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ABBEVILLE, C. H. SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1854.

Our friends of Hon. P. S. Brooks announce him as a candidate for re-election as Representative of the 4th district of South Carolina in the Congress of the United States.

Religious Notice. Rev. Mr. BOLLER, Agent of the American Bible Society, will preach in the Methodist church, in this village, on next Sabbath, at the usual hour.

Dangerously Hot. For the past few days the weather has been so extremely warm as to render it advisable to keep up continual revolving motion, for fear of melting and running out of shape.

Job Printing. The People's Gazette is now published at the office of the Independent Press. By this arrangement, we are now prepared to execute job printing of all kinds.

Names and Postage. To secure the taking of a communication of any kind from the post-office, it must be prepaid; and to secure a further consideration, it must have a responsible signature.

Junior Exhibition. We learn from the Telescope that the Exhibition of the Junior Class in Erskine College will occur on Tuesday evening next, 4th instant.

Ladies' Supper. The Ladies of the Abbeville Sewing Society request us to announce that a Supper will be given by them, on the Marshall Row on Tuesday evening, the 4th proximo.

To the Unknown. The letter of "MULLEN" has been received. We are pleased with the good opinion expressed of us, and would return our acknowledgments to them.

Fall of the Capitol. We learn from a private source that a portion of the new State House now being erected in Columbia, has fallen down.

Erskine College Recorder. The first number of this college literary magazine was out and sold us a great deal last week, and we desired to have some conversation with him.

Wofford College. This institution, located at Spartanburg, C. H., is, as we learn from the Southern Christian Advocate, in a sufficient state of forwardness to allow the commencement of its first scholastic term on the first day of August next.

From California. The North Star has arrived at New York with dates to the 30th ult.

Acapulco was still blockaded by Santa Anna's naval vessels. The city was still in possession of General Alvarez.

The revolution in New Grenada was progressing. On the 24th of May General Melo routed the Constitutional forces at Capiguero, under General Franco, with considerable loss.

The trial of Dillon, the French consul, for violation of the neutrality laws, ended in the acquittal of the jury, whereupon a nolle prosequit was entered by the district attorney.

The proceedings against the Mexican consul had also been discontinued.

The grand jury had found true bills against Walker, Snow, and other officers of the late Republic of Sonora.

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George S. Hunt was killed in a duel with Numa Hubert, late a member of the Assembly. A few days after, Thomas L. Benson was killed in a duel with a man named Monto.

It was reported at San Francisco that a Russian frigate was seen cruising off the heads.

A destructive fire had occurred at Marysville, consuming the theatre, post office, New Orleans Hotel, and the Presbyterian Church.

Another fire has also occurred at San Francisco, on Dupon street. Loss \$70,000.

The accounts from the mining regions are most flattering.

Intelligence had been received at San Francisco confirming the news of the safety of the steamer Sea Bird.

Considerable snow fell recently at Jarnegon, and it was quite cold.

Further difficulties with the Indians have been reported in different sections of the State.

A Nest of Burglars. From information derived by our police from a woman arrested some weeks since for drunkenness, it was believed that a rendezvous for burglars and thieves was established at a neglected farm within four miles of Summerville.

Police officers Campbell and Jowitz took up the trail, and after some investigations, visited the place, which they found with some difficulty from the descriptions given. No one was found in the house indicated but an old man and his daughter, aged about nineteen, the former apparently in charge of the premises.

On pursuing the inquiry, however, these indefatigable officers found that certain baggage belonging to Tom Ward—a name not unknown to them—was on board the steamship Nashville, in readiness for her last trip hence to New York.

On making so as to avoid awakening suspicion, Officers Levy, Schomburg and Jowitz arrested Ward as the Nashville was about sailing, and with him the young woman above mentioned who represented herself as his wife.

On searching both there were found in possession of the woman three gold and one silver watch, which were identified as having been stolen from a private residence in Savannah.

