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We are authorized to announce Col. M. O. TALMAN a Candidate for the Legislature.

We are authorized to announce B. Z. HAZARDON a Candidate for the Legislature at the next election.

Masonic Female College. Attention is directed to the additional clause in the advertisement of the "Cokesbury Public Dinner," which has been in our paper the last two weeks.

Where is Roysville? If the postmaster at "Roysville" will inform us where that place is, we will send the paper as directed. The money was received some time ago, and the paper started; but after getting to Columbia, it got bewildered, and no one being able to "give it directions," it came back and reported "no such place as Roysville in South Carolina."

Equity Court. This court has been in session the past three or four days. Considerable business is before it, but Chancellor WARDLAW, who presides, is despatching it as speedily as can be.

Do you go to Greenville? If so, and you are fond of good accommodations, (bring a fellow if you are not!) good eating, warm sleeping, attentive servants, and so forth, call upon the gentlemanly proprietor of the Pleasant Hotel, Mr. STANLEY, and we guarantee you to come away well pleased with everything excepting your inability to stay longer. Call on us, and you will be sure to do so again, when going in that direction in pursuit of pleasure or other matters of business.

Declination. The communication below evinces the determination of one of the gentlemen called upon week before last by "The Friends of the South," to decline entering the candidacy. We have not been directly and officially informed in regard to the intentions of the other. Gentlemen, turn out! a multitude of candidates is the very life of sociality.

Meas. Editors: In your last issue there is a call upon me again to become a candidate for a seat in the Legislature. With many thanks to my friends for the honor they have thought proper to confer, and equally grateful for this expression of a continuation of their confidence, I hope they will excuse me when I say that private reasons, not necessary to be made public, constrain me to decline the call.

Respectfully, J. K. VANCE. Cokesbury, June 14, 1854.

Go. The talk of our country Editors convention which was to assemble at Newberry on Monday last, was a failure. Nobody went, and of course nothing was done. As a visit to Newberry, and for the sake of a glimpse at the physiognomy of the Press generally, we should have been pleased if business had permitted us to go down, but the practical utility of such a meeting, we confess our obtuseness. The object, mainly, of the proposed meeting, was to enter into an agreement establishing uniform rates of advertising, and so forth. Such a voluntary agreement would have no legal binding force, and who would expect a system of simple pledges holding an organization together for any considerable period? For ourselves, we only ask that all the newspapers in the State publish their terms, and then stick to them. If they will do that, all the all-conventioning on the subject, and all the occasional conversations of the knightly order can do no harm, and as a source of pleasure and recreation, would in fact be a refreshment.

Southern Quarterly. In our last issue we promised the publication of the circular of the Southern Quarterly of this Review. The week we were to publish it, the circular was unfortunately misplaced, and we were unable to find it. It is now found, and we will publish it in our next issue.

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It is no longer the desire of the author of the story which has been in process of publication for some months in the Press, than of ourselves, that it be completed as soon as possible. We have therefore inserted a large portion than usual this week, and in future will continue to give four or five columns weekly, until it is exhausted. It may require several weeks to complete its publication even at this rate.

Eastern War. We regard it as useless as it is impracticable to publish detailed accounts of the movements in the East. Such details fall to fitter us, and we believe would afford nothing but drowsiness to our readers. We have a horror of all these details in reference to the affairs of the Eastern belligerents. The names of men and places there are enough to strain the philological powers of any one, and when we have guessed at the pronunciation of half of them a dozen times, we cannot be certain whether any two guesses were the same, or any single one within ten degrees of the correct. We hate to read anything unless we can tell—or at least think—over afterwards what we have read; and for the life of us, we can't tell, after looking over the Eastern news, what has been done, or by whom it was done. The most and only important movements, however, we shall not fail to chronicle.

At present, the star of Russia would seem to promise rather unpropitiously. She has gotten more in this fracas than she bargained for; and if it be true that Austria and Prussia have fallen in with the allied Powers—England, France and Turkey—and all shall prove determined, Nicholas will have about as much to attend to as any man could desire, with as little prospect of fair wages as ever one had.

It is a characteristic, and a noble characteristic, of true men, in disputes of this kind, to espouse the cause of the weaker side. And in general such a course is proper; for it is usually the weaker side who are oppressed—a weak power has sense enough to know that an attempt to oppress a strong power would certainly result disastrously to itself. Thus when this Eastern disturbance first began, we have no doubt American sympathy was towards Turkey, the weaker party in the affray. But now when four other formidable kingdoms array themselves on her side, Russia will begin to attract the sympathy of lookers-on.

Sympathy is not always rightly directed. In this case, we think sympathy for Russia, would be mis-directed. If she attempted to tyrannize over and subdue the Turks, and they resisted her, the aid of the whole world in assisting to repel the aggression should not divert our sympathy. Despotism ought to be crushed, though the combined powers of earth and heaven were necessary to strike the blow.

But we cannot be very certain as to the faithfulness of Turkey's allies. Unless a strong sense of self-interest bind them to her, we shall look to see her deserted when the hour of fierce conflict comes. Nations, as well as individuals, are generally more prompt to espouse the cause of right than faithful in their adherence.

