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Religious Notice. Rev. H. H. DURANT will preach in the Methodist Church to-day (Friday) at 11 o'clock.

Fire in Cokesbury. An accidental fire occurred, one night last week, in Cokesbury, by which a kitchen and several negro houses belonging to Mrs. WILLIAMS were destroyed.

Strawberries. The first of the season in this neighborhood, that we have heard of, were presented to this office, on Wednesday last, by Mrs. H. S. KERR.

A Sad Casualty. A little boy by the name of THOMAS, in a few miles of this place, was accidentally and fatally shot from a gun in the hands of a little negro, on Friday last.

Dry Weather. It is a sad story to repeat, that in this region, the weather is still thoroughly dry—dry as a toper's gullet after the enactment of a prohibition law.

Keep Cool! Is there any chance to obey this sage and wholesome injunction these sultry days? You shake your head despairingly.

Unlike Causes—Like Effects. One young man, somewhere out North, recently hung himself because he could not marry; and another shot himself because he was married and couldn't get a divorce.

Death of Rev. James Dannelly. Rev. JAMES DANNELLY ended his long and useful life at his home, near Lowndsville, in this District, on last Saturday.

The "Stout" Fortune. Some weeks ago we condensed, from an exchange paper, a paragraph to the effect that one Mr. Stout, in Illinois, might be probably consulted by the descendants of Mr. GOMM SPOON, who was, prior to the Revolution, a resident of this State.

by one of our subscribers, who lives in Laurens District, for any further information we might be able to give on the subject, he believing himself to be one of those interested in it.

We recollect distinctly whilst condensing the said advertisement, the idea occurred to us of filing a claim to a sub-share for ourself, on condition that any reader of the Press should, by reason of our notice, obtain a dividend.

But hereby hangs a lesson, which we should be pleased to see improved generally by those who have not yet learned it. It is, that sometimes men realize large profits from small investments in good newspapers.

End of the Second Year. The present week completes the second year in the age of the Independent Press. Beneath the invulnerable shield of its projector, it grew to a twelvemonth; and under the more humble, but not less solicitous, guardianship of our protection, it has passed a second and will soon enter upon a third.

Reader, forbear a moment! No hypocritical boastings of fictitious or magnified success shall be inflicted upon you. We have a brief tale, and briefly and truly will we tell it.

We are satisfied—wholly satisfied—with the favor bestowed upon us for the past year, and only regret that our merits have been so disproportionately below the reward. To our friends of Abbeville District, of the State, and of the country, we owe a debt of gratitude which no fidelity and zeal of ours can ever cancel to our entire credit.

Mr. Wm. H. WILSON, a native of this District, and a young man of great energy and moral worth, who has been connected with the office for three-fourths of the time it has lived, will henceforth be a co-partner with us in the ownership.

Finally, into the third year we shall enter with prospects as bright as any country paper could discern for itself amidst the general fog of times so depressingly smoky as the present.

[FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.] A South-side View of Slavery. Messrs. Editors: "A South-side View of Slavery, or Three Months at the South in 1854, by NEHEMIAH ADAMS, D. D."

Slavery is a thing of acknowledged importance to the country, and in the eye of philosophy affords a great deal of speculative thought. Will it continue? How is it ever to end? As a fact in the order of Providence it was appointed, or permitted; we will say permitted, as that will answer our purpose at present.

Prospect of Crops. A writer from Union District to the Carolina Times says: "Our wheat crops, all things considered, are looking well; our cotton crops are being rapidly planted; and, besides, we have a smart sprinkling of peaches, a fine crop of Morelo cherries, apples, and some plums.

We understand that the corn crops of our District are suffering greatly for the want of rain. The weather has been extremely warm, equally as hot as it was in August of last year.

WHEAT CROP IN THE WEST. We continue to have the best accounts of the coming wheat crop. From Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan, all reports are cheering—the wheat fields never looked better.—Augusta Constitutionalist.

FAMINE IN NORTH GEORGIA.—A correspondent of the Dalton Times draws a distressing picture of the starving condition of the poor in that region. More than one-half of the people are without corn and money.

A Southerner gave a party to a few friends who, happening to converse about Sambo's power of head endurance, the gentleman said he owned a negro whom no one in the party could knock down or injure by striking on the head.

At a camp-meeting, last summer, not more than fifteen hundred miles from Boston, the trumpet had called the congregation together, but a crowd of idlers and rowdies stood outside the range of seats and would not come in.

The new medicine law in the State of New-York provides that it shall not be lawful for any druggist, apothecary or other person to sell any preparation of medicinal compound, except such as are published in standard chemical or medical works, unless there is affixed thereto a recipe written in the English language, stating all the ingredients, with their proportions, and signed by the manufacturer in his own handwriting, or by his fac simile, and referring to the office where a true copy of said recipe, with an affidavit attached, is legally filed.