On close questioning Ward admitted participation in several robberies lately executed in Savannah, but denied all implication with offences of a similar character here. There is reason to believe, however, that he belongs to the gang whose depredations have been manifested lately with some indications of an organized system in Savannah, Augusta and this city.

The names of those supposed to constitute at least part of this gang are Thomas Ward, Jas. Cahill, Thos. Forsyth, and Oliver Rouse. Cahill, has been convicted of larceny, but was relieved from the ignominy of the punishment by the Governor, in consideration of his youth and other circumstances, supposed to make out a favorable case for Executive interposition.

He was afterwards indicted for burglary, committed on the premises of Mr. John Kulinski, jeweller, opposite the theatre, but was acquitted. He has now been under arrest two weeks, awaiting trial on a similar charge. Ward was under indictment for the same case but escaped, and had eluded pursuit, until arrested as above stated.

Forsyth, who also escaped a trial pending for the same offence, was arrested some weeks since under a bench warrant.

The parties, as we all secretly locked up, and it is to be hoped that guilty, they will receive such administration of justice, as will effectively check their operations, and restore the premises of our citizens generally to their usual security.

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Candidates for admission into the Freshman Class will be examined on Cesar's Commentaries (2 books) or Andrew's Latin Exercises (3 books), Virgil's Aeneid, (6 books) Cicero's Orationes, Greek Reader, Zenophon's Cyropaedia, Orationes, English Latin and Greek Grammars, including English, Geography, Arithmetic and Algebra through simple equations.

The following constitutes the Faculty of Instruction:

The Rev. W. M. Wightman, D. D. President, and Professor of Mental and Moral Science.

David Duncan, A. M., Professor of the Greek and Latin Languages and Literature.

Rev. A. M. Shipp, A. M., Professor of English Literature.

J. T. Garis, A. M., Professor of Mathematics.

W. D. Deane, A. M., Professor of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology.

W. H. T. Tutor in Hebrew and Modern Languages.

The Wofford College is under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, and therefore denominational; its doors will be open to every applicant of good moral character. It is hoped that the aid of such friends, together with the cheap cost of living in Spartanburg, will reduce the price of education to half of the ordinary rates.

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we cannot learn much about their origin, design, or operations. So far then, as this kind of knowledge is concerned, we are in the same hold of Know-Nothingism ourselves.

Report sayeth that in a municipal election recently in some city of the North the Whites and Know-Nothingism had a coalition and carried the day. So, it is said, must be into the secret. Of one thing we are certain—a coalition with Northern Whiggery is no very great recommendation to any young organic aspirant.

To speak the truth, however, we regard the Know-Nothingism as no more than an innocent, ridiculous humbug, destined to "kick the bucket" before it arrives at a respectable stature.

Cokesbury on Tuesday. We enjoyed the pleasure of spending Tuesday, the grand day of laying the corner stone, at Cokesbury.

It was a most sultry day, and the commencement in one of the colleges at Anderson, which was proceeding at the same time, doubtless prevented numbers from being at Cokesbury who otherwise would have attended, yet there was a tremendous assemblage.

The Masons made a grand and beautiful display in the procession, challenging our highest admiration. In this work of female education, they are engaged in a noble cause. Let them lay the foundation of the glorious temple of learning deep and firm upon the Rock of Eternal Truth, and build broad and high, until its columns shall pierce the very heavens, inscribed to the honor of Him who is the source of time and essence of eternity.

Col. CAMERON, though laboring under indisposition, after a very beautiful introduction by J. K. VANCE, Esq., made a capital speech. We rejoiced to hear him maintain the superiority of religion over every other consideration in the training of youthful minds for the high duties of life and solemn issue of death.

The dinner was abundant and excellent, and we saw no one who seemed not disposed to appreciate and do it justice.

We made many new and pleasing acquaintances, met several old friends, and received many valuable evidences of friendship for our cherished Independent. Such encouragement does much to lighten the heart and nerve the arm.

