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Honorably Adjusted. From the Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel we extract the following, which explains itself:

Yesterday morning the following dispatch was received at the Mayor's office:

Winnsboro, Dec. 20, 9.50, a. m., 1875. To Mayor Estes, Augusta, Ga.:

I have reason to believe that S. B. Clowney and T. W. Woodward have left here with their friends for the purpose of having a hostile meeting near your city. Please take steps to prevent a meeting.

PIERRE BACOT, Intendant of Winnsboro, S. C. The telegram was immediately turned over to Mr. Christian, Chief of Police, who at once took steps to prevent the duel. He went before Judge Claiborne Snead, and made the following affidavit:

State of Georgia, Richmond County. Personally came John A. Christian, who, on oath, says that to the best of his knowledge and belief, it is the intention of Samuel B. Clowney and Thomas W. Woodward to fight a duel with deadly weapons in said State, and this deponent makes this affidavit to prevent said duel by requiring the parties to give bond to keep the peace.

JOHN A. CHRISTIAN. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of December, 1875. CLABORNE SNEAD, County Judge.

Upon this affidavit Judge Snead issued a warrant for the arrest of the parties.

Officers were sent to the different hotels to look for the principals. The name of Mr. Clowney was found registered at the Planters' and that of Mr. Woodward at the Augusta Hotel. At the Planters' the officers proceeded to Mr. Clowney's room No. 10, and knocked at the door.

Mr. Clowney, who was writing a letter, supposing that some one of the party was outside, said "come in," and was confronted by the officers. The latter informed him what was their errand, whereupon he asked to see the warrant which was at once

presented to him. He read it and said it may be safely said that the condition of South Carolina is better now than at any time previous, since that sad day at Appomattox when the sons of the South abandoned a forlorn hope and returned to their firesides, vanquished, but not disgraced.

And when it is considered that this improvement is a natural consequence of the nobility of sentiment and the firmness of the people of the South, which commanded the respect of their enemies and compelled a tardy justice, I feel gratified that it has been my lot to act, in a feeble way, as the exponent of the character of a portion of this people. In bidding adieu to my friends my regret at parting is somewhat lessened by the belief that they will fare well and will participate with me in the enjoyment of a redeemed and prosperous horizon.

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Kansas has still another castor oil factory—still another inducement for children to be good.

The New York Times has struck another liberal suit. They make good overcoats to keep a paper warm through cold weather.

China is getting ready for war. Her preparations consist in marching soldiers around the towns and blowing horns.

Lions do abound in Arizona, or else that is a heap of a country. It seems impossible that one man killed ninety wild geese at one shot, but an Arizona paper says so in good black ink.

The vital statistics of this country prove that a woman will spend more time to hide a pimple on her forehead than she will to take care of seven children.

The man who doesn't read the advertisements in a newspaper is like a traveler who passes along a strange road without consulting the guide books.

CHARITABLE EDUCATION.—The Compulsory Education experiment is giving rise to considerable trouble in Boston. The public schools in that city are kept open on Saturday and Sunday. The newspapers report that some time since a little girl of Arabian descent was arraigned

for truancy. Her father, a man of color, was arraigned for the same offense. The judge, in sentencing the girl, said: "You are a good girl, but you are a heathen."

It is a pity that the same judge should have said the same thing to the father. He is a good man, but he is a heathen.

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Public Opinion. THE PUBLIC JOURNALS OF ALL SHADES OF POLITICAL OPINION ABSOLUTELY UNANIMOUS IN DENOUNCING THE OUTRAGE—SENTIMENT OF THE STATE PAPERS.

[From the Nation.] Less than eighteen months ago, Senator Morton was engaged in a public attempt to extenuate the political demoralization of South Carolina, and to clear the republican party of all responsibility for it.

At about the same time, the Administration, beginning to feel the incubus of this pet republican Southern State, was sending down hints to get rid of Governor F. J. Moses by impeaching him. This was after the failure to get tried for grand larceny, his defence being that a Governor of the State could not be indicted before he had been impeached. Shortly after that he lost a re-nomination, and was succeeded by Chamberlain, and the general impression was that reform had begun, "within the party."

