

For the third time, reports are rife that the President's cabinet will soon break up. As yet, however, it has not broken worth a cent.

The News and Courier urges the whites to revive the custom of celebrating the Fourth of July. Not while the thermometer is high up in the nineties, neighbor.

Hon. Jero Black has an article in the North American Review, in which he reviews the history and conduct of the Electoral Commission. The notorious Eight will not feel puffed up after reading it.

Official returns of the Charleston election have been received. Col. B. H. Rutledge heads the list with 8,146 votes, Col. R. B. Rhett received 8,145, and Messrs. J. F. Picken and G. Lamb Buist 8,141 votes each. The lowest on the list, B. O'Neill, Esq., received 8,009. There were 240 ballots cast in the whole county for Republicans. Democratic gain about twelve thousand votes. What will the majority be in the State at the next election?

The Russians have crossed the Danube in force, and are pressing to the Balkan Mountains. Both armies lack generalship. A sensational dispatch has been received that England is preparing to assist Turkey and prevent Muscovite occupation of Constantinople. It is said that John Bull, on short notice, can put 150,000 men in the field, while 300,000 Mahomedan Sepoys can be brought from India to operate in Asiatic Turkey. Such a course might result in the discomfiture of Russia; but at present Turkey has small chances of escaping a severe drubbing.

The Fence Law.

There is danger that in the present political complications in this county, the important question of fencing will be overlooked. The county commissioners have appointed the 15th of August as the day for holding the election in any townships that desire it. As yet but a few have complied with the provisions of the act prescribing the method of securing a vote. Seventy-five taxpayers are needed on the petition. There should be a petition for each township. The petition itself means nothing. Parties who sign it are free to oppose the change. It is but just in the enemies of a change to give the advocates an opportunity of voting on the question.

The question has not been agitated in Fairfield to any extent, and it is difficult to catch the true sentiment of the people. In different townships different views are expressed. We would be glad to see the law changed for the entire county. While a few individuals own stock, it is nevertheless true that, by long odds, the preponderating industry is agriculture, and this industry should be fostered and encouraged. It is absurd to incur thousands of dollars of expense for the sake of two or three hungry steers or goats belonging to a neighbor. Much better to make him keep them in his pasture. It has been estimated that by the present law, it costs two hundred dollars a year at least for simply the repairs of fencing on a thousand acres of land. The expense avoided by changing the law would be quite a help to the farmer.

So many arguments exist in favor of the proposed change, they cannot all be mentioned here. At some future time they will be developed. In the mean time let the petitions be presented.

Developments in a recent New York smuggling case proved on investigation to be most alarming. It is believed that it is one of the most gigantic frauds on record. One man makes an affidavit to having smuggled over sixty barrels of silks which will amount to about \$300,000.

Communication.

Editors of The News and Herald: GENTS—It having been stated at the last meeting of the Executive Board of the Fairfield Democratic Club that I had been removed from acting on your Board by the Jenkinsville Club, I send you the following certificates of the Secretary of said Club for publication without comment.

Yours Respectfully
D. R. ELKIN.

FAIRFIELD, July 2d, 1877.

Dr. J. G. McMeekin, Sec. and Treas. of the Jenkinsville Dem. Club of Township No. 11:

DEAR SIR:—Please answer the following questions as on oath. Were you present at the election of the officers of the Club? And how were they elected?

ANSWER—I was. They were elected by acclamation.

J. G. McMEEKIN, Sec.

Was D. R. Elkin elected to serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party at Winnsboro? And in what way?

ANSWER—He was elected by acclamation.

J. G. McMEEKIN, Sec.

As Secretary of the Club, Has D. R. Elkin ever been removed from serving as a member of the Executive Committee by the act of the Club? And if so for what cause?

ANSWER—He has not been removed by any action of the board.

J. G. McMEEKIN, Sec.

Jenkinsville Club.

Reply of Mr. Wallace.

