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Official Paper of Beaufort County.

Gen. O. E. Babcock, private secretary to President Grant who was indicted at St. Louis for complicity in the whiskey frauds in that city, has been acquitted by the jury. In this trial a blow was aimed at the republican administration. It was seized upon by the democratic and anti-Grant organs throughout the country, for the purpose of making political capital. Long before the trial closed they had pronounced Babcock guilty, and are apparently a little sore that the jury did not agree with them.

Radicals Score One.

We are afraid that the Philistines have us on the hip. The Columbia Union Herald calls attention to the fact that the honest and economical Democratic Legislature of Georgia employ fifty-four clerks, while the swindling and extravagant Legislature of South Carolina employ only five. We are afraid we shall have to go back on the party, and score one for the Carolina Radicals.

The new salary bill introduced in the House by the chairman of the Ways and Means committee, provides that the Governor shall receive \$2,500; Governor's private Secretary \$1,200; Secretary of State \$500; and fees: Comptroller General \$2,000; clerical service \$3,000; State Treasurer \$2,000; clerical service \$500; Superintendent of education \$2,000; clerical service \$500; Adj. and Inspector General \$500; Chief Justice \$4,000; Associate Justices \$3,500; Circuit Judges \$3,500; Superintendent of Lunatic Asylum \$2,000; Superintendent Penitentiary \$2,000; Health Officer Hilton Head \$800; Health Officer of St. Helena \$500; County Treasurer of Beaufort commissions not to exceed \$1,500; County Auditor of Beaufort \$300; school commissioner of Beaufort \$600. This bill proposes a reduction of salaries amounting to \$85,000.

Movement of Railroad Magazates.

Judge King, president of the Georgia R. R., accompanied by Messrs. John Davidson and Josiah Sibley, directors of the same road, which is naturally and from motives of self interest deeply interested in the Port Royal R. R., together with Col. Johnson, Supt. of the Charlotte Columbia and Augusta R. R., have just returned from a tour of inspection and a visit of observation to Port Royal Harbor, and express themselves highly pleased. When such men are out hunting we may be assured that there is something in the wind. Judge King is an extraordinary man mentally and physically. At the advanced age of eighty three years, he is as vigorous as most men at half the years, and mentally he is as bright and forcible as ever. Long may he wear his honors. This visit no doubt has reference to a South Atlantic route patronized by Boss Shepherd who has cast his eyes in this direction, and means that Port Royal shall receive impetus from his capital.

Not a Technicality.

The correspondent of the News and Courier, in speaking of the case of James A. Bowley, who was acquitted on a charge of receiving bribes by a technical flaw in the indictment, cast a reflection on Hon. Robert Smalls, representative in Congress from this district. It will be remembered in this case that the Solicitor wished to enter a nolle prosequi, but Mr. Smalls, knowing that if this was done insinuations and slurs would be made use of by his political opponents, and being conscious of his innocence demanded a trial, which resulted in his acquittal, not on a technicality but after the merits of the case had been presented to the jury. The correspondent of the News, must have been aware of these facts when writing of the Bowley case, and yet he asks: "Did no Congressman Smalls, slip through the fingers of the court in just the same way?"

Mr. Smalls has sent the following emphatic letter to that journal: WASHINGTON, February 21, 1876. T. the Editor of the News and Courier: Taking the ground that it is not your intention to do injustice to any one where your attention is called to the facts, I would state that upon perusal of the correspondence of February 15th from Columbia to your issue of the 19th instant, I find that the following sentence at the close of the editorial in the case of James A. Bowley is cited: "Did not Congressman Smalls slip through the fingers of the court in just the same way?" I take immediate opportunity to send you, in reply to the above, the simple, but most emphatic declaration, "No." I must request you to turn to your own Columbia correspondence wherein it is expressly stated that the court, Judge Carpenter presiding, did not instruct the jury to find a verdict of not guilty in consequence of a flaw in the indictment, but on a clear prima facie case, and judgment was rendered accordingly. Knowing that you are a daily journal in

intention of correcting the statement in the above mentioned reference of your Columbia correspondence of February 17th by the same correspondence of October 6th.

I am yours, very truly, ROBERT SMALLS.

