

plies. Accordingly the evening of Friday, the 1st instant, he left his camp opposite Matamoros, with the main body of his forces, determined to cut his way through, leaving behind him, for the defence of the works opposite Matamoros, between 700 and 800 troops.

This movement of Gen. Taylor upon Point Isabel was effected without encountering a single Mexican. In place of molesting him they concentrated their troops about the camp which he had just left.

On the morning of the 3d, Gen. Taylor despatched Capt. Walker back to the camp for intelligence. The gallant Ranger executed his commission with success, returning to Point Isabel the afternoon of the 5th. He reported that the Mexicans, taking advantage of the supposed weakness of the camp, commenced an attack upon it in front, the morning of Sunday, the 3d, with all their batteries from the opposite side of the river, and simultaneously with a detachment of their forces on this side of the Rio Grande, in the rear—the Americans hotly returned the fire. The attack in the rear was immediately repulsed, and in less than thirty minutes the Mexican batteries were silenced, the city of Matamoros battered down. The loss of the Mexicans in the action is variously set down. While no account makes it less than 200, the latest report in regard to it, which we find in the Galveston News, carries it as high as 700. The Americans lost but a single man, it is said, who was killed by a shell. None were wounded—so admirable was the state of the works before General Taylor left them. The town of Matamoros is a complete ruin; there are scarcely houses enough left to serve as hospitals for the wounded.

This attack and repulse, however, is considered but the opening of the campaign. Cannonading was distinctly heard at times, down to the hour of the departure of the New York. Gen. Taylor set forth on the 6th instant to return to his camp with ample supplies. The Galveston News states that when he left Point Isabel, there was not the slightest doubt entertained that he would have to cut his way to his entrenchments through the vastly superior numbers of the enemy, who were known to be posted in large forces among the almost impassible thickets of charparal on the road, with a determination to cut him off, if possible, in his attempt to regain his other forces. The number of the Mexicans is entirely vague and uncertain, though all the statements agree in estimating at not less than ten thousand, while many accounts put their numbers at 15 to 20 thousand. All accounts agree also in stating that the Mexican forces were rapidly flocking in from all quarters. How many crossed the river could not be told, though the News thinks it would be reasonable to presume that a large part of their forces would be brought into requisition to dispute the march of Gen. Taylor. They could not but see the importance of cutting him off, and would doubtless employ all their advantages of local knowledge and resources in stratagem to accomplish their object. Gen. Taylor anticipated a formidable and desperate opposition to his march, but determined to accomplish it or perish.

The arrival of the New York at Point Isabel was most opportune. It will be recollected that she had nearly 200 regular troops on board under Lieut. McPhail, as well as several field pieces. These were all safely landed. Even without the arrival of re-enforcements, the post at Point Isabel must have been so strengthened as to place its safety beyond reasonable doubt. Martial law has been proclaimed there and at Santiago, and every man passed into the service. But ere this, support has reached Point Isabel from this city and Pensacola.

#### NEW ORLEANS, May 8.

**Drafting.**—We learn that the Governor has issued orders for a draft, and the enrollment of persons liable to military duty will be commenced this morning and continued to-morrow, when the drafting will be commenced. Any person, however, who will send in a substitute to the recruiting officers will be exempted from draft. We are glad that the Governor has resorted to this step, and can only regret that it has not been done before, and that the whole required force are now en route for Point Isabel. We now feel assured that speedy relief will be afforded Gen. Taylor.

**The Orleans Boys.**—This company under the command of Captain C. S. Hunt, have been mustered into the service of the U. States, and are now quartered at the U.

States Barracks, awaiting to be transported to Point Isabel. The company is chiefly composed of printers, lawyers, clerks, and merchants, all young men of highly respectable families, who have sacrificed their business, and left lucrative situations to rally to the rescue of Gen. Taylor's little band, to defend our country, and to avenge the death of a Cross, a Thornton, a Porter, and a Kane.

