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Our Delegation Deserved Respectful Consideration.

As a judge, in giving judgment against a lawyer, often pays respect and compliment to the ability with which his case had been managed, thus paving the way for his defeat, so the National Democratic Convention should have been considerate of the people whose wishes they were going to ignore. But the Convention did nothing of the kind. Our delegation received no further notice than the rules of the party required, and when somebody proposed to tack on to the National platform a faint recognition of the existence of the Alliance, it was voted down promptly and emphatically. The Convention did not even seem to recognize our delegation as Alliance Democrats, but regarded them simply as Democrats, ignoring entirely the fact that they belonged to that variety of Democrats known as Alliance-Democrats.

It would have done the National Democratic party no harm to have given our delegation a special recognition in lieu of granting their request to nominate a candidate who might be acceptable to them. But the Convention, without consideration for our delegation, nominated the man they, most of all, objected to, and then made no sort of apology for the act.

If the National Convention were determined to nominate Cleveland, that body should, as palliation for the act, have put in some of the Ocala planks, or else to have said something which would take out the sting. Our delegates could then have come home without any feeling that they had been slighted, ignored or treated without consideration. Our delegation deserved at least to be treated with ordinary civility and common politeness, and as a matter of policy the National Convention did a foolish thing if it attempted to humiliate any delegation in the eyes of the world. The Convention need not have sacrificed its manners in an effort to wound a delegation which was true and faithful, and, who, despite the ill-treatment which they received, will work as zealously for the election of Cleveland as will any delegate in that Convention.

Ignoring Alliance Brethren.

The Republicans were far reaching in their plans to gain votes. They sought to win the Irish vote, and they made an effort to enlist the Jews in their behalf. They declared for temperance, and in many ways showed plainly that they had sent out a drag net to catch votes from every conceivable source, but the Republican Convention seemed oblivious to the fact of the existence of the Alliance and made no recognition of that great organization, the chief objects of which seem to be to tare down one set of men and to elevate another set.

The Democrats in their platform seemed to want the earth, but from some overs'ght they did not recognize a single "demand" of the Alliance—they even seemed oblivious of the fact that South Carolina had sent a delegation to the Convention for the express purpose of making "demands." The platform builders were possibly uninformed as to our strength down in South Carolina, and did not even give our Alliance as much consideration as the Republicans gave to the Russian Jews, or to the citizens of the Emerald Isle.

From the beginning of the world down to the present day, we presume it is not recorded wherein any pretentious political party was ever so thoroughly and completely ignored and so perfectly defeated as have been the National Alliance party.

We make these statements as facts—viewed from our standpoint—and we would comment on the impolitic and unwise course of our National Convention in treating our delegates as they did. Our delegates, though opposed to the nomination of Cleveland, are just as loyal and just as true to the Democratic party as the delegates from any other State. It was well known that they as good Democrats had their hearts set on impressing on the Democratic platform some of the requirements of the Ocala platform.

The "Demand" for Fifth Rate, or "Cheap John" Delegates to be Kept Up.

The Alliance may now be said to be practically out of National politics. Their utter and absolute defeat at Chicago buries that party as a factor in National politics.

As a National party it cannot now hope to accomplish anything, even if they should succeed in sending a dozen or so of fifth rate cranks to the House of Representatives.

We presume, however, that the leaders will be slow to relinquish their power, and will reluctantly acknowledge that the Alliance, as a National organization, is powerless for either good or evil, and for this reason we expect to see this demand kept up for an inferior representation in the councils of the Nation.

The Tillman faction seem anxious to elect a delegation to the State Legislature who will be subservient to his will, and every effort will no doubt be exerted to defeat every candidate for the Legislature who is not in accord with him in his malice and spleen toward the educated citizens of the State.

Carrying out the same idea, the Alliance should strive to elect men who are in sympathy with the public policy of the Presidential nominee.

But it seems that their energies are to be directed toward electing a few fifth rate opponents of the President, to take the place of some of South Carolina's ablest and best Representatives in Congress.

We think the inconsistency in such a course could be seen by any one who is not stone blind.

Town and Country.

The Tillman faction in this State—under the leadership of him who does not want office—have often spoken of the alleged enmity of the town people toward the country people, and the country people in some instances seemed to have regarded such utterances as veritable truths, forgetting that these slanderous shouters are nearly all fifth rate citizens of the towns, in which neither their ability their character, nor their success in life has given them great distinction.

Reduced down to the actual facts, it seems that all this arraying of the country against the towns has no greater or better purpose than that of placing some inferior person into an office for which he is poorly qualified.

Let the intelligent citizen of Abbeville county enquire of himself if he has heard any one appeal to the prejudice of the country against the town. If so, was there not also present some poor little town creature who had failed at everything else and now felt competent to fill a good paying office for the farmers. As a matter of fact, does not all this appeal to the prejudice of the country people against the town people, come from some fifth rate citizen of some little town, who does not enjoy the fullest and best respect of their nearest neighbors?

