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South Carolina Railroad.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

CHARLESTON, March 1, 1878.
On and after Sunday, next, the South Carolina Railroad will be run as follows:

FOR CHARLESTON.
(Sundays morning excepted).
Leave Charleston 9:00 a. m. 7:30 p. m.
Arrive Augusta 5:00 p. m. 6:55 a. m.
FOR COLUMBIA.
(Sundays morning excepted).
Leave Charleston 10:50 a. m. 8:30 p. m.
Arrive Columbia 10:50 p. m. 7:45 a. m.

FOR CHARLESTON.
(Sundays morning excepted).
Leave Augusta 8:30 a. m. 7:40 p. m.
Arrive Charleston 4:20 p. m. 7:45 a. m.
Leave Columbia 6:00 p. m. 8:00 p. m.
Arrive Charleston 12:15 a. m. and 6:45 a. m.

Summerville Train.
(Sundays excepted).
Leave Summerville 7:40 a. m.
Arrive Charleston 8:45 a. m.
Leave Charleston 4:25 p. m.
Arrive Summerville 4:25 p. m.
Breakfast, Dinner and Supper at Branchville Camden Station.

Connects at Kingsville daily (Sundays excepted) with day passenger train to and from Charleston. Passengers from Camden to Columbia can go through without detention on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from Columbia to Camden on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays by connection with day passenger train.

Day and night trains connect at Augusta with Georgia Railroad and Central Railroad. This route is the quickest and most direct to Atlanta, Nashville, Louisville, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and other points in the North.

Night trains for Augusta connect closely with the fast mail train via Macon and Augusta Railroad for Macon, Columbia, Montgomery, Mobile, New Orleans and points in the Southwest. (Thirty-six hours to New Orleans.)

Day trains for Columbia connect closely with Charlotte Railroad for all points North, making quick time and no delays. (Forty hours to New York.)

The trains on the Greenville and Columbia and Spartanburg and Union Railroads connect closely with the train which leaves Charleston at 5:00 a. m. and returning they connect in the same manner with the train which leaves Charleston at 5:30 p. m.

Laurens Railroad train connects at Newberry on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Blue Ridge Railroad train runs daily, connecting with upland down trains on Greenville and Columbia Railroad.

S. S. SALMONSON, Superintendent.
S. B. PICKENS, General Ticket Agent.

WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA RAILROAD.

GENERAL PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.
COLUMBIA, S. C., August 9, 1877.
The following Schedule will be operated on and after this date:

Night Express Train—Daily.
going north.
Leave Columbia 11:15 p. m.
Leave Florence 2:40 a. m.
Arrive at Wilmington 6:32 a. m.

going south.
Leave Wilmington 6:00 p. m.
Leave Florence 10:02 p. m.
Arrive at Columbia 1:25 a. m.

This Train is Fast Express, making through connections, all rail, North and South, and water line connections via Port Royal, Stop only at Eastover, Sumter, Timpanville, Florence, Marion, Fair Bluff, Whiteville and Beaufort.

Through Tickets sold and baggage checked to all principal points. Pullman Sleepers on night trains.

Through Night Train—Daily, except Sundays.
going north.
Leave Columbia 5:00 p. m.
Leave Florence 8:40 a. m.
Arrive at Wilmington 12:00 m.

going south.
Leave Wilmington 2:20 p. m.
Leave Florence 2:25 a. m.
Arrive at Columbia 10:10 a. m.

Local Freight Train leaves Columbia Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday only, at 6 a. m. Arrives at Florence at 3:30 p. m.

A. POPE, G. F. & T. A.
J. F. DEVISE, Superintendent.

Magnolia Passenger Route.