**Volunteers for Texas.**—We learn from head quarters that eight full companies, composed of 65 to 75 men each, have been duly enrolled and mustered into the Washington Regiment, Lieut. Col. Walton commanding, and that they are now in the barracks, and will be drilled until Sunday, on which day the whole regiment will probably get off.

**Government Stores.**—The brig Apalachicola, and the schooners Enterprise, Harriet Smith and Southerner cleared yesterday from this port for Brasos Santiago, loaded with Government stores for the use of the army.

**The Spanish Fleet in the Gulf.**—It may not be uninteresting at this juncture to have some knowledge of the strength of the Spanish squadron stationed among the West Indian Islands. As near as we can ascertain, it is composed of one ship of the line, one frigate, one sloop of war, three steam ships, five brigs of war and several schooners and transports.

#### MOBILE, May 9.

**Volunteers.**—The Rifle Company of this city, under command of Capt. James Crawford, have volunteered their services for the assistance of the army on the Rio Grande, and been accepted by Lieut. Lovell of the U. S. A.

They will proceed directly to Point Isabel, as soon as means of conveyance can be provided—today or to-morrow—and will be joined, we understand, by the Company of volunteers raised by Mr. James Hagan and his gallant associates. The two companies will be composed of 200 as brave and gallant young men as ever fought in the defence of their country.

**PRESENTATION.**—M. C. Mordecai, Esq., has presented to the Odd Fellows, of this city a copy from the original of Stuart's full length portrait of Washington, painted by Spear. Mr. Spear executed but two copies of this painting, one of which was bought by the city of Augusta, for \$1,000, and the other will hereafter decorate the Odd Fellows' Hall, of this city. The Hall will be open a few days from 3 to 5, P. M. to allow visitors to examine the picture.

Charleston News.

**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**—It appears from the return of the Chief Superintendent made at the late Inspection of the Fire Department, that our volunteer Fire Companies consists of 479 men, having 4780 feet of hose, and that to the City Engines there are attached 60 whites and 312 blacks, with 2600 feet of hose.—*Ibid.*

**THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.**—A copy of the Report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum, including the Reports of the Regents, Superintendent and Physician, has been laid on our table. From it we learn, that at the date of the Report there were seventy-three patients in the Institution—forty-three of whom are males, and thirty females; forty-nine paupers, and twenty-four pay patients. The account given of the success of the Institution is highly gratifying: the income from pay patients is now amply sufficient to cover all the expenses, so that aid from the State is no longer necessary: many of the patients have been entirely cured, and others partially improved under the mild treatment pursued. It will, no doubt, also be gratifying to the Christian philanthropist to learn that the patients all attend religious services in the Institution, manifesting an interest in the exercises; and many of them, even among the most violent appear to be sen-

sible to religious instruction. The Superintendent and Physician both bear testimony to the beneficial influence of the Chaplain, the Rev. E. B. Hort.

Columbia Chronicle, May 13.

**SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.**—The Annual Exhibition of the Senior Class took place on the evenings of Thursday and Friday of last week. The Chapel was well filled on both occasions with a brilliant auditory whose earnest attention to the exercises was but a just compliment to their unusual merit. The addresses were uniformly good—some of them of a high order of excellence that elicited universal praise. All were struck with the astonishing improvement effected in the style of the College elocution in so short a time under the instructions of the distinguished President.—*Ibid.*

**SCRAPS FOR THE CURIOUS.**—If a tallow candle be placed in a gun, and shot at a door, it will go through without sustaining any injury; and if a musket ball be fired into water, it will not only rebound, but be flattened as if fired against a solid substance. A musket may be fired through a pane of glass, making the hole the size of the ball without cracking the glass; if suspended by a thread it will make no difference, and the thread will not even vibrate. Cork, if sunk 200 feet in the ocean, will not rise on account of the pressure of the water. In the arctic regions, when the thermometer is below zero, persons can converse more than a mile distant. Dr. Jamieson asserts that he heard every word of a sermon at the distance of two miles.

