

MISCELLANEOUS.

From the Charleston Evening News.

THE COMMON SCHOOL SYSTEM.

While the people of South Carolina are contemplating the expediency of constructing new rail roads, or erecting manufactories...

It were idle to expatiate on the advantages or even the necessity in a popular government of a general diffusion of the blessings of education.

The cry has gone up and 'long and loud' our land against the influence of what is familiarly and contemptuously called 'old hunkerism'...

But the people by education are not only made more fit to govern the State, but more capable of controlling themselves.

There is no greater preventative of crime than the liberal diffusion of learning.

From the Char. Evening News. Caution.—This community and all the cities of the Union have been long abused by the begging vagabonds who infest this country.

Let, therefore, the citizens of Charleston, and all others of the Union set their faces, and shut their purses against these piteous mendicants, schooled from their infancy to the business, like the blind beggars and pickpockets of London.

Further, there is a regular and well established chain of this business in the United States, and New-York is the focus, where resides the head and receiver general of all sums collected; with the distribution of which, and its mysterious management we are unacquainted.

It is believed that there are several of them at present prowling about Charleston.

Murder.—We understand that a shocking murder was committed near the Gold Mines, in this district, on Sunday night, 18th inst. It appears that two men, named Morgan and Andrew Jackson, had been quarrelling and fighting during the day, and that at night, after Jackson and his family had gone to bed, Morgan went to the residence of Jackson, and shot him while he was in his bed.

Death of Mrs. Hall.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Daniel Hall, one of the oldest inhabitants of this city, and whose conduct during the revolutionary war was distinguished by that patriotism for which the ladies of America were remarkable in that time of trial.

Northern Slavery.—The Northern papers are filled with details of the sufferings of the working classes, particularly women, in consequence of the paltry pittance paid them for their free labor.

scribes the name upon the most cherished institution of our State.

In such an appropriation of wealth there is a most complex beneficence. It involves the dissemination of learning—the noblest purpose to which the human intellect can be directed.

We understand that a very broad distinction as to the organization and management of the fund is entrusted to the Faculty, and we doubt not that they will promptly make it as effectual as possible.

Telegraph Improvement.—Mr. Cornell, the Superintendent of the New York and Buffalo Telegraph, may cry out "eureka!" if he has actually solved the question how to carry the wires across navigable rivers.

Mr. Cornwall has been studying for a year or two, with a view to overcome this serious obstacle to a continuous connection. His reflections have resulted in what he deems to be a practical discovery.

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The Perry unfortunately encountered the gale which has committed such havoc on life and property in and about Key West, about forty miles north of that place; and such was the dreadful state of the weather—wind and sea being such as no seaman on board had ever witnessed, in regard to intensity—that all means were found unavailing to avoid going on a lee shore.

The crop of Indian Corn in the West, for 1846, will be more than 500,000,000 of bushels. The crop of Wheat will exceed 400,000,000 of bushels, which would produce equal to 28,000,900 barrels of flour.

Correspondence of Charleston Evening News.

KEY WEST, October 15, 1846.

TREMENDOUS GALE AND LOSS OF LIFE.

As an opportunity may happen, I seize the only time I can spare to give you the following information relative to the desolating condition of our town, caused by one of the most tremendous gales as ever has been experienced on this coast for the last thirty-three years.

It commenced on the night of the 10th inst., at about 11 P. M., and lasted until Monday morning, the 12th inst. The whole town has been overflowed; and I am sorry to say, that we have lost some fifty or more inhabitants, who were killed or drowned by the falls of roofs, &c.

The wind blew from the N. E. to E. then to N. E. around to S. W., ripping off shingles, roofs, and blowing down houses, in all about 100. I hardly know how to commence—Key West Light House and House, Sandy Key Light House and House, together have been washed away entirely.

Nearly every house has more or less been injured by the Gale—fences blown down, Custom House, Fort, &c. in ruins. Loss estimated at \$300,000. The town is in ruins—many bodies have already been found and buried by relatives and the authorities. The tide ran full six feet, the entire town overflowed, many were compelled to swim to save themselves. The scene was truly awful.

I came over being lost with my youngest child, but thanks to the Almighty, myself and family are all safe. Had I not been a swimmer I must have drowned while endeavoring to ford the streets.

