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The debate on the Blue Ridge Railroad bill was then resumed, and was not concluded at the hour to which the House had previously adjourned for a recess.

Dr. Winsmith, member elect, from Spartanburg, vice A. G. Campbell, Esq., deceased, appeared this evening, and was qualified.

The debate on the bill to aid the Blue Ridge Railroad, was resumed, Mr. Memminger on the floor.

Mr. Memminger concluded his address at fifteen minutes past 9 p. m., when the cry of "question," "question," was heard from all parts of the House.

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The eyes and noses were called for, which the House ordered.

Mr. Campbell moved that the House be summoned.

The vote stood, ayes 67, noes 49, so the amendment was laid on the table.

On the question being put, "shall this bill be sent to the Senate," the ayes and noes were again ordered. The bill was sent to the Senate by a vote of 65 to 52.

The bill to aid the Savannah River Railroad was made the special order for to-morrow at 11-2 o'clock. House adjourned.

A Noble Boy.

We mentioned a few days since the burning of the tunnel bridge on the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad, about five miles south of York, and since learn that the conflagration came very near being followed by one of the most terrible disasters that has lately occurred in Railroad travel.

It is supposed that the bridge took fire from the freight trains, which passed about half-past seven o'clock in the morning, and the structure was totally enveloped in flames before it was discovered by the residents in the vicinity.

At about nine o'clock the frame work of the bridge fell through, and among the spectators, some twenty in number, was a little boy about twelve years of age, named Eli Rheeem, who, remembering that the express passenger train was then about due from York, started off at the top of his speed to stop the train, which he knew must be close at hand.

As soon as he reached the curve about two hundred yards from the bridge, he observed the train coming at full speed, and fearing that he would be unable to stop them unless by the use of extraordinary means, the noble little fellow took his position on the track, and running toward the approaching train with his hands raised, caught the attention of the engineer, who immediately reversed his engine, and stopped within four hundred yards of impending destruction.

The piers being some twenty feet from the rocky bed below, and the gap some sixty feet wide. Had the boy not placed himself on the track, he would doubtless have failed in his noble effort, as the engineers are so often cheated by mischievous boys on the route, that they seldom pay any attention to them.

Even when he stopped he thought that he had been cheated by a youngster with more daring than his associates, and was surprised to see the little flaxen-headed fellow standing his ground, and endeavoring to recover his lost breath to answer his question as to the cause of his interruption.

We learn that the passenger, when they ascertained the cause of the stopping of the train and viewed the precipitous over which they were near being dashed, liberally rewarded the boy for his presence of mind and daring, and that the Board of Directors, at their meeting yesterday, appropriated \$100 as an additional recompense.

Eli Rheeem, a boy but twelve years of age, was the only one of twenty persons present, most of them men, who had forethought sufficient for the occasion.

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ABBEVILLE, C. H.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1854.

Valuable Documents.

Messrs. Orr and Brooks will accept our acknowledgments for the several documents received from them the past week.

The compendium of the seventh census is a handsome and valuable volume.

Election of Clerk and Sheriff.

This election will take place on Monday, the eight day of January next, and to prevent any mistakes on the part of those who may wish to attend, we are requested and authorized to say that the polls will only be opened one day at all the boxes, with no exception.

Homicide in Columbia.

A MAN named DAUGHERTY was killed in Columbia on the night of the recent fire there, by a young CALDWELL—the Southern Patriot says a son of the late Chancellor. The affray occurred, we believe, in a drinking establishment, just where the most of such scenes are enacted.

CALDWELL has been admitted to bail.

Godley's Lady's Book.

We have received, on the terms offered by us, eight subscribers to this unrivaled magazine, and the January number, now out, satisfies us that not one of the eight will regret the two dollars thus expended.

It is a magnificent number, and judging GODLEY's future by his past, we predict every succeeding one will be magnificent.

Columbia Insurance Company.

A MEETING of the stockholders of this Company was held, in Columbia, on Saturday, from the proceedings of which we infer the concern is in rather a leaky condition. Resolutions were passed that business be suspended until the affairs of the Company can be examined.

The Legislature.

