

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR CLERK OF COURT,

W. H. KERR.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,

R. E. ELLISON, SR., JOHN A. HINNANT.

CORNELIUS R. MEANS.

HAYES WILL visit Ohio in a week or so. This is a neat way of electioneering. But the Republican ox must be dragged out of the pit.

OLIVER P. MORTON is very ill from the effects of a stroke of paralysis, and latest advices indicate that he may not recover. Morton should die. Heaven is a much better place for him than the United States Senate, just now.

"The Governor's Guard propose to give a hop at the Opera House in September. This will afford Means Davis a long-coveted opportunity to remark in the Winnsboro News that the heavy armed Greek soldiers, the finest in the world, were themselves known in their generation as 'hoplites.'" [C. McKimley in News and Courier.]

Et tu Brute!

SITTING BULL has esconced himself quietly in British territory. The Canadians don't want him, and a commission between two governments has been agreed upon, to decide upon some way of disposing of him. But as no one wishes to travel a thousand or two miles at his own expense and then be massacred by the hostiles, Schurz finds it an up hill job to find a commissioner. Isn't Patterson eligible?

THE RADICALS held a secret conclave on Saturday. It is reported that they made no nomination, having failed utterly to induce any decent man to run on their ticket. Whether they will nominate any of their own crowd, and will endeavor to thrash the Democrats in order to secure a new election, cannot be foretold. It is well to be on the alert. Let the Democrats vote solidly on the fourth.

THE BLACKS have now an opportunity of showing that they do not hate the white man. Instead of voting against the Democratic ticket or staying away from the polls, let them come up and vote with the whites. As long as they manifest antagonism they will have no voice in the government, for the white people will never again go to them or make any terms whatever with them. This is a white man's country, and all other races must follow along after his lead. If the blacks are wise they will break loose from their Radical leaders and will come along with the Democratic party. We are not asking this for our sake, because it matters little to us what they do. But for their own good we advise this course.

The governor should direct his attention to the almost daily occurring attempts at escape from the penitentiary, some of which are attended with success. A notable instance occurred recently. Two Darlington desperadoes, Stephen Woods and Scroffin Davis, both colored, were sentenced to the penitentiary—one for life. When he heard his sentence, he cursed the judge most foully in open court, insulted the sheriff, raved like a madman, and swore that he would escape from the penitentiary, as he had done it before and knew all the ropes—and that he would murder Judge Townsend. A strong guard was sent to Columbia, and the prisoners were delivered to Col. Parmelo. Warning was given of the threats to escape, and the superintendent was implored to use extra caution. Yet, in two weeks, Woods manage to elude the guards, and made his escape. He is now at large. The superintendent of the penitentiary should be held to a strict accountability. People will resort to lynching if noted desperadoes can not be kept confined after conviction.

The Public Schools.

Free education is acknowledged by most thinking minds to be the paramount need of the State, and how to secure it has caused much anxious thought. Maj. H. S. Thompson, our State Superintendent, and one of the most accomplished educators of the State is devoting much attention to the task before him, so that he may present his views with force at the next session of the Legislature. In order to secure the advantages resulting from the attrition of the ideas and experiences of different persons who have made the subject a study, he proposed some weeks since a conference, to be held on the 21st of August. The gentlemen invited were Prof. Carlisle, of Wofford College, R. W. Boyd, Esq., of Darlington, Mr. Archer, of the public schools of Charleston, Prof. Charles Petty, of Limestone Springs Female College, and Chairman of the House Educational Committee, Mr. Hood, of Abbeville, a member of the same committee, and Mr. R. Means Davis, of Mount Zion College, Winnsboro. Mr. Archer could not attend on account of illness, and Mr. Hood was busily engaged in the arduous duties of investigating the public indebtedness. The other gentlemen held a free and satisfactory conference with Superintendent Thompson for three days, during which the whole subject of education was thoroughly discussed. The result of the conference will be embodied in the report of the Superintendent to the Legislature. It seemed advisable to retain the present system, with certain amendments and alterations to adapt it to the peculiar condition of our State, and with provisions requiring the rigid enforcement of the duties now prescribed for school officials, and to prevent the accumulation of debt. It was also resolved that efforts should be made to rouse the people of the State to the necessity of incorporating public instruction into our system, and to persuade them to give it a fair trial, such as it never has yet had.

