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### CONGRESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Washington, March 30.—The Democrats, in caucus, have determined to stick to the support of the Lecompton Constitution.

Henry W. Davis, of Maryland, and W. L. Underwood, of Ky., made decided Anti-Lecompton speeches in the House to-day.

The compromise committee of the House failed to agree, and the Anties will very probably fall back on Mr. Crittenden's amendment on Thursday before the final vote.

Washington, March 31.—In the Senate today the Minnesota bill was amended so as to allow two representatives, until a census was taken.

The House was engaged in the discussion of the Kansas bill, and Messrs. Stephenson, of Kentucky, and Gilmer, of North Carolina, made speeches.

Mr. Gilmer, of North Carolina, in his speech, took the broad ground of nationality in favor of the admission of Kansas without the Lecompton Constitution, and wished the people of Kansas to settle all vexed questions themselves.

Mr. Miles, of South Carolina, made an effective speech in favor of the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

Mr. Zollicoffer, of Tennessee, regretted to separate from political friends, but he was determined to vote for the Lecompton Constitution.

It is generally believed that the vote to-morrow will be very close. Gen. Zollicoffer's defection has deranged the calculations of yesterday, when the Republicans counted on a majority. They still count on the votes of Democrats who are regarded as wavering.

The House will probably be in session all night.

Washington, April 1.—In the Senate to-day the army bill was passed, but with a substitute for two instead of four regiments, exclusive of that designated for Texas.

In the Senate the Kansas bill was received as amended to disagree to the amendments, and this motion will be considered to-morrow.

In the House, Mr. Stephens had scarcely moved that the Kansas bill should be taken up, when Mr. Giddings objected to its second reading. In such cases, the rule requires that the question shall be taken. On the rejection to this disagreement the vote stood yeas 95 to nays 137. Mr. Quitman offered as a substitute to the Senate bill, with the exception of Pugh and Green's provisos, declaring that the people of Kansas have the right to alter and amend their Constituton.

This amendment was defeated by a vote of 72 in favor of to 160 against it. The vote was then taken on Crittenden's amendment as a substitute, which was further amended by the Anti-Lecompton portion of Democrats in the late conference. The amendment was carried by eight majority.

The bill as amended by the House provides for the admission of Kansas, but refers the Constitution back to the people for their votes. If the Constitution is rejected a Convention is to be called to form a new Constitution. As soon as the latter is approved the President is directed to issue his Proclamation, and Kansas be admitted into the Union without further action by Congress. The house then adjourned.

### MAJOR RION'S CASE.

The case of the State against Major Rion came up for trial at 10 o'clock. The Judge in his charge to the Grand Jury had specially instructed them, with reference to this case, that the matter for them to determine was the mere act of killing, if they were satisfied on that point a true bill should be returned and the investigation left to the Court.

The trial commenced at 10 o'clock and the examination of witnesses continued until dinner time. After dinner Mr. Melton, the State solicitor, opened on the part of the prosecution; he was followed by Mr. Rutland and Mr. Boylston for the defence; Mr. Treadwell as assistant State counsel, concluding. The Judge then delivered his charge to the Jury. The Jury was absent about six minutes and returned with a verdict of "Not Guilty." The verdict was received with loud applause, which was immediately checked by the Judge.

We never have seen a trial conducted with more propriety and more correct and commendable spirit than that which animated both parties. The utmost consideration possible was exhibited for both living and dead in the unfortunate transaction. The Solicitor and his assistant discharged their duties faithfully and ably. The counsel for defence, voluntarily preferred and without any fee or renumeration, was conducted with the utmost ability. They felt the unfortunate position in which a respected and highly esteemed brother-lawyer and friend had been placed, and they came forward in a spirit of noble sympathy to his defence. The gratifying termination of the case in a prompt acquital by a highly intelligent Jury is testimony of how they discharged the obligation they, as friends, had assumed.—Winnsboro Register.

Santa Anna's Movements.—A letter dated Aspinwall, March 18th, says:

"Santa Anna, ex-President of Mexico, left Carthagena on Friday, 12th ultimo, on the British steamer for Havana. It is understood that he is on his way to Mexico, under the auspices and protection of Spain. Rumor says he can raise only three thousand dollars on his Turbaco property, which cost him over one million."

