

Temperance Convention. The National Division of the Sons of Temperance met in Charleston on the 6th instant.

The Most Worthy Patriarch Tilly is a native of New Brunswick. He is now the Provincial Secretary appointed by the Queen.

Past Most Worthy Patriarch Carey is of Ohio, the great Buck-eye State of the West. He began his career as a lecturer in the Washingtonian Reform.

Col. Buckley is a noble son of old Kentucky, "the dark and bloody ground." He is worthy to be an admirer of the "great Harry of the West."

John Long of Virginia, lives at Lynchburgh, and is therefore one of her noble mountain men. In person he is a good deal like Colonel John S. Preston.

The Rev. Dr. Deems, of North Carolina, is as clear, logical, and at the same time humorous and eloquent a speaker as can be found.

The Rev. Mr. McFerrin, of Tennessee, is, as well as Dr. Deems, a Methodist preacher. He is a captivating speaker.

The Rev. Mr. Ryerson, of Canada West, many of your readers will hear before this sees the light. He is an extraordinary man.

Temperance and Pribition have by this meeting of the Sons of Temperance been vindicated, and placed on a foundation in South Carolina which never can be shaken.

The hospitality, kindness, and watchful care for the comfort of strangers of South Carolina has been fully vindicated.

Be cautious in selecting a friend, and slow to forsake him.

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FRIDAY, ----- JUNE 15, 1855.

Religious Services. THE BANNER announces that Rev. Bishop DAVIS will preach in the Episcopal church of this village on Saturday and Sunday next.

Greenwood High Schools. WE learn from the Telescope that Rev. H. T. SLOAN has been appointed to deliver the Anniversary Oration before the Greenwood High Schools at the ensuing Commencement.

Influence of Government. WE are indebted to Hon. F. W. PICKENS for a beautifully printed copy of his very able oration on "the influence of government upon the nature and destiny of man," which was delivered before the Literary Societies of South Carolina College at the last Commencement.

The Court of Equity. HIS Honor Chancellor JOHNSTON is hearing cases in this Court here this week. We have not had leisure to witness the proceedings, but understand several important cases have been and are to be before the Court—important, however, more to those immediately interested than to the public generally.

Cedar Spring Asylum. BY a circular from the Principal of the Cedar Spring School we learn that preparations have been made for the education of the blind, as well as of deaf mutes, in that school.

Advertisements. Stock breeders will find something to interest and perhaps benefit them in the card of our friend Mr. HAWTHORN, to which we ask their attention.

The Stockholders of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company are advertised that the annual meeting is to be held at this place on the 11th of July, and that they will be passed over their road to and from it free.

Our friend E. J. TAYLOR has also some new notices in this issue to which he would be pleased to have the public eye directed, and we insist that it shall be.

In brief, if you have or feel an interest in railroad or live stock, in necessities, comforts, conveniences or luxuries of life, in matters of law and equity, or anything, it is well to pay particular attention to the advertising columns of your newspaper.

King's Mountain Celebration. THE citizens of York District are actively preparing to celebrate the 4th of October next as the anniversary of the battle of King's Mountain.

These gentlemen were all heard and admired in Charleston. They and their companions from the East, North and West have carried home with them delightful reminiscence of the South.

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We rejoice to see this. The brave heroes of King's Mountain should never be forgotten, and it is inspiring to living bravery and patriotism to assemble for the purpose of perpetuating their memory.

Grand Conclave. THE Know Nothings met in National Council on the 9th instant, in Philadelphia. Mr. BARTLETT, of Kentucky, was elected President.

It is said a platform is to be erected this time, and after a while a Presidential candidate is to be mounted upon it. It will certainly be an ingenious piece of mechanism if it squares to all the various gauges which Whigs and Democrats, Abolitionists and Southern men will put to it.

We may probably hear more of this grand *poë wou* before our next issue.

