# THE INDEPENDENT PRESS

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Individuals, like nations, fail in nothing which they boldly attempt, when sustained by virtuous purpose, and determined resolution.—HENRY CLAY.
"Willing to praise, yet not afraid to blame."

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# ABBEVILLE C: H.

FRIDAY, - - - - - MAY 11, 1855.

The friends of W. W. GRIFFIN respectfully announce him a candidate for Sheriff at the next election.

#### A Bargain in Land

May be struck by referring to the notice of Rev. Mr. HUCKABEE, and calling on him.

## Our Agents.

WILLIAM HILL and JOHN MCBRYDE, Esqs., are our agents. Any orders left with them will be attended to.

# Important to Physicians.

PHYSICIANS, in want of medicines, will do well to attend the sale of those belonging to the estate of the late Dr. TRIBLE, advertised in another column.

#### The New Tailor Shop.

Mr. Ives, as will be seen by reference to menced business on his own account. We tom and good pay.

## The Southern Times.

A copy of this new literary paper has been sent us, and we fully agree with all that "BEN LANE" said of it in his late letter. It is a large sheet, elegantly printed, on excellent paper, and richly worth the pricethree dollars per annum. We hope it may be well sustained. Address Lirscombe, HILLIARD & Co., Montgomery, Ala.

# Godey for May.

THE embellishments are as beautiful as ever enriched a magazine. We have not examined farther than this, but as Godey never deceives, we are perfectly willing to have a contented and patriotic people. endorse for the whole number-reading matter as well as pictures.

If any body else wants the Lady's Book and Press, let him send us the three

## Plea of Insanity.

GRAHAM, the man who shot another in Virginia lately because his daughter refused to marry him, now pleads insanity in defence. Such pleas are becoming quite common, and unless the use of the rope becomes more general, insanity will play sad havoc with the laws of the country. A few yards of bemp, properly applied, will make such scamps afraid "to go deranged."

# An Afflicted Family.

MISS LOUISA J. ALLEN, of this village, died on Thursday morning last, after a painful illness of several weeks' duration. The community is deeply saddened by this mournful dispensation; for wherever an acquaintance was, there is left a mourner.

Truly hath this family been afflicted for the past twelve months. Not less than five of its name, in this immediate village, have died during that time.

# Female Ingenuity.

THE most tastefully designed and elegantly executed piece of needle-work which we have seen for a long while, was paraded before our admiring gaze, one day this week, by the mistress of our little household .-If Mrs. SONDLEY, whose skill produced it were so unfortunate as to be without a good husband, and desired to repair that misfortune, she would need no better advertisement than an exhibition of that infant's dress would be.

# Better Prospects.

SINCE our last we have had find rains, and so far as ascertained, they have been general, throughout the District and State. How refreshing to all nature are the genial showers after a lengthened dearth! The flowers look up and smile, the birds sing My 7, 5, 13, 1, is a an expression we should clearer and sweeter, the grass waxes greener and thicker and taller, and the whistle of the ploughman more cheerfully marks time as he marches to a contest with it! Let us be thankful for these, and trust for the "latter rains,"

# Fair Notice.

ANY subscriber not paying his subscription to the Press within the year, will be charged fifty cents extra. We are determined to enforce this rule. So no one will have a right to complain, if he neglects. It is an easy matter to remit a dollar by mail any time, and we had rather every one of our subscribers' would do so than be compelled to add the extra in a single case.

The paper will be sent on to all who do not give, us notice to discontinue, and remember that if taken from the post-office the legal hability to pay for it is incurred. But it is our opinion that no honest man will take a paper from a post-office without intending to pay for it, unless he knows it is sent as a gratuity.

And further, it is the duty of postmasters to notify us when a paper is not taken from the office.

#### Literary Lectures.

REV. Mr. MILBURN, Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives, lately gave two

We see also that WM. GILMORE SIMS

them to put her name in the programme for he knows very little of man any way.our population, and fully appreciated.