Editors of The News and Herald:

Allow me through your columns to reply to the communication of Mr. D. R. Elkin, as he evidently refers to me as having made a statement before the Executive Committee to the effect that he had been removed from that Committee by the Jenkinsville Township Club. I deny having made any such statement. I simply stated that by the request of the president of the Jenkinsville Club, for reasons which seemed to him to be good and sufficient and which I am prepared to furnish if desired, I presented my claims to act as a member of the Committee until an expression of opinion concerning Mr. Elkin could be had from the township club. The president of the Jenkinsville Club informed me on the 25th of June that a meeting of the Executive Committee was to be held on the 26th. There was consequently no time to call a meeting of the Club. I had acted on the Committee when Messrs. Gaillard and Bice were nominated, Mr. Elkin at that time having affairs of state to attend to in Columbia. Under these circumstances, the president of the township club requested me to act again on the Committee. I also stated to the Executive Committee that Mr. Elkin was not regularly elected by the club to serve on that committee. After the organization of the township club Mr. Elkin acted several times as a member of the committee at Winnsboro, without the sanction of the club. Mr. Elkin afterwards requested the club to approve his course in acting on the committee before being elected. The vote was by acclamation and Mr. Elkin's previous action was approved. He was after that regarded by the township club as its Executive Committee man. This was the only vote taken by the club, to my knowledge, concerning Mr. Elkin's status in the Executive Committee.

Very respectfully,

A. M. WALLACE.

Ex-Senator Foster, of Connecticut, at one time Vice-President of the United States, when just beginning to get on in life became enamored with a fashionable young lady, whose worth consisted in her dress. He took his betrothed to see his parents, who were living in an humble and modest way. The young miss repressed her pride and feeling until they had left the house, when she indignantly exclaimed, "Don't you ever take me to see such common people again." Mr. Foster quietly escorted her home, and left her, never to return. Two years afterwards, Mr. Foster had risen to the height of his profession and married an estimable young lady, the belle of Boston.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Conkling has been made an LL.D.

President Hayes will visit New Hampshire next fall.

Motley received \$60,000 from the Harpers in copyrights.

Rady, the new deputy naval officer in Baltimore, is a son of the man in whose house President Hayes tarried, after being wounded, at South Mountain.

The relatives of Peter B. Brigham who left three millions for the sick and poor of Boston, are contesting the will, but they are not likely to make much out of it.

A London dispatch says Mme. Titiens is recovering her health remarkably. She has been able to bear removal to Worthing, and it is believed she will be able to sing again within a year.

A monument is to be erected to the memory of the two hundred alumni of the Virginia Military Institute who fell in the Confederate service. Stonewall Jackson was a professor in this institution.

Miss Parke P. Perkins, who was crowned Queen of Love and Beauty at the Centennial tournament last September, was married at her residence in Buckingham county, Virginia, last Tuesday, to Maj. W. W. Bentley, of Pulaski, in the same State.

H. P. Kimball, the energetic manager of the Winnebago county fair, who got it advertised all over the country last year by securing Jefferson Davis to speak there, has done quite as well this year, having secured as orators Governor Hampton and Colonel Ingersoll.

Miss Jenny North, who is to be the valedictorian at the coming commencement of Bates College, Maine, is the youngest member of the class, and the first woman who has been graduated with the highest honors by any New England college admitting both sexes.

Dr. S. M. Gale, who has just been expelled by the Massachusetts Medical Society for practicing homoeopathy, has been in practice for forty-eight years and was for thirty-five years an active member of the Medical Society, having been put on the retired list two years ago.

Lieutenant-General Sheridan, accompanied by his staff, has started from Chicago for a tour of inspection of the posts in the Indian country as far as the Custer battlefield. General Crook will join the party at Omaha. General Sherman is going to the Yellowstone next month.

The Rev. Ridsdale, the appellant in the Folkestone ritual case, recently decided by the Privy Council, has got his diocesan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to assume the responsibility of directing him to celebrate in a surplice and to give him a dispensation from what ritualists regard as the obligations of the eucrite. Mr. Ridsdale thereupon announces that he will obey the Archbishop's order until controversy shall have a fitting opportunity to deliberate on the matter.

A New Gold Coin.—The new \$50 gold coin, which is to be struck from a die now in course of preparation by the officers of the government mint, will not, as has been supposed, be the first coin of that value struck in the United States. In 1851, \$50 gold coins were issued at the United States Assay Office in San Francisco. Millions of dollars of this denomination were coined and went into use, but they gradually disappeared, for the reason that they were intrinsically worth more than \$50 in gold by reason of the silver they contained in excess of the standard. Thus they came to be used for mechanical purposes, or they were sent to the mint for recoinage. One of these coins can be seen in the foreign and domestic collection at the mint in Philadelphia.