We give as much of the important proceedings of this body as we can. It was to, and we presume did, adjourn yesterday. In our next issue, which will be week after next, we shall publish a complete list of the Acts passed, as also complete our abridgement of the daily reports.

Nothing of very decided import, except the passage of the Rabun Gap bill, has been done.

An Apology.

MR. ENOCH CARTER, who removed from this District last week, left a notice, designating an agent to attend to his business during his absence. We lost the notice, and forgot the name of the agent, which is our apology for its non-appearance.

We endeavor always to avoid the necessity for apologies, but mishaps will occur.

Special Notice.

THE office of the Independent Press will be removed, during the recess, from its present location, to a new room, built expressly for it, on the main street, a short distance above the stand of Mr. JAMES SULLIVAN, from whence the next number will issue.

There, with the continued support of its friends, and the permission of Providence, it expects to abide for at least a quarter of a century to come.

Another Magazine.

THE students of Oglethorpe University propose soon to issue a University Magazine, to be conducted by succeeding Senior classes. Each number is to contain forty pages, and ten numbers will be issued annually. Terms one dollar. Address Editors O. U. M., Talmadge, Ga.

We are indebted to some friend for a copy of the prospectus, from which we have collated the above.

Dr. Lieber.

We invite, with pleasure, attention to the communication suggesting this distinguished scholar in connection with the South Carolina College presidency. The writer is a graduate and friend of the College, and we are sure understands its interests.

But it matters not who suggests such a name—the name needs no prestige of other names to commend it. In a word, we heartily endorse the nomination, and were we asked a thousand times who should be elected President of the South Carolina College, we should answer every time, FRANCIS LIEBER.

Rabun Gap Triumph.

It is our joy to announce that the cause of the Rabun Gap Railroad has triumphed before the Legislature of South Carolina.

How are judiciously expended, friends and foes will all rejoice together, at no very distant day over the act of the General Assembly.

Congress.

AFFAIRS in Washington seem quiet, and we have noticed little or nothing of general moment. We believe one or two vials of abolition wrath have been poured out, but no commotion occasioned thereby.

Some pretty strong indications of dissatisfaction at the conduct of Mr. SOULE, Minister to Spain, have been evinced, and a disposition to watch more closely the proceedings of our diplomatic agents generally. We are of opinion that some of them at least will "bear watching;" but at the same time have as little confidence in some of the watchers as in the watched.

Advertisements.

THE friends of Rev. J. O. LINDSAY will rejoice with us in his election to the Presidency of the Female College at Anderson, and the friends of the Institution will subscribe to the action of the Trustees in the premises.

Mrs. M. A. LINDSAY, who is also to give her services as Assistant, is a lady of cultivated intellect, as the various productions of her pen, appearing from time to time in different newspapers, over the signature of "Sunnie Southron," abundantly demonstrate.

May their residence at Anderson be long, useful and happy! Notice, also, the advertisements of F. A. CONNOR, CONNOR & ANDERSON, WARD & BURCHARD, W. W. BLISS & CO., SAMUEL AGNEW, and R. C. WILSON, to which we have barely space to refer.

Pay up! Pay up!

ALL those having demands against them in this office, now due, will oblige us very greatly by an early settlement. We want money, we need it, and must have it.

There are a few (and but few) of our subscribers who yet owe for the present current volume of the Press. We have no doubt they intend to do so, and will pay, if we wait long enough; but new subscribers are coming in daily, and we shall have to make room for them, and of course if any have to be shovelled out, it will be those to whom we owe nothing.

A dollar remitted early, will insure a first-class seat. Nothing less will. It is all woe, and we shall not send a paper long without it.

We repeat, everybody who is now due us any amount, for subscription or advertising, will accept our most grateful thanks for an early settlement.

A Beautiful Custom.

It has long been a custom for the carrier of a newspaper to greet his patrons on Christmas or New Year's morn with a rhyming salutory; and custom has likewise sanctioned the habit, on the part of those thus addressed, of rewarding, substantially, the selfsame carrier for services rendered.

As the representative of the Press has no pot available at present, he is compelled to omit that portion of the programme; but hopes it will be no excuse for any omission on the part of his village friends and subscribers. He makes no demands for the year's service as post-boy, but respectfully submits that if country subscribers have to pay the same subscription for their paper as those in town, and then go five or six miles to take it from the post-office, the latter ought to volunteer a compensation for having their news placed under their very doors every week, cold, windy, wet, dry or hot though the weather be.