# The Institute Address.

We make no apology for the space occupied in the present and preceding issues by the address of Col. Onn. It is due to his advertisement in this issue, has com- the cause of the Institute, and to the intrinsic merits of the address, that it should sincerely hope he may find plenty of cus- be published throughout this State and the whole Southern country.

It inculcates the true doctrine, and one that must prevail practically before that commercial, manufacturing and educational independence can be realized by us which should, if possible, precede political independence. We must have laborers as well as soldiers, when we undertake to live independently. Educate these, then, and give them plenty of profitable employment, and you will have in them a population which, in times of peace, will be a rich mine of wealth, and in war, a strong tower of defence. Do this, and explode the contemptible idea that labor is vulgar, and you will

The subject is of vast importance, and it will be well if this admirable effort of the distinguished statesman produces a waking up in the public mind to a proper appreciation of it.

# The News from Europe.

THE News from Europe by the Baltic is by no means encouraging to hopes of peace. The Vienna Conference had closed its deliberations without effecting anything towards an adjustment of difficulties. Russia plainly evinces no disposition to "crawfish," and as that honorable exercise is obliged to be performed by some one before matters are settled, and as France and England are still a little too proud to engage in it themselves, the war will go on yet a while. Both parties, besieged and besiegers, were preparing for more active operations.

Louis Napoleon and his wife had ar rived in England. Their reception, from accounts, was imposingly ridiculous. The Emperor made speeches, and Queen Victo-RIA tied a garter round his leg! A few years ago, doubtless, she would sooner have tied a rope round his neck. In one of his speeches he took occasion to allude to the given that night by the young ladies of the mutual desires of England and France for the abolition of slavery and the amelioration of the condition of Europe! There is some talk of his assuming the chief command of the Crimean army.

The British Government estimates the expenses for the year at eighty-six millions pounds sterling, while the revenue reaches fifty-six millions.

# An Enigma.

THE enigma below was composed and sent us by a young friend in Charleston.-The answer will be supplied next week. In the meantime "the children" can try to figure it out :--

I am composed of 13 letters: My 7, 5, 1, is a very useful little animal; My 2, 3, 4, 9, is a beloved spot;

My 6, 12, 13, is something we should never

engage in; My 8, 5, 13, is a Roman god; My whole is the name of a gentleman and a scholar. H. D. M.

A GEORGIA PATRIOT DEAD .-- The Thomasville Watchman says: "Lewis Sanders Noble, a soldier of the revolution and trooper in Marion's legion, died on the 19th instant, in Clinch county in this State, at for ere we could look around the room to the advanced age of 104 years. The deceased had preserved and retained until within a few years the apparel and hat worn by him in battle, and which exhibited nineteen bullet holes. He could never be prevailed upon to apply for a pension or bounty land, and when importuned upon the subject by his friends the high-souled veteran became indignant. He died from the results of an accident, and in full possession of all his mental faculties."

WASHINGTON, May 1 .- The Railroad Convention met yesterday. Sixteen Com-panies were represented. R. R. Cuyler was elected President; and after the appoint ment of Committees to prepare a schedule between New York and New Orleans, and to request the Post Master General to suspend the Sunday Mails without abating the annual compensation, the Convention

#### [FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS ] The Self-confident Man.

Messrs. Editors : The self-confident man lectures in Charleston. The subject of one is my theme. He is a natural curiosity .was, "The Rifle, Axe and Saddlebags," and He always gives his opinion without reason, of the other, "Young America." The peo- and generally without invitation. He thinks, ple of that city were so delighted that the if he thinks at all, that others will receive ecturer was prevailed upon to return and in the way he gives -upon the ipse dixit epeat the lectures. Since his return he principle. He deals it out most positively, has also repeated them before the people of in the highest style of the declartorial, just as if men were afraid to contradict him, while the truth is they do not consider it contemplates a tour through the up-country worth while. But oh, sirs, you ought to soon, with a view of giving a series of liter- see him when he is contested! Then he moves it. He lets down upon all reason These gentlemen are each well known to and good sense according to the most apbe men of high character and surpassing proved rules of vociferation. He must be ability, and for one we should be pleased dealing with a very weak man, or else he is to have Abbeville extend an invitation to disposed to be vicious, he cannot tell which. as they go. Concerts, magic shows, and so Does he write? Criticise him, (though on, we know, do not meet a very encourag- there is not much to operate upon,) and he ing appreciation here, but we believe the lec- gives you the gas in abunbance! If he had tures of Messrs. MILBURN and SIMS, or of the control of things, he would work them either would be patronized to the extent of off about right, is his notion; but at the same time there is such a state of things around him he cannot get at them. So always was, and so it always will be.