PORT ROYAL RAILROAD.
AUGUSTA, GA., June 1, 1878.
The following passenger schedule will be operated on and after June 2nd:

NIGHT PASSENGER TRAIN.
Going south—No. 1, Daily.
Leave Augusta via P. R. Railroad 10:00 p. m.
Arrive at Yemassee via P. R. R. 2:50 a. m.
Leave Yemassee via S. C. R. R. 3:20 a. m.
Arrive Charleston via S. C. R. R. 8:30 a. m.
Leave Savannah via S. C. R. R. 8:30 a. m.
Arrive Jacksonville via Fla. Cent. 9:55 a. m.
Leave Yemassee via P. R. Railroad 8:25 a. m.
Arrive Beaufort via P. R. Railroad 4:58 a. m.
Arrive Port Royal via P. R. R. 6:15 p. m.

going north—No. 2, Daily.
Leave Port Royal via P. R. R. 11:00 p. m.
Leave Beaufort via P. R. R. 1:25 p. m.
Arrive Yemassee via P. R. R. 1:50 p. m.
Leave Jacksonville via Fla. Cent. 4:40 p. m.
Arrive Savannah via S. C. R. R. 8:40 a. m.
Leave Savannah via S. C. R. R. 8:30 p. m.
Arrive Yemassee via S. C. R. R. 1:20 a. m.
Leave Yemassee via P. R. Railroad 2:00 a. m.
Arrive Augusta via P. R. Railroad 6:40 a. m.

Elegant Lucas Sleeping Cars between Augusta and Savannah without change.
Special attention invited to connections of this route between Augusta and Charleston. Passengers are landed in the centre of Charleston. Street railroad cars run from depot to all principal parts of the city.
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ROBERT G. FLEMING, General Superintendent.
J. S. DAVANT, General Passenger Agent.

Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta R. R.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

CHARLOTTE, COLUMBIA & AUGUSTA R. R. GENERAL PASSENGER DEPARTMENT. COLUMBIA, S. C. Jan. 27, 1878.
The following passenger schedule will be operated on and after this date:

Mail Express—Going North.
Leave Augusta 6:40 p. m.
Arrive Columbia 11:20 p. m.
Leave Columbia 11:30 p. m.
Arrive Charlotte 4:58 a. m.

Mail Express—Going South.
Leave Charlotte 9:48 p. m.
Arrive Columbia 2:54 a. m.
Leave Columbia 3:04 a. m.
Arrive Augusta 7:05 a. m.

Run daily, and make close connection at Charlotte and Augusta for all points North, South and West. Stop at following named stations only: Fort Mills, Rock Hill, Chester, Blackstock, Winesboro, Ridgeview, Doko, Columbia, Lexington, Barcolony, Ridge Spring, Johnston's, Pine House and Graniteville.

Day Passenger—Going North.
No. 1
Leave Charlotte 12:30 p. m.
Arrive Chester 2:42 p. m.
Leave Columbia 5:44 p. m.
Leave Columbia 5:54 p. m.
Leave Graniteville 9:51 p. m.
Arrive Augusta 10:36 p. m.

Day Passenger—Going South.
No. 2
Leave Augusta 6:30 a. m.
Arrive Columbia 9:25 a. m.
Leave Columbia 9:40 a. m.
Leave Chester 12:45 p. m.
Arrive Charlotte 2:58 p. m.

No. 1 and 2 run daily, and make close connection at Augusta and Charlotte for points North, South and West, and stop at all regular passenger stations.

T. D. KLINE, Sup't.
A. POPE, Gen'l F. and E. Agent.

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Standard the South.

[New York World]

