

POLITICAL PROSECUTIONS IN COLUMBIA.

The United States Court convened in Columbia on Monday morning, November the 26th, with Judge Bryan, presiding. At this term of the court the political trials will take place. District Attorney Melton made out a list of the cases to be heard, and handed it over to the opposing counsel for the defence. Only those that were on the docket when the court met last will be heard. Mr. Emory Speer, the United States District Attorney for the State of Ga., will assist Mr. Melton in the prosecution, while J. P. K. Bryan, of Charleston, and other shining lights in the legal fraternity from the same named place and Columbia, will, with combined efforts, assume the defence of those indicted. The sum of ten thousand dollars has been asked for by the counsel of the accused, for the purpose of defending them. The action taken with reference to these cases will be watched with much interest, and as yet it would be hard to state what will probably be the result. It seems that no stone will be left unturned to secure conviction on the one hand and to establish innocence on the other. The accused should be given a fair trial. There is no doubt but what their counsel will make desperate efforts to acquit them. On the proceedings of the court in this particular, we will from time to time enlighten our readers.

THE STANDARD TIME.

The adoption of the Standard Time will prove to be of great benefit to the travelling public. It is being adopted by all of the Railroads of the country, and many of the cities and towns lying along, and at the terminus of the lines, are falling in with them. The time was arranged mainly for the commercial interest of the United States. In order that these interests might be properly cared for, the whole of the United States was divided into five meridians. In each of these meridians the same time is kept throughout its whole extent. For instance, the meridian between Maine and Charleston, under the new arrangement is one and the same. In consequence of which, the two cities keep the same time. The Railroad time of Easley con-

forms to this time, and so also does Walhalla. South and West of the meridian that passes through this last named place there is another time kept, which is slower than ours. All those who travel extensively on the Railroads can see the great advantage in the new schedule time, and every one should take notice of it. For scientific investigations, the local time will be used; also for courtship purposes, as one of our gallant young men says you can remain a half hour longer with a young lady. The clock at the depot at this place has been set forward thirty eight minutes. For change of schedule see our 3rd page.

Original Assessment of Personal Property in Pickens County for the year 1883.

1,166 Horses.....	\$ 57,292 00
1,146 Mules.....	65,693 00
4,236 Cattle.....	45,122 00
2,411 Sheep.....	2,416 00
8,330 Hogs.....	16,516 00
1,218 Dogs.....	1,490 00
216 Watches and Silver Plate.....	3,546 00
84 Pianos, Melodeons and Organs.....	4,032 00
1,572 Carriages and wagons	32,966 00
Average value Merchandize	33,150 00
" " materials pertaining to manufacture	586 00
Average value machinery, Engines, Tools, &c.	24,176 00
Moneys on hand, including Bank bills, &c.	9,423 00
Value of all Credits.....	27,585 00
" " Stocks.....	60 00
" " Bonds.....	1,125 00
" " other property	73,643 00
Total for year 1883.....	\$398,821 00
" " 1882.....	352,409 00
Gain over 1882.....	\$ 46,412 00

The R. R. Assessment for 1883 by State Board,	\$352,452 00
The Road besides pays on 58 acres of land.....	2,500 00
Making a total for R. R. of	\$354,952 00
Value of Real Estate.....	890,393 00
" Personal prop'ty	398,821 00
Total Assessment, 1883,	\$1,644,166 00

The above figures were kindly furnished us by our Auditor, and can be relied upon.

GENERAL NEWS.

The Pope has created F. W. Dawson, of the Charleston "News and Courier," a Knight of the Order of St. George, for the stand he has taken in his paper against duelling.....Andy Taylor was hanged at London, Tenn., last Friday. He was one of the Taylor brothers who killed Sheriff Cate and his Deputy on the train at Sweetwater about a year ago, and released their brother John, whom those officials had in custody.....Sergeant Mason, who attempted to shoot Guiteau, has been pardoned by the President.....A woman was brutally murdered in Atlanta last week by her drunken husband, who is a deaf mute.The contest for the Speakership is growing warm in Washington. Randall and Carlisle are the principal can-

didates, and their respective friends are working hard to have their favorite elected.....The store-house of Col. Andrew Tanner, at Saluda, was burned on Wednesday night, the 14th inst. Ten days before the burning the house was robbed of a considerable amount of goods.....A son fourteen years of age, of W. A. Quillian, of Harmony Grove, Hart Co., Ga., while hunting a few days ago, had the misfortune to get his left hand torn to pieces by the explosion of the gun. Amputation being necessary, it was taken off above the wrist.....Eggs are \$1.50 per dozen in some parts of Montana.....Washington Nov. 19.—United States Marshal J. H. Livingston who succeeded Blythe in South Carolina, has a bitter fight on his hands waged in interest of John A. Agnew, and a delegation of the latter's friends are here urging the President to send his name to the Senate. On behalf of Agnew it is urged that he possesses more backbone than Livingston, and will force a fair count and free ballot at the elections in South Carolina. Representative Mackey and other leading Republicans, however, endorse Livingston while Agnew is championed by the Greenbackers and Revenue men. It is represented that a reign of terror will be inaugurated against Republican voters in South Carolina unless the selection of deputy marshals and supervisors is confined to a stalwart who has the nerve to stand before the mob element which is alleged to predominate in the State. Agnew's friends claim that he is the only man who can meet force with force, and hence urge that Livingston shall be retired in his favor.

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