The government will lose by the loss of the brig Perry, Revenue Cutter Morris, two Light Houses, Fortifications, Custom House and Hospital, not far from \$300,000. Many vessels will doubtless get ashore, from the fact of Sandy Key Light House being gone.

Dead bodies were occasionally being dug out from under the ruins, and no one can tell how many there are missing. As far as has been ascertained, fifty persons have lost their lives, and it is singular that so few are dead or injured, when we remember that the air was full of boards, timber, slate, &c., and buildings falling in every direction. Stone itself could not withstand the gale, and every thing seemed to be going to destruction. Many persons escaped in boats, and held on to trees, expecting every moment to be washed away. The scene was awful beyond all power of description.

The foregoing statement is all that I have been able to collect, as my mind is so worried and being also much fatigued. You will please correct mistakes.

Yours in haste, J. A. T.

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Lower California; the Commodore thinks, will probably succumb to our arms if the war continues. Mazatlan is now an American and English port rather than a Mexican one.—Eve. News.

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Commodore Sloat got to Key West the next day, and took up the brig Eliza Chapman, to convey him and suite to the Balize, for the purpose of coming to this city with the view of hastening on his way to Washington.

Mexican papers, seven days later, have been received at New-Orleans by the Pic-

ayano. They show the tone of feeling prevailing among the Mexican people as that of bitter animosity. This is manifested however more in words than action.

The supreme tribunal of war has been organized in the capital, and the notorious Gen. Alvarez appointed President thereof.

A decree was issued by Gen. Salas on the 10th Sept., authorizing the issue of naturalization to all foreigners who desire to become citizens, having useful professions or trades, or who are willing to join the Army.

The citizens of any nation at war with the Republic are excluded from the benefits of this decree. Apart from the ulterior operations of this decree, it strikes us as having an immediate design, to enable foreigners to serve as Mexicans in Mexican privateers.

Gomez Farias, the Secretary of the Treasury, addressed a circular on the 9th of September to the Governor of the States, calling upon them to make up the arrears of the national revenues, which had been cut short by the blockade of ports, &c.

The Government is energetically endeavoring to organize a national guard. A meeting of the citizens of Vera Cruz was held on the 20th ult., in obedience to a call upon them, to perfect an organization. The papers speak of the project as the grand scheme of their regeneration.

Late and Important from Mexico and Pacific.—The barque Elizabeth arrived here this evening from Havana, whence she sailed on the 10th. The British mail steamer of the 1st from Vera Cruz arrived at Havana on the 6th.

Santa Anna at the head of 4000 men, left the city of Mexico on the 28th ult. for the seat of war.

A decree has been promulgated at Mexico city, reducing the duties on all importation 50 per cent, and suspending laws which prohibited the importation of certain descriptions of merchandise.

Parades, Ex-President of Mexico, was at Havana, on his way to England.

California.—The probable acquisition of this territory by the United States, if we may judge from the demonstrations in the London Journals, at all agreeable to the British people. The Times speaks in its usual surly style, of the coming transfer of California, as materially affecting the interest of British capitalists. California, it declares, is the only security which they have for moneys lent to Mexico, and it is not willing that "the rights of mortgagees for which we exchanged our advances, should be demolished by the unscrupulousness of the invaders or the imbecility of the sufferers."

A New Mode of Attack.—Mr. J. Wise the celebrated Aeronaut has tendered his services to the government through the columns of the Lancaster American Republican. Mr. Wise, proposes to take the castle of San Juan de Ulloa by means of what he calls a "war balloon."

His plan, he describes as follows: A balloon of common twilled muslin, of 100 feet in diameter, well coated with varnish, and capable when inflated of raising 20,000 pounds weight of perforated bombshells and torpedoes, leaving 2,000 pounds for ballast and men. The balloon may be inflated on shore or on board a man-of-war, having a cable of five miles in length attached to it, to govern its manœuvres.—Leaving the shore or vessel, out of reach of the guns of the Castle, it is to hover at the height of a mile above the Castle, and literally rain down destruction upon its inmates. This offer completely throws Capt. Brodridge's plan of cutting up an army in detail, into the shade.

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We are gratified also, to state that this is of the growing importance of our town. It is fast becoming an important market for the sale of flour—large quantities of which are being brought here for shipment to Charleston and other ports, and the greatest activity prevails in the business of the place generally. We predict that the present season in this place will be one of unexampled prosperity, both to the planter and merchant."