WASHINGTON, December 1.—Much indignation has been excited here among respectable Republicans as well as Democrats by the atrocious attacks of the New York Tribune on Senator Lamar. It is considered that Senator Lamar more than any other man made the existence of the Hayes Administration possible while Coaling was denouncing it everywhere as "infamous." He owes Hayes nothing and Hayes owes him much. All the summer through Senator Lamar was at home in Mississippi with his dead and dying, while pestilence was busy in all homes. There was absolute peace throughout the State, complete acquiescence in the electoral results on the part of all blacks as well as whites. The Tribune now attempts to drive the Southern people into general hostility to honest means by conspiring with Sherman and Hayes, whom Sherman now openly rules, to create a belief at the North and West of an attempt to revive sectional controversy. Senator Lamar, when interviewed in Ohio, said very truly that if the South found self-government assailed, or attempts made to overthrow order at the South by black Kearneyism, no question of currency could be listened to. The course of the Tribune is believed here to be a deliberate attempt of Jay Gould and his clique to disturb the business of the country, depress values and weaken the influence of those Southern men who have bravely and loyally supported the keeping of the public faith in the public Treasury. The attack is also connected with the desperate attempt of the existing Pacific Railway ring to prevent any consideration of the Southern Pacific Railway, and involves Senator Thurman also, whose great victory over the existing Pacific Railway ring asserted the absolute supremacy of the Government over all such corporations. The business men of the North and the thousands of unemployed laborers in all parts of the country are equally assailed by these "dynamic funds" in politics, who, for purposes of private speculation quite as much as party combinations, seek to blacken the best men of the South, to excite the worst passions of both sections, to keep the currency troubles inflamed and to prevent the revival of general industry.

Gov. Hampton's Kind Heart.

Governor Hampton's feeling for the colored race is illustrated by a writer in the Springfield Republican, who declares that the Governor is "all soul." The writer says that Hampton, when riding, during the last campaign, among the rice fields, had his carriage stopped by a furious colored woman, who held a pine knot in her hand, and swore she'd kill him. "The Governor took a \$5 note and handed it to the wretch. She gazed at him and then at his money. 'Aunty,' he said, 'that is not to buy your vote; women can't vote.' 'What is it for?' asked the stupefied woman. 'I, as a child, slept many an hour in my old colored nurse's arms, and I feel kind for your race. I am your friend, woman, but you do not know it.' Tears ran down that swarthy face; she ran to the field near by with all her speed, and led her husband back by the hand. 'Man,' she said, 'Governor Hampton gib me dis \$5. 'Tis de fust money I hab gib to me since freedom. Rebel or no rebel, God bless 'im. If you don't vote for 'im, I'll quit you.' Such is the man. He is all soul."

A Fox Milking a Cow.

Andrew Freemeyer pastures his cow on the flats near Middletown, N. Y. It being evident that the cow was milking every day before she was brought home, a watch was set for the thief a few days ago. Towards evening the person on watch saw a large red fox steal slyly out of a piece of woods on one side of the pasture. After looking carefully about for a few moments, the fox trotted directly to the spot where the cow was feeding. Taking another survey of the field, he took his position under the cow as a calf would, and sucked her milk with evident satisfaction. The cow stood perfectly still until the fox had satisfied himself and trotted back to the woods again, and then went on with her feeding. The day after Mr. Freemeyer went on watch with a gun. The fox came out of the woods, as he had before, and Mr. Freemeyer shot and killed him.

The Pleasures of "Boarding Around."

Dr. McLellan, Inspector of Schools for Ontario, at a recent meeting of the Welland Teachers' Association, gave his hearers the following reminiscence of "boarding around," as practiced nearly a generation ago: When he first began teaching, in 1849, his salary was about \$180 a year, and he didn't even get that to this day, besides "boarding around." He related his experience at the latter to the great amusement of the audience. Upon arriving at his first boarding place, after school one day, the old lady gently intimated to him that it was customary for the boarding teacher to lend his services for the benefit of the household, and informed him that just then the old man and the boys were out in the barn killing swine, and would no doubt be pleased to have his assistance. This the embryo doctor, on principle, declined to give. Rather dissatisfied at this, the thrifty matron drew his attention to a churnful of milk requiring a motive power at the dasher, only again to meet with the doctor's dissent on principle. [Laughter.] Well, then, if he wouldn't help provide the winter's pork for the family, nor give the golden butter from its creamy bed, would he "hold the baby while Cal churned?" [Laughter.] This he could undertake without sacrifice of principle, and forthwith did, but before the lapse of ten minutes the uppermost feeling in his mind was regret that he had not helped the old man and boys in the barn, exercised on the churn dasher, or undertaken any other job in the household economy, rather than that of relieving Sally of the baby. He had previously passed very fair examinations in physiology, anatomy and the mechanical sciences, but never until then did he learn that a baby had no bones in its body, and for the life of him he was unable to discover the infant's centre of gravity, somewhat, to his danger, and the family discomfort generally. [Laughter.]—[Toronto Globe.]

