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The Meeting Saturday Last.

As was announced in THE NEWS a meeting was held at this place on Saturday last. The attendance was large and enthusiastic, and exhibited the best of feeling throughout.

Mr. J. Felder Meyers, Esq., was called to the chair, and in a brief and forcible manner impressed the assemblage with the importance of keeping good order.

Mr. Meyers said the meeting had been called to protect the interests of all parties, the merchant, the farmer, and every other citizen alike. There had been too many bitter partisan affairs in this County for its good, and although the cause showed the necessity for the meeting sprang, was preeminently a partisan affair, yet he wanted his party to show a better spirit of friendship than that, and adopt and pursue a course which would redound to the benefit of all alike.

Mr. Meyers counselled peace and order, and urged upon every one present the importance of holding a strict obedience to the law, and concluded by introducing Judge Hoge, who spoke for nearly two hours. As there was no stenographic reporter present, we can only furnish our readers with a synopsis of his address.

Judge Hoge said in substance:

Mr. Chairman and Fellow-citizens: It is no ordinary occasion that has caused me to leave home, family and professional duties at this sickly season of the year to deliver an address and to take a journey with you, the citizens of Orangeburg. I come not here to day seeking an office at your hands for myself or friends. There is no exciting campaign going on; there has been no call upon you to exercise the right of choice between contending candidates for public favor; yet, I see before me an excited eager crowd of those whom I, on former occasions, have addressed, when the subject was purely political. What then is it that calls us together? Why all this feeling? What causes these countenances which speak a determined purpose?

The cause is one which should bring a blush of shame to the face of all who sympathize with it; and which will surely bring its leaders into disgrace and ruin. This mysterious order of the Ku Klux Klan, which has caused so much suffering in the northern part of the State has shown itself to be strong in numbers in your very midst.

No one regrets this more than myself. As a citizen of South Carolina, and as a property holder, I feel that your future is my future, your interests my interests. I am not here to-day to excite the public mind. I don't believe in excitement, I think it would be better if our elections, and their attending excitement should come around at longer intervals. Yet, when one hundred and fifty armed and disguised men enter a quiet town at midnight, with purposes which we cannot believe are good, it is but right that we should meet and determine for every honest man, irrespective of party, what it means.

What is this organization? There is no doubt that it has a purpose, which has in view a good purpose, that requires men to meet only at the dead hour of night, to hide themselves in sheets and masks, and ride through the quiet towns to the terror of the inhabitants. Fortunately in Orangeburg, there was no blood shed. There, however, were notices posted upon the public edifices threatening with death and the lash, any man who should be "honest men must rule."

If you ever hear of an honest man doing an honest and lawful act, covering his face with a mask, and riding a horse covered with white sheets? These men cover their faces and select the time for their hellish deeds when all other criminals work. As I have said, no murder has been committed here, but they will murder in the counties of York, Fairfield, Chester, Newberry, Abbeville, Spartanburg and Union, this organization has been carrying on their atrocious deeds of blood and fire. I myself witnessed and examined six persons brought from Spartanburg. I was unable to count the number of stripes they had received. They were literally covered with stripes; some had five. Words cannot ex-

press the anguish of their sufferings. If they do this in Spartanburg, they will do similar deeds in Orangeburg. We are told that their mission is to prevent the sale of stolen cotton. If so, why the necessity of hiding their faces, of coming at midnight and of breathing out threatenings against the public officers? If their real object was to prevent thieving, they would have come in the bright light of day, and then they would have been assisted by every honest man in Orangeburg.

I am not going to be intimidated from speaking the truth. I always have and always shall defend every citizen in what is lawful and orderly, so that they shall have protection for their lives, their liberty and their property. "Every man's house is his castle," and the strong arm of the Government will be used to protect you, your wives and children.

The Republican party is charged with fostering dishonesty. There is, no doubt that there are, dishonest men in that party; but are there not likewise dishonest men in the Democratic party? All parties have their share of dishonesty. There may be dishonest men in the Legislature. I don't propose to defend any of these, and will not give them my support. The people have a remedy for all this, which is plain, adequate and complete. Not in midnight assassination; not by burnings and stripes. You can't remedy it by killing colored men, or by abusing and ill-treating them.