Among our new acquaintances was Rev. Mr. Rouse, Rector of the Cokesbury Conference School. We were pleased to hear from the Trustees that this School has just terminated quite a prosperous session, and we are not at all surprised, for from our slight acquaintance with Mr. Rouse, we regard him as well fitted to give prosperity to any Institution under his charge. May the School's prosperity and the happiness and useful labors of its present head be perpetual!

Our feelings would lengthen this notice, but as a friend abundantly more competent than ourselves has kindly contributed a graphic sketch, we desire. We regretted our inability to attend the Examination in compliance with the many invitations we received. Of the students, we heard only one report—a meed of praise for propriety of conduct and assiduity in study.

Tuesday was our first visit to Cokesbury, but it shall not be our last. The generous hospitality of its enterprising and public-spirited citizens will surely allure us thither again and again.

Government Affairs. DESPATCHES from Mexico show that the principal amendment to the treaty demanded by SANTA ANNA is the payment of ten millions in cash. It is said that no objection will be made by our Government, as Uncle Sam's pockets are now pretty full of rocks.

The President has sent a message to the House asking for \$7,000,000 by the 31st ult., for the payment of a portion of the debt due Mexico by the Gadsden Treaty, and the remaining three millions when the boundary shall have been marked.

Mr. Benton, when the appropriation was reported to the House, gave notice of his intention to move for the discharge of the bill.

On Wednesday, the 27th inst., Messrs. CURRIE and COLLIER apologized to the House for their indiscreet conduct on the previous day.

In the House a bill was passed, after considerable opposition, fixing the first Monday in November as the day for the annual meeting of Congress. The vote on this bill was very close, being eighty-one to seventy-seven. It has yet to pass the Senate.

NICHOLAS BRANSON has been appointed Consul of Greece for the port of New Orleans.

The Senate has confirmed a treaty with the Winnebago, by which they cede half a million acres of land in Minnesota. Five Indian treaties are now pending before several millions of acres of land in Kansas, under the hands of the Indian Commissioner.

Rev. Mr. Boller has issued an address to the people of Missouri, dated at Washington, July 25th. He discusses in detail Missouri politics as connected with national affairs; and attacks the course of Mr. Brown; his views upon the subject.

In the House of Representatives, the bill granting a loan to the State of Missouri, to aid in the construction of a railroad from St. Louis to the mouth of the Mississippi, was passed.

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NEW SOCIETIES, new organizations are springing up in the State, and with about the same success as the Know-Nothingism.

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The speech of Mr. B. though brief, demonstrated his ability to grasp these subjects which are connected with our national strength and prosperity; and his illustrations give evidence of an industrious and discriminating mind.

Increase of Pay. This subjoined paragraph we copy from the Carolinian. It is gratifying to see such an acknowledgment of the truth that "the laborer is worthy of his hire." Ministers, like editors, are too often forgotten in the settlement of the world's accounts.

According to the regulations of the Methodist Church South, single men are now to be allowed \$150; and married men \$300, besides family and travelling expenses; children under seven years of age, \$25; over and under sixteen, 40.

COMMUNICATIONS. WRITTEN FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.

Examination of the Masonic Female School at Cokesbury.

Messrs. Editors.—The exercises of the Female School at Cokesbury, commenced on Monday morning, the 26th inst., and closed about 11 o'clock, the same evening. The examination of all the classes proved highly satisfactory, and were of such a character as to reflect great credit on the Misses THOMPSON, who have been engaged as Teachers the present year. It was the

CONCERT AND READING OF COMPOSITIONS. In the evening, however, which formed the richest portion of the treat. At early candle light, the new Chapel of the Male Academy was illuminated, and a throng of spectators assembled to witness the array of beauty, and the sparkling wit of the young ladies, who were the chief attraction of the evening. We cannot give the precise order of the Compositions which were read, nor can we remember all the subjects which were discussed—some of them, however, we do remember, and are prepared to pronounce them excellent. It would be invidious to distinguish where all was praiseworthy; but owing to the peculiar manner of the reading, we were better able to hear some than others. The Salutatory was read by Miss VICTORIA GARY, and exhibited the quickness of thought, and fertility of genius, which mark most members of the family.

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