If any one doubts whether the Japanese are civilized or not, we need only refer to a small vessel marked "Rouge," and there will be good color of title for awarding them a high grade in art. This collection indeed is richly varied a close study, as it will convey in an hour more accurate conception of Japanese modes and habits than could be obtained by the perusal of volumes of travel and observation.

The Nebraska Legislature adjourned sine die on the 16th ultimo. They enacted a general system of laws, chiefly borrowed from Iowa; provided for an efficient organization of counties; passed a good school law providing free schools for all; passed a stringent prohibitory liquor law; chartered three universities, incorporated a medical society; and provided for taking a new census the ensuing fall by the marshals from which a new appointment of representatives is to be made by the Governor.

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AN UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT.—At an association dinner a debate arose as to the benefit of whipping in bringing up children. Old Dr. Morse took the affirmative. His opponent, a young minister, whose reputation for veracity was not very high, affirmed that parents often did harm to their children by punishment, from not knowing the facts of the case.

A new horse bit has been invented and patented. It consists in providing the bit-bar which goes in the horse's mouth with two laterally swinging padded levers, which are so arranged on the sides of the horse's nose, and connected to either the driving or other rein, that they come together after the manner of the jaws of a clam, when the rein is drawn by the rider, and close his nostrils, check his breathing, and consequently bring him to a stand still.

MATTHEW J. WARD.—It appears that Matt. J. Ward, who shot the schoolmaster Butler, in Kentucky, is the great lion of the streets of New Orleans. He sports a beautiful span of bay horses beautifully caparisoned, and a carriage that is brilliant with splendor, and upon the box sit two colored gentlemen, with blue suits, with gloves, black hats, a green band around, and a small feather upon the upper edge.

NEBRASKA TERRITORY.—The Legislature of the Territory of Nebraska, at its last session, passed thirty-eight general acts, sixteen to incorporate towns and cities, three schools and colleges, two for railroads, thirty-five for ferries and bridges, and eleven for miscellaneous objects. Also, special acts organizing twenty-three counties, and ordering the survey and laying out of eleven territorial roads.

TUNNELS TAKEN.—We understand that the two small tunnels, on the Blue Ridge Railroad, situate between Turnip-top and the Stump-house mountains, have been taken by responsible contractors, and that they have commenced operations. It is likewise stated that the work on the Stump-house tunnel will be resumed about the first of June by the Company's contractors.

KILLED.—We regret to learn that a negro man, employed by Col. Sloan on his contract, on the Railroad, on Turnip-top mountain, lost his life, by being crushed to death with earth, on Wednesday last. It seems that the boy was undermining a large body of earth, preparatory to its being prised off, when it suddenly fell, causing his death.

CHEAP INFANTS.—They give away children now in New York, on account of the hard times, before they are born. The following notice is taken from the New York Herald: A lady wishing to adopt an infant from its birth (in the early part of next month) may hear of a good opportunity and have an interview with the mother by addressing E., box 187.

ANOTHER Post-office robbery has been committed in New Orleans, and Mr. Kendall, the Postmaster, is arrested on the charge of being the guilty one. A letter, directed to Messrs. Wells, Rawlings & Co., containing \$600, is specified. Mr. Kendall has given bail in the sum of \$10,000 for his appearance for trial.

A LARGE ICEBERG.—Captain Norton, of the ship Northern Light, which arrived at Fairhaven this morning, reports having passed, January 31, in lat. 43 South, long. 205 30 West, a large iceberg about 500 feet high, and six miles long! Captain Norton pronounces it the largest iceberg ever seen in those latitudes. It must have been a fearful and sublime spectacle.

The House of Commons of the English Parliament, as we have heretofore stated, have abolished the stamp duty on newspapers. This act affects the social and political interests of the British empire more than the war with Russia. It is a concession to the people that will be attended with the happiest results.

MORALS OF NEW YORK.—It is asserted as a well known fact, that there are over a thousand boys, from twelve to sixteen years of age, who walk the streets of this city daily, with baskets and bags, stealing everything they can place their hands on. Some of them carry tools to force windows and doors. No house is safe. Awful! Isn't it?

SINGULAR CASUALTY.—A few days since, as Orlando Hill was standing on a raised box, in the cellar of his store, at Upton, Ohio, the box tilted, throwing him backward, when his neck struck upon the chime of a headless barrel, and was broken, causing his death instantly.

BAD PLACE FOR DOCTORS.—The Grand Jury of Orange county, Fla., in their general presentment, made the late term of their court, mentioned the fact, that out of a population of four hundred in the county, there has not been a single death in twelve months.

The Wilmington Herald, of Monday evening, bears of a rumor, to the effect that two white women were surrounded by the recent fire on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, and that before they discovered their situation every means of escape was cut off, and they perished in the flames.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.—A little boy about five years old, the son of Mr. James Bentley, living near Rich Hill in Spartanburg County, was burnt so badly on the 22d ultimo, by his clothes accidentally catching fire, that death has since ensued.

