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From the True Carolinian. Savannah Valley Railroad.

AUGUSTA, March 4, 1856. Dear Sir : My attention has been called to your editorial in the "True Carolinian," of the 28th February, ult., headed "Savan-nah Valley Railroad." It seems from your remarks that my intentions, in the matter of the upper terminus of the Savannah Valley Railroad, are suspicioned by the stockholders of Anderson. From whence these suspeions come I am not advised, and if they found me there, would murder Nor is it a matter of moment to me, as to whence they may have originated. They are iwthout just foundation ; and I am surprised that our stockholders of Anderson should have suffered themselves to be influ-enced to withdraw from such slight ru-mors. So far from having any intention of be accommodated, it shall not be my fault. put me on a sled and drove me some four

THE INDEPENDENT PRESS PUBLICHED WEEKLY, AT ADBEVILLE, S. C., Sufficiently great to tire the patience of any one. In this all my pains of labor, all my patience, and all my faith has been taxed to the fullest extent. Whilst, however, grappling with these difficulties, incident to the work I have undertaken, and at the very time, too, when I need all the encouragement and co-operation of our friends to sustain me, to be met with suspicions of my motives-to be embarrassed by opposition from those having a common interest in our enterprise—and to be compelled to listen to the oft-repeated complaints of those whose gin-houses, &c., do not happen to be touched by the Road-is almost the last grain of sand that breaks the camel's back. Yours, respectfully, JOHN A. CALHOUN.

Rather Tough.

The following story was told in Sandusky, Ohio, and appears in the Massillon News, which says :

A party of young men in that ancient city amuse their leisure moments at the hotels in drawing a long-bow, or telling wonderful yarns to each other for the benefit of those apparently verdant, who may happen to come in from other parts. They tried the effort of a few extraordinary wolf stories upon a venerable and sedate customer not long since who had come to spend the night at the best hotel, and he listened to

them with much apparent surprise and interest until their stock appeared to have run out and the conversation flagged, when he remarked that he had been much interested in the news they had given him, relative to the primeval inhabitants of the country; but regarded an event in his early life as more peculiar than any they had

named. Said he: "When a young man, I was travelling in Western New York, and late of a stormy night applied at a log cabin for lodging.-The occupant, a woman, refused it, saying that her husband and sons were out hunting me. I preferred the chance to the storm, and she consented that I might lie down before the fire. In the night I heard them

giving Anderson the go by in the upper a wolf trap. A scream of pain brought full turn out of its friends. terminus of our Road, I have never con- the man and the boys out, and they declar- The election or non-electi templated anything else than to build the ed I deserved a more severe punishment Road, as our charter contemplates, from than death, so they kept me both in the trap Augusta to Anderson, as near as possible, just as it has been located. If Anderson beading me up in a hogshead, with no air or any other point on the Road, shall not or light but through the bung hole, they be accommodated, it shall not be my fault. The folly of Anderson, as you justly ob-serve, may drive the Road from her. But even this shall not be done, if I can pre-vent it, until this folly has become a *fi.ed fact.* No mere vague rumor of their un-friendly feelings towards me, or of their in-tention not to do their duty, in sustaining our common enterprise, will influence me to entertain the idea of cutting Anderson off, and substituting another upper terminus of our Poad. You may be assured of another and substituting another upper terminus of the won, of course, and he started down the in dishonor. If we tail, rather than our Poad. You may be assured of another from the won, of course, and he started down the in dishonor. If we tail, rather than hill, followed by hogshead and me. It was a very uneasy ride, over the stones and stumps; but I had no idea how long it was default on its part, I should not leave the until the hogshead striking a stone fairly,

road.

Good night ! Every labor now is through, E'en the day bows silent down, Quiet reigns throughout the town, Till the morrow breaks anew. Good night I Go to rest ! Closed our weary cyclids all, Still isfall within, without, Watchmen only are about; Darkness settles like a pall'; Go to rest ! Slumber sweet! Dream ye earth of Paradise ! Those who've felt love's sorest wound,

Good Night.

May Elysian scenes surround, Fair as loved ones to their eyes; Slumber sweet ! Good utght 1

Slumber till the dawn appears! Slumber till the new born morrow Comes again your cares to borrow; God is watching ; cease your fears l

Gool night ! [From the Laurensville Herald.] Letter from Hon. P. S. Brooks. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,) March 4th, 1856.