If the object of this Klan is to kill let them take the thieves, but let alone the innocent man, whose only crime is fealty to the party which gave him freedom. But, no matter what may be a man's crime, it is no just cause for his murder. There is no excuse for going into a man's house at night, taking him out from his family and brutally murdering him. If any of the Democratic party know of any dishonest act done by officials, let them go to the grand jury, which is the most terrible engine that can be brought against them. And now, if there are any of this Klan within the sound of my voice, I can tell them, that, when they kill even a dishonest man, their crime is looked upon by the courts here below, and that higher Tribunal above, as a foul and bloody murder.

My fellow citizens, let me advise you to call upon Governor Scott for protection. It is his duty to afford it; but my friends, I am almost doubtful if that duty will be performed. If he does refuse, call on the President of the United States. General Grant will see that the laws are thoroughly executed. Those laws will protect you. Hear what the law known as the "Ku Klux Bill" says. A part of section two of this law reads as follows:

"If any person go in disguise upon the public highway or upon the premises of another, for the purpose, either directly or indirectly, of depriving any person or class of persons of the equal protection of the laws, or of equal privileges or immunities under the laws, or for the purpose of preventing or hindering the constituted authorities of any State from giving or securing to all persons within such State the equal protection of the laws, or shall conspire together for the purpose of in any manner impeding, hindering, obstructing, or defeating the due course of justice in any State or Territory, with intent to deny to any citizen of the United States the due and equal protection of the laws, or to injure any person in his person or his property for lawfully enforcing the right of any person or class of persons to the equal protection of the laws, &c., each and every person so offending shall be deemed guilty of a high crime, and, upon conviction thereof in any district or circuit court of the United States or district or supreme court of any Territory of the United States having jurisdiction of similar offences, shall be punished by a fine not less than five hundred nor more than five thousand dollars, or by imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for not less than six months nor more than six years, as the court may determine, or by both such fine and imprisonment as the court shall direct."

If there are any of this mysterious Order present here to-day, let me say to them, that steps are even now being taken to ferret out every one of them. The most of you are known, and if it takes five years, every one of you will be brought to justice. It is Governor Scott's duty to see that this is done.

It makes no difference whether a man is a "carpet-bagger," a "scallawag" or a colored man, if he is honest and competent, we have a right to place him in any position to which we may see fit and proper to call him; and it may as well be distinctly understood here to-day, that we intend to exercise that right without any regard to the threatenings or actions of the Ku Klux Klan.

If all outside sources of protection fail, we have a remedy within ourselves. That a party, which in this State has a majority of thirty thousand, should submit to such outrageous organizations, is astonishing. Governor Scott owes it to every one, Ku Klux as well as to every

have this order put down at once. Now, what is our condition here? There are two blacks to every white man. Can these two submit to the one? The time is not far distant when for every one murdered by the Ku Klux Klan two of their number, or sympathizers, will suffer. When that time does come, who will be held responsible before the world for all the woes and afflictions which it will entail upon us?

It is said that the good people of this place are not in any sympathy with this organization. I don't believe all of them are, but the fact of one hundred and fifty armed and disguised men entering the town at midnight, and no effort being put forth for their detection by these good citizens, shows that, at least, an almost passive or criminal acquiescence in their hellish objects exists.

They believe that such an organization will destroy the Republican party. They know not the strength of this party, which stands by the principles rather than men. It was this party, my colored friends, that advocated the loosening of your chains, when you were powerless to place any one in office. Keep true to the party of your liberation. Cast behind you the sophistry of the Democratic party. All the rights you enjoy this day you received through the mighty efforts of the Republican party, and it will be as true to you as was Ruth of old, who said, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whether thou goest, I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

Let us, therefore, unite to-day as one man. Let us demand from the Governor of this State, not as a favor but as a right, ample and speedy protection against lawlessness of any and every description. Let me be understood, I again reiterate, that I did not come here to make a political speech. We meet here to advise and consult each other. I wish to find out the true condition of affairs. You desire to know what protection will be afforded you. I find no cause for discouragement. You have the proper spirit, and will, no doubt, place the awards where they belong—in the rear.

The object of the Klan is, by striking terror in your minds to drive you from the party of your choice. It will rebound on their own unfortunate heads. If their real object had been to prevent cotton stealing, we would have helped them, but not by discussing ourselves.