LIORSE LAW.—The new Council of f Wilmington, N. C., have passed, and put in force, a very stringent license law. By its provisions, the price of retail license, including official fees, is fixed at three hundred and forty-one dollars, and 5 per cent. on his sales, in addition to which the retailer is required, under heavy penalties, to keep his Bar closed on the Sabbath.

FAMINE AHEAD.—It is reported that recently a child was born in Kemper county, Alabama, completely covered with hair, which lived three hours and uttered three words, viz: "Seven years famine." The most astonishing part of the report, however, is that some are credulous enough to believe it.

The number of applications under the bounty land act of March 3, 1855, for the week ending Saturday last, as we learn from the Union, is 24,700. Total number of applications thus far received 71,200.

At a late horse race in New Orleans, the horse Henry Perrit ran one mile in one minute and forty-two and a half seconds, which is said to be the best mile ever made in America.

BISHOP ANDREW.—The San Francisco papers announce the arrival at that place of Bishop Andrew in good health. He will preside at the Pacific Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

We have at length discovered the true reason why the youth of the present day wear such enormous shirt collars. It can be with no other motive than to conceal the length of their ears!

NEGRO STEALING.—In Macon county, Georgia, recently, James Vickhouse, alias James Nickhouse Poole, was convicted of negro stealing and sent to the Penitentiary for ten years.

The new Council of Gainesville, Ala., have put the liquor license up to \$2,000, and no quantity to be sold less than twelve gallons.

The corner stone of a new Episcopal Church was laid at Union C. H., on Tuesday. Rev. T. S. Arthur delivered the address.

MONTGOMERY, May 1.—Winter's Iron Works and Mills were burned last night. Loss \$100,000. Insurance \$60,000.

GIVE THEM A TRIAL. Mercenary persons have in so many instances succeeded in foisting upon the community worthless preparations, claiming for them great medical virtues, that a great many individuals refuse to take anything not sanctioned by a physician. This sanction has been bestowed upon STABLE'S ANODYNE CHERRY EXPECTORANT and DIARRHICIA CORDIAL in more than five hundred instances. Indeed many medical men who know their virtues regularly prescribe the Expectorant in cases of Coughs, Colds, and Diseases of the respiratory organs, which come under their care. And, in all diseases of the bowels, too, such as Diarrhoea, the Diarrhoea Cordial is prescribed by them with the utmost confidence in its beneficial effects. Give these excellent medicines a trial.

See descriptive pamphlets, to be had gratis of the agents. Price of each, only 50 cents per bottle, or six bottles for \$2 50. E. H. STABLE & CO., Proprietors, Wholesale Druggists, Baltimore. Sold by Dr. F. F. GARY, Cokesbury; WARDLAW & LYON, Abbeville C. H.; HAVILAND, HARRAL & Co., Wholesale agents, Charleston; And by Merchants generally.

MARKETS. ABBEVILLE, May 3.—COTTON.—The market in consequence of the unsettled condition in other places is here a little more wavering. We quote extremes from 7 to 8 1/2 cents, and a very fine lot might command a figure a fraction higher. We are pleased to see, however, a disposition to sell at present prices. All the cotton offered during the last week (which was about 230 bales) have been taken up from 8 to 8 1/2.

COLUMBIA, May 2.—COTTON.—We have no material change to notice in the price of cotton for yesterday; the supply on sale was light, with good and steady demand, at former prices. 250 bales were sold, at prices varying from 7 1/2 to 8 1/2, and some choice lots brought a fraction over our highest figures.

CHARLESTON, April 30.—COTTON.—There was a good inquiry for this article to-day, which resulted in the sale of 2430 bales, principally at previous rates, although in some instances a slight concession was made. Holders, however, are generally stringent in their demands, which prevents buyers from operating more freely. The particulars of the day's transactions are as follows: viz: 10 bales at 7 1/2; 7 at 8 1/2; 10 at 8 1/2; 120 at 8 1/2; 267 at 8 1/2; 508 at 8 1/2; 185 at 7 1/2; 287 at 9; 34 at 9 1/2; 369 at 9 1/2; 26 at 9 1/2; 325 at 9 1/2; 20 at 9 1/2; 145 at 9 1/2; and 187 bales, at 10 cents.

AUGUSTA, April 30.—The cotton market is inactive to-day. We hear of no transactions. Parties cannot agree, and very little demand.

ABBEVILLE PRICE CURRENT, COLLECTED WEEKLY BY HENRY S. KERR, Grocer.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Unit, Price. Includes BACON, BUTTER, BEESWAX, CANDLES, CHEESE, CHICKENS, COFFEE, EGGS, FLOUR, GRAIN, IRON, LARD, MOLASSES, NAILS, RICE, SALT, SPIRITS.