THE day of small men and small things is passing away, and those gentlemen who have gotten into places for which they were not qualified, may soon be invited to step down and out. If anybody cries "wolf," "wolf," the voter needn't be scared. It is only the howl of those who fear that they may be relegated to their proper places in the ranks.

THERE will be a basket picnic at Calhoun Mills Saturday, July 2, 1892.

Won't Let Them Run Again.

The Tillmanites seem to be badly scared about electing the men to the Legislature who will be subservient to Tillman. They can actually figure it out, so that one thousand antis may elect a majority of the Legislature, even if the Tillmanites should out number them two to one. The fellow with a ring in his nose may see this, and be convinced, and then consent for a town boss to put a string in his ring and name the Legislators for him. It would be an awful thing to get one man in the Legislature who would not be an automaton for Tillman, and it might be better to get rings immediately for the noses of all voters who come to town to ratify a cut and dried ticket, which has been prepared in town. The antis are a bad lot and ought not to be allowed to take any part in the affairs of the government. Only Tillmanites and poor little town shoats ought to have it all their own way.

Marked for Slaughter.

It is rumored that one of our delegates in the House of Representatives will not stand for re-election, and it is also said that the other two members from the country have been marked for slaughter. We have not heard why this action was taken or who assumed to do this great thing. It is only idle talk—a rumor without tangible form or author, which time alone can prove true or false. From this it would seem that the country people are not as much opposed to the town people as has been generally supposed. Under Tillman rule the little town man generally gets the office, or names the man who will get it.

Grand Ratification Meeting.

See the call for a grand rally on Sale Day next of all Democrats of whatever shade of opinion.

The meeting will be one of genuine pleasure to every lover of his country, and it will be especially pleasant for those who may have felt something of estrangement, to meet together with singleness of purpose and harmonious desire for the public welfare.

We can then forget for a moment, at least, the antagonisms and jealousies which may exist and our hearts will be made better and our lives will be sweeter.

The School Bonds.

The School Board have still on hand some of the school bonds which they prefer to dispose of to our own citizens and are now holding them for that reason. They have offers from persons at a distance for the whole issue, but as a matter of policy it is thought best to give our own citizens a chance at them. The investment is for thirty years, and the interest is seven per cent., free of all taxation. Don't you think it would be well for you to take a few of them? The first issue of one-half will be closed out within the next few days—perhaps one week. So apply at once.

The Nomination of Cleveland.

The National Democratic Convention in Chicago last Thursday morning, despite the protests of Tammany, New York, and the Southern Alliance, nominated Grover Cleveland for President. Gen. A. E. Stevenson, of Illinois, was nominated for Vice President.

In the nomination of Cleveland the Democrats selected their best man, and it is hoped that further opposition to him in the South may cease.

The election of a Democratic President is a matter of vital importance to us, and we should work as a unit for the election of Cleveland. There need be no doubt of South Carolina's loyalty to him. He received over two-thirds of the votes of the Convention.

Commendable Patriotism.

The cheerfulness with which the great mass of the people ratify the nomination of Grover Cleveland is gratifying indeed. As far as we have noticed all the Alliance leaders pledge their support to the ticket, save only one, J. William Billy Stokes, editor of the Cotton Plant. He seems to be a kicker from Kickersville, and would raise Old Cain if he could, but happily he can't.

THE farmers being in the majority, are entitled to the offices. Therefore, don't put a town man in office—especially, if he goes with the farmer merely to get votes. If the farmers are going to take a town man, they ought to take the best one they can get, and not a poor shoat.

It is said that zealous Tillmanites are circulating papers for the signature of voters, binding them to vote for particular persons, or for Tillmanites only. We have not seen the papers, but they must be getting pretty badly scared if much methods are resorted to.

AN African came to Abbeville some two or three weeks ago with an immense gutta percha ring in his nose—it was three inches in diameter.

THE cry of town against country should not be an excuse for elevating an incompetent man to office.

We have heard that the new Legislative ticket is, Benet, Robertson, Gary, Hill and Wideman.

ABBEVILLE needs at least one able Representative in the House of Representatives.

HADN'T HEARD THE NEWS.

Far Away From Telegraphs the News Travel Slowly.

When our esteemed and highly respected fellow-citizen and delegate to Chicago Capt. McCalla returned last Saturday evening; the Ridge turned out in force, with stringed instruments, to serenade him.