It is with feelings of regret that I see the changes that have taken place among the least chivalry of South Carolina. The time was that when a man here felt himself deeply insulted and was galled by challenge, this enemy face to face. It was not until these degenerate days that persons, bearing the appearance of men, dress themselves in sheets, cover their faces with blankets, hide themselves behind pines, in the dead hour of night, "the hour of moon-down," and strike their supposed enemy in the back; or at their trying places amidst feignish gales give him the end of a rope. I hope that what I say here may not offend any one present, but I can assure you, men of dark and bloody deeds, that for every Republican you kill, there will be ten to take his place. And now, my friends, I would advise you to watch this Klan; find them out; and keep the information to yourselves until the proper time arrives when you can make good use of your knowledge. To the Ku Klux, I say "go home and sin no more." The time may come when you will pay ten times more to a lawyer to save your neck from a halter, than the attention you have bestowed upon the advice I give you to-day.

Do you believe, can you believe, that one honest man can belong to such an order? No! and the good people of this county can put the whole organization down by saying so.

In a recent letter written by General Kershaw, he said gentlemen belonged to the Ku Klux. I hope the sentiments expressed in that letter are not his own. I have reason to know something of the Confederate soldiers who formed the backbone and new of the armies of the South. I have met them on more than twenty battlefields, and as many skirmishes, and they were brave and worthy of any man's steel. They were not the men, who under the cover of masks and darkness, would murder any peaceable citizen. Until it is proved the contrary, I will not believe that this fiendish organization is composed of ex-Confederate soldiers.

In conclusion, I would advise every man of you, the colored people, to be honest and upright; be what every Confederate said you were during the war. When you had the power in your own hands at that time, how did you act? Ah! my friends, you have set an example of self-control, patience and suffering, that will scarcely ever be equalled, never excelled. Although I know that your masters were fighting against an enemy that was to be your deliverer, you toiled and sweat to feed, not only the Confederate soldiers in the field, but

their wives and little ones at home. You were at once their protectors and supporters; and quietly waited through the long contest, trusting in God for your deliverance from the bondage of slavery. Again I say to you, be true to your past history, and by the grace of God you will be triumphant in the end.

One word more about dishonest officials. If you know of a single dishonest act done by your Clerk of Court, your Treasurer, your Auditor, your Judge of Probate or any other of your county officials, it is your duty to report them to the Solicitor or before the Grand Jury. If you know of any dishonest act committed by them and don't do your duty, you should ever afterwards hold your peace.

My Republican friends, when the Democrats tell you of dishonest Republican officials in South Carolina, and give you that as a reason why you should desert your party, point them to New York city, governed and controlled by Democratic crats, where for every thousand dollars missed here, they steal a million. This very city of New York is the very stronghold of the Democracy.

I thank you, my friends, for the attention you have given to my remarks, and I trust it will be the last time I may ever have cause to speak to you on the unpleasant subject that has caused you to meet this day.

Minutes of the Mass-Meeting of Saturday Last.

A Mass Meeting of the Republican party was held at Orangeburg Court House, on Saturday, September 21 1871. J. Felder Meyers, Esq., was called to the chair, and Mr. G. W. Sturgeon requested to act as Secretary.

The Chairman in a very forcible and eloquent address, stated the object for which the meeting was called, and in conclusion, introduced to the audience, Hon. S. L. Hoge of Columbia, ex-Member of Congress, and formerly an Associate Justice on the Supreme bench of the State.

Mr. Hoge spoke for nearly two hours, and was several times interrupted by loud bursts of applause.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hoge's remarks, a resolution was offered and adopted that a Committee of thirteen be appointed by the chair, whose duty it should be, to draft a set of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting. The chair appointed the following, which included several Democrats:

W. N. Mount, Chairman; Adam C. Williams, Geo. W. Sturgeon, Augustus B. Knowlton, Malcolm I. Browning, William D. Hanley, Benj. Byas, W. A. O'Connell, Dr. J. A. N. Her, Jas. L. Jamison, and Geo. F. Phillips. Messrs. W. J. B. and Geo. F. were not called upon, and requested to meet on the Committee, but declined.

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Meyers was called away from the meeting by urgent business elsewhere, and W. N. Mount, Esq., was requested to act as Chairman in his stead. On motion of Mr. T. C. Albergotti, it was resolved that the speech of Mr. Hoge be published in the ORANGEBURG NEWS.

After an absence of half an hour, Aug. B. Knowlton, Esq., from the Committee on resolutions, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, We the citizens of Orangeburg County, in Mass Meeting assembled, do recognize with profound regret that an organization, whose avowed purpose is inimical to all the best interests of the County and State, has recently made its appearance among us—therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting:

First, That all offenses against the laws should be punished by the law, and in no other way.