Railroad Meeting at Ashville, N. C. WE acknowledge the reception of an invitation to attend a railroad meeting to be held at Ashville, N. C., on the 11th of July next.

"ASHVILLE, June 1, 1855.—Dear Sir: We have the pleasure to inform you that a Convention of the friends of the Charleston, Cumberland Gap and Cincinnati Railroad, will be held at this place on Wednesday the 11th day of July next.

The Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company ought to be, we think, represented in the proposed convention, but as it falls on the same day of the Stockholders' annual meeting, many who would probably otherwise attend will thereby be prevented.

Dimensions of Heaven. SOME one, who we suppose is anxious to procure a room, undertakes to determine the size of Heaven, and the following are his conclusions.

"And he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth, and the height of it are equal."—Rev. 21: 16.

Twelve thousand furlongs, 7,920,000 feet, which being cubed, is 196,793,088,000,000,000 cubic feet. Half this we will reserve for the Throne of God and the Court of Heaven, and half the balance for streets, leaving a remainder of 124,198,272,000,000,000,000 cubic feet.

We will now suppose the world always did and always will contain 900,000,000 inhabitants, and that a generation lasts 33 1-2 years, making 1,700,000,000 every century, and that the world will stand 100,000 years, making in all 270,000,000,000 inhabitants.

The New York Day Book, which, by the way, is one of the best defenders of the Constitution and Southern rights north of Mason & Dixon's line, in speaking of Mayor Wood, of New York, very truly remarks:—

It appears to us that public men will hereafter adopt an entirely new course in the discharge of their official duties. Mr. Wood has settled the question as to what is the road to public favor.

Instructions to Commodore McCauley. THE Washington Union of Tuesday morning publishes the instructions given to Commodore McCauley upon putting him in command of the Gulf Squadron.

The President instructs me to say to you that if any officer in command of a ship-of-war be present when an outrage of the character heretofore mentioned is perpetrated on a vessel bearing our flag, he will promptly interpose, relieve the interested American ship, prevent the exercise of the assumed right of visitation or search, and repel the interference by force.

The conduct of the authorities of Cuba in overhauling and searching our vessels cannot rest on the ground of territorial jurisdiction, and this government denies the existence of any state of facts to warrant the exercise of belligerent rights.

Accompanying this despatch you will receive a copy of the recent letter of Mr. Marcy, Secretary of State, to Mr. Cuetio, the Spanish Minister at Washington, to which your attention is specially invited, as setting forth with distinctness and force the views entertained by the President on this subject.

Political. THE Democratic State Convention of Georgia met in Milledgeville on Tuesday last, according to announcement, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor to be supported at the next election.

The Columbia Carolinian, of Thursday, says: "A considerable amount of property was disposed of yesterday, at full prices. Mr. A. R. Phillips sold the following: 100 shares Commercial Bank stock at 28 1-4, (par \$25) 100 shares same stock at \$28 1-16; 10 shares Greenville Railroad stock, without assessment, at \$9, and 32 shares, with assessment, at \$12 per share."

"He also sold the following negroes: boy, 18 years old, \$825; woman, 40 years old, \$545; one woman, age 35, and two children, 3 and 5 years old, at \$930; a woman age 25, and boy 8, for \$1,080; woman, 24 years, \$685; woman, age 20, and infant, \$1,020; man, 45 years old, \$530; and a girl, 19 years, at \$775."

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Death of Mr. Willis, Barnwell District, South Carolina. THE Cincinnati Gazette has some further particulars relative to Mr. Willis, of Barnwell District, whose death we noticed in our last. It says:—

"Over a year since, Mr. Elijah Willis, of Williston, Barnwell District, S. C., came to this city and executed in the office of Joffe & Gitchell, a will, bequeathing to his wife and heirs, assignees, all his property, real and personal, to the value of \$15,000, consisting of two plantations well stocked, and from forty to fifty negroes. His wife, Mary Ann Turner, and children, six in number, are mulattoes, and were held by Willis as slaves. Mr. Willis agreed with A. H. Ernst, Edward Harwood, and John Joffe, whom he made his executors, that they should be maumitted, and that the executors might dispose of the remainder of his slaves at his death as they deemed best.—Mr. Willis returned to his plantation.