My DEAR SIR: I regret to see in the Herald that you failed in the Convention movement in Laurens. I must believe that it was because the people were uninformed of the real issue, and because the opposition had their forces trained for the occa

It seems to me that these two propositions ought to convince and control any man : 1st. That a convention of Democrats will assemble at Cincinnati; 2d. That South Indians; a company of nine men have left Carolina will vote for the nominee of that Manatee in search of them." Convention.

These propositions no sane man will leny, and if they are truthful, it strikes me as a suggestion of common sense that we (who are to take the nomince at all events) should be present and contribute our influence to the selection of the candidate most acceptable to us.

I hope the friends of the Convention will a meeting of the friends of the Convention, the Peninsula: and urge in the call the importance of a

The election or non-election of a Democratic Constitutional President, is to settle the question of Union or Disunion. I believe that the principles of non-intervention, popular sovereignty, (by which is meant the ight of a people to determine in their organic law when they make their State

coin in circulation there was \$185,109,605,

showing actually a greater amount of coin

The lawyers, by setting up a plea

Later from Florida-More Indian Out-Catching a Mail Robber. rages WE take the following thrilling narrative

The steame Florida arived at Key West on the 7th, from New Orleans via Florida from a late work entitled "Ten Years Among the Mail Bags," by J. HOLBROOK, a Special ports, brings the following intelligence, which we take from the Key of the Gulf : "Col. H. V. Snell's house, at Sara Sota book may be had at DUFFIE's book-store,

was attacked by Indians on the 3d inst. Newberry C. H., for \$1 25, and the reader One of the Indians came on ahead and secing the black man on the outside, asked who desires a rich repast will do well to him if his name was Simon ; he told him order a copy .- EDS. PRESS. it was; the Indian recognizing the body as an old acquaintance, with whom he had often drank liquor, told him to go or the other Indians would kill him. They then ing announcements of the loss, by mail, of the truth of the home when M. Come reliable latters from Southern Virginia and

rushed into the house where Mr. Owen valuable letters from Southern Virginia, and Cunningham was in the act of kindling Eastern and Northern North Carolina, di-to the point, then, I wish you to open your a fire to cook dinner, and killed him and set rected to Richmond and other commercial inmost thoughts, and tell me if you regard the house on fire. Col. Snell was coming cities farther North. from the field with his horse and cart, when These cases, as they reached the depart-

he saw the house on fire, and thinking it ment, were duly prepared and submitted to might be Indians, he hid the horse and cart the Special Agent for investigation. Search in the palmettos, and crawled through the and inquiry were promptly instituted. But bushes near enough to satisfy himself that for a time the utmost vigilance failed to obthe fire was no accident, and then left and tain any clue to the supposed embezzlements came into Manatce, distant eleven miles, The cases of loss continued to multiply where he found Simon. The Indians took a and at length the Agent's attention was gnn, a pair of blankets, and rifled the crib particularly drawn to the Distributing Postof the corn. The settlers around have all Office at P. some ir. to Manatee, and on the night of

A circle of numerous facts pointed unthe murder and fire, took refuge on board mistakeably to this spot as their centre and the schr. S. F. Bradford. The light house focus. It was here that the lines of circumkeeper and assistants at Egmont Key be-came alarmed and left; there were no lights of therefore became an object of special intershown from the light house on the night of the 4th inst., but they were returning to the therefore, became an object of special interest in the eyes of the Agent. Key when the Florida passed out.

However, investigations in this direction "There are now five men missing from proved at first no more successful than else-Sara Sota, they having been absent five days where. The high integrity of character for which the post master was distinguish-ed, and the excellent reputation of his clerks, stood like a wall of adamant in the without being heard from. Fears are entertained that they have been killed by the

way of all evidence and all suspicion. The agent seemed destined to be baffled at every point. Yet a stern truth stared him in the face, and fixed its immoveable finger over the Distributing office. Every missing letter, although reaching P. by various routes, had been mailed at points South of it for points North of it. Here they must all concentrate, and lipro sul-

in P. and the vicinity, quietly pursuing his investigations. No person knew the secret of his business. He became acquainted with the post master and his two clerks, studied their characters, and their social ircumstances.

