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Professor Duncan declines to leave Wofford for Randolph-Macon.

The Chronicle bitterly denies that yellow fever is in Augusta.

Flipper, the colored lieutenant, says he has no idea of becoming commander-in-chief of the Liberian army; and he advises his race to stay in America.

The entire remnant of the Louisiana Radical party is in Washington, clamoring for office, or howling against Hayes, who was elected by Louisiana "sweat and blood." Lying and stealing would be more appropriate terms.

Another Radical has come to grief. J. P. F. Camp, ex-treasurer of Spartanburg, has been sentenced to jail for not turning over certain records in his office. He has already been punished for not turning over certain moneys.

The convention of the Episcopal church has almost unanimously resolved to use the lectionary of the English church in this country until the next meeting of the convention. It was voted that clergymen have power to use the table of lessons reported by the committee in connection with the lectionary for Lent. This does not conflict with the table of lessons already in use.

The silver font which was ordered by the ladies of Columbia for a testimonial to Senator Gordon's daughter, Carolina, who was born the day the troops left the State House, is finished. The News and Courier describes this magnificent piece of place as follows:

It is wrought of solid silver and stands from base to rim twelve inches in height, and measures in diameter, across the top, ten inches. The interior is heavily lined with gold, which is highly and beautifully ornamented with engraved patterns showing the bright silver beneath. The shape of the font is novel and exquisitely beautiful. From a solid square base rises a column upon which the bowl proper rests gracefully. The exterior is satin finish, ornamented on the shank, with delicately engraved tracery. On one side of the bowl is deeply and beautifully engraved the coat of arms of South Carolina, and on the opposite side the coat of arms of Georgia. Around the rim are inscribed the words of Hampton's dispatch to Gordon upon the removal of the United States troops from the State House at Columbia, viz: "The troops have been removed. Perfect peace prevails. Thank you, Wade Hampton. April 11, 1877," the signature coming beneath the coat of arms of South Carolina. On the opposite side, beneath the coat of arms of Georgia, are inscribed the words: "The women of Columbia to Carolina Gordon."

The death of the little girl for whom it was designed, prevents the original purpose of the donors from being carried out. The font will, however, be sent to Senator Gordon, and will be doubly prized on account of the hallowed associations clustering around it.

What the Schools Need.

Superintendent Thompson is dead earnest in his efforts to reform the school system of South Carolina. He is adopting the capital expedient of getting the judges to explain the system in their charges to grand juries, and in causing the courts to take surveillance of school officials. No better man for the position than Captain Thompson could be found in the whole State. Able, active and energetic, he is fully competent, while his genial manners and fine personal address will do much to popularize an institution, which, though so sadly needed, is at present laboring under the disadvantages of public disfavor in consequence of its frightful mismanagement in the past. We firmly believe there are but two steps necessary to its final, triumphant success: first, the ratification of the school

amendment, with a few alterations in the present law; and secondly, the grant to the State superintendent of a liberal salary and sufficient traveling expenses, that he may be able to visit every county in the State. The superintendent of education is the only State officer, besides the adjutant general, whose business should be, for the most part, away from the State Capital, and yet his salary this year has been cut down to the grade for a competent office clerk. As long as the Legislature manifests a niggardly spirit in dealing with the State superintendent, just so long will the school system be inefficient, the schools a mockery, and the children of the State a set of ignoramuses. From our acquaintance with the State superintendent, we feel assured that he only needs substantial backing to make him one of the most efficient public servants the State has ever had.

A Stranger's Sojourn at Ridgeway.

Messrs. Editors:

In the deliciously dreamy influences of "this eve of autumn's holiest mood"—so suggestive in nature's many-colored robe of "blessings brightening as they take their flight," a melancholy pleasure possesses one's fancy, and brings in retrospection the enjoyments of the past summer. As the eye of an artist loves to linger upon an exquisite painting, with its lights and shadows, its bright and sombre hues so vividly contrasted, yet so perfectly blended into one masterpiece of perfection, so the mind loves to linger upon memory's varied scenes of joy and sorrow; and even with inquisitive eye seek to raise the mystic veil of futurity, to see how the grand panorama will end.

While indulging in this visionary day-dreaming, fancy loves to pause; with perhaps too fond a delay, at the pictured past of a stranger's sojourn at Ridgeway. To a sensitive nature, the very fact of being a stranger, away from kith and kindred, would cause the heart, like the mimosa's delicate petals, to shut up its light and beauty at the slightest touch of cold indifference—but, Messrs. Editors, we do think that even the human mimosa might send out its beauty and perfume in the genial atmosphere of Ridgeway. A quiet little village, where one can satisfy the caprices of taste, from the enjoyment of a rural walk, amid nature's picturesque and sublime scenes and the melody of her inimitable orchestra, to the companionship of kindred spirits where in "the feast of reason and flow of soul," we take no note of time. A people peculiarly gifted with irresistibly winning courtesies; such as the gift of rare flower, a smile of appreciation—a delicately implied compliment, and all the unutterably sweet little things that thrill the chords of the heart, and set to sweetest music the wonderful harp of our being, and yet are as intangible as

"A rainbow—a sunbeam, A subtle smell that spring unbinds, Like the sweet south That breathes upon a bank of violets."