By all means let us have a Spartanburg and Port Royal R. R. We verily believe that a connection with the incomparable deep water facilities of Port Royal either via Augusta as is proposed, or perhaps by a more direct air line to Greenville C. H. o Spartanburg, must precede and not follow any successful project to unite the great west with our ocean front. Communication with Charleston simply would not "pay for the candle," and of fers no greater facilities than are now proposed to divert the western trade from ports it now uses. Port Royal unites all advantages beyond competition. The movement now on foot to locate a route from Spartanburg via Laurens to Augusta, while of ening up one of the most fertile and productive sections of the State to railroad communication with Port Royal, points the way to the natural and most imperative necessities the west would claim for her interest in the enterprise of seeking new and more attractive facilities for shipment. The tortuous ill projects and badly constructed route from the interior over the Greenville and Columbia R. R., would be out of the question, even if Charleston could for a moment be entertained as the point of destination to which the west would trail. That villainously constructed route is subject to destruction by each spring freshet and interruption all along its route by the very nature of its location. A new route there fore must be had and a link of but one hundred miles from Augusta to Spartanburg would not only redound to the advantage all along its route but would inspire the project of the western extension from Asheville with some reasonable hope of completion and perfection. We repeat that we have no faith in the success of the Spartanburg and Asheville R. R., until the link is constructed to deep water facilities and such are only to be got at Port Royal by the means we have indicated.

The Custom House at Beaufort.

The House committee on public buildings and grounds has before it the following bill making an appropriation for purchase of the necessary buildings for a customhouse, postoffice, and other public offices at Beaufort, South Carolina:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase the lands and buildings now occupied as a customhouse in Beaufort, South Carolina, together with such additional joining property as may be necessary to provide accommodation for the office of the said customhouse, the postoffice, and such other public offices as it may be proper to establish therein, including such wharves and buildings as may be required by the lighthouse board; and for this purpose there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, (if so much be necessary), to be expended under the direction of the secretary of the treasury: Provided, that no money hereby appropriated shall be used or applied for the purposes mentioned until it shall appear that the State has duly released and relinquished to the United States the right to tax, or in any way assess, the site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Outrage in Edgelyield County.

Ridgelyield in Edgelyield county has gained an unenviable notoriety for outrages, on colored families, which strange to say always occur during the years when an election is pending, with such regularity as might justly lead to the conclusion that there is some "method in their madness." A correspondent of the Union Herald gives details of an affair that occurred there on the 11th of February, when some twenty five or thirty masked men visited the house of a colored man took out four of the family and beat them unmercifully. The man's wife was stripped and after being whipped was tortured by having hot sealing wax dropped over her person. This heinous deed has been made light of by a portion of the opposition press in this State, and the journal that published the facts has been accused of throwing a "fire brand into a peaceable community." By the Edgelyield Advertiser this offence was palliated as the act of four or five rash and thoughtless boys. It also says the statement made in the Herald is untrue and mischievous in the highest degree, but can they now deny its truth in the face of the following letter from Dr. Ensor, of Columbia, in answer to a request made by the government to inquire into the facts of the case, and to find out whether the facts were as stated in the following letter to the Editor of the News and Courier: "I have carefully examined the woman referred to (Patsy Gardner) and find that she has been recently burned in about one hundred places with some burning substance in a liquid or semi-liquid state, on the posterior portion of her body, covering a superficies extending from the middle of the back down to about the middle of the lower third of the thighs, and laterally to a line drawn from the shoulder to the knee on either side. Most of the sores are still covered with the impasted contents of the blisters raised by the burning. Some are in a bleeding and others in a suppurating condition. I am very respectfully,

J. F. ENSOR, M. D.

We have waited to see if there was a

this State who would have as much manhood and sense of justice as exhibited by the Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel which has on several occasions come boldly forth and condemned such outrages in Georgia, but not one has come forward. They are all too busily occupied in talking of redeming the State, of securing good government, of promises to the colored voter of protection and security of life and property, to speak one word of condemnation. No they pass it by, cast from them the paper that lays bare the facts, with the remark "only niggers, they deserved what they got—been hog stealing, or into some mischief." But until their journals do come forth in condemnation, until these deeds of violence cease to disgrace this nineteenth century, these words of promise of protection and security of life and property under the wing of their political party, will be scouted as vain and empty words.

The Lumber Business of Beaufort.

This forms a very important branch of the trade and commerce of our enterprising town, and is steadily increasing in proportions, and the improvements that are being made at the old established mill of Messrs. D. C. Wilson, & Co., at Pigeon Point, and extensive work that has been done in the construction of the Atlantic saw mills of Messrs. Robbins Boddington & Co., on Beaufort river, are promising signs for the future.

We this week paid a visit to Pigeon Point, which as a mill site cannot be surpassed in the country. It is situated about one mile northeast of Beaufort, at the mouth of a creek running in from Beaufort river. It is a large two story building. On the ground floor is located the boiler and engine, which is of sixty horse power, with a stroke of forty-two inches, which furnishes the motive power for running a planing machine, saws, two shingle machines, and a lath machine. This mill has capacity for sawing 25,000 feet of boards per day. The shingle machines turn out 20,000 per day. The planing machine puts the finishing stroke on flooring, planing and tonguing and grooving at one operation.