We are told that they hadn't heard of Cleveland's nomination, but supposed that a regular orthodox Tillmanite had been nominated for President, and were greatly shocked when Mr. McCalla informed them of the action of the Convention. Mr. James M. Baker and Dr. Speer were present and made speeches, but our informant didn't say whether or not they had heard the news of Cleveland's nomination. Captian McCalla treated his guests in splendid style, inviting them to partake a royal feast, which they said was more pallatable than the news from Chicago.

Jordan Jackson.

The above mentioned Georgian, who had been peeking rock on the streets, left us last Wednesday night. Out of kindness to him, and because of the hot weather he was let out of the cell, or close place in which he was confined, and allowed larger liberty. He was, as we understand it, permitted the privileges of the stable and had the option of sleeping with the town mule. He didn't seem to like the situation, and so he left. And everybody is glad of it.

Real Estate Agent.

Mr. Wm. P. Calhoun offers for sale some fine real estate in the town of Abbeville. Mr. Calhoun has been in the real estate business for several years and his success has been most gratifying. He always deals fairly and squarely and his sales have been satisfactory to all. As a real estate agent he is a success.

Wedding Cards.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Sallie Scott and Mr. Thos. W. Coogler, which happy event will take place this evening in the Methodist church. Immediately after the ceremony invited friends will be received at the home of the bride.

THE laying of the corner stone of the school building will take place to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock. The program is a varied and interesting one and the whole town should be present. It will be a notable event in the history of Abbeville.

REV. W. T. MATTHEWS, of Greenwood, was in Abbeville last Sunday and held divine service in the Presbyterian church. The people of Abbeville have great love and respect for Mr. Matthews and a good audience was present to hear him preach the Word.

MISS SALLIE CLINKSCALES will leave Mr. Bell's store to day.

THE band now gives frequent open air concerts.

THE G., C. & N. trains were a little late Monday.

JUNE 30, 1892

ABBEVILLE'S GREATEST DAY

Most Important Event in Her History.

THE CORNER STONE

Of Her Public School Building to be Laid With Imposing Ceremonies.

A PEOPLE'S PRAYERS OF THANKFULNESS---PRAISES IN SONG ASCEND ON HIGH.

Eloquent Speeches Portray the Grandeur and the Glory of our House.

The People Rejoice and the Children's Voices Ring Out in Gladness.

PIC NIC AND JOLLIFICATION FOR ALL.

Abbeville has long sought and desired the advantages and benefits to be derived from a good school building, and for years our name has been more or less of a by-word because of our failure to provide such a structure.

It now seems that the dream of a life-time is to be realized and that our people have reason to rejoice.

Barring untoward events, to-morrow will be a notable day in the history of the town.

Already the walls of the long sought building are going up, and to-morrow at eleven o'clock it is expected that a great company will assemble to witness the laying of the corner stone.

The singing of odes and anthems will give expression from grateful hearts, and the morning breeze will bear sweet incense to the Father of us all.

Imposing ceremonies by the Masonic brethren will add interest to the occasion.

Eloquent and distinguished orators, together with zealous friends of education, will address the people.

And well-wishers of the children, and friends of all mankind, will pronounce a benediction.

When the Masonic brethren consent to lay the corner-stone of any public structure, the ceremony can only be performed by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Lodge in General Communication. At the appointed time the Masonic brethren will assemble in the Lodge Room, where the brethren will appear in the insignia of the Order, well dressed, with white gloves and aprons. The Lodge will be opened in the Entered Apprentice degree.

Officers and Members of Clinton Lodge No. 3 A. F. M.

OFFICERS.

F. B. Gary, W. M.
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J. D. Alewine,	W. T. Branch,
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T. P. Cothran,	Jas. H. Cheatham,
H. S. Cason,	J. F. C. DuPre,
M. P. DeBruhl,	A. Mason DuPre,
W. J. Darragh,	J. J. Edwards,
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H. H. Hill,	Jas. A. Hill,
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P. B. Speed,	G. A. Visanska,
W. S. Wilson,	Joseph B. Wilson,
S. N. Wilson.	

When the Lodge is called from labor, the procession will start from the lodge room, halting at the Court House, when the procession will be organized, and move to the School Building in the following order:

THE PROCESSION.

1. Grand Marshal, mounted.
2. Band, playing.
3. Masonic fraternity.
4. Children.
5. Trustees of School and Orator of the day.
6. Town Council.
7. Citizens.

ODE BY CHOIR.

Arriving at the stand, the choir will sing:

When earth's foundation first was laid,
By the Almighty Artist's hand,
'Twas then our perfect, our perfect, laws were made,
Established by his strict command.

CHORUS.

Hail, mysterious—hail, glorious Masonry,
That makes us ever great and free.

In vain mankind for shelter sought,
In vain from place to place did roam,
Until from heaven, from heaven they were taught
To plan, to build, to fix their home.

Illustrious hence we date our Art,
Which now in beauteous piles appear,
And shall to endless, to endless time impart,
How worthy and how great we are.