It very soon became evident, however, that the Legislature had not been included in the reform, and that the greatest service the new Governor could render the State was to watch all its proceedings and vote what he could of them. He had enough influence with them last winter to prevent their appointing the notorious W. J. Whipper to a vacant judgeship in the Charleston district and his appeal to them to preserve the party from such a disgrace really seemed to have some weight with the Assembly. They have grown wiser, however in the interval, and on Thursday, by a "strict party-vote" and on strict party grounds, actually elected Whipper to the identical judgeship—the most important in the State—and ex-Governor Moses to an adjoining circuit, the third. Whipper is a black man, a politician of the lowest order of morals and intelligence, and shares with Moses the reputation of having been an embezzler of State moneys. The latter not only robbed the treasury, but as Governor abused the pardoning power in a way which has never been surpassed for cool defiance of justice and unceasing personal onds. Judges at last refused to go through the farce of giving long sentences to condemned criminals, and in his court suitors would doubtless soon learn the folly of paying counsel instead of bribing the bench. Governor Chamberlain has done more effectively than himself in the breach, by refusing to issue commissions to these

men on constitutional grounds. It is to be hoped that he will be able to hold his own in the interests of the people against the birds of prey which are seeking to fatten upon what is left of the life-blood of South Carolina.

[From the Boston Post, Dem.] The judicial appointments recently made by the South Carolina Legislature are so thoroughly disgraceful that there should no longer be any hanging back on the part of those who have a vestige of self respect or a single spark of patriotism left in them. The hour has struck when all the elements of popular honesty and all the forces of self-preservation must be united in the redemption of the Commonwealth. Corruption has not been dead, but sleeping in South Carolina, and now it wakes up livelier than ever. The citizens of South Carolina who wish to avert social and political ruin for the State must no longer be governed by shades of difference in opinion. There can henceforth be no half-way work in the struggle between good and bad government in that State.

[From the Washington Chronicle, Grant Organ.] The election of the notorious Moses, of South Carolina, to a position on the bench has caused quite a flutter, not only among respectable people who are desirous of seeing unseated ermine, but among the gamblers and other doubtful characters throughout the Palmetto State, who also take an active interest in his elevation for peculiar reasons of their own. Their glee is likely to be of short duration, however, as Governor Chamberlain is strenuously opposed to the Legislature's choice, and will interpose every obstacle he can to prevent Moses from occupying the seat to which he has been called. Governor Chamberlain's efforts to preserve the character of the judiciary of his State, and to protect its inhabitants from the trepidations of a class preying upon the vitals of the whole community, deserve the heartiest commendation, and the moral support of the whole country.

Charleston Has Spoken. The News and Courier contains a full account of the mass meeting held December 28 in Hibernian Hall to protest against the election of Whipper and Moses to the circuit bench, and to give expression to their hearty approval of the wise and firm conduct of Chamberlain. It was large and influential, and was presided over by George W. Williams, Esq., with nearly forty of the first citizens as presidents. It was addressed by General James Smythe,

and in his name a resolution was adopted, denouncing the recent action of the legislature and pledging to Governor Chamberlain unwavering support in the stand he has taken. A committee of fifteen was appointed, whose duty it is made to organize Charleston county, thoroughly and efficiently, for the accomplishment of the ends proposed. In Edgefield, Sumter and other counties meetings were announced for the first Monday in the present month, and we have no doubt their proceedings were the same in spirit as those of the Charleston people. This is a good beginning and the work should go on, till every county in the state has put in tangible and emphatic shape the sentiment of the honest people in the present juncture of affairs. In this good work, Fairfield must not be tardy. She has too good a name for honesty, courage and patriotism to let it be injured by inaction that might be construed into indifference. Let us by all means have a meeting as early as practicable, and let that meeting be no small gathering of town people or incidental visitors, but a coming together of all the best and strongest elements in the county. Who will take the ball in motion? Who in Fairfield will take the first step forward in this new uprising of the conservative people of South Carolina? We hope to find an answer in the early action of the people themselves.