But even should the allied Powers continue in the field, we can but doubt the possibility of Russia's subjection even then. She is gigantic in proportions, fierce in conflict, inexhaustible in resources, and indomitable in energy and perseverance. The history of her progress in modern times gives little promise of successful intervention.

The progress of civilization we make no pretensions; but we file this prediction, and leave it for time to verify or disprove. The logic of war will not add bubble for a few months in the East—the indolent, sleek Frenchman will be called from the side of his allies to red things at home, and the British will be rump up to the aid of the French.

Alas, for the genius of the European lion! it can no more roam in Europe than the rattlesnake can live in Ireland.

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Settlement of the Fishery Question. It appears from the following intelligence from Washington that this branch of contention between the Governments of the United States and Great Britain, and the source of serious affrays between the parties more immediately interested, has been finally adjusted.

The negotiations for a treaty between the Government and Great Britain, have been at length concluded between Minister Crampton and Secretary Marcy. This treaty settles the fishery dispute by giving us the freedom of the fisheries and the free navigation of the St. Lawrence, and establishes free trade reciprocally with the British Provinces in all natural products.

The Black Warrior and Cuba. The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Herald, writing under date of 6/7th inst., says: We learn from undoubted authority that Mr. Soule has written to the State Department, that the grounds assumed by the Spanish Government in relation to the Black Warrior affair, were—first, that that vessel violated the law, and was justly fined; that the application for liberty to make a post-entry of her cargo was not made within the time allowed by law.

It will seem from this that Spain places her remission of the \$5,000 fine upon the ground of mercy, and not justice; that the owners of the Black Warrior, having "confessed" their fault, and "implored" forgiveness, they are forgiven. The words quoted appear in the original Spanish decree, and are given by Mr. Soule in his official despatch to the State Department.

The charges against the Cuban officials of being inimical to the United States, are repudiated by the Spanish Government, and their conduct lauded in the highest degree. Such a settlement of the difficulty is a triumph to Spain, and will not be regarded as particularly flattering to the United States.

We are informed that the sale of Cuba to the United States, is openly discussed by intelligent Spaniards, in private life, in Madrid; that as yet, neither the papers or officials dare speak of it. The public mind, however, about the court is entertaining it. This is certainly a progressive step in the matter, and as such, is entitled to be regarded as of some significance.

All Spanish letters received here agree in declaring that Mr. Soule, with that velvet coat exquisitely embroidered in very intimate with Queen Isabel Segunda, who drinks, smokes, flirts, &c., when, where and with whom she pleases. Isabel also wants money, and the two hundred million Mr. Soule has bid at as the sum which the United States are willing to pay for Cuba, would find a greedy acceptor in her, had she the power to take it.

There are symptoms that the President is giving way upon the idea of sending the commissioner to Spain. It is under discussion. The President believes that the preparatory steps for preserving Cuba in the hands of Spain or making it African, as an alternative, have been taken. This, he thinks, does not admit of a doubt, and he also believes it our duty to prevent the latter course at all hazards.

On last Friday morning the slave of Dr. Jno. E. Bobo, was tried before Magistrate, P. M. Counts at Saluda Mills, for the murder of Oliver Towles, the overseer of Dr. Bobo. It appears from the evidence, that on Monday morning, about 10 o'clock, after sun rise, Towles went into the mill where Thornton was, and told Thornton to follow him to the house. Towles answered, "Yes," and then started out of the house with a knife in his hand, Thornton followed him, and they went to a place where they were to meet. Towles then started off in a run; Thornton overtook him, and struck him on the back of the head; Thornton then struck him on the shoulder, the other on the head, from which he died.

The court convicted Thornton, and sentenced him to be hanged on Friday, 23d instant.

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Ladies' Cannon Monument Association. The quarterly meeting of this association was held on Tuesday, 6th inst. There was a large attendance of ladies, and their interest and enthusiasm were unabated. The results of the collection were very encouraging, and information laid before the meeting made it apparent that auxiliary organizations had been established in several Districts of the State, and were proceeding with spirit and success in the good cause.

The total amount collected during the last quarter was about \$2,636. From Charleston District: Highland " 1,050; Georgetown " 480; Beaufort " 123; Marion " 112; Darlington " 76; Sumter " 61; Orangeburg " 46; Chesterfield " 40; Edgefield " 39; Darlington " 25; Abbeville " 20; Kershaw " 20; Lexington " 20; Colleton " 7; Jacksonville, (Fla.) " 13; Key West " 10; Tampa Bay " 25; Ashville, (N. C.) " 20; Marietta, (Ga.) " 7.

The ladies beg to return their special acknowledgments for the liberal donations from the Female Institute at Barhamville; from the Cadets of the Students of the South Carolina College, and from some members of the Tennessee Delegation to the Commercial Convention, presented through a Lady Directress, of Charleston.