**WIDOWS.**—Without abating any thing in my devotion to charming maidenhood, I am bound to confess that I consider a young widow to hold the superlative degree in comparison of female excellence. She is the human adjective, illustrating the quality of all that is good in nature—second person—singular number—at present—until the first person I (a singular fellow too) can meet with her, when with the help of the copulative conjunction, called a parson, we will parse her plural for the future.

#### Hymental.

**MARRIED.** At the residence of Mrs. Frances Long, by the Rev. Mr. Townsend, Mr. JAMES F. PUCKETT, to Miss CATHARINE WINN. All of this District.

On 29th ultimo, by Rev. D. P. Robinson, Mr. MASTON COOK, to Mrs. ELIZA HASLETTE, of Wilcox, Ala.

On the 30th ultimo, by Judge Sterrette, Rev. D. P. ROBINSON, of this District, to Miss MARGARET BOMER, of Wilcox, Ala.

Dr. FRANKLIN BRANCH being on a visit to Florida, his place will be supplied in his Profession by Dr. H. W. NICHOLS, who will attend faithfully to all calls which I may have during an absence of four weeks. F. BRANCH. Abbeville, April 22. 8 tf

**JOHN G. BASKIN,** Attorney at Law, having taken an office in the rear of the Court House and near to the Printing Office, will promptly attend to all business entrusted to his care. Jan 14 46

**W. C. & J. B. MORAGNE,** Attorneys at Law—Have formed a Partnership for the practice of LAW, in Abbeville District. 8tf

**WOOL CARDING** Continued at Tucker's Mills, on Rocky River, at LOW RATES. The Machines of this establishment have recently gone through a thorough course of repairs, and are now prepared to execute CARDING with neatness and dispatch. Those expecting to patronize us, will please handle their wool carefully at home, and we promise good work. Rates for carding into Rolls, 8 cts per lb. Batting for Hatters, 6 1/2 " " Rolls can be had at the Factory at 40 cts per lb. Terms Cash. JNO. M. HAMILTON. JORDAN HOOD. May 6 [printer's bill \$1.87 1/2] 10 4t

**NOTICE.** All persons indebted to the Estate of the late THOMAS W. WILLIAMS, dec'd., are requested to call and make payment; and creditors will hand in their claims duly attested, by the 25th of December next. MAT. J. WILLIAMS, Ex'or. April 8, 1846. 6 13w

#### NOTICE.

Dr. T. A. SALE would inform his friends and the public generally, that he has returned to Abbeville Court House, and is ready to attend to any Professional call that may be made upon him. May 20 12 tf

#### ATTENTION CAVALRY!

You are hereby ordered to appear at your regular Parade Ground on Saturday the 23d instant, armed and equipped for drill and inspection.

By order of Capt. W. A. Cobb: NAVY, O. S. May 20 It

#### Attention! Light Infantry!

You will appear on your parade ground on Saturday the 23d instant, at ten o'clock, A. M. duly armed and equipped. A prompt and punctual attendance of all the members will be required.

Proper measures will be proposed for responding to the call of Congress upon the country for Volunteers; we hope no man will be found absent from his post.

By order of Capt. MORAGNE: May 20 It E. KINGSMORE, o. s.

#### NOTICE!

Stolen out of my stable on the night of the 14th instant, one young horse or stud colt, about four or five years old, sorrel color, with three white feet, with a scar on one side. DAVID WILEY. I live near Cedar springs. May 20 12 2t

#### FRESH ARRIVALS AT THE Drug Store.

Drs. WARDLAW & DENDY, Have just received from New York, large additions to their former stock, comprising No. 1 WHITE LEAD, in 25 and 50 lb. kegs, black and red Lead, Verdigris, Chrome & Yellow Green, Chrome Yellow, stone Ochre, Venetian Red. (English and American) Paris White, Litharge, Umber, Prussian Blue, Terra de Sienna, Lamp Black &c.