Cheering News.—The following extract of a letter from a highly respectable gentleman, residing at Mecklenburg, near Knoxville, East Tennessee, received in this city, will be perused with pleasure by our readers.—Eve. News.

MECKLENBURG, (E. T.) Oct. 19, '46. If you write via Augusta I will hear from you in four days. Business is fast leaving other channels and concentrating itself on Charleston. The early visions of my youth are being realized. East Tennessee is essentially an Atlantic country—and, as I have said for twenty years, our imports and exports must pass through your city—they will soon do so."

We are pleased to learn that Gov. Crawford has, pursuant to the authority vested in him by the last Legislature, employed an Artist to paint full length likenesses of the late Gen. Andrew Jackson and Hon. Wm. H. Crawford, to be placed in our Legislative Halls.

The Artist engaged is Mr. William Wilson, whose portraits taken here last winter, gave so much satisfaction to our community, and proved him in every way competent to the honorable task assigned him.—Augusta Const.

The South Carolinian of the 29th ult. says: Lt. C. R. Bryce, our worthy townsman, has been appointed by Col. Butler, Adjutant of the Palmetto Regiment.

Notice.

The Commissioners of the Upper Battalion of the 9th Regiment S. C. M., will petition the next Legislature to discontinue the Key Road, as a Public Road.

By order of the Board, A. TUCKER, Clerk pro tem. September 2 3m 32

From the South Carolinian

STATE ELECTIONS.

We present to day, a complete return of members elect to the Legislature of South Carolina, for 1846. Those marked thus \* are Senators elected in 1844.

ABBEVILLE.

Senator. Thomas C. Perrin.

Representatives. Smith, Thompson, Mariu, Pressly, Gary.

ALL SAINTS.

Senator. Joshua J. Ward.

Representative. John A. Alston.

BARNWELL DISTRICT.

Senator. A. Patterson.

Representatives. James J. Wilson, J. M. Allen, Jos. J. Harley, H. B. Rice.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Senator. J. H. Rhett.\*

Representative. Warren DuPrie.

CHESTER.

Senator. N. R. Eaves.\*

Representatives. F. W. Davie, Thos. McLure, J. B. McCully.

CHESTERFIELD.

Senator. W. T. Hanna.

Representatives. T. W. Blakeuey, J. Hough.

CLAREMONT, SUMTER DIST.

Senator. F. H. Moses.

Representatives. C. R. Chandler, J. B. Witherspoon, F. H. Kennedy.

CLARENDON.

Senator. J. L. Manning.

Representatives. G. W. Cooper, Moses Beuhow.

DARLINGTON.

Senator. Gen. W. Dargan.\*

Representatives. Isaac D. Wilson, J. P. Zimmerman.

EDGEFIELD.

Senator. N. L. Griffin.

Representatives. O. Towles, Benj. C. Yancey, A. Simkins, D. Holland, John B. Holmes, J. S. Pope.

FAIRFIELD.

Senator. J. Buchanan.\*

Representatives. Samuel H. Owens, E. G. Palmer, J. R. Aiken, W. W. Boyce.

GREENVILLE.

Senator. B. F. Perry.\*

Representatives. T. E. Ware, G. F. Towles, P. E. Duncan, E. P. Jones.

HORRY.

Senator. J. B. Skipper.\*

Representative. Charles Murrell.

KERSHAW.

Senator. W. J. Taylor.\*

Representatives. A. Hamilton Boykin, James Cantey, Jr.

LAURENS.

Senator. Wm. Irby.

Representatives. C. P. Sullivan, F. Moseley, C. Williams, P. L. Calhoun.

LEXINGTON.

Senator. Lemuel Boozer.\*

Representatives. John C. Geiger, J. Swygert.

LANCASTER.

Senator. T. W. Huey.\*

Representatives. D. Barnes, Thos. J. Wright, L. Secrest, John W. Johnson.

MARLBORO'.

Senator. W. T. Ellerhe.

Representatives. J. W. Harrington, B. Rogers.

MARION.

Senator. B. K. Hennean.\*

Representatives. Wm. Evans, C. J. Crawford, W. W. Harlee.

NEWBERRY.

Senator. John P. Neel.\*

Representatives. B. Waldo, M. Hall, H. Summers.

ORANGE.