Now what is to be done with this same self-confident man? for he is an evil that we wish to get rid of. We know of nothing better than to make him wiser; this is the remedy. How this is to be done we are not prepared to say, unless it is by simply letting him alone; and this is a poor remedy. He needs instruction, but is wiser than his teachers! He talks with those only who agree with him, except merely to the thing, very little of that. One might say of him in truth that once in a while a fool will visit our world, and if he stays long in it will define his position. But this is doing nothing for the man. The strongest men known in history have given their opinions with diffidence, and always susained them by the considerations which gave them their being. "Strike, but hear me," is the rule of action with wisdom; a chance to lay down, the arguments is all that intelligence asks for, and the thing which comes last, or rather not at all, with he man of self-confidence.

The habit of mind should be contracted to hold opinion as the result of reason, and always hear reason against it. This is the way the world gets on, and it cannot get on safely any other way. "Let every man be ready to give an account of the faith which is in him," is a rule of revelation; and such rules for the guide of human conduct can be found anywhere else.

IMPRIMATUR. Yours, &c.

#### FOR THE INDEPENDENT PRESS.] May Party at Anderson.

WE jumped aboard the cars, and not the telegraph, and traveled up the country, and not down the river; the engine did not burst, neither did any other accident hapthe pleasant little village of Anderson.

Now, reader, the cause of our sojourn in this little village of pleasure was nothing more nor less than the May Party to be Johnson Female University.

It would be altogether useless for us to try to give the full details of every thing that happened at that party. It was everything that heart could wish for; yea, more, great and illustrious kinsman. we did not even anticipate such a pleasant affair; and our highest aspirations are to live to enjoy a hundred such parties among the same generous, hospitable people. We arrived at the hotel at 4 o'clock p. m., after a very dusty ride on the cars. Tea over, we strolled out, gathered one of Nature's prettiest flowers in the shape of a beautiful young lady, just in her teens, and beginning to show what flowers will make with proper training-I mean such training as is given at the Johnson University. We then proceeded to the place prepared by the young ladies for the evening's entertainment. We arrived there in time to procure a favorable place for hearing and seeing all that was intended for us to see and hear; but, to judge from the billing and cooing of great many in corners and other out of the way places, there were a great many things said that were not intended for the ears of the multitude.

We were not to be long kept in waiting, see who all we knew, tingle went the bell, and up went the curtain, and lo! one of the most beautiful scenes that eyes ever gazed upon was before us. The scene was one representing the senior class of the University-ten in number of the prettiest young ladies of the village, yea, even of the State. Then came the music by the skillful performer and instructor of the University. It s said, and I believe truly said, that

Music hath charms to soothe a savage." for just as the music commenced, some kind gentleman rery unluckily placed himself on our corns, and aroused all the savage within us; but music proved to be an antidote to all such feelings, and put them to rest, Then came one scene after another, with music intervening, until some twenty, had

been shown, among the rest the beautiful Queen of May. Then the University building was illuminated. Supper was announced; and after a trial of it, we are prepared to say that infinite honor is due the

Supper over, there was a general promnade until all parties were willing to reire, acknowledging to themselves that they had had glory enough for one night. ended the pleasant Anderson May Party. Long live the University! OBSERVER.

# Railroad Meeting at Edgefield.

In accordance with previous notice, the citizens of Edgefield village and its vicinity assembled in the court-house, on Thursday, 25th April, to consider the merits of "our ast and best chance for a Railroad."