The first was a man of position and competence, whose honor no breath of calumny had ever dimmed, and who could not possibly have any motive for periling the peace and prosperity of his family by a dishonest Neither did the unflawed respectability of the clerks betray any chink or revice in which to harbor a doubt. The elder of these, and the superior in

office, was a young man of education and refinement. We will call his name Carleton. His face was frank, his eye steady and clear, his manners always self-possessed and easy The Agent liked and admired him from the first. He learned too that he

by the savages. Our statement is derived from an extra of the Ocala Companion dated March 12th. The editor's informant was was a favorite with all who knew himWHOLE NUMBER 15 1.

"Have you mentioned the subject to Mr. B. ?" he asked. "Not yet; he is the nominal post mas-ter, it is true, but you have a far more intimate knowledge of the details of the office Agent of the Post Office Department. The than he has. I have another reason for not speaking with him. I dislike to disturb his confidence until the establishment of strong proof renders it my duty to do so."

"You can speak to me with perfect plain-

inmost thoughts, and tell me if you regard it as possible that your follow-clerk can be guilty of these depredations upon the mails." "You shock me," said Carleton, not without emotion.

"Speak freely," continued the Agent. "Why, I could almost as soon think of suspecting Mr. B. bimself," exclaimed the other. "I believe Howard to be perfectly honest."

"Certainly, I know nothing to the contrary; and sincerely hope your judgment is well founded. But," continued the Agent, "our public duty should not be altogether biased by private opinion. You will not, therefore, fail to unite with me in tracing the embezzlements to their true source, no matter at whose door the blame may be laid."

"I will do all in my power," said Carle-ton. "Although I would be almost willing to pledge my own reputation that the loss have occurred outside of the office, I will use every exertion to discover any dereliction from duty that may come within my

The Agent expressed his thanks for the clerk's ready promise of cooperation, and took his leave

Meanwhile he did not neglect other measures that he had adopted for tracing the robberics. By a singular coincidence, within an hour after this conversation with Carleton, he was able to seize a certain clus On his return to the hotel, the landlord

thus addressed him : "You asked me if I could give you any more large bills, in exchange for small-ones. note, which, if you are sending money by mail, will be very convenient.

"Thank you," replied the Agent : "it will be a great accommodation."

The landlord passed the bank note over the counter. One can imagine the Agent's 4 secret triumph on discovering, at last, one of the very bills he was in search of, one that had been lost in a letter passing that post-office only a week before ; and of which e had an accurate description from the Department.

Having made the purchase, he held the bank-note up to the light.

"I suppose you will warrant this paper to be genuine ?" he suggested. "Of course you know from whom you had it?

More Murders in Florida. By the steamer Gordon, Capt. Barden, we have received Savannah papers of yes-

terday. From the Daily Journal we copy the following: LATEST INDIAN NEWS .- Thrilling Re-port -- Fight Persons killed -- Houses

have the following painful intelligence from Several days were passed by the Agent News had just arrived at Capt. Ken-drick's post, of an attack by the Indians,

others.

Let Anderson and the other portions of our Road do their whole duty in this mat-ter, and notwithstanding the gloom and embarrassment through which we have passed, and may still have to pass, I have an abiding faith that our Road will be built, just as it has been located from Augusta to Anderson. But to do this, our people must lay aside their petty contests about local interests, and their ready evidence of whispered suspicions against the good faith of those who manage the affairs of the Road. A generous confidence must be extended to those who labor for them. In lieu of these suspicions, and small squabbles about local interests, let the absorbing policy of our people be, Who there was no evidence of excitement until can do the most for our common cause? the act was consummated. Sparks was a You may be well assured, that to build our Boad, all our united efforts will be required. If each man will do his duty in this work, the will have no time to listen to tille ru-more, and to growl about local petty inter-tests. Augusta will not build the whole Boad, and to insure the building of such a road as will not sink our slock to 50 or 25. per cent, and that we may be able to point to it as a monument of our liberal and en-Fightened wisdom, we must be prepared to raise not learthan \$750,000, in addition to stigt made by the city of Augusta. With auch an amount of stock raised, in cash the vicinity rushed to the spot; and found