Now we less fam'd for every tie
By which the human thought is bound;
Love, truth, and friendship, and friendship socially,
Join all our hearts and hands around.

Our actions still by virtue blest,
And to our precepts ever true,
The world admiring, admiring shall request
To learn, and our bright paths pursue.

THE CORNER STONE.

The corner stone will now be placed in position. On its face is engraved as follows:

A. L. 5892.
30th June.
A. D. 1892.

The stone is of Italian marble, furnished by J. D. Chalmers, and is twenty-two inches long, ten inches wide, and ten inches thick. The stone will be laid in the northeast corner of the building, and will cover the metal crypt which will be twelve inches long, six inches wide, and six inches deep. In that crypt will be placed: Program for the day; Act of General Assembly in reference to the school; copy of town ordinances; copies local and city papers; names of the officers of National, State and County Government; names of Masonic officers; coins; Bible; names of oldest and youngest male and female inhabitants.

TRYING THE STONE.

The principal architect, J. W. Sign, will then present the working tools to the Grand Master, W. T. Branch, who, will apply the plumb, square, and level to the stone, in their proper positions. After which, standing in front of all, Grand Master Branch will say:

"I have tried and proved this stone by plumb, square, and level, and pronounce it to be well-formed, true, and trusty."

THE CORN OF NOURISHMENT.

The Deputy Grand Master will then present the Grand Master with the golden vessel of corn, saying:

"Most Worshipful, I present you with the corn of nourishment."

The Grand Master will then scatter the corn upon the stone.

The Senior Grand Warden will then present him with the silver vessel of wine, saying:

THE WINE OF REFRESHMENT.

"Most Worshipful, I present you with the wine of refreshment."

The Grand Master will then pour the wine upon the stone.

THE OIL OF JOY.

The Junior Grand Warden will then present him with the silver vessel of oil, saying:

"Most Worshipful, I present you with the oil of joy."

The Grand Master will pour the oil upon the stone, and standing in front of all, and extending his hands, will make the following invocation:

THE GRAND MASTER'S INVOCATION.

"May the all-bounteous Author of Nature bless the inhabitants of this place with all the necessaries, conveniences, and comforts of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building; protect the workmen against every accident; long preserve this structure from decay; and grant to us all a supply of the corn of nourishment, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. Some mote it be. Amen."

STRIKING THE STONE—PUBLIC GRAND HONORS OF MASONRY.

The Grand Master will then strike the stone three times with his hiram, and the brethren give the public grand honors of Masonry by three times three.

THE GRAND MASTER DELIVERS THE MASONIC IMPLEMENTS TO THE ARCHITECT.

The Grand Master will then deliver the various implements of architecture to the architect, saying:

"Worthy Sir, having thus, as Grand Master of Masons, laid the foundation stone of this structure, I now deliver these implements of your profession into your hands, intrusting you with the superintendence and direction of the work, having full confidence in your skill and capacity to conduct the same."

THE CHOIR SING.

"Let there be light!" th' Almighty spoke;
Refulgent streams from chaos broke,
To illume the rising earth!
Well pleas'd the great Jehovah stood;
The power Supreme pronounc'd it good,
And gave the planets birth!

CHORUS.

In choral numbers Masons join,
To bless and praise this light divine.

Parent of light, accept our praise!
Who shedd'st on us thy brightest rays,
The light that fills the mind:
By choice selected, lo! we stand,
By friendship join'd a social band!
That love, that aid mankind!

The widow's tear, the orphan's cry,
All wants our ready hands supply,
As far as power is given;
The naked clothe, the pris'ner free,
These are thy works, sweet Charity,
Reveal'd to us from heaven.

ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

The Grand Master will then address the assembly as follows:

"Men and brethren here assembled, be it known unto you, that we be lawful Masons, true and faithful to the laws of our country, and engaged, by solemn obligations, to erect magnificent buildings, to be serviceable to the brethren, and to fear God, the Great Architect of the Universe. We have among us, concealed from the eyes of all men, secrets which can not be divulged, and which have never been found out; but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and not repugnant to the laws of God or man. They were intrusted, in peace and honor, to the Masons of ancient times, and having been faithfully transmitted to us, it is our duty to convey them unimpaired to the latest posterity. Unless our craft were good and our calling honorable, we should not have lasted for so many centuries, nor should we have been honored with the patronage of so many illustrious men in all ages, who have ever shown themselves ready to promote our interests and defend us from all adversaries. We are assembled here to-day in the face of you all, to build a house, which we pray God may deserve to prosper, by becoming a place of concourse for good men, and promoting harmony and brotherly love throughout the world, till time shall be no more."

The brethren all exclaim:

"So mote it be. Amen."

CHOIR SING THIS HYMN—

Hail, Masonry divine,
Glory of ages shine,
Long may'st thou reign!
Where'er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land;
Thou art divine.

