

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad will be held in the city of Columbia on Thursday, 2nd of May next.

Sent to the Asylum.

During the past week, a young man named Wm. A. Sanders, of this county, and S. B. Hawley, a resident of this town, have been sent to the Lunatic Asylum.

The Weather.

Yesterday was a beautiful day, clear and bright and altogether seasonable. Slight frosts are reported on Tuesday morning, and a passenger from Walhalla states that there was a considerable frost at that point yesterday morning.

Our friend, Capt. Thos. P. Benson, having purchased the interest of Mr. F. M. Pope in the new Drug Store, the business will hereafter be conducted under the name and style of Benson & Sharpe.

Tableaux and Concert.

Another exhibition will be given at the Masonic Hall on this (Thursday) evening, for the benefit of the Baptist Sunday School.

Decoration Day.

It has been suggested that a meeting be held on an early day to make arrangements for the decoration of the soldiers' graves on the 10th of May next.

The Wheat Crop.

Mr. R. M. Burns, who lives near Pendleton, sends us a few stalks of wheat, averaging thirty inches in length.

Before the Supreme Court.

The case of the State vs. George W. Rankin was argued before the Supreme Court on last Monday, on an appeal from the Circuit Court.

A Terrible Tornado.

A severe storm of wind and rain visited this section on last Thursday afternoon, although we hear of no serious damage resulting therefrom in this or neighboring Counties.

The Trade in Fertilizers.

Upon careful inquiry, we have ascertained from the dealers in fertilizers that eleven hundred and eighty-five tons of the various commercial manures have been sold in this market during the season now closing.

The Democratic Party of this State.

The Winsboro News favors a reorganization of the Democratic party of South Carolina, and wants to see a representation in the approaching National Democratic Convention.

This body met in Columbia on the 16th inst., and continued in session two days. The meeting was very interesting to the medical fraternity, many of the delegates present reporting cases of an unusual nature.

The Laurens Prisoners.

The examination of the persons arrested in Laurens County, for alleged violations of the Enforcement Act, began in Columbia on the 16th inst.

North Carolina.

The Republican State Convention met in Raleigh on Wednesday, 17th inst., for the purpose of nominating candidates for State officers to be elected next August.

The Democratic Conservative State Convention will meet at Greensboro on Wednesday next, 1st day of May, for the purpose of making nominations.

At the recent meeting of the South Carolina Presbytery, held at Abbeville C. H., the following delegates to the General Assembly were chosen.

That nice little man Hubbard has put his soda fount in excellent condition, and is prepared to accommodate the thirsty public with a cooling, delightful draught.

It is understood, we believe, that the Circuit Court will adjourn next week, and the accused remaining in jail will be obliged to await their trials in November next.

"Ministerial Consecration."

The Abbeville Press and Banner publishes in full the admirable sermon of Rev. D. E. Frierson, of Anderson, on the subject of "Ministerial Consecration," delivered by previous appointment of the Presbytery at its late session in that town.

It was listened to with great interest by a large audience, and has received high commendations in all quarters, and by the best judges.

In addition to this emphatic commendation, we append the remarks of the Abbeville Medium, which are equally appreciative and laudatory of this able effort.

It has rarely been our pleasure to listen to a more complete and impressive piece of pulpit eloquence, and we speak the mind of all who heard it, when we say that it was a masterpiece of eloquence, logic and rhetoric.

The Rural Carolinian.

One of the most graceful and deserved compliments we have lately observed is the following notice of the above named sterling monthly, which we copy from the last number of The Plantation.

"When one of our contemporaries displays this liberal spirit, and invests so large an amount of capital, as has occurred in the case of the Rural Carolinian, we think that it is a proper subject of comment and favorable notice.

Through Tickets.

Through tickets to prominent cities are for sale at the Anderson Depot, and we have been furnished with the tariff of rates, viz: To New York, via Danville or Raleigh, \$31.85; New York, via Charleston, \$27.25; Philadelphia, \$29.85; Baltimore, \$27.85; Washington, \$27.10; Richmond, \$24.20; Petersburg, \$24.20; Portsmouth, \$24.20; Raleigh, 20.25; Wilmington, \$15.85; Charleston, \$11.55; Augusta, \$10.25.

The Ku Klux Trials in Charleston.—We make the following summary of cases before the United States Circuit Court during the past week.

Leander Spencer and William Smith, charged with conspiracy and murder of Charlie Good, were arraigned and tried on Tuesday.

George S. Wright and John C. Robinson, of York, indicted for conspiracy, pleaded guilty and were remanded for sentence.

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Gen. Grant's Attack on South Carolina.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World gives in full the message of President Grant, touching his conduct towards South Carolina and the reasons alleged therefor, together with appropriate comments on this slanderous document, as follows:

President Grant to-day stultified the position he holds by sending to the House a message giving the reasons which induced the suspension of civil liberty in a portion of the State of South Carolina, which amounts to nothing less than a vindictive and outrageous attack upon a portion of the country he is sworn to defend.

The vindictiveness of this document caused a universal feeling of disgust to pervade the House, and led some of the Democratic members to stigmatize its assertions as untrue, and the failure of any of the Republican side to attempt its vindication is undoubted evidence of the want of belief in the charges and their utter destitution of defence.