Second, That no aggravated crimes, whether by night or by day, in common with all good citizens.

Third, That we consider the organization of the Ku Klux Klan as opposed to the spirit, and its action against the letter, of the law.

Fourth, That we continue to discharge all our various duties of life, social, commercial, political and otherwise, as if no such organization existed.

Fifth, That we, the people assembled, in order to prevent further violation of law, do urgently call upon Governor Scott to take such steps as he is authorized to take, which will put a stop to the operations of this unlawful organization.

That if the State Government refuse to take such preventive steps, that we, as a people then call upon the National Government.

That when, if ever, we shall have appealed in vain to all peaceable and quiet modes of defense and protection, that then we defend our sacred rights in the manner customary among men and approved by the Almighty.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the ORANGEBURG NEWS, and that a copy be forwarded to Governor Scott by the Chairman of this meeting.

Mr. Sturgeon offered the following Resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of seven be appointed by the Chairman of this

meeting who shall, in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Republican party of this County, confer, in an amicable spirit, with the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of said County, in order to devise means looking towards the holding of a Mass Meeting of the citizens of Orangeburg, irrespective of party, so that the real sentiments of the whole law-abiding people may be expressed, in opposition to such part of our society as are in sympathy with the organization, known as the Ku Klux Klan.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting act as Chairman of the Committee.

The Chair then appointed the following as the Committee:

W. N. MOUNT, Chairman,
GEORGE BOLIVER,
J. FELDER MEYERS,
JAS. L. JAMISON,
GEO. W. STURGEON,
F. H. GREENE,
BENJAMIN BYAS,Committee.

Mr. Knowlton, on being called upon, briefly addressed the meeting. His remarks were well timed, and listened to with the greatest attention.

On motion of J. L. Jamison, Malcolm I. Browning, Esq., was requested to address the meeting.

Mr. Browning made a very forcible address; condemned in strong terms all unlawful organizations—appealed to the white and colored people to live in peace and harmony, that their interests were identical; eulogized the colored people for the quiet and peaceable manner in which they assembled here to-day, and concluded by saying that he hoped the time was not far distant when all the existing bitter feeling and prejudices would be obliterated.

Mr. Browning's remarks were frequently interrupted by applause, and were well received throughout by all parties present.

Mr. Jas. L. Jamison being called upon, made a strong appeal to all colored men, to be honest and upright, and advised them to act in concert with the merchants of the County in order to prevent and discourage cotton stealing. He told the colored people, they ought to consult the merchants in their various neighborhoods, and urge them to request them not to purchase cotton except during the daytime. He thought if the merchants done their duty in this matter, there would be less stealing and consequently more satisfaction to all.

The chair then announced the next business before the meeting would be the election of a Chairman for the Executive Committee of the Republican party of this County.

George Boliver was unanimously elected to the position.

A vote of thanks was then tendered the several speakers, and the Chairman, after which, the meeting adjourned.

GEO. W. STURGEON,
Secretary.

ORANGEBURG, S. C.,
September 4th, 1871.

Agreeably to Resolutions adopted at a Mass Meeting of the Republican party, held at Orangeburg C. H., on Saturday, September 2d, 1871, a Committee appointed by the aforesaid meeting to confer with the Central Executive Democratic Committee of the County, for the purpose of making a joint call for a Mass Meeting of all citizens of the county, irrespective of party, assembled in the Court House at 4 o'clock P. M., Wm. N. Mount, Esq., in the chair.

Mr. G. W. Sturgeon was requested to act as Secretary. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had had an interview with Paul S. Felder, Esq., who was supposed to be the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic or Union Reform party, and that Mr. Felder had informed him that his functions, as well as those of his Committee, had ceased, there being at present no such party organizations existing in this County. Mr. Felder, however, had shown a disposition to meet the Republican Committee, but not in an official capacity as a member of any organized political Committee.

Mr. Sturgeon then offered the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The undersigned, a Committee appointed (by a Mass Meeting of the Republican party, held on September 2d, 1871), for the purpose of conferring with the Executive Committee of the Democratic or Union Reform party of this County, looking towards the calling of a Mass Meeting of all law-abiding, and peaceably disposed citizens, irrespective of party, and upon information furnished us by the ex-Chairman of the late Union Reform Committee, to the effect, that there is no political organization existing at present in Orangeburg, known as the Union Reform party, therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby call upon all law-abiding citizens of Orangeburg County, without regard to their political opinions, to assemble in Mass Meeting at Orangeburg Court House, on Saturday, September 16th, 1871, in order that a full and candid expression of the sentiments of all good citizens may be given in condemnation of all

outrages under cover of any name whatsoever, and for the purpose of devising means to suppress any unlawful organization that may exist in this County.

