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And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not the oath of the Lord of Hosts—MALACHI, III, 5.

NOTICE.

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Communications on matters of State or Local interest, respectfully solicited.
All orders for Job Printing left at this office will receive prompt attention.
Agents and Correspondents wanted in all Towns of the County.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 1875.

REFORM.

It is an undeniable fact that the Republican party of this State during the administration of Scott and Moses had become fearfully corrupt, and exaggerated accounts of the ill success of the party in this State was beginning to react upon the national Republican party. The pledge of reform with which the party solicited the support of the people of this State in the last campaign have been faithfully fulfilled and translated into actions in a manner calculated to strengthen the Republican party. The trial and verdict against Parker and the recent conviction of Senator Walker show conclusively that fraud and corruption is not exempt from merited punishment, though the laws are administered by Republican out-

lets and the guilty persons of great party and personal influence. It shows that there is honesty enough left in the party to bring about reform in its own ranks. The *Citizen Herald* says in reference to this matter:

It will be seen by reference to our local column that Dr. D. Webster, Senator of Chester county, and Gray, of the same county, were convicted yesterday, for conspiracy to bribe the Senator for one year and the Commissioner for three months. This execution of the law is just and proper, but will our carping contemporaries be fair enough in noticing this item of "State news" to add that they were tried in a Republican county, by a jury of whom eleven were like the prisoners—colored—and a judge who is no faint-hearted Republican, who has been even termed a partisan? This favors of true reform in the administration of the laws.

Color.

The following is an extract from an article in the *National Monitor*, and is worthy the thoughtful perusal of every colored man:

"If they would be white, they have only to seize upon the acquirements of the white man with the hand of industry, and then do as white men do. When the race shall have done this, it will find no occasion to be concerned about its color. The law of equal rights gives the black man the same right to object to the white man's color that it gives to the white man to object to the black man's. But how much disposition has the black man to raise such a foolish objection in the face of the God he professes to serve? Just so much disposition, and no more, will the white man have to object to the color of the black man when, in intelligence, wealth and piety the black man becomes what he ought to be.

The *News and Courier* is authority for the following paragraph: "Great preparations are making for the State fair in Columbia, in November. The buildings are being whitewashed and the ground cleared of weeds. Mr. Jefferson Davis will be invited to deliver the address, and Gen. Colquitt, of Georgia, is to be asked to lecture."

The Secretary of the Interior Resigns.

The following letter from the President of the United States acknowledges the letter of resignation of Secretary Delano, which was written and sent to the President on July 5. The letter of Mr. Delano recounts his services as Commissioner of Internal Revenue and as Secretary of the Interior, all of which are approved and endorsed by the President. The following is the President's reply:

LONG BRANCH, Sept. 22, 1875.
DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 5th of July, tendering your resignation of the office of Secretary of the Interior, was duly received, and has been held by me until this time without action, because of the continued persecution which I believed and believe was being heaped upon you through the public press. I only now take action because the time is rapidly approaching when the Secretary of the Interior will have to commence his labors preparatory to rendering his annual report to accompany the executive message to Congress. I, therefore, accept your resignation, to take effect on the first day of October, leaving little more than two months from the induction of your successor until the assembling of Congress. In accepting your resignation, I am not unmindful of the fact that about the time of the meeting of Congress, one year ago, you stated to me that you felt the necessity of retiring from the Cabinet, and asked whether I would prefer your resignation, so as to have your successor confirmed by the Senate at the last session, or whether I would prefer it in vacation. My answer was, that I preferred not having it at all. That was my feeling at the time; and I now believe that you have filled every public trust confided to you with ability and integrity. I sincerely trust that the future will place you right in the estimation of the public, and that you will continue to enjoy its confidence as you have done through so many years of official life. With continued respect and friendship, I subscribe myself, very truly, your obedient servant,
U. S. GRANT,
Hon. C. C. Delano, Secretary of the Interior.

The Great Robbers.

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its most fruitful source. O, shame!

Should this be long? With the closing of the nation's history this great scandal cease time for the people to deluge? Should not progress be flooded with petition upon investigation; government cease to criminals in this wholesale and murder of the people?

And yet, why invest, is not familiar with the do not know the guilty party not rather have a second of Independence? With the history of the second century's history, why not the chains of this degrading Is there not virtue enough among the people this Spirit Friend? Or our necks still lower while his yoke still faster upon great political parties receive power hasten to do him honor.

O, my countrymen, is the liverance? Is our fair heritage laid waste yet more and more? Can we—where it? Are we craven? Have we no love of country? Or has love of glory our manhood? Or devotion extinguished it? Surely it awake and assert our liberty to our oppressors. Ride on *Western Christian Advocate*.

Praise the Children

For every child who receives excess of praise or commendation from its parents, there are at least, who are oftentimes less, but none the less cruelly, defrauded of that due them in this respect. Love praise—they crave it, do much to win it.

But, mother, when your child has put her whole body here some little time she is

mination from their defeat, than vines rescue oaks, or spluttering rush-lights the stars of heaven. Efforts persisted into achievements train a man to self-reliance; and when he has proved to the world that he can trust himself, the world will trust him. One of the best lessons a father can give his son is this: Work; strengthen your moral and mental faculties as you would strengthen your muscles by vigorous exercise. Learn to conquer circumstances; you are then independent of fortune. The men of athletic minds, who left their mark on the years in which they lived, were all trained in a rough school. They did not mount to their high position by the leap of leverage; they heaped the chasm, grappled with the opposing rocks, avoided avalanches, and when the goal was reached, felt that, but for the toil that had strengthened them as they strove, it could never have been obtained.

