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Two Dollars per year, if paid in advance. Two Dollars and Fifty Cents if not paid in advance...

We are requested to say that Dr. Johnson's articles advertised for sale today, are being disposed of otherwise, and will not be offered in public.

A LITERARY FAVOR. In accordance with our last week's promise, we publish in the present number a rare, original and literary treat for our readers.

"GERALD FLEMING" is from the able and gifted pen of the author of "Two Grooms for one Bride."

Those desiring to advertise by the year can do so on liberal terms. It being distinctly understood that contracts for yearly advertising are confined to the immediate business of the firm or individual contracting.

We call the attention of our District to the card of Maj. JOHN C. ALLEN, he is, as said card will more fully explain, again before the people for reelection to the State Legislature.

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THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

A friend and well-informed correspondent sends us, says the Carolinian, the following notice, in relation to the late withdrawal of students from this institution:

As the leaving of 108 students from this institution may give rise to mistakes, especially abroad, which might injure the college, I would beg leave to call the attention of your exchanges from without the State to the following brief statement of the affair.

The Commons Hall of the college being obnoxious to most of the students 108 from the different classes entered into a pledge to leave the college, provided the Trustees did not abolish the hall at their meeting in December. The Trustees having not abolished the hall, the 108 students have applied for and received dismissals. These leave without the least unfriendly feeling existing between themselves and the professors of the college; and many will apply for admittance next May, should the commons hall be then done away with. I may also state that I have been reliably informed that at the last mentioned date licensed boarding houses will be substituted for the commons hall; or at least arrangements will be entered into for so doing.

A BRACE OF KNIVES.—A day or two since a country gentleman visiting this city, had a pocket-book game success-fully played off upon him by a couple of Northern sharpers, who on pretence of counting out the reward he proposed to give them for a pocket-book they pretended to have found, walked off with his, containing some seventy or eighty dollars. Officers Schouboe and Jowitz were promptly on their trial, and succeeding in arresting them, but the gentleman having left the city, no one appeared to claim the reward, and the sharpers were discharged on their promise to leave Charleston forthwith. Hearing, however, that another similar attempt had been made, Officers Schouboe and Jowitz again arrested them and were discharged from the city, in Thursday evening's cars. Their names are Riley and Vanderbeek, and Brown. The former, a red whiskered and mustachioed individual, hailed from Philadelphia and the latter, who rejoices in black whiskers and mustaches, from Baltimore. Both dress in the latest style of fashion, and wear jewelry in profusion. They are said to be very plausible in their manners, and notorious pocket-book droppers and thimble-riggers. We would caution our Augusta friends against these suspicious characters and advise them to give them a walking ticket as soon as possible, if they have not already introduced themselves to the notice of the officers of the law in that city.

MESSRS. SCHOUBOE AND JOWITT deserve credit for the promptness and energy they have evinced in the matter.—Charleston Courier.

RATHER GOOD.—We find the following tribute to Van Nucl's skill in the Natchez, Miss., Courier, of the 30th ult. "Something queer." A gentleman was swindled some time ago by Dr. D. T. Hines, (who is represented true to the life in Sign. Vanucl's collection of wax figures, now exhibiting at Commercial exchange,) he having sold two negroes to the gentleman, and upon the latter's return to the city, he was informed that the two negroes were stolen. Some time after the purchase, (remarks the Louisiana Republican,) the negroes were claimed, and the purchaser, without any redress, was forced to give them up; he had never laid eyes upon Dr. Hines since he brought them, until he dropped in at the exhibition, and after looking at the fact similes of those in the foreground, whose lives were devoted to virtuous deeds, he repaired to the criminal department, and there he saw in all the reality of life, him who had exacted his pockets of sixteen hundred dollars, without any enduring equivalent, and without examining whether he (Hines) was only a "counterfeit presentment" or not. He made a rush for the door, and in a few minutes returned with a constable and writ to take Hines pell-mell before a magistrate, that justice might be rendered; and was about to remove the wax representation of him, when Mr. Vanucl interfered and proved the whole affair to be but a ruse."

IT will be seen by a communication in another portion of this paper, that our Senator, Mr. J. P. Marshall, is nominated as a Candidate for Congress for the 4th Congress, in the 1st District, containing the counties of Edgefield, Laurens, Newberry and Lexington. The names of Col. P. W. Picken and P. S. Brooks of Edgefield, and Mr. Sullivan, of Laurens is also spoken of in connection with the post. The election we understand will take place early in February. Abbeville Banner.

THE assessed value of the real and personal estate of the inhabitants of South Carolina, for the year ending June 1, 1850, was \$283,867,700 while the true or estimate value was computed at \$285,257,093, thus showing that she is more wealthy in this respect, than either Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and California. New York stands first, Pennsylvania second, Massachusetts third, Virginia fourth, Georgia fifth, Kentucky sixth, Ohio seventh, and South Carolina eighth.

REMOVALS OF NEW EXPEDITIONS AGAINST CUBA are becoming current in the South. The last San Antonio (Texas) Ledger remarks that three hundred armed men, supposed to be volunteers for Cuba, were quartered on St. Joseph's Island.

DEAN BOOTH.—The New York Tribune, though having little to do with theatres and the articles generally, eulogizes the late Janus Brutus Booth, and says: "A man of genius ended his career a few days since, in the death of Janus Brutus Booth, the well-known tragedian. The victim of circumstances and of a false social state, there was every thing in him a manly and respectable element, and none who knew him as he was and as he might have been, will refuse a eulogy for his memory."

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MASONIC NOTICE.

A REGULAR Communication of the Grand Lodge of the City of Augusta, No. 50, A. F. M., will be held at their Hall on Monday evening, 27th December, at 7 o'clock P. M.

A full attendance of the Brethren is earnestly requested as it is the occasion of the installation of the Officers of the Lodge for the ensuing year, which ceremony will be conducted by Brother James G. M. P. M. of Social Lodge, of the City of Augusta. It is expected, besides, to celebrate the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, by a Supper at Br. Doby's. By order of the W. M. Dec 22 49

Butler Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F. A Regular Meeting of this Lodge will be held on Monday evening