Acquitted.—The trial of fifty-four persons charged with murder came off at Darlington, C. H, on Wednesday, the 17th inst. They were members of the so-called Vigilance Committee, who were concerned in the recent affray at Windham's. The jury, the Cheraw Gazette says, was composed of some of the best men in the District, and had Hon. I. D. Wilson as foreman. The trial was begun on Wednesday, and at a late hour on Saturday evening, the verdict of not guilty was brought in by the jury, after an absence of an hour and a half. Mr. Solicitor Iver and Mr. Richardson conducted the case in behalf of the State, and the prisoners were defended by Messrs. Spain, Inglis, Dargan and Moses.

An old soldier, whose nose had been lopped of by a sabre cut, happened to give a few pence to a beggar, who exclaimed in return:

"God preserve your eye sight!"

"Why so?" inquired the veteran,

"Because, sir" was the reply, "if your eyes should grow weak, you couldn't keep spectacles before them."

Change of Army Uniform.—The Washington *Star* learns that the War Department will shortly order a change of the uniform of the army generally, and fix upon one in accordance with the recommendation of a Board of Examiners recently appointed for that purpose. For several days past, at the Department building, some of the hats, &c., pertaining to this new style of dress, have been exhibited.


# The Advertiser.

ARTHUR SIMKINS, EDITOR.

EDGEFIELD, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 1858.


### RULES THAT MUST IN FUTURE BE OBSERVED.

All advertisements from this date, not amounting to more than $10, must be paid for in advance.

Merchants and others advertising by the year, will be required to settle every six months.

No paper will be sent out of the District unless paid for in advance.

All letters on business connected with the Office, to receive prompt attention, must be addressed to the "*Edgefield Advertiser.*"

To these rules we will *rigidly adhere*. Therefore, take notice and act accordingly.

☞ Augusta Advertisements to be noticed in full next week.

☞ We will publish Mr. Gregg's response to the Evening *News* as soon as the number of that paper which contains it comes to hand; Also, at the same time, Mr. G's note having reference to the matter.

### BLAND & BUTLER.

Their whole store is filled up with new goods, and the ladies, and all the rest of mankind, are popping in and out, in and out, at all hours of the day. Mr. Butler has selected his goods from the best houses in Charleston, and is prepared, with the prompt assistance of his efficient clerks, to show his rich display to his hosts of friends. Advertisement in full next week.

### MR. EDMUND PENN.

Mr. Penn also is jam-full of every thing that is fresh, beautiful, strong, delicate, bright, good and useful; and he and E. J. Y., are there, with their clever young men, busy, busy, busy, all the day, waiting on, and preparing still further to wait on, the ladies and gentlemen of Edgefield.

### MORE GOODS.

Messrs. J. B. Sullivan & Co., are just now opening a splendid stock of goods, all new, all fresh, all selected in the best markets with the greatest closeness and care. Every one will remember the universal satisfaction which Mr. Sullivan formerly gave. He is again at his old stand, rapidly preparing to receive the visits of old friends and new ones. He is daily receiving and opening his choice collection of articles, and will present his advertisement through our columns next week, but is ready in the meantime to attend his customers and supply their every want.

The Messrs Hudson are also in receipt of superb supplies for the current season, and offer great inducements. Messrs H., though comparative strangers amongst us, have proven by their energy and gentlemanly demeanor as business men, that they deserve a full share of the people's generous patronage. See their advertisement.

Also, see the card of Mr. F. H. Candie, who has bought out the watch-repairing establishment so long and so favorably known as "Henry Gray's Shop." We are sorry our old friend has concluded to leave the old spot, but are glad to say that his successor promises to give satisfaction.

### THE RETAIL LICENSE.

The effects of this license in our village began to be felt on Monday last (saleday) in the blustering and disorder of several drunkards. We fear it will work badly for the quiet and decency of the place; but we are not prepared to pronounce upon the propriety of the system without seeing it tested further. Of course the conductors of the retail shops can do much toward preserving decent appearances about their respective establishments, and we think from our knowledge of the men that they will do so.

