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Ourselves.

THE NEWS AND HERALD has completed a year under its present management. During this whole period its motto has been "upward and onward," and no pains have been spared to make it the best country paper in the State. We leave to our patrons to decide to what extent our efforts have been crowned with success. From the outset, we have been embarrassed, in common with every one else, from a want of money, though we are gratified to say our patronage most important State in the Union has been equal to that of other similar enterprises. But there are erats. The prospects are favorable still many inhabitants of Fairfield along the whole line. who do not subscribe for our paper; and there are many more who borrow it from their neighbors and read it regularly. This is injustice to us and to our patrons. If a paper is worth reading, it is worth paying for. We trust that we may receive a large addition to our subscription list. The people of Fairfield are intelligent. They should have a good county paper. Let them come forward with their patronage, and we promise them either that we will give them a good paper, or else step down and out stand that his subscription, however and make way for others that will.

we have refrained from pressing posing that because he can do very those indebted to us. We trust little he must do nothing. And that those whose names are on the let it be expressly agreed that a farmwrong side of our books will step er shall be allowed to pay his subforward promptly and settle. We ask no charity. We simply wish visions, labor, hauling, material, &c. what is our due. If we cannot These things will be as available as give any man the worth of his money, in the construction of the money, let him stop the paper. road. The privilege of paying in But as long as he takes it he should this way will seeure many a subpay for it, so that we may feel scriber who would shrink from inencouraged to redouble our efforts. curring a debt payable in money Only give us the backing, and we only. Those who have large tracts will get out a paper second to none of uncultivated land could make doof its kind in the State.

SENATOR MORTON, having been informed that Aleck Stephens still the worth of that cut off. survives, has concluded not to die just yet.

to get enough spunk infused into raised by individual subscriptions. the "over-prudent Servians and hesitating Greeks," to make them enring private aid. pitch in and help the Russians. The county subscription must be They don't appear, however, to made in bonds of the county, bearinfuse worth a cent.

material before the Legislative Investigating Committee, in Columvestigating Committee, in Columbia, to keep them at work at least This is the plan adopted by York eighteen months longer, if they propose to make a complete examination. The duties of the committee are onerous in the extreme, but the most satisfactory results are promised. All the charges brought against the Radical thieves | become available; and also to assist in the past are receiving double confirmation; and unless the juries are more than ordinarily tender hearted, the whole Radical gang have lease can be effected on good terms. a fine prospect of wintering in the ponitentiary. So mote it be. Let no guilty man escape.

The New York Republicans.

The Republican convention held at Rochester, New York, last week was a stormy affair. Three-fourths of the delegates were the minions of Senator Conkling and slavishly his bidding. A violent attack was made upon Hayes' civil service order and against his cabinet, Everts being stigmatized as a trickster and demagogue, and Key as a political Pecksniff. George William Curtis, who, from being, as the editor of Harpers' Weekly, the most bitter enemy of the South, that every merchant and farmer will has become an enthusiastic admiror of the Southern policy, made a lengthy speech in behalf of Hayes; whereupon Conkling denounced to Chester will satisfy the most any attention from Secretary Brishim as a man-milliner and dilettante skeptical. in politics, and a laborer who reaps no harvest, and as reeking with the

The course of the convention is in that State. It is even predicted, in spite of the gerrymandering of the Legislature, that the Democrats past! will capture that body and defeat Conkling for the Senate. The Herald compares the doughty Senator to an infuriate Sampson, who has pulled down the Republican temple and buried himself beneath its ruins. Evarts thinks the alizo party is as badly scattered as in 1871. Such tidings from the are most gratifying to the Demo-

CHESTER AND GEORGETOWN.

How to raise the Funds to Build the Messrs. Editors:

The funds necessary to build the proposed railroad must be raised by private subscription, and by county subscription. Let each citizen give out of his own resources as much as possible. Active and intelligent canvassers should approach each farmer, and put the subjectfully and fairly before him. Let him undersmall, will be acceptable; disabuse During the whole of the summer his mind of the common error of supscription in anything he has-pronations or subscriptions of so many acres, and so enhance the value of the remainder many times beyond

If the subject is presented to the people personally and intelligently, a very handsome proportion of the accepting straw bail. The New York Herald is trying required means can certainly be General appeals, however eloquent and forcible, will effect little in se-

ing a suitable rate of n'orest payable annually. The levy for meeting in-It is sain that there is enough terest should be large enough to raise sufficient cash to retire a certain number of bonds annually, and and Chester counties. I suggest further that the funds realized from a lease to the Chester and Lenoir Railroad Company be used for the double purpose of creating a fund for the purchase of rolling stock and equipments, with a view to operating the road independently, should that in paying the interest upon the bonds, or the taxes upon the road and property of the company. I can say with confidence that the Fairfield county is fortunately entirely free of debt, and can therefore afford to undertake this work, which promises so much good to every class. Our neighbors of Chester have subscribed \$100,000 to the C. & L. N. G. R. R., and \$75,000 to the Chester and Cheraw N. G. R. R. They will very probably give some assistance to the Chester and Union road and I do not doubt that they will extend material aid to our project, if we show that we are in earnest The vicinity of Blackstock will undoubtedly lend a helping hand even if the county of Chester does not. With what Blackstock, Winnsboro and Ridgeway can do in private which will be attached all the subscriptions, the county of Fairfield can easily assume a debt of \$100,000, or even more, and com plete the road within one year.