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies—
Great are thy schemes;
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare;
No art with thee can share;
Thou art divine.

Hiram, the architect,
Did all the craft direct
How they should build;
Sol'mon, great Israel's king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us room to sing,
Hail, Royal Art!

BENEDICTION.

A benediction will then be pronounced by the Grand Chaplain; after which the procession will return in the same order to the place whence it set out.

ADDRESSES BY DISTINGUISHED ORATORS.

After this will follow a Masonic address by Major S. P. Dendy, Deputy Grand Master.

Mr. W. A. Templeton, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, will deliver an historical address, at the conclusion of which he will introduce the orator of the day, Colonel J. P. Thomas, of Columbia.

Committee of Twenty-Five.

The following ladies have been appointed a committee on opening baskets and serving dinner:

Mrs. J. W. W. Marshall,
Mrs. J. S. Cothran,
Mrs. J. D. Chalmers,
Mrs. H. T. Tusten,
Mrs. W. J. Smith,
Mrs. W. C. McGowan,
Mrs. H. D. Reese,
Mrs. P. B. Speed,
Mrs. J. R. Blake,
Mrs. G. H. Moore,
Mrs. R. R. Hemphill,
Mrs. B. K. Beacham,
Mrs. R. S. Link,
Mrs. T. C. Seal,
Mrs. T. L. Moore,
Mrs. F. Henry,
Mrs. G. W. Sytan,
Mrs. R. M. Hill,
Mrs. J. L. Perrin,
Mrs. S. J. Hill,
Mrs. Z. G. Sprott,
Mrs. J. W. Bowers,
Mrs. R. E. Hill,
Mrs. E. W. Mabry,
Mrs. Mary Perrin.

Meeting of the Children.

It is hoped that every white child in the town will be at the Court House promptly at eleven o'clock to join the procession. Let all the children join in the historic event, and let every heart be happy for the day. All the children must go to the picnic.

Every citizen of the town is expected to be at the laying of the corner stone and at the picnic dinner.

All visitors in the town are most cordially invited to join with us in celebrating an event of which we are all proud.

The picnic is to be at Mr. Klugh's tennis court, and the dinner will be had about half an hour after the conclusion of the exercises incident to laying the corner stone.

Picnic Dinner.

A pic nic dinner will be given at the grounds of J. C. Klugh on Thursday, June 30th, immediately after laying the corner stone of the public school building. It is desired that the whole town unite in making the occasion a success as there will be many visitors from abroad.

Those who will contribute baskets are requested to sign this paper and send their baskets of dinner to the grounds on Thursday morning, where they will be taken in charge by a committee.

J. C. Klugh,	Wm. N. Graydon,
Sam'l C. Cason,	G. A. Douglass,
J. H. Latimer,	J. Hayne McDill,
J. H. DuPre,	J. L. Perrin,
C. P. Hammond,	C. V. Hammond,
C. E. Bruce,	W. T. McDonald,
James M. Lawson,	W. T. Branch,
J. C. Miller,	H. D. Reese,
P. B. Speed,	W. T. Penney,
G. A. Vasanska,	L. W. Sign,
A. B. Hamlin,	Wm. P. Calhoun,
Thos. P. Quarles,	L. T. Hill,
E. B. Calhoun,	J. S. Cothran,
H. H. Hill,	J. Allen Smith,
W. A. Templeton,	J. F. Miller,
R. M. Haddon,	W. C. DuPre,
J. G. Edwards,	Benj. S. Barnwell,
Lewis Perrin,	W. O. Bradley,
Frank B. Gary,	R. M. Hill,
Thos. P. Thomson,	J. R. Glenn,
W. Joe Smith,	S. J. Link,
L. W. White,	W. D. Wilson,
J. M. Cambrell,	J. M. Giles,
J. A. Harris,	R. E. Hill,
W. C. McGowan,	R. R. Hemphill,
J. D. Chalmers,	D. B. Smith,
R. W. Cannon,	G. H. Moore,
J. R. Minter, Jr.,	A. M. Hill & Sons,
Wm. E. Bell,	J. T. Robertson,
L. H. Russell,	Misses Cater.
Mrs. Lucy C. Thomson,	F. L. Morrow,
Ione D. Miller,	W. V. Clinkscales,
B. K. Beacham,	J. L. McMillan,
S. N. Williams,	Mrs. F. J. Marshall,
Dr. G. A. Neuffer,	Francis Henry,
W. D. Mann,	R. E. Cox,
Thos. L. Moore,	Hugh Wilson,
E. G. Graydon,	J. Fuller Lyon,
Wm. H. Parker,	J. R. Blake, Jr.,
W. A. Lee,	M. P. DeBruhl,
W. C. Benet,	L. W. Perrin.