### OUR THESPIANS.

The reader is referred to the communication of "Childe Childrens" for an account of the first Thespian performance of the present season. His criticisms are liberal and gratifying, and his complimental allusions will, we are sure, fire the corps with redoubled zeal to please our respected public. The chief if not the sole object of those who are now lending their aid in this business, is to relieve the tedium of our lonely village life. They are certainly prompted by no desire of gain or reward, other than the approbation of the community amidst which they are happy in having their homes. Neither has vanity any part whatever in their aims. If they can amuse themselves and gratify their audiences with a few harmless exhibitions *after the Dramatic mode*, they will accomplish all they expect or desire to do. They are no theatre, present no temptations to dissipation of any kind, say nothing and enact nothing that can offend the most scrupulous, keep no late hours, disturb not in any manner the proprieties of social enjoyment, but seek only to intersperse an occasional evening of innocent pastime amid weightier and more important occupations and duties. Even this however they are by no means desirous of persisting in, if contrary to the judgment and tastes and feelings of their fellow-citizens and friends. If these are really adverse to the present endeavors of the Edgefield Thespian Corps, we are warranted in saying that not one member thereof would wish to press these efforts to please upon the public's approval, even though to do so might be an easy matter. But if the ladies and gentlemen of our community have no objection to being amused in a rational way, and will lend their valued smiles to the Corps, we think it can be safely promised that a successful series of entertainments will enliven our Spring season, and no one be the worse for it.

We are requested to say that, in accordance with the wishes of many who were present at the Hall on Thursday evening last, and to accomodate those who were prevented by the inclemency of the evening from witnessing the readings and the play given on that occasion, the performance will be repeated this (Wednesday) evening, abridged in one or two particulars but enlarged in others. See bills.

### THE KENNY PEN.

We have received a beautifully finished and excellent pen from Mr. Charles Kenney, of Hamburg, warranted not to injure by corroding. Mr. K. has a quantity of these pens with which he would be glad to supply the people generally. They are decidedly good pens.

### THE JOHNSON MAP.

The agent informs us he has been successful in the sale of this map in Edgefield, and we are very glad to hear it; because it occurs to us that every man who wishes to keep up with the progress of our great country, should keep on hand for continuous inspection a good map thereof. It is very necessary to the proper understanding of a great deal that is said and written in the speeches, journals and books of the day. The map is always ready for reference on your wall, and you will learn from it many things which no man ought to be ignorant of. Besides, Johnson's Map is really an ornament. But what is yet more, it is a good map, so pronounced by many competent judges. The agent will leave our District soon; and we again advise all who have not done so, to procure at once a copy of this large and useful work.

### RUSSELL.

The April number of Russell is received containing its usual variety of entertaining and instructive articles, as will appear by the subjoined ample bill of fare:

Table of Contents.—A Navy for the South; The Hero-Worker; Blase; The Fruitless Life; Anecdotes of Beranger; Song—"*Come back soon;*" Scenes in the Florida War, No. II; The Water Oak; Unpublished Revolutionary Papers, No. III; Heroes and Hero Worship; Palms of Florida; Love and Hate; Southern Poetry—Caldwell; Flowers, Lily, Kalmia and Azalae; The Papaya; Women—by a "Femme Incomprise;" The Consular Cities of China, No. 11; The Ideal in Art; Trip to Cuba, No. VII. (Concluded); The Saracenia; Creepers; Within the Veil; Winged Seeds; Agnes Dow—A Ballad; Editor's Table; Literary Notices.

### ITEMS per HOME EXCHANGES.

The Chester *Standard* was last week under the charge of ex-editor Mickle, who served up a very entertaining dish of local matter for his Chester readers. The Court had just been in session, Judge O'Neall presiding, and an account of its proceedings occupies two columns. One or two points in the Grand Jury's presentment are worthy of mention. 1st, They recommend a Penitentiary in accordance with the views of his Honor Judge O'Neall. 2nd, They score the Commissioners of the roads for the palpable neglect of the public highways in several parts of the District. 3rd, They "report as a nuisance the custom among planters of throwing into the roads pieces of broken rails and other trash from their plantations thereby stopping up ditches and in other ways injuring the said roads." The last suggestion would apply in our own neighborhood with no little pertinency. This manner of carelessness is too often observable among our planters, planters too who in other respects are very neat and systematic. It is particularly so where negro quarters are located immediately on the road. The negro children, in 'toting' firewood to the houses of their parents, are more than apt to drop sticks, chunks, brush, and the like, in the road, causing continued annoyance to passers-by. Of this the master is of course not aware in most cases, but it is no less true on that account; And our farmers cannot be too strict in preventing the occurrence of such fretting inconveniences as are often thus occasioned by the carelessness of their little niggers. The elder ones should be held responsible in the matter. Besides being troublesome to the traveller to drive around an unnecessary chunk, or to extricate from his wheel a pestiferious brush, the appearance of such things lessens the estimation one is apt to make of the beauty and value of the farmer's home.