"On Tuesday morning he arrived from the South on the Jacob Strader, with his wife, her mother, and six children. After securing a hack to convey the family up to the Dumas House, Mr. Willis with a daughter held by each hand, approached the carriage, and was in the net of stepping in, when he was seized with a palpitation of the heart, to which he was subject, and falling backward, expired in about five minutes. Mr. Willis was about sixty years of age, a very respectable old gentleman, and has been married to Mary Ann about thirteen years, and always manifested towards her and the children a warm affection.

"He left home about four weeks ago to come to this State, free his family from slavery and provide with comfortable houses on free soil. Having done this, it was his intention to return to South Carolina, settle up his affairs, and live the remainder of his life free from all care and anxiety. If the will is sustained, it is supposed each of the slaves will obtain \$25,000 or \$30,000."

METHODIST FEMALE COLLEGE.—At a late meeting of the Trustees of the Spartanburg Methodist Female College it was resolved that the Institution go into operation on the 4th Wednesday in August next. The President has not yet been elected but will be in time to enter upon his duties by the 1st of January next.

MAMMOTH STRAWBERRIES.—The cabbage of California are famous for their size; they have had their day in items. The Sacramento Union is now giving California strawberries a turn.

"The largest specimen of the man presented is of the shape of a fig leaf, and measures exactly six and a half inches in circumference latitudinally. This is by far the most enormous strawberry we have ever seen or even heard of, and we challenge the world to produce its equal. Only think of a single strawberry measuring over half a foot in circumference! Other specimens in the basket, of pine apple shape, measure from three to five inches in circumference, and ten of the largest weigh one quarter of a pound! These huge samples of our most luscious fruit were raised in the famous garden of A. P. Smith, on the American river, three miles above Sacramento."

ABSTRACTION OF MIND.—Abstraction of the mind and employment in one pursuit sometimes give rise to odd occurrences. Of Dr. Robert Hamilton, the author of a celebrated "Essay on the National Debt," it is said that he pulled off his hat to his own wife, in the street, and apologized for not having the pleasure of her acquaintance, that he went to his classes in the college in the dark morning with one of her white stockings on one leg, one of his own black ones on the other; that he often spent the whole time of the meeting in moving from the table the hats of the students, which they as constantly returned. He would run against a cow in the road, turn round, beg her pardon, and hope she was not hurt. At other times he would run against posts, and chide them for not getting out of his way.

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A Hail Storm. WE find the following description of a remarkable hail storm in the Southern Christian Advocate:—

"Mr. Editor: I send you an account of a severe hail storm that passed through our neighborhood about two o'clock on May 27th. The storm lasted for fifteen minutes as thick as ever rain fell. Some of the hail stones were as large as my hat! The most of them were the size of fowls' eggs. My whole place was as white as I ever saw one after a snow storm. The level ground was covered six inches thick, and on one side of the palings, and in the corners of the fence the hail was over a foot deep. It beat holes through the shingles of the house. I thought it was the last day for every thing that was out of doors. As soon as it stopped I hastened to my pasture, expecting to find every living thing I had in the world dead: but to my astonishment I only found one calf and six hogs killed. One had its skull broken."

"We have lost all the poultry that was out, and a dog was killed;—squirrels were knocked dead out of the tree-tops; and dead birds can be found all over the fields. My whole crop is beat to pieces; the very bark of the trees were knocked off in patches the size of a dollar. The whole forest is trimmed wherever the hail struck."