Resolved, That we earnestly request the members of the ex-Committee of the late Union Reform party, to encourage, by all means in their power, a full attendance of citizens entertaining opinions antagonistic to those advocated by the Republican party, and would cordially invite all such citizens, and especially the property holders, to meet us, in order that a better understanding may be established between the conflicting political elements of this County.

WM. N. MOUNT, Chairman.
FRANK H. GREENE,
J. FELDER MEYERS,
BENJAMIN BYAS,
GEORGE BOLIVER,
GEO. W. STURGEON,
JAS. L. JAMISON,
Committee.

On motion it was

Resolved, that the Secretary furnish a copy of the said resolutions to Paul S. Felder Esq., late Chairman of the ex-Committee of the Union Reform party, and that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the ORANGEBURG NEWS.

On motion, the Committee adjourned.

GEO. W. STURGEON,
Sec. of Committee.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the Estate of Sam'l Bozard, deceased, will make immediate payment, and all those having claims against him must present them properly attested.

FREDERICK B. BOZARD,
Executor.
Sept 9—31

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The Copartnership heretofore existing under the Firm Name of CARTMILL & VINCE, expires by Limitation on the 1st day of September, 1871. Mr. THOMAS CARTMILL is authorized to Collect all debts due the late firm.

THOMAS CARTMILL,
THOMAS G. VINCE.
Orangeburg, Sept. 1st, 1871.

The Business will be CONTINUED hereafter at the same place by the undersigned on his own account.

THOMAS CARTMILL.
Sept 9—31

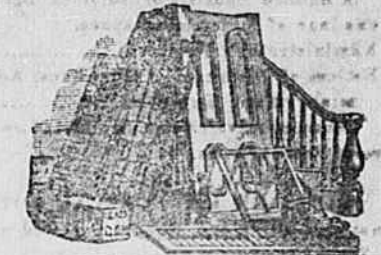
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PUBLIC SALE.

John A. BARKER, I Complainant for Specific Performance.
Andrew W. Miller, J. Performance.

By virtue of the 16th of July in this case, directing that the land hereinafter mentioned, be sold at public auction, I will sell at Orangeburg Court House, on Monday the 21st of October next, according to the usual form of sale, the following real estate:

All that tract of land containing 200 acres more or less, situated on Brown's Branch, a tributary of the Orange River, and bounded on the north by lands of Henry N. Smith, on the east by lands of J. M. Taylor, on the south by lands of J. M. Taylor and J. M. Taylor, and on the west by lands of the estate of Daniel Bowman and Smith, and containing 200 acres more or less.

Terms cash.

J. A. BARKER, Plaintiff.
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Notice of Dismissal.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON the 4th day of October, 1871, we will file our Final Accounts with the Honorable T. C. Andrews, Judge of Probate, and ask for Letters of Dismissal as Executors of the Estate of John Humberger, dec'd.

T. C. HUNGERBERGER,
A. H. HUNGERBERGER,
W. L. HUNGERBERGER,
Executors.
sept 9—11

NOTICE.

Mrs. B. M. SHULER RESPECTFULLY informs her friends that she is prepared to make LADIES' DRESSES, CUTTING, FITTING and PASTING in all the various Styles. Being deprived of her only STAY IN LIFE, and having the CARE of TWO LITTLE CHILDREN, she is forced to seek a living in this way. Hoping that her friends in Prosperity will be her friends in the dark days of sad misfortune, she has been prompted to appeal to their sympathies.

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NOTICE.

OFFICE SCHOOL COMMISSIONER,
Orangeburg, S. C.

Notice is hereby given that all persons desirous of TEACHING in the FREE COMMON SCHOOLS of this County, are notified that the County Board of Examiners for Orangeburg County, will be in Session in this Office, from Monday, September 18th, and continue in Session each day until the 23d proximo. All persons wishing to obtain CERTIFICATES will present themselves to the Board for Examination on one of the above days. School Trustees are not allowed by law to employ any other Holding Certificates from this Board. Teachers will mark this.

E. I. CAIN,
School Commissioner, O. C.
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