**OILS,** Lamp Oil, a very superior article, Linsed and Train Oils, Castor Oil by bottle and gallon, a fine article of Olive Oil in Florence Flasks.

**VARNISH,** Copal, Leather and Coach Varnishes.

**WINDOW GLASS,** 6X10 and 10X12 low by the box. PUTTY in bladders.

**DYE STUFFS,** Logwood, Camwood, Indigo, [Carolina and Spanish Float] Madder, Turmeric, Cochineal, Fig Blue, &c.

**SPICES,** Cloves, Cinnamon, Ginger, Mace, Nutmegs, Allspice, Pepper, black Cayenne; Mustard [English in bottles, American in 1/2 and 1/4 lb cans.]

**SOAPS,** a very large and extensive assortment, embracing several superior shaving Soaps, toilet, fancy and perfumed: Also Castile, English, Windsor and Yellow Soaps.

**PERFUMERY,** embracing Extracts for Handkerchiefs, Cologne, Lavender, Florida and Rose Waters, Antique, Massassar and Bears Oil [of superior quality.] Bandoline for keeping hair in place, perfumed Sachets, and a great variety of other articles.

**PATENT MEDICINES,** a fresh supply of Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry, Judkins's Ointment, Copaiva Capsules, all of Comstock's Preparations, together with many other popular Patent Medicines.

**Ink,** black, red, indelible, and India: Wafers assorted, Note wafers, [fancy.] Sealing wax, Camel and Sable Hair Pencils, water colors; Carmine and pink Saucers, Cedar Pencils, India Rubber, Diamond Cement, Thermometers Japan. Lamp Wick [flat and round.] Glass letter Stamps, Bath Bricks, Crucibles, Blacking in boxes, Glue, Isinglass [Russia and American.] Ivory Black, Lemon and Sarsaparilla Syrups, Soda and Sedlitz Powders, Matches and Match safes, Oil spike, Emory [Powdered] Patent Barley, Arrow Root, starch, Tamarinds, sponges, White and Yellow Wax, Calk [white, red, French and prepared.] A superior assortment of Brushes, hair, cloth, tooth, nail, shaving, shoe, paint, varnish, whitewash and dusting Brushes.

Also, an additional supply of MEDICINES and CHEMICALS, to which we invite the attention of the Physicians and public generally.

A liberal discount will be allowed for Cash. Abbeville C. H. May 13 11 tf

P. S. Just received a lot of WILD'S CASTOR OIL CANDY, a new article: and needs but a trial to ensure its general use with children.

#### RANAWAY.

From the plantation of B. F. Gouedy, near Hamburg, about the 7th of May, two mules, one of them a dark bay, swinned in both shoulders, no other marks recollected. The other a sorrel or dun color; each three years old. They have no doubt made their way back to Kentucky, as they were bought from a drove recently.

Any person who will take up said mules shall be liberally rewarded, or I will be thankful for any information concerning them. B. F. GOUEDY. Hamburg, May 13 11tf

**To the People of Abbeville.** The subscriber respectfully solicits all persons indebted to the Sheriff's Office for COST, Plaintiffs or Defendant's, are earnestly requested to come forward and settle, as this is my last year in office, I shall be compelled to have all cost due me in the office settled. You will find myself or Mr. Taggart always in attendance April 15 7 tf J. RAMEY.

#### NEW SPRING & SUMMER Dry Goods.

#### McBRYDE & POSEY,

Have just received a large stock of Spring and Summer Goods, purchased with great care in the New York and Charleston markets, and will be sold on the most reasonable terms, to suit the times.

The following are a portion of the goods received: A fine assortment of

#### LADIES' GOODS,

such as black and colored Silk, fine worsted Barages, also worsted Balzarines, organidin Muslins, printed Muslins and Lawns, fancy Prints (a large assortment) Muslin Scarfs and Barege Shawls, Bonnet Ribbons, Ladies' Gloves and Mitts. We expect in a few days a fine assortment Ladies' Bonnets (latest fashions.)