We therefore suggest that he be kindly remembered on the morning of the fifth of January, 1855, at which time he will begin anew his annual rounds, and that his private treasury, which an intervening week of amusements may possibly collapse, be replenished by an appreciating constituency. We believe he richly merits at least a quarter from every one of those under obligations to him.

Head-Quarters.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 18, 1854.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 1.

The following gentlemen have been appointed Aids-de-Camp to the Commander-in-Chief, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:—

- E. B. BRYAN, J. DUNOVANT, Jr., S. R. GIST, W. J. GRISHAM, W. P. DUNGAN, J. H. MARSHALL, J. B. SOWARD, R. H. MERRIN, J. CLOVER, T. B. CLARSON.

The Aids-de-Camp above named, will accept commands and report to the Commander-in-Chief, or by letter to the Adjutant and Inspector General.

ject to report as above required, it will be deemed a refusal to accept, and the vacancy will be immediately filled by another appointment.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief. R. G. M. DUNOVANT, Adjutant and Inspector General.

Christmas Holidays.

Another publication day arrives, Christmas will have passed along, with its train of up-setting jollities, and will very probably so derange affairs generally as to kill the Press for one week. Therefore, if our readers shall miss a number, they will remember that

"Christmas comes but once a year, And if we take holiday, who ought to care!"

There is little need of apology to an enlightened and charitable public for such a failure. In all truth and candor, we hold, that the disciples of no other vocation on earth are more closely confined and continuously employed than printers; and certainly there is no one who will not cheerfully submit to the absence of one week's issue of his paper to allow the worn and weary printer one week's cessation from toil!

Let him have one opportunity in the year to mingle with his friends, and kindle anew the waning embers of kindred affection, which unremitting labor is so prone to quench.

The occasion suggests many thoughts—gay, lively, solemn and gloomy—but we have no time to indulge in moralizing. The days are flying hastily by us, and a few more will close the volume of the world's history upon the record of fifty-four, and turn a new leaf for the chronicling of the yet unknown events of fifty-five.

Then will be the time for the formation of new resolutions, firm and strong, for the accomplishment of good and noble deeds. Let all enter upon the New Year as though conscious they were about acting the last scene in the drama of life.

For ourselves, after we shall have enjoyed the luxuries of this annual respite, we promise to come forth again, with strong resolves to labor more for the good of our selves, our friends, country and God.

[FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.] The Presidency of the South Carolina College.

Messrs. Editors: The Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College having accepted the resignation of Dr. THORNWELL, in view of the election of his successor, we embrace the opportunity to suggest, through the medium of your valuable paper, the name of FRANCIS LIEBER, L. L. D., as one pre-eminently qualified for the discharge of the duties of the honorable and responsible office of President.

We deem it unnecessary to discuss the claims of this distinguished scholar. His connection with the College for a number of years, and his intimate acquaintance with the most celebrated institutions of learning in Europe, have afforded him superior facilities for understanding the principles on which the prosperity and success of our own Institution depend.

His great learning and ability would secure the highest respect and esteem of the students; while his decision of character would ensure the proper observance and wholesome administration of the laws of the College.

The reputation of Dr. LIEBER, (confined not alone to the American Continent,) as a finished scholar, historian and political philosopher, reflects honor upon the age in which he lives; and we hope the State will take pleasure in tendering to one, whose name is so bright with literary distinctions, the Presidency of her beloved Institution of learning.

A GRADUATE.

DISTINGUISHED PHYSICIANS, well known Merchants, respectable Apothecaries, and hundreds of others, bear testimony to the good effects of STABLEY'S ANODYNE CHERRY EXpectorant in Coughs, Colds, and Diseases of the Lungs and Throat generally.

There is no emulsion in its preparations. Articles which are well known and highly appreciated by the entire medical faculty, alone enter into its composition. The DIARRHOEA CORDIAL is also prepared with the same scientific skill and care. Its beneficial effects in diseases of the bowels have been remarkable. Over 500 physicians, who have been made acquainted with the recipe of these popular remedies, have been pleased with them, and only spoken of them in terms of unqualified praise.