The Springfield Republican says: The trouble between Mr. Hayes and Mr. Conkling simply is that Hayes doesn't like Conkling. The President somehow conceived a mighty prejudice against the New York Senator last year, and seems inclined to be unamiably obstinate in its indulgence. But he really seems to be giving his confidence and respect to a good deal worse men in the Republican party, and experience may teach him to swap both his prejudices and his favorites.

A negro boy, some nine years of age, living on the plantation of Col. D. O. Hawthorn, near Duo West, while returning home from the field on Wednesday before last, was struck by lightning and instantly killed. The bolt entered near the shoulder. The boy's sister, who was near him at the time of the stroke, was badly shocked, but not dangerously hurt.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Among the new midshipmen who have resigned from service is S. E. Whitwell of South Carolina.

It is stated that a morning paper supporting the policy of the President will shortly issue its initial number in Washington, and that Hon. John Lynch, ex member from Maine, will assume editorial charge.

The commission appointed by the Legislature of South Carolina to investigate the amount and character of the bonded and floating indebtedness of the State will begin its session in Columbia on the first day of August. All persons to whom the State is indebted are requested to present their bonds, stocks, coupons or other evidences of indebtedness to the commission during the month of August.

Mr. George W. Childs of the Philadelphia Ledger gave the Philadelphia newsboys a dinner on the 4th of July, supplying them with the following toothsome bill of fare: Green turtle soup, roast beef, broiled spring chicken, string beans and green peas, mashed potatoes, vanilla ice cream, pound cake, sponge cake, bananas, oranges, Vienna rolls and butter, mixed candy in boxes. The dinner was enlivened with music.

Chicago has one sad wreck of the Murphy movement. A lady who thought herself personally called to battle with the demon of strong drink was not seconded by her husband, so she left him and her three children and came to Chicago. She became interested in one young man and succeeded in reforming him to the extent that she thought it desirable to get a divorce. Her husband was worth about \$200,000, and she thought she could get enough to set up housekeeping again. But she was not in a position to sue for a divorce, for her husband was the deserted one. She got only \$600 out of the \$200,000 and neither of the three children. It is rather a bitter case of perverted woman's rights.

A grandson of Commodore Vanderbilt, named Oakley S. Barker, is a kleptomaniac. Despite the fact that he receives ten thousand dollars a year from his grandfather's estate, he is now under indictment for stealing a watch and locket valued at two hundred dollars, from a Miss Weeks. After Barker had been locked up, one H. J. Streiter informed the justice that young Barker had stolen four overcoats, one pair of trousers, a valuable meerschaum pipe and a revolver from his room. William May, a cousin of Fred May, of the Bennett-May duel notoriety, says that Barker had stolen a gold chain and locket from his room. These gentlemen, however, did not prefer charges, but intimated that it was possible that they would appear before the grand jury. The detective who made the arrest said it was a difficult matter to "get the thing fine" against Barker, but when he openly accused him he made a full confession. He has also learned that young Barker has been engaged in other thefts, the victims being his personal friends.

Henry Ward Beecher lectures in San Francisco in July at \$1,000 a night. Bob Ingersoll got \$3,000 for two lectures there.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CURE YOURSELVES.—The 8th Wonder of the World has been found in Georgia. The discoverer is a physician of long experience, extensive observation and profound judgment, and his discovery has proven such a blessing to woman, that it is already known throughout the country as "Woman's Best Friend." With remarkable quickness and certainty it cures all cases of suppressed menstruation, acute or chronic, and restores health in every instance. Dr. J. Bradfield's Female Regulator supplies a remedy long needed in the treatment of diseases peculiar to woman. (This the Medical Faculty knows and admits, while many of the best physicians are using it in daily practice. The medicine is prepared with great care by Dr. J. Bradfield, Atlanta, Ga., and sold at \$1.50 per bottle by Dr. W. E. Atkes. June 30 'x2w

COUNTY CONVENTION.

THE Democratic County Club of Fairfield is hereby called to meet at the court-house in Winnsboro, on Saturday, the fourteenth day of July, 1877, at eleven o'clock, a. m. Each subordinate Club is entitled to send five delegates. The presidents of the different Clubs are required to communicate this notice to their several Clubs without delay.

By order of the Democratic County Executive Committee,
JNO. S. REYNOLDS, Secretary,
JNO. BRATTON, Chairman.
June 28 'x2w

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