that our soors: Athention as Provident of the Savan-Hey Bailcond has been one of great manness and nortification. shiftcatten in carrying through a which is serrounded with so many ichied citizensiances, bie been any ichied pattion of my troubles any flammet south them to have been

matter as a point of conjecture, but in a the staves, worn by long travel, were broken point I wish to impress upon you is, that plain and straight-forward manner, would in, and I jumped out to find myself away we have now an opportunity of making this in, and I jumped out to find myself away we have now an opportunity of making this liams, on the Withlacooche, on Sunday deal with it as honesty and good faith de-mands. The money of no portion of the ty, some thirty miles from the scene of the stitutional Government, and I feel it a high country not interested in the Road should disaster. Good night, gentlemen—I did duty to contribute all our influence in this not express any doubt of the truth of your noble struggle; and should we fail, that we to build a Road for the accommodation of stories, and I hope you will not of mine." It is currently reported that the "sell" sciousness of having done all that patriots club of Sandusky has not had a full meet-

could to avoid an issue, which, as patriots, ing since that occurred. we may have to make. I am very truly yours, P. S. BROOKS.

Homicide on the South Carolina Rail-

To W. R. FARLEY, Esq.

We learn from a passenger who arrived in the city yesterday morning, that a man by the name of Thomas Sparks, was shot A LUCKY FELLOW .- An old saying runs by the name of Thomas Sparks, was shot something after the idea, that it is better to at Landon's road, on the South Carolina be born lucky than rich. This is brought Railroad, the evening before, and died in a forcibly to our mind by the good fortune of few minutes. The shot took effect upon Col. Fremont. It is said that the final dethe side of the head, and as the muzzle of cision of the Supreme Court of the United the gun was but a few feet off, the wound States, confirming to the gallant Colonel was frightful. The deed was perpetrated about seventy, miles square of the best gold by one Myer Bell. The parties had been diggings in California, makes him, beyond disputing for some time about a dog, but all comparison, the richest man in the world ! Besides the gold, there are embraced within the limits of the grant sevnative of North Carolina, but for some eral large towns and thriving villages. time had been engaged in cutting wood at Col. has the patent in his pocket. Ladson's Turn Out, and was married to claim was purchased of the Mexican Govthe sister of Bell. Bell, or one of his broernor of California in 1845 for \$3,000, and thers, had a trial in the Court of Common is now worth probably \$300,000,000. Pleas to determine his status, and we believe, the result was against him, but subse BANES .- There are said to be 1,300 quent proceedings were had to the same end; with the results of which we are not banks in the United States, which in last January circulated \$117,157,412, while of asquainted, and we are in doubt, therefore,

than bank notes to be used in the business of the country. The whole amount of moand work, we will have a road that will by dividenda so soon as it is completed, and one that we need not be salamed to point to as our sork. My strategies a Participation of the Source at the time the method of the last ten years. of the law were preparing to hold an in-egged, at the time the morning train passed. The verdict has not yet come to hand, but is will doubties be in accordinged with the above facts. Bell had not been arrested. *Charleston Standard*. sanity, saved Fyler, who murdered his wi lows; and when they sue him \$4,000 which be agreed to pay t maints, and pleads inharity. Fyler

MEN may blush to hear what the

Col. Paine, who had just arrived from the South with the intelligence "that while he was stopping at the house of Lieut. Wilevening last, the gentleman, in company with another, returned from the post a Capt. Kendrick's, bringing the report We are told that the Indians who per-

on the settlers on the Alafia, about thirty

Four men, one woman and three children

vere killed and scalped, their houses were

burnt, and all the outrages and barbarities

hat savages could invent were committed.

The Journal makes the subjoined remarks

INDIAN DIFFICULTIES .- The reader i

eferred to the above announcement of an-

other Indian outrage. It consists of the

nurder of four men, one woman and three

hildren, at a settlement on the Alafia about

hirty miles east of Tampa. The usual

Indian barbarities, such as scalping the slain

and burning their houses were perpetrated

miles east of Tampa.

on the above news :

petrated these butcheries are supposed to be the party who attacked Col. Snell's house near Manatee, and Murdered Mr. Owen Cunningham, as already published in this paper. It would seem, says the Companion, that most of the men from Alafia settlement had goue to the protection of their more exposed neighbors, believing their own families comparatively safe.