We trust that the Legislature will manifest a spirit of liberality. The amendment adopted by the people should be ratified by the General Assembly. Not only does public policy demand it, but the Democratic party is pledged to it. Besides, the people of the North are already casting the eye of adverse criticism towards us, and any mistake we make will be unduly magnified.

Thousands of children are growing up in worse than Cimmerian darkness. Unless they receive the pure rays of knowledge, the next generation will mark a retrogradation in every pursuit in South Carolina.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FEASTERVILLE, S. C., August 24, 1877.

Editors News and Herald:

I desire through your columns to make a public disclaimer of any intention or design on the part of Feasterville Democratic Club, or the author of an article signed "Dark Corner Club," to wound the feelings or impugn the honor of any one, and hope that gentlemen who consider themselves aggrieved will consider this a sufficient explanation. As soon as the Club meets there will be a resolution adopted, embodying the above sentiment, for publication.

D. R. FEASTER,

President Feasterville D. C. Signed for the Club.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FEASTERVILLE, S. C., August 24, 1877.

Editors News and Herald:

As I hear through a private source that my old friend M. L. Brown is worried about a little squib over my signature, I beg to say to him that I never intended to wound his feelings. It was simply a joke which I thought he would laugh at as heartily as any one. If I have offended, I ask him to pardon my nonsense.

D. R. FEASTER.

The total expense of the Tichborne trial was \$300,374, of which the lawyers received \$118,372.

A Communication from Joe Thompson.

Messrs. Editors:

In your issue of the 25th inst, I am sorry to see that you in your editorial, and Major Woodward in his letter, misrepresent my position and sentiments, and being as "law-abiding a citizen" as Major Woodward, I trust that in fair play you will give the following a place in your most valuable paper.

You (the editors) say that the "negroes under my lead held a meeting at Simpson's, to protest against the change in the fence law." Messrs. Editors, I assure you that you are laboring under a mistake, as I did not convene any such meeting. Information was sent me, to attend a meeting at S. T. O., convened, as I understood, by the white men, and on finding out that such was not the case, I never even got off my horse, but urged my colored friends to quietly disperse and await events. They complied with my first request, and are complying now with the second.

I have always been law-abiding, and opposed to any extreme measures calculated to engender bitter feelings between the two races. In the name of my colored friends, I repudiate any intention of war either with the whites or amongst ourselves. "Conciliation," on both sides, ought to be the watchword, in lieu of "straightout policy." Therefore did we support the "Citizens' Ticket," and therefore will we support to the best of our ability any conservative ticket.

And now, as to the "Notice" posted up at Simpson's. I never saw it, and did not know that any such notice was posted up; and further, do not think that it emanated from any of our party, but strongly suspect that it was the work of some mischief-seeker, whether white or black. Let the author of it give us his name, and I warrant his signature will prove my assertion true.

JOSEPH THOMPSON.

[If Joe really favors "conciliation," his best course is to advise his colored friends and followers to support the Democratic ticket. Will he do it?—Eds.]

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

The Ninety-Six Guardian is a lively young bantling.

The negroes everywhere voted almost solidly against fencing stock.

Marion voted against changing the fence law.

The Hampton Herald thinks it vain to hope for more than ten cents for cotton this fall.

Mr. George W. Plyler, of Lancaster, stands six feet seven inches in his boots.

Four townships in Lancaster county voted in favor of changing the fence law.

The Lancaster Ledger and the Rock Hill Herald hold diverse opinions as to the merits of German millet.

Halsellville township, Chester county, voted unanimously in favor of the new fence law. Hurrah for Halsellville.

The Convention of the Praying Circles of Bethel Presbytery met in the Presbyterian church at Reek Hill on the eighth and ninth of August.

Some evil minded person broke up services at a camp-meeting in Lancaster county last week, by setting loose a dog with a tin can tied to his tail.

Capt. Dwight is progressing very well with the survey of the line of the Chester and Union Railroad. He has reached the river. The bridge across the stream will be at or near Lockhart's Shoals.