If you have a cough, or any disease of the Lungs or Throat, try the Expectorant a trial. Or if you or your friends need the aid of the Diarrhoea Cordial, make use of it with confidence, and mark the result.

See descriptive pamphlet, to be had gratis of the agents. Price of each, only 40 cents per bottle, or six bottles for \$2.50. H. H. STABLEY & CO., Proprietors, Wholesale Drugists, Baltimore. Sold by Dr. F. F. GARY, Charleston; WARDLAW & LYON, Abbeville; C. H. HAVILAND, HARRAL & Co., Charleston. Wholesale agents, Charleston. And by Merchants generally. Oct. 12, 1854.

CORRECTIONS.

The following corrections are published in the issue of the 19th inst. Dr. F. F. GARY, Charleston; WARDLAW & LYON, Abbeville; C. H. HAVILAND, HARRAL & Co., Charleston. Wholesale agents, Charleston. And by Merchants generally. Oct. 12, 1854.

RECEIPTS.

The following persons have paid their subscriptions to the Independent Press for the current year:—

- F. A. Connor, Cokesbury; J. J. Adams, Harrisburg; Wm A. Lomax, Abbeville; H. H. Falk, Pomaria; R. H. Ranson, Storyville; J. W. McBray, Richardsonville; J. S. Marshall, Whitehall; Dr. J. W. Marshall, Abbeville; J. W. Bowen, Mount Airy; J. J. McAdams, Due West; Thos. Freen, Columbia; W. C. Klugh, Cokesbury; J. Douglas, Abbeville; W. C. Puckett, Indian Hill; J. W. Covin, Millway; Jno C. Waters, Cokesbury; Jas H. Childs, Millway; H. B. Nichols, Hodges Depot; Hazel Smith, Ninety-Six; R. C. Starr, Abbeville; D. Clelland, Diamond Hill; A. W. Shillito, Abbeville; H. M. Zeigler, Lowry's; Col. A. M. Smith, Monterey; J. M. Martin, Lowndesville; Jas M. Calvert, Due West; Robt C. Wilson, Harrisburg; Jas. W. Ball, Donaldville; Jno Gray, Louisville; J. C. Reed, Conestoga; W. L. Rogers, Emory; Lacey Bowen, Providence; Dr. E. Agnew, Calhoun; Alfred Agnew, " Geo W. Oliver, Oxford; Mrs N. E. Anderson, Bluff Spring; R. A. Irwin, Orrville; G. W. Mattison, Marion; W. D. Wattell, Little Prairie; Isaac Pruitt, Mountcalm; R. W. Straid, (by A. T. Strain), Broylesville, Tenn; S. P. Denmore, Mt. Yonah; Jas M. Griffin, Penfield; B. C. Reynolds, Rome; Jno T. Givens, Tampa.

MARRIED.

On the morning of the 14th instant, by Rev. James Moore, Mr. JAMES W. MEANS and Miss MARY ANN MCGILL.

On the evening of the same day, by the same, Mr. WILLIAM MCGILL and Miss MARGARET ROBISON.

MARKETS.

ABBEVILLE, Dec. 21.—We quote cotton at 5 a 6 1/2 cents.

COLUMBIA, Dec. 20.—Our Cotton market still continues dull and languid. The demand yesterday was without animation, although at unchanged prices. Some 150 bales changed hands at 6 1/2 a 7 1/2 cents.

NOTICE.

PERSONS indebted to E. J. S. AGNEW are requested to settle their liabilities on or before the first of February next, as no longer time can be given.

December 18, 1854. SAMUEL AGNEW. 38

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

THE Subscribers to the MASONIC FEMALE COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE will be called on soon, by the Agent, Dr. F. G. Thomas, for their subscriptions. We are in need of funds to pay the contractors.

F. A. CONNOR, Sec'y. Dec 19, 1854. 38

EVERYBODY.

INDEBTED to CONNOR & ANDERSON, for the years '53 and '54, must come forward and close his account by cash, or at least by note, as it is actually necessary for the co-partners to have a settlement.

CONNOR & ANDERSON. Dec 19, 1854. 33

NOTICE.