The following liberal donations are also gratefully acknowledged from individuals: From a lady of Charleston, \$115; from another lady of the city, \$100; from a gentleman of St. Stephens, \$100; from a gentleman of this city, \$50, \$110, and from a gentleman of this city, \$50. The Directress of the association have received much encouragement from ladies of the interior districts, whose letters have attested their sympathy, and whose active co-operation is manifested in their remittances. They make an earnest appeal to the daughters of Carolina generally, to enlist in this labor of patriotic duty, in which the pride and character of the State, as well as the vindication of a great memory, are so deeply involved.

The European War. The foreign ministers in Washington undoubtedly possess a key to the apparent lethargy and want of spirit with which the Russo-Turkish war has been prosecuted of late. They have positive information leading them to believe that the current Vienna negotiations (of the four Powers) have resulted, so far, in a formal notification from Prussia, Austria, and all other controlling the foreign policy of the German States, to Russia, saying how far they will permit the Czar to carry out his Eastern policy. They dread an invasion from Louis Napoleon's horde on the western borders, and by means of their fears, that he will otherwise cross the Rhine, they have been forced to signify to Nicholas that if he makes "the worst come to the worst," they will necessarily be found in arms against him. Hence his retrograde movements in the principalities, and hence also the hesitation manifested by the allied fleets; telling that their commanders anticipate a settlement of the trouble by negotiation, rather than by force of arms. We know that such impressions are prevailing in foreign diplomatic circles here to day upon the advice just received.—Washington Star.

Summary of Russian Disasters. The balance is already turning against Russia. The Russian soldiers in the Don and the Caucasus are fast becoming a prey to the enemy. The inhabitants of Fokchany have risen in their rear, and burned their military stores. The accounts we published some days ago of victories gained over them at several points on the Danube are confirmed. The military defenses and military stores at the Russian Liverpool on the Euxine, Odessa, have been destroyed. The Russian Black Sea fleet is decimated, up in Sebastopol, the Grecians have begun to repair the forts on their coast; dismantled and deserted by their invaders. The French have already sent arms to three Gallic mountainiers, and the English are about to send an accredited agent to Solunoy. These multiplying disasters of Russia in the south, if earnestly and promptly hurried to account by the allies, will soon disperse the Russian people of any misapprehensions instilled into them by official reports of their government, respecting defeat in victories. In the Caucasus, the affairs look lowering against the Autocrat. He has evacuated St. Petersburg in a state of siege, and the suffering and destitution of the people, and the want of mind and spirit of the army, are every where reported to us from St. Petersburg, and that on the 6th inst. the British fleet had destroyed within thirty miles of Orskoy, and a large number of Russian gun-boats had been captured.

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Market. CHARLESTON, June 14, 1854.—Sales to-day 1,000 bales, at 57 to 61. COLUMBIA, June 15.—Cotton 6 to 8 cents.

OBITUARY. DIED, 18th of May, at the residence of his late father, in this District, JOHN A. MANN, JR., in the 15th year of his age. His illness was only a few days, from a violent attack of Pneumonia.

DIED, at Greenwood, on the 18th inst. EZRA PICKENS, son of Col. T. J. Pickens, of Anderson District, after a short illness. He deceased had recently been appointed Cadet in the West Point Academy, which was repulsed when arrested by disease, called away from a large circle of relatives, friends, who lament his early loss.

COKESBURY INSTITUTE. OUR Approaching Anniversary will commence with a sermon on Sabbath, the 25th inst. by Dr. W. J. WOODRUFF, of Charleston. Monday, 28th, the Board of Trustees will meet. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, will be occupied in the Examination of Classes. Wednesday, at 7 o'clock, p. m., exercises in Declaration, by the Juniors and Seniors. Thursday, at 11 o'clock, an Address, before the Episcopate Society, by Prof. J. H. CARROLL, of Columbia. Thursday, at 7 o'clock, p. m., Orations by Seniors. G. H. ROUND, Rector. Cokesbury, June 15, 1854.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE OF THE Masonic Female College, COKESBURY, S. C., TUESDAY, 27th JUNE, 1854.

Order of the Day. THE Procession will move precisely at 11 A. M. from the Residence of Mr. HERNDON, in the following order: Tyler, with drawn sword; Students of the C. C. School; Faculty of the same; Trustees of the same; Civil Officers of the State; The Reverend Clergy; Tyler; Entered Apprentices; Fellow Craft-Masons; Master Masons, in full Regalia; Stewards; Junior Deacons; Senior Deacons; Secretaries; Treasurer; Past Wardens; Junior Wardens; Senior Wardens; Past Masters; Mark Masters; Royal Arch Masons; Master of the Lodge; Grand Master, with drawn sword; Grand Stewards, with white Rods; A Brother with a golden vessel containing corn; Two brethren carrying silver vessels, one of wine, the other of oil; Principal Architect with Square, Level and Plumb; Grand Secretary; Grand Treasurer; Bible Square and Compass, carried by a Master of a Lodge, supported by two Deacons with staffs; Grand Chaplain; Past Grand Wardens; Past Grand Masters; Board of Trustees; President of the Board, with the Gavel; Orator of the Day; Two Junior Grand Deacons, with staffs; Grand Wardens; Right Grand Master; Book of Constitution, carried by the Master of the oldest Lodge; Grand Master, supported by Two Senior Deacons, with staffs; Two Deacons, with swords drawn close the Procession.

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