Senator. J. M. Felder.\*

Representatives. David F. Jameison, L. Coover.

PENDLETON.

Senator. A. Evans.

Representatives. D. S. Taylor, James L. Orr, J. T. Broyles, W. Sloan, E. H. Griffin, E. Alexander, Jr., J. W. Harrison.

PRINCE WILLIAMS.

Senator. William Williams.

Representative. W. F. Coleock.

PRINCE GEORGE WINYAW.

Senator. R. F. W. Alston.

Representatives. J. J. Middleton, J. Harleston Read, Jr., S. T. Atkinson.

RICHLAND DISTRICT.

Senator. Joseph A. Black.

Representatives. A. R. Taylor, A. P. Vinson, Wm. F. DeSaussure, Jas. D. Trade-well.

SPARTANBURG.

Senator. Gabriel Cannon.

Representatives. J. E. Henry, B. B. Foster, J. P. Miller, S. Otterson, E. P. Smith.

ST. ANDREWS.

Senator. John Kivers.\*

Representative. W. J. Bull.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.

Senator. David Walker.

Representatives. M. E. Carn, T. Pye, J. C. Oswald.

ST. JAMES SANTÉE.

Senator. John Blake.\*

Representative. J. H. Lucas.

ST. JAMES GOOSE CREEK.

Senator. William Mellard.\*

Representative. James S. Shingler.

ST. JOHN'S COLLETON.

Senator. P. C. Grimbald.

Representatives. W. J. Whitley, E. M. Seabrook.

ST. JOHN'S BERKLEY.

Senator. P. P. Palmer.

Representatives. J. Harleston, T. P. Porcher.

ST. GEORGE'S PARISH.

Senator. Dr. M. T. Appleby.

Representative. R. S. Bedon.

ST. HELEN'S PARISH.

Senator. R. De Treville.

Representative. B. J. Johnson.

ST. MATHEWS.

Senator. T. J. Goodwyn.

Representative. J. M. Dantzier.

ST. PAUL'S.

Senator. B. Perry.

Representative. John Boyle.

ST. PETERS.

Senator. Josiah D. Johnson.\*

Representatives. A. M. Martin, W. W. Hardee.

ST. JOHN'S AND ST. MICHAELS.

Senator. John S. Ash.

Representatives. W. D. Porter, J. Phillips, J. Simons, P. D. Torre, J. M. Walker, C. G. Memming, W. A. Pringle, G. C. Geddes, J. E. Carew, F. D. Richardson, A. H. Dunkin, H. Horbeck, F. F. Hunt, D. E. Huger, Jr., C. B. Northrop, T. O. Elliott, N. Mitchell.

ST. STEPHEN'S PARISH.

Senator. T. L. Gourdin.\*

Representatives. W. Nazyk Porcher.

YORK.

Senator. J. D. Witherspoon.\*

Representatives. R. G. McCaw, G. W. Williams, W. Giles, R. A. Springs.

UNION.

Senator. W. H. Gist.\*

Representatives. J. F. Gist, W. Ferrandis, D. Wallace, J. Gibbs.



The Advertiser.

EDGEFIELD C. H.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1846.

Notice.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.

The citizens of Edgefield and the adjoining Districts, are requested to meet in the Court House at this place at 11 o'clock on Saturday next, to take into consideration, the building of a Rail Road from Edgefield Court House to Aiken. We hope the whole of Edgefield will consider itself particularly interested in this enterprise, and that it will be fully represented at the proposed meeting. It is very desirable that every man who is willing to take stock in said Road should be present, as the whole matter will be publicly discussed and such steps taken towards commencing this work as may on that occasion be deemed advisable.

At a meeting of the citizens of Greenwood, and the surrounding neighborhood, held on the 23d instant, recommended unanimously, that a Public Meeting of the friends of the contemplated Rail Road connexion, between Charleston and Greenville, South Carolina, should assemble at Greenwood, on Saturday, the 14th of November next, for a full and mutual interchange of opinion in reference thereto. The citizens of Abbeville, and the adjoining Districts are respectfully invited to attend.

We are requested to state, that the Mechanics Washingtonian Society will meet on Monday evening next: a general attendance of its members is requested as business of importance will require their attention, and several addresses may be expected.

RAIL ROAD MEETING AT EDGEFIELD COURT HOUSE.