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Recipes.

BAKING POWDER.—Six ounces of tartaric acid, eight ounces of baking soda, one quart of flour; sift this five or six times through a fine sieve until thoroughly mixed.

FRENCH CREAM CAKE.—One cup of sugar, three eggs, one teaspoonful of sweet cream, one cup of flour, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder; bake in two tins.

CREAM FILLING.—One pint of new milk, one egg, two teaspoonfuls of corn starch, butter size of an egg; let the milk come to a boil; have the corn starch moistened with a little cold milk; add the egg to it (well beaten) and the butter; stir all into the hot milk; care must be taken that it will scorch; as soon as it thickens take it off. Sprinkle the cakes while hot and spread thick with the cream; a little soft icing on top improves it; flavor to suit the taste.

MATHONIAZ.—Three eggs, well beaten, a little salt, four enough to mix hard; roll thin as paper; put into fingers and give them a twist. Fry in hot lard, hotter than for common fried cakes.

SOFT GINGERBREAD.—One cup molasses, half cup shortening, one cup of hot water (in winter), three cups flour, little ginger, an even teaspoonful soda dissolved in a little water, and then beat into the molasses.

LEMON TARTS.—Grate two whole lemons, add two cups sugar, three well beaten eggs, piece of butter half the size of an egg. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and place over the fire, stirring till it boils up and then set away to cool. This will keep all winter, and can be used for tarts anytime by making nice crust.

SILVER CAKE.—Cream together one cup granulated sugar and half cup butter, add half cup sweet milk, half cup corn starch, one cup flour, the beaten whites of four eggs, one teaspoonful cream tartar, half teaspoonful soda mixed with flour and flavor with lemon or rose.

GOLD CAKE.—The yolks of five eggs, one cup sugar, one cup rich cream, one teaspoonful soda, a pinch of salt, two cups of flour; season with vanilla.

SUGAR COOKIES.—One teaspoonful butter, two of sugar, one of sweet cream, two eggs, half teaspoonful saleratus; sprinkle sugar on top of cookies while warm. You can put in enough flour to make them the proper thickness to roll out.

BAKING POWDER BISCUIT.—Four heaping teaspoonfuls of flour, two heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, one teaspoonful of salt, one heaping teaspoonful of lard or butter; rub baking powder and salt well into the flour and then the shortening; mix with sweet milk or water to soft dough, roll out and bake. Mix these but little, bake in a quick oven ten minutes.

DUTCH PEPPER CAKE.—One cup molasses, one-half cup water, one-half cup butter, one teaspoon ginger, one teaspoon soda, three cups flour and one egg, one-half teaspoon each of cloves, allspice and cinnamon.

DUTCH SUGAR COOKIES.—Four eggs, two cups sugar, one cup butter, one-half of a nutmeg, one even teaspoon soda; mix well.

A Washington telegram to the Baltimore Sun, dated November 27, says: Such of the Democratic members of Congress as have arrived in the city give it as their opinion that the coming session, which begins next week, will be devoted to business more than to buncombe, so far as the majority of the House are concerned. The Republicans, flushed with happiness over their improving prospects, are preparing barbed arrows to shoot at their opponents whenever an opportunity offers. It will require good management and much patience under provocation for the Democrats to avoid exciting political discussions, which can be turned to their disadvantage. But the purpose seems to be to put in the appropriation bills as soon as possible, and let work proceed on them. A proper consideration of these bills will occupy the greater part of the few working weeks of the session.