In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of January 25, I have the honor to submit the following, accompanied by the report of the Attorney-General, to whom the resolution was referred:

Representations having been made to me that in certain portions of South Carolina a condition of lawlessness and terror existed, I requested the then Attorney-General (Akerman) to visit the State, and after personal examination to report to me the facts in relation to the subject.

I received information of a similar import from various sources, among which were the joint committee of Congress upon Southern outrages, the officers of the State, the military officers of the United States on duty in South Carolina, the United States Attorney and Marshal, and other officers of the government.

"The Ku Klux Klan," the objects of which were by force and terror to prevent all political action not in accord with the views of the members, and to reduce the colored people to a condition closely akin to that of slaves; that these combinations were organized and armed, and had rendered the local law ineffectual to protect the classes whom they desired to oppress; that they had perpetrated many murders and hundreds of crimes of minor degree, all of which were unpunished, and that witnesses could not safely testify in courts there unless the more active members were placed under restraint.

It will thus be seen that a President of the United States has descended to appear before the country as the vindictive enemy of a helpless people, and who, to achieve certain ends of his own, is willing to destroy the social as well as public standing of the citizens of a portion of the country.

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The Due West A. R. Presbyterian, in alluding to the recent arrests in Newberry and Laurens, and the large number of persons who have fled from those counties, makes the following suggestion: "This is a deplorable state of things. Is there no way to stop it?"

—The City Council of Greenville, as an inducement to the Richmond and Atlanta Air-Line Railway Company to locate their workshops in Greenville, have offered to exempt them from city taxes for twenty-five years.

The Tornado in Chester.

A violent tornado passed over this town this afternoon, about five o'clock, which surpassed in force and destructiveness anything before experienced in this vicinity.

The steam mill of W. R. Robertson is a total wreck. The dwellings of George McCormick, John McArthur, John Simpson, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. Sledge, William Quattlebaum, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Stokes and others are entirely destroyed.

The total number of houses, of all kinds, entirely destroyed by the storm of yesterday afternoon, is sixty-two, and a great many other buildings are seriously damaged.

The house occupied by Judge Mackey was rendered almost entirely uninhabitable, and his furniture was badly damaged. The house was just in the track of the storm, but being a substantial house was not blown over.

The Charlotte Daily Dispatch has the following special telegram from Chester, dated April 19th, giving further particulars of the damage inflicted by the tornado:

Yesterday evening, about six o'clock, the most terrible tornado ever known in this section visited our town, doing a very great amount of damage, and inflicting an actual loss of over \$50,000.

No one was killed, but it is supposed that several will die from their injuries—so far as I have heard of, thirty-one being hurt.

ITEMS—EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE.

The fruit crop throughout the South promises to be an average one. Thirty families from Western North Carolina left last week for Colorado.

The Newberry Herald learns that meningitis still prevails in some portions of that county among the colored people.

The Columbia Phoenix states that the town of Laurens is flooded with counterfeit money, supposed to have been left by Tennessee horse-traders.

Hon. E. G. Cabiness, a prominent Georgian, died on the 17th inst. He was formerly chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

Dr. Tuttt's Hair Die is Harmless. VENETIAN BLINDS.—No invention was ever so important to the people of hot climates as the Venetian blind.

—The Chester Reporter records the death of Mr. Robert A. Pagan, after a brief illness. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, and was seriously wounded in the attack upon Chapultepec.

—The Northern papers are filled with glowing accounts of the Morse memorial meetings, which were held in all the cities and larger towns throughout the Union.

—It is stated by Republican members of Congress that the President is very anxious to adopt an aggressive policy towards Spain, and that he is only held back from precipitating us into critical relations with that country by the more careful members of his Cabinet.

—The Charleston Southern Bell has seen a private letter from a trustworthy source, in which it is stated that the South Carolina delegation to the Philadelphia Convention had a very brief interview with President Grant a few days ago.

—The people of Florida are greatly excited by a new phase of the gubernatorial question. Harrison Reed, who was deposed a short time ago through impeachment by the House of Representatives, has proclaimed that he is the lawful Governor, and retains the great seal of the State in his possession.

—The True Grounds of Confidence. Whence comes that firm reliance, that absolute, undoubting faith in the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters as a remedy for indigestion, bilious disorders, intermittent and remittent fevers, which notoriously prevail in all parts of the United States?

Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., in his book on Chronic Diseases, says in regard to the Golden Medical Discovery, which its readers are familiar: "From its wonderful power over Consumption of the Lungs, I had thought strongly of calling it my Consumptive Cure; but from the fact that it is a perfect specific for the sore throat and hoarseness to which ministers and other public speakers are so subject, and also for Bronchitis and all severe Coughs, and is an invaluable remedy for diseases of the Liver, and also as a Blood Purifier, I decided not to apply to it a name which might mislead and prevent its use in other diseases for which it is so admirably adapted."

A Whole People's Opinion.—When a nation of forty millions accepts and endorses as a STANDARD RESTORATIVE an article that it has had the fullest opportunities of testing during a period of twelve years, who can be so absurdly incredulous as to doubt the excellence of its preparation? STRATTON BROTHERS has passed through this ordeal and is now the most popular proprietary medicine on this continent.

Avoid Consumption. No enemy to the human race is more to be dreaded and is more insidious in its approaches than the too fatal destroyer of health and happiness of myriads, Consumption, or, in other words, Phthisis, and all nervous and bilious affections, it is admitted to be pronounced the FAVORITE HOUSEHOLD TONIC AND ALTERNATIVE of the Western Hemisphere.

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