The Edgefield Informer learns that a live South Carolinian-a native-and the son of a large slave owner in Chester District, of this State, is employed at Lawrence city, Kansas, editing an abolition newspaper. It is said the man's name is Miller, and that he graduated at Princeton or some other est disposition. If such was the case, how-Northern College.

IF any one speak evil of you, flee home to your own conscience, and examine your heart ; if you be guilty, it is a just correcmake a secret friend.

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FROM JAVAN .- The schooner Page which ad arrived at San Francisco from Japan reports the destruction of the city of Jeddo an earthquake, on the 11th of November

One hundred thousand houses were destroy. ed, and thirty thousand lives lost: Is any one can convince me that I am

wroug in any point of sentiment or prac-tice, I will alter it with all my heart; for it is truth I seek, and that can hurt nobody It is only persisting in error or ignorance that can burt us.

hat can sure out. Let us carefully cherries those good qual-tics wherein our chemics excel us, and on-blad brought him to P-blad brought him to P-surpressed some surprise, but the services of the Department settly, and imitating what is excellent in settly, and imitating what is excellent in

that his connections were among the first families in the State; and that by histalents and high-toned generous impulses, he had so far nobly sustained the lustre of his family name.

Another circumstance was greatly in Carleton's favor. Although descended from

the "aristocracy," the fortunes of his family had run somewhat low in the latter generations; and now, his father being dead, he devoted himself zealously to the mainten-

ance of his aged mother, and the education and support of his only sister. lord.

The junior clerk was a youth of minor pretensions. He was uniformly retiring in is manners. Although by no means a person of forbidding aspect, there was something measured and guarded in his move-

ments, far less propossessing than the free and chivalrous bearing of Carleton. This it was the result of a secretive and dishon- have seen, for a "capital fellow." ever, that same discretion had effectually

succeeded in covering the poverty of his moral character from public scrutiny. Foiled at every point where he attempted to hang the sad burden of criminal facts, ition; if not guilty, it is a fair instruction; the Agent resolved upon striking a bold make use of both; so shall you distill hon- and hazardous blow. He sought a private and bazardous blow, He sought a private

> on very delicate and peculiar business ?" "I had not thought of such a thing," replied Carleton.

> "Well, sir, 1 will tell you. I am convinced that you are the very man to assist me. If you will, you may do me and the Post Office Department a signal service." "I do not understand you.

> "No, but you will. First, however, give ma your pledge that what I have to divulge shall be hold in strictest confidence and honor by you." "Certainly," said Carleton, "if you wish

"To be sure ! I took it of one of my boarders this morning, Captain Wilkins? " "I have no doubt the bill is good," said the Agent, putting it in his pocket. "You are sure you had it of the Captain ?" "O, yes! itwas an hour ago he gave it to"

me.

"By the way, who is this Captain Wil-kins? He's a very gentlemanly appearing fellow."

"O, he's a capital fellow ! " said the land-

"What's his business ? "

"He keeps a faro bank."

To a Northern reader, the two clauses of this statement may seem inconsistent with each other. But allowance must be made for the freedom of Southern manners and society. To bet at a faro bank is considered no serious stain upon the honor and reapparent prudence might arise from various spectability of gentlemen in Southern cities causes. The Agent could not believe that The keeper of a faro bank may pass, as we The keeper of a faro bank may pass, as we have seen for a "capital fellow." But the Agent felt pained to know from what source the landlord had obtained the bill. Already a dark picture of temptation and crime

arose before his eyes. It is a significant, too often a tragical word-the Faro Bank to Captain Wilkins had gone to ride, The Agent pretended to transact a little business. mailed two or three letters, and read the newspapers until his return. The ratiling of a light-wheeled buggy before the botel steps announced the expected arrival. Captain Wilkins — a soberly dressed and polite individual, whom one might have tapoint individual, whom one might have ta-ken for a clergyman—stepped out, of the vehicle, accompanied by a friend, pulled of his driving gloves as i.e. entered, the bases, and lighted a fresh cigar at the bas. The Agent took an early occasion, to an

early occa cost him.

"As the full is