The Impounded Funds. Our attention has more than once been called to the fact that the county money deposited two years ago in the Winnsboro National Bank, to await a distribution according to law, is still there, with a seeming probability of remaining there indefinitely. There are many creditors of the county who would be entitled to a pro rata share of the funds, and who have been kept out of their money a very long time. It would therefore be an act of simple justice to them that all the legal questions be settled as soon as possible, and a distribution be made. Attorney General Melton

THE ORDER OF "AMERICAN UNION." An Alleged Third Term Conspiracy. The New York Herald of Tuesday contains what purports to be a full exposure of the plans, purposes and organization of the "Order of American Union," of which it asserts President Grant, Postmaster-General Jewell and ex-Speaker Blaine are members. The fundamental principles of the order or society are clearly defined and asserted in one of the printed "synopses" among the many already issued by the Senate or supreme body. These principles read as follows:

"We oppose a division of the school fund for any sectarian purposes whatever. In a word, we are pledged to maintain our republican form of government and its institutions as inherited from our fathers and to place all men jointly in a position to defend themselves against the aggressions of Romanism."

The Herald says the Order was organized in the year 1867, with the avowed purpose to "disfranchise Roman Catholics, and to prevent them from holding political office." Its national government is called the Senate, while the State organizations of "governments" are styled "State Legislatures," and these latter are divided into lodges or subordinate organizations, known in the union as "councils." Candidates for admission to membership are subjected to numerous questions, all showing the anti-Catholic character of this new political organization, after which the candidate is blindfolded and required to repeat the following, uplifted hands: "To perpetuate the American Union; to oppose the power of the Church of Rome; to sustain our free, unsectarian schools; to oppose appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes; to oppose the election of Papists to political office—to all of which I pledge my life, my fortune and my sacred honor. So help me God."

The total membership throughout the country at present is said to be 76,811. The largest number in any one State is found in the State of New York, the strength of the order being 21,217. New York State has forty-three councils; Ohio, twenty-one; New Jersey, nineteen; Illinois, sixteen; Pennsylvania, thirteen; Connecticut, seven; Maine, four; Vermont, two; New Hampshire, three; California, five; Michigan, seven, and the order is increasing rapidly in every State. Hundreds are being initiated every day.

The national deputy, State or county deputies can initiate any person privately, and secretly assign them to a council. This is done to get into the order "big guns" who do not care to be initiated in the presence of many witnesses, so that they can be initiated in secret.

old and young, mostly made to order and warranted to be free from shoddy. we ask is a call. We will convince you that we mean business. All goods must be paid for on delivery.

Late Arrivals! J. S. Elder & Co. N. B. Goods cut in quantities to suit purchasers.

NOTICE. All persons indebted to the subscriber by note or open account will please come forward and settle, as he needs money to carry on his BUSINESS. And all persons owing him on LIENS will save costs by coming forward and settling on or before December 15, as all LIENS not settled by that date will be given to the Sheriff for collection. F. Elder.

I offer my entire Stock of Clothing at COST FOR CASH. ALSO. One car load Wheat Bran and Shorts for cow feed. LOW FOR CASH. F. ELDER.

BUTTER! 150 lbs. Fresh Mountain Butter at 6c F. ELDERS.

NOTICE. WILL be sold at the risk of the former purchaser, on the 1st Monday in January next, the Church building known as the Gibson Church, near White Oak station on the C. C. & A. R. R. Purchaser to pay for all necessary papers and expenses of sale. J. C. CALDWELL, Agent. Dec 17-1875

LONDON Layer Raisins, Currants, Citron Extra Cream Cheese, Pure Italian Macaroni at the lowest cash prices at PIERRE BACOT'S, AGENT.

FOR SALE. A valuable piece of town property on the corner of...

THE J. S. ELDER, Double Turbine Water Wheel, Manufactured by POOLE & HUNT, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91, 93, 95, 97, 99, 101, 103, 105, 107, 109, 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 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