The Hon. Samuel Brooks, Intendant, was

alled to the chair. Having briefly stated the object of the meeting, he introduced to he audience Mr. John A. Calhoun, President of the Savannah Valley Railroad.— Mr. Calhoun, by his dignified, sincere and earnest manner, soon won the entire confidence of the audience, and convinced them that he had not sought this occasion to frighten others into action. He remarked that his object was, if possible, to reconcile he conflicting interests of the Savannah Valley Railroad. To do this a survey had been ordered by the Board of Directors of the Road of the line from Aiken to or below Dorn's Gold Mine, which is now in progress. That it was expected that the expense necessary for the construction of this Branch should be borne by Charleston, Rabun Gap, South Carolina Railroad, and that portion of Edgefield lying on the proposed The amount necessary to be raised by their combined interests would be about \$600, 000-and to each it would be but small, if a united effort were made. He dwelt upon give his opinious; he reads only such works this as the most practicable and shortest as agree with his views, and to be certain of line of connection which Charleston and the Rabun Gap Railroad are likely to obtain-an air line being altogether impracticable under existing circumstances. matter is now before the people of Charconsideration. Action in that quarter is delayed until the completion of the survey from Aiken to Dorn's, and until the dispo-sition of the people of Edgefield is ascertained. He was of the opinion that the more decided the manifestation of the feeling of the people of Edgefield, in favor of the proposed route from Aiken to Dorn's, the more probable would be the favorable action of the City of Charleston. As to the benefit of this Road on the interests of due deliberation to fix their mark, and act up to it. It would then become his duty, as it would be his pleasure, to bring all Edgepen of any importance, until we arrived at field into direct connection with the world complished-established the famous "Marestoring to her that pre-eminence which in time past she was justly entitled to among her sister villages in the up-country of our

The above is but a meagre and imperfect synopsis of Mr. C.'s admirable and well terized by that logical statement of facts, and that practical and hard common sense that so eminently distinguishes those of his

The Chairman then arose and addressed the audience in a few but telling remarks. He said that this was our last chance, and now was the time to act. He for one was willing to put his shoulder to the wheeland was now ready to enlarge his subscription. His concise and pertinent speech was applauded to the echo.

Mr. Moragne then submitted the follow ing Resolution, which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved. That a committee of six be appointed to inquire into the propriety of trans-ferring the Stock taken by the citizens of this village and its vicinity in the Greenville and Columbia Railroad to the Savannah Valley Railroad connection between Aiken and a point on the Savannah Valley Railroad, at or near Dorn's Gold Mine; and that said committee report on said matter to an adjourned meeting of the citizens of this village, to be called by the Intendant.

Where upon the Chair appointed the following committee: Messrs. W. C. Moragne, R. T. Mims, A. Simkins, Jas. Shepherd, F. W. Pickens, and G. A. Addiso On motion, the Chairman was added.

Mr. Joseph Abney then arose and enterparmonious action of the meeting, and his sanguine hope that ere long the monotony of our beautiful village would be broken in upon by the shrill whistle of the steam

There was manifested an engerness upon

Meanest Type of Slander.

THE editor of the Southern Times closes an article, on Lady BLESSINGTON, with the following remarks. The world would be vastly benefitted if it could fully realize good ladies of whose bounty it was kindly their truths and apply them:

"One thing more may be said. It is extremely painful to every one of any sensibility to see the eagerness with which slanders against women are taken up and circulated by a certain class of persons. It is weight 2,027,771 pounds. Total value the meanest, lowest and most malignant \$208,014,35 .- Savannah Republican. form of depravity that ever shows its forked tongue and spits its poison on those within its reach. No woman ought to be suspected of any departure from the strictest ine of virtue but on the clearest and fullest evidence. No verdict ought to be pronounced against her except where she has certainly outraged the laws of propriety. Imprudence is unfortunate, but imprudence is one thing; vice is another; and surely where a woman has been indiscreet without being corrupt, it is an awful code that punshes a want of judgment and of fitness in behavior just as if she had committed the worst vice known to the refinement and purity of Christian civilization."

## The New Bounty Land Law.

coming in at a rapid rate. The Union of years.