GENEALNESS OF CHARACTER.—One of the early Christian teachers, who was born with a violent temper, became a model of gentleness as he grew older. On one occasion he was assailed with a torrent of most furious words. The good teacher looked at the passionate man who thus addressed him with a tranquil eye, and did not reply by a single word. The furious man, still more enraged, spoke more bitterly than before. When the fellow had at last retired, the Christian was asked how he could keep silence under such provocation. He replied: "My tongue and I have made a compact, and we have agreed that while my heart is full of hot feeling, my tongue shall not say a word. Could I teach this poor ignorant man better how to govern and restrain himself than by holding my tongue; and would his rage have been sooner

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sense a slave to drink, but the past month has been the fiercest battle of my life. I see now I was almost beyond hope, and had the test come many months later, it would have been too late for me. But I have kept the pledge, and, by God's help, I will keep it for life." Moderate drinker, just try it for one year, and see how near you are to the rapids, beyond which there is no returning.

Our Banc.

Under this head the *National Baptist* deals out these very plain words: "Everybody wants to show off. The clerk with \$600 a year wants to emulate his employer with \$60,000 a year. The minister with \$1,500, liable to cease at the will of death or of the demons, wants to live as if he had a solid income of five times as much, or, rather, the parish wish it of him. A young man dare not invite a young lady to go anywhere unless he is prepared to lavish on her all sorts of things, quite beyond his means. The matron will not invite a friend to take a quiet cup of tea; there must be all sorts of fandangoes, to be purchased with money, or on credit.

"If one is honest, then he robs himself of necessities to squander the more on vanities. The father and mother rob themselves of rest, food and of the comfort which comes from a deposit in the savings bank, in order that the daughter may dress beyond their means. But, alas! often the moral fabric gives way. The merchant, the clerk, the teller, the cashier, the banker, *must* live up to a certain point, no matter who suffers. Hence comes 'borrowing' the money of the firm, or of the depositors, for stock gambling, in the hope of being rich. The default, shame, ruin. If the frog tries to be as big as the ox, something is bound to give away—either body, or brain, or confidence."

Be Your Own Right Hand Man.

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appensed had I kept silence? Ought we not to have compassion on an unfortunate person who is carried away by his passion?

A Little Pleasure.

How to make country life socially helpful and pleasant in winter is a timely question now. Nothing can well show a much wider contrast than the present activities in large towns, compared with life as it goes on in isolated rural places. We think the plan which has been adopted by some of the Granges, to organize a little pleasure in the midst of business, a very sensible one. Innocent recreation can hardly have better auspices than these offered, and if something looking toward culture and mental entertainment should be added, the result would be still further fruitful of good. To our mind, there is nothing equal to a well arranged debating club or reading circle; and where a paper is edited and read weekly, the interest excited is usually as edifying as it is salutary. There is hardly any country district which cannot be helped in this way, and it only wants one or two energetic spirits who shall take the brunt of the battle to make any one or all of the suggested plans successful.

All do not know that lemons sprinkled with loaf sugar almost completely allays feverish thirst. They are invaluable in the sick room. Invalids affected with feverishness can safely consume two or three lemons a day. A lemon or two thus taken at tea time is recommended as an entire substitute for the ordinary supper of summer, and will often induce a comfortable sleep throughout the night and give a good appetite for breakfast.

THE NEXT ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF THE ORANCEBURG

will take place on Wednesday, the 27th.

A GRAND TOURNAMENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, THE 27TH.

A GAME OF BASE BALL ON THURSDAY, THE 28TH, FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COUNTY. OTHER AMUSEMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE EVERY DAY OF THE FAIR.

The Annual Address will be delivered on Thursday, the 28th, by COLONEL D. WYATT AIKEN, Master of State Grange.

Every accommodation possible will be provided for both Exhibitors and Visitors.

Arrangements have been made with the South Carolina Railroad for the transportation of all freights for the Fair at ONE RATE BOTH WAYS, and EXCURSION TICKETS will be sold to visitors during the week.

For further particulars see Premium List, or address any member of the Board of Directors, at Orangeburg, S. C., or the Secretary and Treasurer.

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Secretary and Treasurer: RICK ROBINSON, Esq. Bids for the Refreshment Stands and Tables will be received until Tuesday, October 5th. The same will be handed to the Secretary and Treasurer, Sept. 18th, 1875, 6-5

ADVERTISEMENTS MISCELLANEOUS.

GRAND OPENING!

I will open this morning a lot of Finest Tea ever offered in this market, consisting of UNCOLORED JAPAN OOLONGS, SOUCHONGS, YOUNG HYSONS, and GUNPOWDER. And in order to cultivate a trade in these fine grades I will sell them VERY LOW.

I have also received this morning another car-load of Solomon's Fancy Flour.

Fresh ground and Made especially for me from the Finest Selected Wheat.

I have never had a complaint of this brand of flour.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Inferior KEROSENE OIL is so dangerous and so many accidents have occurred from its use, I have been induced at the repeated solicitation of my customers

to sell only the best quality of common Oils now FLOODING THE MARKET is equivalent to bringing into the family destruction and death!

I have also received:

10 Tierces Fresh Cured Davis' Ham
10 Boxes Cream Cheese, direct from the Dairy,
25 Firkins Goshen Butter, direct from the Dairy, which has all the freshness and flavor of the flowers.

5 Tierces of East India Sugar Strips
10 Barrels of Extra Mess Mackerel, averaging twenty ounces.

25 Sacks Laguayra Coffee, equal to Java.
50 Sacks of assorted Rio, by last Rio steamer.

With a full supply of CHOICE GROCERIES.

Fresh Fruit. My stock is full, with prices low and good times coming.

Thanking the public for their very liberal patronage, and soliciting its continuance, I will do my best to merit the same.

HARDY SOLOMON, Columbia, So. Co.