"My neighbors north and south of me fared as badly as myself; but those east and west did not fare quite so bad. Such a storm, I think, was never seen before. Some of your readers may think this a tough tale; but it is out of the power of pen, ink and paper to paint the storm half as bad as it really was; nothing but experience of it can convey the true idea. I am compelled to plant my corn over; my oats are lost and rice may come."

This storm happened in the vicinity of Purysburg, lower part of St. Peter's Parish, S. C. JOHN P. RAYMOND.

NATIONAL DIVISION.—We present in another column, a condensed report of speeches delivered at the Carolina Hall, by members of the National Division of the Sons of Temperance. It was an unusually splendid affair, and from evidences exhibited during the progress of the discussion, we are induced to believe that considerable impression was produced in favor of a prohibitory liquor law.—Charleston Standard.

FROST.—The weather, from Friday to Wednesday last, was unusually cool for the season.—At several places in the District frost was seen on Monday morning last—no damage has resulted to vegetation therefrom. We are now blessed with an abundance of rain and fine growing weather, which, with the wheat prospect ahead, is affecting sensibly the price of corn. Pickens Courier.

At a recent meeting of the Directors of the Bank of Hamburg, Dr. J. W. Stokes was elected President of that institution, in place of Hiram Hutchinson resigned.

The Legislature of Connecticut has passed the bill amending the Constitution so as to allow negroes to vote. The bill goes to the people for ratification.

Five hundred and fifty Mormons lately passed Louisville, Ky., for Salt Lake.

GOOD MEDICINES. Long-continued and systematic puffing will succeed in bringing any worthless nostrum before the public—but, lacking merit, it cannot long retain the position it for a while assumed. We desire merely to make STABLE'S ANODYNE CHERRY EXPECTORANT known to the public, feeling confident that so good a medicine which has been endorsed by some of the brightest ornaments of the medical faculty, will realize its own popularity, and one which will be as lasting as the good effects its use is constantly producing. This excellent medicine is very efficient in Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, and other diseases of the lungs and throat. It has been productive of beneficial results in a great number of cases, in different parts of the country; and physicians of the highest standing are in habits of using that and STABLE'S DIARRHŒA CORRECTANT in their practice.

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; HAVILAND, HARRAL & CO., Charleston. Wholesale agents, C. And by Merchants generally.

DIED.

At the residence of his son-in-law, Samu. Lockridge, in this District, on Wednesday evening, the 23d ult., after a painful illness of three weeks, CHRISTIAN BARNES, in the 95th year of his age. The deceased was born in Germany, in the year 1760. When about 18 years old he removed to Charleston, S. C. where he remained for 21 years. During that time he was married to Rosannah Stewart from thence to Abbeville District, where he spent the remainder of his days. Mr. Barnes has left a family and many grand children, all friends to mourn their loss. They, however, should not mourn as those without hope; they have the consoling assurance, founded on the well ordered life of our friend, that the irreparable loss is his eternal gain. He was not a member of the Church militant, yet his declarations, and the all-saving power of our Heavenly Father, we humbly trust, pure spirit will have eternal life in the Church triumphant.

"Farewell dear friend, farewell, Thy trials all are over." "When the dreams of life are fled, When its wasted lamps are dead, When in cold oblivion's shade, Beauty, fame, and wealth are laid, Where immortal spirits reign, There may we all meet again." By a dear friend, T. M. H. Charleston Mercury please copy.

CONSIGNERS. The following persons have freight in the Depot at Abbeville:— T. C. Perrin, E. M. Perrin, T. A. Hoyt, Chambers & Marshall, J. A. Stone, W. Wilson, Dr. I. Branch, H. S. Kerr, R. H. Wardlaw & Son, Puckett & Whison, E. Nelson, Wm. Hughes, J. S. Cottrhan, M. Crawford, J. A. Hunter, J. F. Marshall, J. Cunningham, J. C. M. G. T. Haskell, O. Montgomery, Dr. J. J. Wardlaw, J. H. Marshall, Mrs. A. Mance. D. H. BONDLEY, Agt.