Any other persons who desire to contribute are requested to send baskets.

CLEVELAND and STEVENSON.

TILLMANITES AND ANTI-TILLMANITES, COME!

ALLIANCEMEN AND NON-ALLIANCEMEN, BE HERE!

On Monday next 4th July—Saleday—at 11 o'clock, forenoon, a mass meeting of the Democrats of Abbeville county will be held at the Court House, Abbeville, for the purpose of ratifying the action of the National Democratic Convention at Chicago.

Resolutions of endorsement will be offered.

Speeches by leading Democrats will be delivered.

Let there be a tremendous crowd from the farms and from towns and villages.

Let the world see that the Democracy of Abbeville county is solid for Cleveland and Stevenson.

Democracy.

"S's" SHOULDER STRIKES.

SOUND POLITICAL VIEWS—PRACTICAL COMMON SENSE.

The Cotton Plant Gone Wrong, Politically—It Will Have to Retract, Explain or Dodge, or Else J. William Billy Will be a Dead Duck—Conspiracy Against Able Representatives.

The Chicago Convention didn't denounce anybody, and for them to have done less than condole with James G. Blaine in his sad personal affliction would have been a failure to reflect the character of their great chieftain, Grover Cleveland, whom they had met to honor.

Mrs. Robt. Moorman and children, of Newberry, have been visiting her father, Rev. J. B. Campbell.

Mr. Hertford and Miss Winton Parks are at home with their father Capt. J. T. Parks.

Mr. J. T. Simmons has put a cement pavement in front, and leading up to his residence.

Miss Idalle Hunter went down to Newberry last week for a short stay with relatives and friends in the village.

Rev. E. J. Forrester began a series of meetings in the Baptist church Sunday, to be continued through the week. He will be assisted by the pastor of the Spartanburg church.

Judging from an editorial in the Cotton Plant of the 25th inst.,—two days after the nomination of Cleveland had been announced—there is a full fledged third partyite on its staff, if indeed Dr. Stokes, editor-in-chief, is not one himself. Although he was in Chicago at the time, a delegate to the National Democratic Convention, it is not improbable that he is the author of the editorial in question especially as it has been known for sometime that he was quite "downy," and while en route to Chicago his pin feathers of third party plumage became more prominent when he said: "If Cleveland was nominated there would be a bolt in South Carolina." Among other un-Democratic utterances the Cotton Plant says: "No, the Allancemen of the South cannot support Cleveland because he is the embodiment of the plutocratic ideas that refuse to recognize our needs even, and are still farther from giving us any remedy." I have interviewed several of our leading Alliancemen and Tillmanites, not one of whom endorse the utterances of the Cotton Plant, and all staunch Cleveland men, in fact, always have been. Unless Dr. Stokes' doctrine is more popular in his own than in this district he will never get to Congress. I do not know of more than two members of our club who are at all likely to become adherents to the principles enunciated by this cyclopean Alliancemen, and these two declared sometime ago that they were ready for the third party, yet they continued loudest in their denunciation of those who voted for Haskell, and foremost among Tillman's followers in our Democratic club. If Col. Irby will apply the hyssup of the Democratic party to all such it will purge and make it pure, without injury to Tillman for it is a foregoing conclusion, admitted now by a few leading Tillmanites that the Conservatives are going to win any how.

There is to be a Republican rally here on the 7th of July. Messrs. Tolbert, Crum and Webster are advertised to speak.

The crop prospects were never more promising than now.

There are quite a number of strangers in town visiting friends, I suppose, but have been unable to locate them.

The Darlington Herald is right in condemning live pigeon shooting as a means of sport. The occasion for it is the approaching gun contest in Spartanburg. I do not know the editor of the Herald, but will wager last summer's seining clothes that he is a Christian gentleman opposed to prize fighting, cock fighting, horse racing and all such barbarous sport.

To Dr. B. W. Cobb, chairman, and the other honorable gentlemen who compose our Board of Health: I have never yet known you to shirk any duty imposed on you by the people, but to the end that Greenwood may remain the healthiest town in the up country, I call your attention individually and collectively, to the flagrant violation of our sanitary laws by parties coing business on and adjacent to the square. The luxuriant vegetable growth which must decay is bad enough, but add to this the unkept condition of the public wells from which we get our drinking water. The piles of boxes and barrels filled with water, straw, watermelon rinds and other decayed matter, in rear of almost every store; the frequent mass of putrefied matter from the butcher shops, consisting of heads, feet and tainted meat, thrown within fifty yards of the square, and you have an anti-hygiene condition that beggars description—one that should claim your immediately attention.

Capt. James King, our champion bridge builder, was in town Saturday. He is a strong anti-caucus-Tillmanite.