This company have almost completed a new wharf, 190 feet long, which Mr. William H. Devin, carpenter and contractor of Beaufort is constructing. He has recently built a pile driver with a drop of forty feet, in which he uses a hammer weighing 2,000 pounds. The piles in some places are driven seven feet. This wharf has from fourteen to fifteen feet of water at low tide, and when completed will be one of the most substantially built wharves in this section.

It has been well said that economy is the source of wealth, and visitors to this mill see it illustrated on every hand. Space and time are economized by having first class machinery conveniently arranged, and all refuse matter is put to some use. The sawdust furnishes fuel for the furnace, the butts of logs are sawn into shingles, the slabs are made into laths and what material is unserviceable for such purposes, or is on hand in too great an abundance is sold in the town for fire wood.

This company is extensively engaged in shipping ship timber for northern markets, do an extensive business in building material for the home market. Mr. Mason, who is general superintendent, is a quiet unassuming man, however, he understands his business thoroughly, and as a mill man and machinist in this line is above par. Mr. Ritchie, the business manager received us in a most cordial manner, and we were much pleased with the general business air that pervaded the entire establishment.

The following morning we took a turn round the Atlantic Saw Mills, which are located about a mile west of Beaufort in the beautiful bend, of the river, that lends such an attraction to the harbor. The proprietors of this mill are Messrs. Robbins, Boddington & Co., an English firm and the word "English" is stamped upon all their surroundings, in the solidity and durability of all their constructions, as far as they have progressed.

The site selected by them is also a splendid location for a saw mill. This is at the narrowest portion of the peninsula that is formed by Beaufort river and Battery creek, and has been so arranged that advantage is taken of both the waters of the river and the creek. The logs, which are cut on land owned by this firm on the Oakee river are brought into Battery creek in rafts to the railroad trestle, and from thence this company has constructed a canal leading to an inclined plane, up which the logs are drawn by steam power directly to the saws. After leaving the saws the lumber runs on a rolling bed 510 feet long, that leads down a bluff eighteen feet high to a dock from whence it is put into vessels owned by this company and shipped direct to Liverpool (Eng.) The machinery is run by an engine of eighty horse power, and they have facilities for sawing logs sixty five feet in length. This firm have only had their mill running since the beginning of this year, but have already shipped very heavy cargoes of timber to the English Market. Mr. R. F. Brown, is master mechanic, and general superintendent, and the sawyer Mr. J. E. Black. We were unfortunately not in meeting any members of the firm, from whom we might have derived further interesting information, but from what we saw of the present progress at this mill, it is destined to be as fine a mill as there is in the country.

Another Fleet Review

(Washington Cor. Baltimore Sun.) The navy department is now engaged in making arrangements preliminary to a series of fleet manœuvres in the vicinity of Port Royal, the rendezvous of the North Atlantic Squadron. During the preparation necessitated by the critical relations existing between the United States and Spain pending the Cuban negotiations a fleet of twenty-eight vessels of all classes including m. t. o. s., was placed in readiness for active operations. In anticipation of this emergency Rear Admiral John Rodgers, familiarly known as "Fighting John," then on duty at San Francisco, was ordered to report at Washington, with the view of assigning him to the command of the iron-clad fleet. The probability of complications having disappeared, Admiral Rodgers has returned to his post; the fleet, however, is still maintained, the larger portion still at anchor at Norfolk. These vessels which are mainly the iron-clads, as soon as the weather becomes suitable, will be ordered to join the rest of the fleet at Port Royal, when tactical operations will commence. These fleet drills are considered very essential to the efficiency of the navy, training it in harmony of action, and that the government desires to take advantage of this opportunity. The fleet will not be disbanded at the end of the drill unless the situation in Spain and Cuba assumes a attitude which would augur a permanent settlement of subjects of controversy.

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FRANZ, JOHN—General Dry Goods House, Bay St., Beaufort. See advertisement.

COOPER, JOHN—Dry Goods Clothing, Millinery, French and Domestic Flowers, Fancy Goods, notions, &c., Bay St. See advertisement.

WATERHOUSE, GEORGE—Groceries, and Dry Goods, Furniture, &c. A new stock of lamps and chandeliers, Bay St.

HARMS, HENRY—Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Dry Goods, Toys and Fancy Goods, Bay St. Beaufort, S. C.

Auction Commission. CROFUT, JAMES M.—Auction Commission Merchant and Broker in Real Estate, Bay St. See advertisement.

Barber. AITIS, A.—Barber, Hair cutting, shaving shampooing and dyeing, West St.

RITLEDGE, R. M.—Barber, shaving hair cutting, shampooing and dyeing done in the neatest manner, Bay St.

Shipping. BERTHA SCHR.—Capt. Trevett, master, Beaufort to Savannah every week. Freight and passage.

Blacksmith. MITCHELL, W.—Blacksmith, horseshoeing, and general smith work. Magnolia St.

Wheelright. SAVAGE, JERRY—Wheelright. Repairs promptly executed. Magnolia St.

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