It is probable that the Pension Office will commence the issue of warrants about the first of June next, as the engraving of plates is rapidity progressing. Already has an Inaugural Address during Commencethe Navy been completed for the 160 acre warrant, that of the Secretary of the Interior for the 120 acre warrant, and that of the Secretary of War for the 80 acre warrant. The portraits of the President and others are still in the hands of the engravers. The engravings already executed are greatly admired by all who have seen them, and are an evidence of American skill and genius in this department of the fine arts.

The Bommissioner has decided that the rights of a widow of a deceased soldier are leston, and no doubt will receive all proper lost in a second marriage, but are revived again on the death of a second husband. If, however, there be minor children living of the first husband, they may claim in right of their father during the second marriage. A power of attorney cannot be executed until after the warrant has been

Mason and Dixon's Line. Many persons are ignorant of the origin of "Mason & Dixon's Line," and think it Edgefield Village, and that portion of the was established as a separation between the District through which it is proposed to be free and slave States. It originated by run, Mr. C. was decided in his opinion. He the arrangement of a dispute between Wil thought that it would enchance the value liam Penn and Lord Baltimore, begun as of real estate at least fifty (50) per cent., early as 1682, with reference to the boundand probably more. This had been the et aries of their respective grants of land, now fect elsewhere, wherever Railroads had been forming the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware judiciously located, more generally going and Maryland, Lord Baltimone claiming to, over than falling under this estimate. He mentioned several apt illustrations upon this point. Mr. C. spoke of this as being no English Court of Chancery, and in 1750 Bogus survey, bui one made in good faite was decided against Lord Baltimore. But and if the amount of money necessary to the construct this Branch should be raised, by the combined interests involved in it, a practiter litigation and delay, the matter was tical character would at once be given to it. settled by mutual agreement between the He did not wish the people of this District to enter into it prematurely, but after in 1771, Mr. Charles Mason, of the Royal the United States in attendance upon Sab-Observatory, was sent to Pennsylvania to bath schools, and of this number 550,000 measure the degree of latitude. This duty, are under the care of the Methodist Episcoin connection with Jeremiah Dixon, he acat last, by means of steam, and to aid in son & Dixon's Line" between the present States of Pennsylvania, on the North, and Maryland on the South-and making his report to the Royal Society of London in the year 1767.

> contemplates, in connection with his school for the Deaf and Dumb, opening a school for the Blind. The Spartanburg journals urge upon the Legislature, at its next meeting, an appropriation in furtherance of his benevolent design. From a slight personal acquaintance with Mr. Walker, formed at his admirably conducted school, we feel satisfied that he deserves such an appropriation, and whether he asks it or not, the ability he manifested in carrying on his school for the Deaf and Dumb, is a sufficient guaranty that he will succeed in this noble enterprise to ameliorate the hapless condition of suffering mortals, and should meet, at the hands of our Legislators, the aid he so instly merits.

The Marion Star of Tuesday, says: "Mo ses Harrelson, who was convicted of the murder of E. A. Rogers, at the last term of the Court, and under sentence of death, which was to be executed on the 29th June, on Sunday morning, an hour or two before day, made his escape from prison. He was confined by a chain to the floor of the cell. It is supposed that with a wire taken from a water bucket, he succeeded in unlocking the lock that fastened the chain, and that with the same wire he successively unlock ed all the locks, and made his way to the lower floor and escaped through the win-dows. He was tracked where he left the tained the audience with a few remarks ex-Road and went across the fields of Mr. Na-pressive of his feelings of gratification at the than Evans, and until he came to the run than Evans, and until he came to the run of Smith Swamp."

WHITEWASH .- Poor whitewash is a serious injury to a wall or ceiling, and when once on it is difficult to get it off or properly cover it and produce a clear white ap the part of some present to come forward and subscribe, but no call was made. The feeling that was exhibited did not fail to convince all present, that our citizens were allow to their interests, and fully determined to have a Railroad, and no longer mere persioners on the generosity of the Greenville & Columbia Railroad Company.

On motion, it was Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Edgefield Assection.

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SAMUEL BROCKS, Cha'n.

Way is a restless man in bad like a law yer? Because he lies on all sides.