Mr. John R. Tolbert says our delegates to Chicago were not the kind of Democrats he has been fighting for the last twenty years.

For the benefit of those curious to know why Mr. A. St. Clair Lee has recently put on spectacles, I will say he only wears them when trying to decipher his own chirography.

During a thunder storm last Wednesday evening Messrs. R. W. Major and J. C. Hill lost two fine milk cows a piece. The four were buddled together and all killed by the same bolt.

I suppose there is no longer any question about the death of at least one Dave Shaw. Johnnie Chiles tells us in last Press and Banner that he was killed by lightning and buried by his friends near Bradley.

Dr. Wilson preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Work on the new Methodist church has been resumed.

Mrs. J. M. Timmons, of Effingham, is visiting her mother Mrs. W. H. Watson.

Mr. John R. Buchanan is announced this week as a candidate for County Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grier, of Belton, are visiting at the hotel.

Mr. Eugene Miller and his bonny bridge arrived Monday evening from Mississippi, and will spend a part of their honey moon with the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Miller.

Little Miss Lucia and Master Sloan McGee sojourning with their sister, Mrs. J. W. Sproles.

Buck Folsom, colored, killed a valuable horse for Mr. Brown, Sunday, by fast driving.

There seems to be a plot forming against Geo. Johnstone by Sligh, Pope, Norris, Latimore & Co., by which one of their number, or some one yet in the back ground, hoped to defeat his re-election. The people of this district refused to be dictated to two years ago, much less will they be now. Since Johnstone has been tried and not found wanting in any of the essentials to a true representative of the whole people. He is wedded to the interests of his constituency and possesses the courage and ability to protect them pre-eminently above that of any man this conclave might pit against him. The people of the district fully realize this, and some of his loudest encomiasts are leading Alliancemen and Alliance journals. Therefore, the caucus at Belton, on the 7th of July, cannot afford to ignore his ability and past services, unless they have a morbid desire to be in the same unenviable position of our (?) recent Chicago delegation for Geo. Johnstone will be his own successor.

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WE have had a wet June, and now the farmers have green fields. The crops were never better and the grass is growing.

IF you want anything in the line of machinery, don't forget that Mr. F. S. Evans, of Greenwood, is a candidate for public favor in that line.

Haddon are offering special bargains in olor china silk.

Haddon offer parasols and unbrellas at reduced prices.

Haddon offer a few patterns in fine dress goods at a sacrifice.

New millinery, laces, dotted swiss, ribbons, flowers, etc., just in at Haddon's.

Ladies needing almost any article of dress will find just what they wish at Haddon's.

You can get one whole pound of soda at Heath's for five cents.

"Glenn Springs" water on draught and by the gallon at W. R. Bailey's Granite Front Drug Store, Greenwood, S. C. June 23, 1 m.

Extra wings for Victor sweeps. All sizes at Smith's.

THE COLLEGES IN DUE WEST.

Full Notes of the Commencement Exercises by a Faithful Scribe.

MONDAY.

This is counted as the first day of Commencement, for on this day visitors from a distance begin to arrive in crowds.

On Monday afternoon the closing exercises of the Theological Seminary were held in the A. R. P. church. Papers were read by all four members of the graduating class. The following were the subjects:

W. C. Ewart, Manna.
E. F. Griffith, Cities of Refuge.
J. H. Pressly, The Bible the greatest Classic.
J. M. White, The Tabernacle.

These papers were all admirable, and showed both a deep interest, and a thorough acquaintance with their subjects. At the conclusion of these exercises, Dr. W. L. Pressly, President of the Seminary, delivered the diplomas, and gave them some wholesome words of counsel. His remarks were characterized by a deep, living interest in those to whom the speech was addressed.

MONDAY NIGHT.

On this night the Literary Societies hold their annual celebrations. The rain, which commenced early in the afternoon continued until nightfall, and prevented some from attending, but notwithstanding, the halls were very well filled without being crowded.

In the Philomathean Society the Hon. George S. Mower, of Newberry, S. C., presided with grace and dignity. Below we give the program in full which was strictly followed out.

Debate: Querry: Is the Field of Professions or Politics more conducive to the upbuilding of our Republic?

Affirmative, W. C. Ewart, Huntersville, N. C.

Negative, R. L. Robinson, Lancaster, S. C.

Junior Orator, J. R. McCormick, Spottswood, Va.

Senior Orator, E. F. Griffith, Griffiths, N. C.

Medal Orator, Rev. J. P. Knox, Hickory Grove, S. C.

The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

The medal orator gave us a most finished address, but he did no more than we expected of him.

The following young men received the medals:

Freshman Class, Mr. T. B. Haze.
Sophomore Class, Mr. A. S. Rogers.
Junior Class, Mr. A. J. Ranson.