The young people of Ridgeway, gifted with music, poetry and song, often meet socially, and so flower-wreath the wings of Old Father Time, that the sentiment—

"Ne'er ask the hour what is it to us How time deals out its treasures"— finds its echo.

We had the pleasure of attending some of their amateur theatricals, hot suppers &c., and we were struck with the inventive genius of a people who could, as if by a magic wand, transform a rude cotton shed of a railroad depot into an artistically decorated hall; veritably giving to airy nothing a habitation and a name; and whose histrionic talent could hold an audience spell-bound for hours. Seldom do we feel such versatility of genius in a small village: even the sage disciple of Esculapius can play the mawkish henpecked husband, or "trip it on the light fantastic toe," as occasion may require.

In the way of religious edifices, the town is blessed. An Episcopal, a Presbyterian and a Methodist church call their votaries to worship—and a Baptist church is held in contemplation. A flourishing Sunday school of all denominations is held in the Methodist church, where the quiet, meek superintendent is sowing in great power good seed for the harvest days. And worthy of the highest encomium are the young men who read lectures before the school to keep up the interest and advance the cause of Christ.

Ridgeway is a young but enterprising and growing town with prosperous and obliging merchants and good schools, and being, in point of health, a place where one can "throw physic to the dogs."

We are told that the people of Ridgeway are particularly kind to strangers. As an instance we hear from good authority of a certain school teacher who went to house-keeping too late to plant a garden, and every day during the summer baskets of vegetables and fruit with the compliments of "Miss Susan," "Miss Sallie," "Miss Belle," "Miss Charlotte" and numberless others, made the "winter of their discontent glorious summer" in the vegetable kingdom.

On the 20th of next month, several houses and lots (the property of Mr. D. H. Ruff) will be sold at public sale, and we do advise any one in search of a delightful village home to have an eye to it. We would add that this piece was not written as an advertisement, nor are we at all interested in the said property; but we give this as the sincere opinion of one who has partaken of Ridgeway's hospitality and would rejoice in her prosperity, and if any one disputes it we will send the "Hampton Rifle Guards" up to settle it.

IDEALIST.

Blaine and Conkling will be the anti-administration leaders in the Senate, but which will ride in front and which behind? Wouldn't it be well for somebody to introduce the great political gladiators? They haven't noticed or spoken to each other for a baker's dozen of years, and now that their paths have run together they ought to be acquainted. Blessed are the peacemakers!

The State of South Carolina.

TO Daniel W. Gladden, James Tidwell and Keziah Tidwell his wife, Isaiah T. Gladden, William H. H. Minge and Mary Jane Minge his wife, legal heirs and representatives of Minor Gladden, who died intestate:

YOU are hereby required to appear at the Court of Probate to be holden at Fairfield Court House for Fairfield County, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1877, to show cause, if any you can, why the real estate of Minor Gladden, deceased, described in the petition of Eliza J. Powell, filed in my office, should not be divided or sold, allotting to the said Eliza J. Powell one-half, and to the said Daniel W. Gladden, Keziah Tidwell and Isaiah T. Gladden the other half in equal proportions between them.

Given under my hand and seal, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1877. O. R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate, Fairfield County.

TO the defendants Daniel W. Gladden, James Tidwell and Keziah Tidwell his wife, William H. H. Minge and Mary Jane Minge his wife:

TAKE notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Probate Court, at Winnsboro, in the county of Fairfield, in the State of South Carolina, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1877.

JAS. H. RYON, Petitioner's Attorney, Winnsboro, S. C.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of an execution to me directed I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, for cash, the following described property, to wit:

All that plantation or tract of land lying in Fairfield County, on waters of Beaver Creek, containing THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHT ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of Mrs. J. P. Coleman, Miss Sallie P. Lyles, T. M. Lyles and others.

ALSO,

One tract of land lying in Fairfield County, on waters of Rocky Creek, containing ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of Wesley Mayfield, J. C. Feaster, Estate of H. J. Lyles, Mrs. M. E. Means, Isaac H. Means and Samuel B. Clowney, all levied on as the property of W. S. Monteith and Richard O'Neale, at the suit of Edwin S. Scott, survivor.

S. W. RUFF, Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., October 13, 1877, oct 16-112

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One lot of land, containing about four acres, on which stands a two story dwelling-house.

Two lots of land, one acre each, on each of which stands a cottage.

One lot of land, containing one half of an acre, on which stands a small cottage.

One tract of land on Dutchman's Creek, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, more or less.

ALSO,

By virtue of authority given to me by the Probate Judge, I, as executor of the will of D. H. Ruff, deceased, will sell, at the same time and place, the following personal property:

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