The Philadelphia Times states that two men, will watch the grave of the late Thomas Powers, the millionaire, by day and two by night, the orders of Mrs. Powers being that their vigils shall not pass for two years. To the tombstone will be attached a key to the watch, locked in a case that the men will carry. This watch must have the key at the grave inserted into it every half hour, and will be inspected twice a day to see that it has been carried to the grave at frequent intervals.

It is remarkable how few United States soldiers it was necessary to keep in the South after the yellow fever became epidemic.

The negroes of Kerhawa own an average about two dogs to each family.

GENERAL NEWS.

Not a single case of Janyon was docketed for trial at the present court for Harry county.

Harry county has settled all past indebtedness, and now has \$1,200 in the treasury. What county in the State can beat this?

Anderson does not claim to be the banner county politically, but she does agriculturally, besides she takes the lead in the temperance cause in South Carolina.

Ladcaster has a citizen 53 years old who never took a dose of medicine. Anderson has one 79 years old who has never been so unwell, as to require the attention of a physician.

Mr. Stephens says that, politically, the condition of Georgia is better than since the war. The recent election was the most peaceful and harmonious ever known. He received almost the unanimous white and colored vote. The financial condition is the worst he ever remembers.

The Washington Post says that three Southern women were discharged from the Treasury Department last week, to be followed, it is said, by all that remain. This is a feature of the "new policy," and is declared by those who know to have been brought to the attention of Mr. Hayes before adoption.

An exchange notes the fact that the lowest price at which cotton has sold in this country during the last fifty years was in a spring of 1845, when it went as low as four cents per pound. The highest price paid for it, during the same period, was \$1.00, in 1864. It sold as high as fifty-two cents, however, for good money, in 1866.

A young lady of Richland exhibited at the State Fair a suit of clothes of her own make. She sheared the wool, spun the yarn, wove and dyed the cloth, cut and fitted the clothes to fit her brother, and sewed them (with a needle—not with a base, mechanic sewing machine), making a handsome outfit as the back of any man could desire.

The favorite candidate for the Presidency with the Washington correspondents of Ohio newspapers, at this time is John Sherman. They monotonously agree that "no public man is winning popularity so rapidly as the Secretary," and if resumption succeeds the correspondents have everything arranged to secure Sherman's nomination without opposition enough to talk about. It will be remembered that Mr. Sherman is an Ohio man himself.

Social circles in Washington are intensely agitated in regard to Mrs. Bruce, wife of the Senator of that name. Mrs. Bruce is an octogenarian, ex-school teacher, and is of the personal appearance. The Chicago Inter-Ocean says: "The only colored Senator's wife who ever attempted an entrance to Washington society was Mrs. Pinchback, six years ago, and being both beautiful and accomplished she was not only treated with civility but made quite a lioness."

A Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times has been getting some opinions about General Grant's chances for a Presidential nomination. Postmaster-General Key said that during his recent long trip he found the people of the West for Grant. "I went a long way," he said, "and saw a great many people, but I scarcely saw anybody that was not for Grant. I tell you, he is very popular in the West. Of course I saw a few who were not in favor of Gen. Grant for next President, but they mostly belonged to the old Liberal-Greeley party, who object to a third term. They do not like Grant, but they would support him if nominated rather than a Democrat." Secretary McCrary said: "The Iowa Republicans are for Blaine first, but they would support Grant if he should be nominated." Representative Page, of California, said that no man but Grant is talked of on the Pacific coast.

When the Russo-Turkish war was entered upon last year Great Britain announced her intention of not interfering unless "British interests" were directly assailed, but at the same time reserved her right to object to whatever readjustment of boundaries might result from the war, and accordingly, when the treaty of San Stefano was promulgated, Bismarck secured its revision at Berlin. Now, in her turn, Russia is said to announce that she will not interfere in the Afghan war, although satisfied that it must end in a British victory, but will "claim a voice in the settlement of peace," affirming that the Czar will not consent to any ratification of the boundaries of Afghanistan in regard to which he has not been consulted. This is a very neat return, but, in a purely Asian question, Russia cannot