The Chester and Cheraw narrow gauge road is graded only six miles in Lancaster, and 22 1/2 miles in Chester. Lancaster subscribed \$175,000, and Chester about \$90,000. Ergo, Lancaster is indignant.

Solicitor Jno. R. Abney has just returned from the White Sulphur. He will be breathing out fire and brimstone next week against the parties charged by the investigating committee.

The revenue agents are going about in Anderson, claiming that no man can have more than fifty stalks of tobacco, and have in some instances pulled up the overplus owned by some of the farmers. Couldn't a few more of those fellows be killed?

At the Democratic County Nominating Convention of Kershaw county, the following candidates were nominated: For clerk of court, S. C. Clyburn; for county commissioners, Allen McCaskill and John Burdell.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

Father Hyacinthe will be a candidate for the French Assembly from Paris, as a Republican.

The actor Florence made \$20,000 in San Francisco last winter, and invested in mining stocks which are now worth \$80,000.

Bathing Corsets for ladies are the latest Parisian invention. They are made of a sort of lattice work, which permits the water to have free access to the body, while preserving the shape.

San Francisco bar-tenders have chunks of glass resembling ice, which they put into drinks for intoxicated customers, instead of the genuine cooling substance. The motive is economy.

A Chicago man has married three sisters, and all are living. He took them in the order of their ages, lived with each about a year, and then obtained a divorce. There are three more sisters left.

Several of the ladies (all Protestants) who were pupils at the Ursuline Convent at Somerville, near Boston, when it was burned by the mob on the night of August 11, 1834, propose to have a reunion in Cambridge, where many of them live.

Colonel Nicholas Smith, who married Ida Greeley, has been arrested at Chappaqua for horsewhipping a young gentleman named Warren Bliss, because they disagreed about the right of way. Mr. Bliss was thrown into an epileptic fit.

Mme. Gerster, the new Hungarian prima donna, whose success in London is the marked event of the year, is said to be only twenty years old. She comes of a commercial family, and is married to Signor Gardini, who acts as her manager.

King Alfonso received James Russell Lowell, the newly-appointed United States Minister to Spain, Saturday, with great ceremony. Mr. Lowell spoke in very flattering terms of Spain. The King replied in a similar friendly tone. No allusion was made to Cuba.

It has just been discovered that one of the resident Chinese Educational Commissioners at Hartford has two wives. He lives in the most fashionable quarter of the city, and his two wives, hitherto supposed to be his sisters, were great favorites with the Hartford ladies.

Little anecdote of Papa Wrangel, the oldest soldier in Europe, told by the World: When in 1848 he had put down the insurgents of Berlin, they sent him word that at his first shot they would hang his wife. For an answer he opened fire. When he had got the upper hand of the rebels he remarked to his aide: "My wife. Do you know I am curious to see if they did hang her?"

Count Von Moltke recently in answer to a question said the Russians will vanquish Turkey as soon as their commander-in-chief is found to possess the four 'G's' which are necessary to every general. "And which four 'G's' do you mean?" asked the Count's questioner. Moltke replied, "Geld, Geduld, Genie und Gluck," (money, patience, genius and good luck.)

Prince Louis Napoleon played his first game of polo the other day at Bichen Abbey, the residence of the Marchioness Camden. A correspondent writes that, in spite of his training at Woolwich, the young prince rides like a Frenchman, not like an Englishman. "He has all the pluck of his race and stuck on famously; but his stiffness was like that of a wooden image fastened to a saddle—no making his waist a pivot, no bend and free play of the leg below the knee."

A large number of acceptances have been received from the Governors invited to a special convocation of the Executives of the several States, to be held at the International Exhibition, this week, at Philadelphia. Extensive and elaborate preparations are being made for their reception and entertainment. On Wednesday, 29th inst, there will be a grand floral display, and on the 30th an industrial review, in which the employes of various manufacturing establishments of Philadelphia will participate.

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Notice to Creditors.

IN THE PROBATE COURT, August 10, 1877.

THE creditors holding claims against the estate of EPHRAIM M. MURPHY, deceased, are required, by order of this court, to establish their demands before me at Fairfield Court House on or before the 10th day of September next.

O. R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate. aug 11-77