As to the penetentiary recommendation of the Chester jury, we have long thought it a good one. If we are not mistaken, it has been so regarded by many grand juries in the State; Nor do we doubt that the establishment of such an institution would meet the approbation of a large majority of the people of South Carolina. Why it is that our Legislators do not take hold of the matter, we cannot see;—perhaps because they think the State has her hands full just now in the matter of the new State House.

The Laurensville *Herald* informs us that candidates for the Legislature are making their appearance for the season in that District. Capt. George Anderson is named, and also W. D. Simpson, Esq. We are ahead of you, brother Stokes, in this kind of business,—*vide* our advertising columns.—The *Herald* manifests its disapprobation of the late *emeute* in the South Carolina College.—By the way our Laurensville neighbor presents one of the neatest and most useful sheets in the State. His agricultural department is especially full and instructive,—an excellent farmer's journal, and we should think would receive a most generous and general support in the wealthy and enlightened District of Laurens.

The Abbeville *Banner* seems to commend the Faculty of the College in their late action towards the rebellious students.—Hon. A. Burt had delivered his address on the occasion of the recurrence of John C. Calhoun's Birthday. The *Banner* says that, when published, "it will be eagerly read by an appreciative public."

The Pee Dee *Times* is cheered at the indications of a re-opening of the Slave Trade, and looks to it as the avenue by which the South is to reach a splendor of prosperity which has never yet greeted the eyes of civilized man.

The Yorkville *Enquirer* of last week contains Maj. (?) Melton's how-d'ye-do to the press upon his return to the duties of editorial life. He thus expresses his sense of the occasion,—(and merely to enablo the reader to understand an allusion in the extract, we would remark that the returning editor is just now in the midst of that most glorious period of man's existence, *the first year of married life.*)

"To our brethren of the press, we extend the hearty grasp which is sure to tell of friendship, and of a high, well-established regard. Nothing in life (outside of the charmed twelve-month through which we are now hastening) has left us reminiscences more agreeable than those which call to mind our associations with the editorial fraternity of South Carolina. The kindly and flattering terms, warm, genial and generous, with which they have welcomed us back to their circle, add other links to the chain which binds us to the craft—inspiriting us, that we may deserve one tithe of their praises, to more zealous efforts to sustain the reputation, maintain the honor, and, if possible, magnify the usefulness of the profession."

Daniel Williams Esq., Edward Moore Esq., Wm. C. Black Esq., and A. S. Wallace Esq., are presented by "A Voter" as a suitable delegation to represent York in the next Legislature. Of course they are. Should vote for every one of them if we had the privilege.

A new machine for stuffing horse collars is noticed by the *Enquirer* in terms of commendation. It stuffs *sixty* collars a day in durable and warrantable style. But "Miles Johnson's" advertisement of this machine deserves an insertion both on account of its evidencing progress and for its unique style of announciation. Here it is:

It was said in olden times that "there's nothing new under the sun." But I, Miles Johnson, beg to correct this error publicly; and announce to the public that there's something new Under A Shed, just in the rear of Lewis and Kerr's old stand; in the shape of a new machine, the production of Southern genius, for the purpose of Stuffing all kinds of

LEATHER COLLARS,

in the neatest possible style; in a manner which effectually guards against injury to the "beast of burden;" and so much like a "streak of lightning," that the cost thereof, collar and all, becomes a mere "matter of moonshine."

On the shortest notice, I, Miles, can furnish any number of Collars; perfectly made; warranted not to "hurt;" of sound materials, and infinitely superior to Yankee manufacture.

Stand back, wooden nutmegs, and give way to the triumphant march of Southern improvement—listen to the tocsin of Southern Independence, and tremble!

Call and see the "mershine;" and take away a sample of the wonderful handicraft of

MILES JOHNSON.

Tell Miles of the showing we have given him away over here in Edgefield; and if he should take a notion to send us a couple of carriage-horse collars as a sample, we may put him in the way of a good job.

The Cheraw *Gazette*, alluding to the late difficulty in College, says: "We are pained to learn that this ill-fated institution is in ruins again,"—startling language, but yet not so far from the truth as some may imagine. It does indeed look like ruin, these successive demonstrations of Young Carolina against their College authorities. It is at least hazardous to the future of this hitherto favorite Institution. Now that other Colleges are springing into a vigorous growth in various parts of the State, the central College may well be warned to look to her laurels.—The *Gazette* learns that Judge Ellis, and Mr. Holden of the Raleigh *Standard*, are the prominent candidates for gubernatorial honors in North Carolina.—We observe that the Cheraw Lyceum is still moving on with its Lectures &c.