I will not go into details to prove save in freights and in cheaper goods, and better prices for cotton third year of his thirty years' term vastly more than his railroad tax will at Albany, has renewed an offer he ever amount to: A visit of inquiry made in 1875 without its receiving

work, let us go at it in carnest, and do it at once-the sooner it is fin- be voluntarily offered him after flavor of rancid self-righteousness. ished, the sooner we begin to get testing his process, a secret which

The greatest disorder prevailed, an equivalent for the taxes that would render counterfeiting imbut Curtis' resolution applauding must be paid as soon as the bonds possible. the President was defeated by a are issued. Now is the time to Ballard says, in the making of our build railroads; because good present paper money is the weaving two-thirds vote. The adherents good bonds, as ours would certainly in of the blue and red fibres; but and the opponents of the adminis- be, sell readily at high prices, while this kind of paper is now too easily tration are now at daggers' points, every element that enters into the made by hand. His remedy is a construction of railroads is at the machine (which would cost \$30,000), lowest price. This is assuredly the and which would make paper of so regarded by the papers of all golden opportunity—it seems to superior a quality that it could not parties in New York City as giving be inviting us to lay hold upon it possibly be imitated by hand. At the coup de grace to Republicanism even seems to move with slackened present when the ink is washed from pace amid the onward rush of events, the face and back of a \$1,000 bill, so as to give us time to seize it be it does not differ in appearance from fore it be lost in the irrevocable a \$1 bill. Ballard's idea is to have

> ton's to Winnsboro; others advocate metallic substance and in the center the extension of the road from Ches of each star to insert in minute ter, via Winnsboro, to Columbia. figures the denomination of the the fact that we competing railroad. is the gist of the whole matter. in relation to engraving, which he than thirty miles across perhaps government if it will accept them. the most broken part of Fairfield He also offers to make a quanity of county. We must cross Little River the paper without cost to the govwith its deep valley and high and ernment to experiment upon. rugged flanking hills; surmount a lofty dividing ridge, and then descend to Broad River, crossing all the streams that head upon the ridge, for they flow south-westwardly, while our course would be northwest. This must certainly be an expensive line. The cost of the bridge and trestle across Little River alone would grade a good many miles towards Chester. The road, having been built, must be fully equipped at once-of course we could not lease it. Again, a narrow gauge road to Shelton's would be completely isolated-to Chester it would become a part of what is soon to be an extensive system of the same gauge.

The idea of going to Columbia is a very good one. By leaving out Ridgeway-if, indeed, she will cousent to be passed by-we can save six or seven miles, and at Columbia secure several valuable connections. The South Carolina Railroad Company could scarcely fail to give substantial aid and benefit to such a project, and Charleston would hasten to encourage and assist so important a connection with the entire Pieds mont region of North and South

I have trespossed upon your columns, Messrs Editors, far beyond my original intention. Accept my thanks for your indulgence.

FAIRFIELD. Winnsboro, Sept. 29, 1877. SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Chester is improving her streets. The Lancaster grand jury reported several trial justices for

The Chester Rifles are thinking of competing for the prize at the

June Mobley is stumping the fourth congressional district, in the interest of Liberia.

The Yorkville Enquirer favors the ratification of the school amendment to the constitution.

One hundred convicts are at work grading the new railroad from Greenwood, Abbeville county, to of Agricultural Implements and Steels.

President Hayes has appointed Judge L. C. Northrop United States district attorney, vice Stone, resigned.

Dr. Jno. T. Dent, of Lexington, was acquitted last week of the charge of murder for killing young Leckic of Columbia. Messrs. S. W. Melton and H. W. Rice defended the prisoner. The trial lasted two days.

Mr. James M. Elford, a young married man, living in Spartanburg, committed suicide on the 24th, by shooting himself in the head with a pistol. He was sitting in his room with his wife and, taking up a pistol, remarked that he was going to kill himself. A second after, the pistol was fired and he dropped dead. No cause is assigned.

Governor Hampton has made the following appointments: James F. Izlar, brigadier general, 3d brigade of infantry; comprising the counties of Beanfort, Colleton, Barnwell, Orangeburg, Aiken and Lexington. F. M. Bamberg, brigadier general, cavalry in the counties of Barnwell, Orangeburg, Aiken and Lexington.

A Valuable Secret.

Tom Ballard, the famous counterfeiter, who is now serving the made in 1875 without its receiving any attention from Secretary Bristow. He proposed to reveal to the government, without promise of reward or release, unless it should be voluntarily offered him after. If it be decided to undertake this government, without promise of

The greatest secret, numerous designs worked in, in Since these letters were begun, I place of the red ink, and in place of learn, Messrs. Editors, that some the blue localized fibre to insert a citizens favor a railroad from Shel- line or stripe of stars of a peculiar These shades of opinion seem to note, so that in case the ink is show that thoughtful men re- crased, or the note reduced to pulp need even, its value could still be told. This All these secrets, together with one I must remind you, however, that to says will excel anything now known reach Shelton's we must build more in lithography, Ballard offers to the

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