WARD & BURCHARD, Augusta, Ga., will inform their friends of Abbeville District, and the public generally, that, anticipating a change in their business, during the coming season, they are disposed to make large concessions from their former low scale of prices, in order to reduce their stock to the lowest possible point.

The attention of wholesale dealers, as well as consumers, is respectfully solicited. Augusta, Dec 19. 33

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ANDERSON FEMALE ACADEMY AND COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

NEW ARRANGEMENT.

THE Trustees of this Institution take pleasure in stating to its former patrons and the public generally, that they have secured the services of the Rev. J. Oliver Lindsay as President for the school year commencing on the 1st of February, 1855.

He will be assisted in the Collegiate Department by his accomplished lady, Mrs. M. A. Lindsay.

Miss E. McQuerns, whose experience and capabilities as an instructor of the young, cannot be surpassed, and whose former connection with the Institution has endeared her to a wide circle of acquaintances, will continue in charge of the Primary Department.

Prof. John D. Mueller will still continue to preside over the Musical Department, a position which he has held for several years past, and the duties of which he has discharged to the entire satisfaction of his patrons.

He will be assisted in his department by Mrs. Mueller, who is also instructress in French and Ornamental work.

The exercises will be punctually resumed on the 1st day of February, 1855. Parents and Guardians are informed that it is important for all pupils to be present on the 1st day of the session.

For information relative to course of study, rates of Tuition, Boarding, &c., see catalogue, where full particulars are given, or call apply to either of the Trustees.

HON. J. N. WATKINS, Sec. Treas., B. F. CRAYTON, Sec. Treas., HON. J. L. ORR, J. P. BENSON, GENL. S. M. WILSON, L. A. OSBORNE, DR. A. P. CATER, GEN. J. W. HARRISON.

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LOST.

THE Subscriber received, in the year 1852, from the Post-office at Abbeville C. H., S. C., a LAND WARRANT, No. 32101, for 40 Acres, issued under the Act of September 25th, 1850, from the Pension Office at Washington City, D. C., and now gives public notice to each and every person who may have found said Land Warrant, not to use or apply to their own use the same, under penalty of a full prosecution, as he is now an applicant to the Pension Office for a duplicate of said lost Land Warrant.

ROBERT C. WILSON, Abbeville C. H., S. C. December 20, 1854.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Abbeville District.

ON this, the twentieth day of December, in the year 1854, before me personally appeared Robert C. Wilson, who, being duly sworn, declares that he is the identical Robert C. Wilson to whom a Land Warrant, No. 32101, for 40 Acres, was issued by the Commissioner of Pensions, under the Act of September 25th, 1850, from the Pension Office at Washington City, D. C., and now gives public notice to each and every person who may have found said Land Warrant, not to use or apply to their own use the same, under penalty of a full prosecution, as he is now an applicant to the Pension Office for a duplicate of said lost Land Warrant.

ROBERT C. WILSON, Abbeville C. H., S. C. December 20, 1854.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Abbeville District.

ON this, the twentieth day of December, in the year 1854, before me personally appeared William H. Wilson and George S. Wilson, who, being duly sworn, declare that they well know Robert C. Wilson, and that he is the identical person who has lost his Land Warrant, No. 32101, for 40 Acres, and who is now the applicant for a Warrant to be re-issued to him; that they are disinterested witnesses.

WM. H. WILSON, GEORGE S. WILSON. Sworn to and subscribed before me on the day and year above written; and I certify that I well know Wm. H. Wilson and George S. Wilson, and that they are credible witnesses.

JNO. G. BASKIN, Mag't. S. C. 0000000 0000000

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Abbeville District.

I certify that the above is a correct copy of papers given to me for publication, six weeks successively, in the Independent Press.

C. C. FURRETT, Publisher. Sworn to before me the day and year above written. JNO. G. BASKIN, Mag't. Dec 20. 33

EDWARD WESTFIELD.

ABBEVILLE COURT HOUSE, S. C.

REPAIRS made for past years, and re-sponsibly solicited a continuance of the same. He keeps constantly on hand, of his own manufacture, a Large Assortment of SADDLES, HARNESS, BRIDLES,