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ABBEVILLE C. H. SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1854.

Death of Col. J. O. Martin. We are pained to announce the death of Col. J. O. CAMPBELL MARTIN, a very wealthy and respectable citizen of this District, which occurred very suddenly at his residence on Sunday morning last.

Majorial Elections. WM. F. CHALKERS was, at the recent election, elected Major of the Upper Saluda Battalion. WASHINGTON LUDLOW HODGES, of Mexican war memory, has been elected Major of the Lower Saluda Battalion.

Sale-Day Transactions. There was quite a meagre attendance on Monday. No sales were made, we believe, excepting the hire of two or three negroes for the remainder of the year.

Cholera. His disease has commenced its work of death, as we learn from our exchanges, in various sections. The cities of New York and Nashville are among the sufferers.

Murder. The Newberry Sentinel, 7th inst., says, that OLIVER TOWLES, overseer of Dr. Bone, of that District, was murdered on Monday morning last. He was killed by a blow with an axe.

Virginia Wheat Crop. The Virginia papers inform us that the joint worm is doing great injury to the wheat crop in that State. The crop, it is said, never looked better or promised a greater yield than it did before this destructive worm commenced its ravages.

Le Bas Bleu. Our weather-wilted spirits were gratefully revived a few days since by the entrance into our "shop" of this modest but sprightly little monthly. For this number we are indebted to our friend of the Advertiser. We have, however, marked Miss Bleu down as one of our anticipated monthly visitors, and hereby, with all the grace we are masters of, invite her to "call round" regularly.

Anniversary Orator. We see by the Daily Telescope, that Rev. Dr. PALMER, of Columbia, S. C., will deliver the anniversary oration before the Literary Societies of Erskine College, at the coming commencement in August.

Commonwealth Public Dinner. It will be seen by reference to an advertisement in this paper, that the ceremonies connected with the laying of the corner stone of the Commonwealth Female Institute will take place on Tuesday, the 27th inst.

The Boston Rebellion. When the Fugitive Slave Law was enacted, four years ago, we were among those who hoped to see its faithful enforcement; for upon that, we believed, in no insignificant degree, depended the quiet if not the perpetuity of the Union.

The Fugitive Slave Riot. This disgraceful affair, of which we gave some particulars in our last, has terminated, and Burns, the negro, returned to his owner.

San Francisco Post-Office. During the first quarter of the present year, the large sum of \$7,840 was realized for box rents in the San Francisco Post-Office.

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The Market. No change in the Abbeville market. COLUMBIA, June 7.—Cotton—64 to 84 cents. CHARLESTON, June 7.—Cotton 64 to 84 cents.

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Ungrounded Fears. Our friends of the Yorkville Remedy kindly warn us of the danger of undertaking to publish a paper for one dollar. We like to have friends solicitous for our welfare.

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ington streets a quantity of snuff, cowhage and a bottle of vitriol was thrown among the escort. In the vicinity of the Custom House a ruckman attempted to drive his team through the lines of the military. One of his horses, a valuable animal, was killed by a cannon ball.

Cuba and Fillibustering. President Pierce's proclamation in reference to Cuba and fillibustering will be found in our present number. It certainly sets forth the true doctrine and exhibits the determination of the proclamer to execute it.

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gibbet, or ebb away in a Spanish dungeon. If the possession of Cuba will add anything to the interests of the South, and if it can be honorably acquired, then we should rejoice at its acquisition; but we cannot see the propriety of a desire for any more territory—surely we have enough of it for any one nation.

The Rabun Gap Railroad. We had almost come to the conclusion that this great enterprise was about to be a failure, from the comparative silence of the press in regard to it, but our fears, we are happy to inform the readers of the Press, were groundless, and little apprehension need be felt but that this great artery of commerce will be opened in a few years from the heart of the alluvial West, through which her inexhaustible stores of grain and other produce will find its way into our markets.

The Black Warrior Difficulty Settled. If the following despatch to the Charleston Standard be correct, all chance of difficulty with Spain, for the present at least, is at an end. The proclamation of the President will damp the ardor of the fillibusters, and this amicable adjustment of the Black Warrior affair will effectually kill Mr. Slidell's scheme.

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From Havana. Our attentive New York correspondent, says the Washington Star of Saturday, sends us a letter from Cuba, which had just reached him. We extract from the last and very late one as follows: You will find by the official Gazette that decrees have again commenced—that of arming the negroes is officially promulgated. There will be four companies to each battalion—two of mulattoes and two of blacks. This decree, which it was supposed would be suspended, has created great consternation here, as well as the one of the day before, registering all male white inhabitants between the age of 16 and 40, enumerating opposite each name the amount of property each owns, and such other remarks as may be found convenient and necessary preparatory to being enrolled in the militia.

The Anderson Gazette gives the following, which indicates that the work "goes bravely on." "From all quarters we receive the most cheering accounts of the prospects of this road. In the neighborhood of Pendleton, Messrs. Maxwell & Wright have a large contract, and are pushing forward the work with great success. They have in constant employment from seventy to one hundred hands. Nearly all the contracts between this point and the tunnel are taken by enterprising men, and will be completed within the limited time."

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The Charleston Courier says: "A consignment of fifty bales of cotton, the first ever received here direct from Nashville, Tenn., consigned to Messrs. Fackler, Colcock and Co., have just reached the railroad depot in this city. It is the product of one of the counties in the vicinity of Nashville, and it affords us much pleasure to chronicle this additional evidence of the increase of a trade which promises to be of so much importance to our city."

General Conference.—On the 29th ult., Richmond, Virginia, Charleston, South Carolina, Louisville, Kentucky, New Orleans, La., Memphis, Tennessee, St. Louis, Mo., Galveston, Texas, and San Francisco, California, were selected as places for Book Depositors. On the 30th ult., Messrs. Stevenson and Owens were elected Book Agents.

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