Dec 7—4t Mayesville, S. C.

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OF EXPERIENCE, wishes the situation of Teacher, in a Family or School, to instruct in the English Branches. Address

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Care of W. Y. Paxton, Esq., Sumter, S. C.
Dec 7 2t

Mullets and Mackerel.

150 BBLS. MULLETS,
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BY LATE ARRIVALS OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS, HOSIERY, NOTIONS, &c., is complete in all [illegible] Goods the market affords. Our PAY AS YOU GO SYSTEM will BY ALL THE TIME.

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OUR STOCK OF STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES, is kept full at all times, consisting of all kinds, (Except Liquors)

GREEN & WALSH.

Buckwheat Flour.

Mackerel, new.
Butter, Mountain and Goshen.
Cheese, Pearl Hominy, Rolled Mat.
Breakfast Bacon,
Kentucky Hams,
For sale by
GREEN & WALSH.

Satin Cloth, a new article for Ladies Dresses.

The Largest

ASSORTMENT OF DRESS GOODS in Town. At GREEN & WALSH'S

All Wool Merines, DeLaines and Empress Cloth.

Dress Trimmings,

OF ALL KINDS. THE LATEST STYLES. At GREEN & WALSH'S.

Alpaccas—all kinds, colors and qualities.

The NEW STYLE HOOP SKIRT

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Silks, Poplins, Scotch Plaids and Fancy Dolaines.

Shawls and Cloaks,

AWFUL CHEAP,
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Cloaks and Shawls of all qualities.

Blankets, Clothing,

AND HATS, of all kinds,
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Largest Assortment of Harness in Sumter. Come and see it.

Saddles, Harness,

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At GREEN & WALSH'S.

Saddles and Bridles to suit every one.

Crockery, Glassware,

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New Lot

OF WHITE GOODS, GLOVES, HOSIERY and DRESS GOODS, Just received at astonishingly low prices,
By GREEN & WALSH.

Mile's Boots and Shoes. King's Ladies Shoes.

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Bargains in Remnants,

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Planter's owing us for Supplies are requested to meet their obligations promptly, as this is the time of the year we need our money. If you do not wish to sell Cotton, we will ship and hold it

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COTTON.

We are prepared to pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE FOR COTTON, OR SHIP AND HOLD WHEN DESIRED, making CASH ADVANCES ON SAME.

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