M. Witherspoon Gary, Scoretary. the part of some present to come forward pearance. This is the season for cleaning

THE LARGEST CARGO.-The ship Frank Pierce, Capt. Leach, cleared at the Custom House Saturday for Liverpeol, by Messrs. A. Low and Co., with the following cargo of Cotton, the largest ever shipped from this point in any one vessel. The Captain in-forms us that he could have carried considerably more, but for the space occupied by the Sea Island (round) bales. Total bales of Upland, 4,207. Total Sea Islands, 498

The following paragraph is from the regular report of the proceedings of the Connecticut Legislature. "Bill to tax geese, cats and bachelors, taken up. Mr. Harrison was opposed to the provision taxing bachclors. There was a tax already laid upon a goose, and any man who had lived twenfive years without being married could be taxed under that section. The bill was postponed."

THE Constitutionalist & Republic has been shown another valuable lump of gold from the mine of Messrs. McCormick & Leitner, in Columbia County, Ga. It is worth \$1650, weighing 1760 pennyweights, and it was the product of twenty-six hands in nine The number of applications under this working days, from surface ore, some of aw now amount to 101,800, and are still which had been thrown aside for fifteen

> Ir is with pleasure that we announce that, by request of the Board of Trustees of Erskine College, Professor Patton will deliver An excellent Address, to use no stronger term, may be certainly expected.

Dee West Telescope.

A New TRICK.—A servant girl belonging to a gentleman in Montgomery, Ala., was arrested recently at Weldon, N. C., on her way to New York. She had passed thus far on the cars closely veiled, as a lady, and was only discovered by the slipping of one of her gloves, which discovered her

CHOLERA ON THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER .-The cholera has appeared among the emigrant passengers on the Upper Mississippi. On the 23d ult. the steamer Montauk buried seven of her passengers, victims of cholera, between Keokuk and Dubuque. There were seventeen cases on the Royal Arch, during her upward trip to St. Paul last week.

In Richmond, Virginia, there is a Baptist church for colored people, which numbers some 2,700 communicants. It is thought to be the first Christian church, in point of numbers, in the United States, and perhaps in the world, with possibly an exception or two among the native churches in India and the Sandwich Islands.

A sea monster was raught near Punta Rossa, on the Florida coast, not many days ago, which had a mouth three and a half feet long, and wide enough to swallow a canoe. The space between its eyes measured four feet, four inches, its length of body ninety feet, and weighing three thousand

THERE are about 2,500,000 children in pal Church. In the Baltimore Conference about 44,000 children are every Sabbath instructed in this portion of the church.

THE Fisheries, on the Potomac river, have been very productive, recently, and extraordinary hauls are made. At Alexandria, shad are selling at from \$7 to \$7 50 a hun-Mr. N. P. Walker, of the Cedar Springs dred, and herring at \$5 25 a thousand. The

> THE board of managers of the Western Virginia Agricultural Society have awarded premium to Daniel Steenrod, of Ohio ounty, for the "best three acres of corn."
> Mr. S. was the only competitor. His land produced 104 bushels to the acre. unty, for the "best three acres of corn."

> Our Dan says whenever he wants a hot bath and hasn't the change to pay for it, he has only to tell his girl that he has about made up his mind to select another sweetheart-he is in hot water directly. "Sambo, if de devil was to lose him tail.

> whar would he go to get anoder one!" "Why, to de Grocery, ob course-dat's de only place what I knows on whar dey re-CLERICAL IMPOSTORS .- The North Caro-

lina Christian Advocate warns the public against three clerical impostors respectively named A. Armstrong, Charles Wesley Scott, and Dr. Mann. HALV A THOUSAND BABIES .- A train of

cars recently passed through Michigan containing 053 paying passengers, and 525 babies, all bound to Chicago and the west.

WITHDRAWALS.—Twenty-nine members

of a Know Nothing Lodge in Henrico county, Virginia, have published a card announcing their withdrawal from the order.

Hon. Walter T. Colquiti, a distinguished citizen of Georgia, died in Macon, on the 7th instant.

The Planters' Bank of Fairfield has declared a dividend of eight per cent, for the