Mr. S. A. Pressly presided over the Euphemian Society on this occasion. After a short speech of welcome he announced that the program would be followed out, which was as follows:

President S. A. Pressly, Due West, S. C.,
Committee of Decision.

Debate: Querry:—"Is the character of our American Institutions more favorable to the production of Demagogues or Statesmen?"

Affirmative, B. M. Sullivan, Due West, S. C.
Negative, J. R. Philips, Louisville, Ga.
Junior Orator, W. P. Green, Due West, S. C.
Senior Orator, J. G. Dale, Rowell, Ala.
Medal Orator, B. F. Riley, A. M., East Lake, Ala.

The medal oration by Rev. B. F. Riley, D. D., was most excellent. He stated that he had not prepared anything, and his talk was free and easy. It abounded in humor, intermingled with sound sense. He is a very fluent speaker and never lacks for a word, but it seems to just come to him.

The following young men received the medals:

Freshman Class, J. A. Pearson.
Sophomore Class, T. P. McDill.
Junior Class, W. P. Green.

TUESDAY.

An account of the proceedings of this day have already appeared in the Press and Banner.

Soon after going to the speakers stand we discovered our genial friend, Mr. Hugh Wilson. He came to us and asked if we could have our report of that morning ready by the time he started home, that he had all his printers ready to put it in type on his arrival. We had not written our account of the preceeding day and told him so, but we thought we could give him that morning's exercises by the time he was ready to leave. That account appeared last week We notice that the names of the speakers are omitted. We now give them:

B. M. Sullivan, chosen by the Faculty.
D. G. Blackwell, elected by the Euphemian Society.
R. L. Robinson, elected by the Philomathean Society.

[The omission above referred to occurred because, if we received the third page of the manuscript, we lost it.]—Ed. P. & B.

At four o'clock Rev. B. B. Riley, D. D., delivered the address before the Alumni Association in the A. R. P. church.

Dr. Grier in introducing him said, we have to-day with us one of our representative alumni, a minister and a teacher. He needs no introduction to this audience, and I now present to you as the speaker on this occasion, Rev. Dr. Riley, President of Howard College, Alabama.

He announced as his subject, "Denominational Education." He demonstrated the absolute necessity of such institutions. He spoke of two kinds of education, State and Christian. The State he said had no right to teach religion, that this must devolve upon the Denominational College.

The Association showed its high appreciation of his address by requesting him for the manuscript, that they might have it published.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

The Semi-Centennial of the Philomathean Society occurred on this night. To many this was the most enjoyable occasion of the whole Commencement. The hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Rev. D. G. Phillips, D. D., of Louisville, Ga., one who has been identified with this society from its incipiency, presided, and made the opening address. Mr. Hugh Harris, of Charlotte, N. C., delivered the semi-centennial address which was a history of the Society from its birth down to the sixties. Hon. J. N. Miller delivered the literary address. A full report of the entire proceedings of this meeting are under preparation and will appear at an early day in the Press and Banner, so we refrain from giving an elaborate account of them at this time.

WEDNESDAY.

This is Commencement day in Due West Female College. The deep interest which has signalled these occasions for more than a quarter of a century was just as manifestly present on this occasion as on previous ones. This evidence of interest is indeed gratifying to the faculty. They feel that the institution is safe in the hands of their friends, and that their work of the year has not been in vain, and they calculate their success by the interest of their friends so abundantly evinced by their cheering presence on this occasion.

The exercises this year were held in Schmitz Hall, which adjoins the college building. The faculty were unwilling to attempt having it in open air, especially in such threatening weather. Seats were placed without the door and windows, in order that they might accommodate as many as possible. Long before time people began to arrive. This has always been the great day of Commencement. This has always been the day of crowds. The feminine sex have always had a powerful drawing tendency. They have lost none of their potency in this direction. Beauty, attractiveness and purity is that toward which the masculine sex will ever gravitate. The grove in front of the college campus was filled with vehicles, and the campus was full of people.

On the walls of the hall as you entered the main building and in the right and left hand rooms was the art exhibit. Miss Amelia B. Brown is instructor in this department. We acknowledge our inability to judge of art by the rules of art, but this seemed to us a very fine exhibit, and we were amazed when she told us that all the work exhibited was the work of first year pupils. In the collection were pictures of every description, Crayons, Pastels, Portraits and Oil Paintings. Here were piececes and panels and cornice pieces and the common painting. Here were scenes of every description. No attempt at description can be made.

Then we passed on into the audience hall which we found already filled, but a seat had been reserved for us. The hall was made attractive by a few well selected pictures and some beautiful flowers, whose perfume adds a charm even to the beauty of woman.

Owing to the illness of the Vice Principal, Mr. H. E. Bonner, Rev. O. Y. Bonner had charge of the exercises. He stated that there were 16 regular graduated, who were compelled to write and read essays,