#### MEN'S GOODS,

A fine assortment of black, blue and brown Cloths and Cassimers, fine Coddington and summer Cloths, black Drap d'Eta (a large assortment.) Pantaloon Stuffs, such as French summer Cassimers, Gambroons, Linen Drills, &c; Vestings, black Bombazines; silk Handkerchiefs, black and fancy for the neck do; Irish Linen Suspenders; Gloves, &c. A large assortment of READY MADE CLOTHING, such as summer Coats and Vests. A large assortment of Boots, Shoes, Hats, &c

A fine assortment of SHELF HARDWARE, Cotton and Wool Cards, Patent and Carolina Hoes, Patent and Grass Scythes, Trace Chains, Tubbs, Buckets and Sieves. An assortment of

#### SADDLERY,

such as saddles, Bridles, saddle bags, Carpet do, Bridle Bits and stirrup Irons. A large assortment of CROCKERY.

#### GROCERIES, &c,

Sugar, Coffee, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Powder and Shot, Lead, 10,000 Segars, 50 dozen bottles fine Porter: Also a good assortment of DRUGS, MEDICINES and DYESTUFFS.

We avail ourselves of this method of returning our thanks to those who have patronized us heretofore, and respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. May 13 11tf

#### Abbeville Sheriff Sales.

JUNE.

By virtue of sundry Writs of Fieri Facias to me directed, will be sold, at Abbeville Court House, on the first Monday in June next, the following property:—

100 Acres of land more or less, levied on as the property of Wm Campbell, ads Wm Romans.

170 Acres of land more or less, bounded by Nath. McCants and others, levied on as the property of John M Golding, ads F G Thomas.

120 Acres of Land, more or less, levied on as the property of Jno Douglass ads A R Ramey.

1 Lot in Greenwood, containing two acres more or less, bounded by J H Ciles and others, levied on as the property of Wm Lewis, ads Whitlock Sullivan & Waller & others.

1 Negro, levied on as the property of Sanders Williamson ads William C Hill, by next friend.

4 Negroes levied on as the property of Jonathan W Cheatham, ads Stanmore Brooks and others.

1 Negro levied on as the property of Hugh Robertson, ads Richard Watson bearer.

1 Pony, levied on as the property of Davis Barksdale ads the state.

1 pair Saddle Bags, 1 lot Jugs, Bottles, Decanters and Flasks, one Fiddle, one steel Trap, one Finger Ring, one Breast Pin, &c &c, sold as the property of Wm L Richardson ads the state.

At the residence of James M Yarbrough, on Tuesday the 2d day of June next, 1 Sideboard, 1 Table and 1 Cupboard, levied on as the property of James M Yarbrough, ads R B Smith.

Terms Cash. J. RAMEY, Sheriff. May 11, 1846

#### PROCLAMATION.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, } Columbia, S. C., April 21st, 1846. }

By His Excellency, WM. AIKEN, Esq. Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of South Carolina.

Whereas, information has been received at this Department, that an atrocious murder was committed on the body of Hector by RENTY, both the slaves of J M Chisolm, at his plantation on Savannah river, on the night of the 29th of March, ult. Now know ye, that in order that the said slave may be brought to legal trial, I, WILLIAM AIKEN, Governor of the State aforesaid, do hereby issue this, my Proclamation, offering a reward of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS, for the apprehension and delivery of the said slave Renty into any Jail in this State.

Renty is about thirty-five years of age, six feet high, complexion brownish black, stoops in walking, of a down cast look, and has a peculiar manner of clinching his teeth while speaking.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and in the seventh year of American Independence.

WILLIAM AIKEN.

By the Governor. R. Q. PINCKNEY, Sec'y of State. May 13 11 3t

Dr. Lacount's Vegetable Compound Elixir, a certain and immediate relief. For sale by Dr. WARDLAW & DENDY and JOHN McALPIN April 1]