The Newberry *Rising Sun* argues against the propriety of the States fostering any longer the South Carolina College. We do not agree with the *Sun*, but quote its opinion, and that of others of our State cotemporaries, to show the feeling that is abroad in regard to the College. Let the Trustees and the Faculty ponder these developments; and, above all, let the students reflect what mischief their indiscreet conduct is bringing to the fortunes of their Alma Mater. The spirit of resistance seems to have been caught up by various other scholastic youths, and among the rest by the pupils of the Newberry Academy. Says the *Rising Sun:*

Rebellion.—From what we have heard, the Newberry Academy has been in a state of suspension. Young Newberry waxing fat rebelled against the authority of their Principal. Verily they are growing too large for their pants. They ought to be taken a button hole lower. An application of birch bark would have a happy effect.

Very glad are we to state, that we have no such bad boys in Edgefield.

The *Sun* speaks thus of our congressional representative, to the sentiment of which we subscribe:

Our Representative Gen. M. L. Bonham, we are glad to see has shown his good sense, by not wasting words on the exhausted subject of Kansas. We think too much has already been said. He is right on the question, and that's sufficient.

The Greenville *Patriot & Mountaineer*, in mentioning the College disturbance, says: "And now we have the reputation of our State College,—the common property of all taxpaying citizens—again placed in a doubtful position."

The Orangeburg *Southron* is vehement in its censures of the College students on account of their late insubordination. It remarks very sensibly, in the course of a somewhat prolonged article:

It is now high time, we think that the spirit of rebellion to law and order, so pre-eminent among the youth of our day, should be crushed. Boys should be made to know that they are boys and not men; without such a knowledge of themselves it is useless to try to teach them.

The *Southron* intimates that this knowledge is only to be properly imparted to them at home and around the family fireside; And we think our cotemporary here strikes the thing exactly. The true secret of College insubordination is a lack of home discipline, a defect which is at this time matter of notoriety in many southern communities. Until parents and guardians enforce upon the boys committed to their charge the rules of propriety and good manners, it is vain to expect that they will either become good citizens or true gentlemen.

The Keowee *Courier* breaks ground upon the question of the Banks, urging, that it should enter into the pending election of members to the legislature.—The *Courier* reports the sale of a negro woman with six children, *the oldest of them being only twelve years old*, the whole seven averaging $625. The property was sold on a credit, but with interest from date.

The Camden *Weekly Journal* gives an interesting account of a Debating Club Celebration in Camden at which several good addresses were delivered, and which closed with a capital dinner, with feast of reason, flow of soul, and all that sort of thing. Also the Camden Light Infantry had been having a dinner with speeches, toasts *et cetera*.—We observe that Mr. Warren, of the *Journal*, is a candidate for Tax Collector, and we wish him success. No candidates yet announced for the Legislature; but quite an animated canvass seems to be going on in the municipal elections.

The Winnsboro *Register* does not consider the rebellious boys at Columbia, Yorkville, and elsewhere *fast*, as is generally said of them. He regards them as peculiarly *slow*,—"having not yet *reached the point of capacity to appreciate education.*"

The Clarendon *Banner* is the new paper of Calvo & Ervin which we announced some weeks ago. The first number is now before us, containing the beginning of a nouvelette by Mr. Ervin, and various other original matter of interest. Mr. E. is known in South Carolina as the author of several meritorious tales. His capacity in that department of composition is evidently good, and we shall expect a large degree of excellence in the literary cast of the new *Banner*. Neither do we doubt his ability to wield the pen on general subjects. The *Banner* is gladly placed upon our exchange list, and we shall watch its weekly visits to our sanctum with interest and expectation.

The Anderson *Gazette* announces the fact, that a train on the Rabun Gap Railroad was to run through from Anderson to Old Pendleton Depot on the last day of the past month. As a consequence the old village is looking up in hopeful gladness; and it is contemplated to rescusitate the once venerable Pendleton *Messenger* on the strength of these brightening auspices.

### "LIQUOR DEALER'S" ARTICLES--AN END OF THEM.

Upon consideration, we must stop the publication of "Liquor Dealer's" articles, and explain the nature of their authorship to the public. They are not the production of one who is really a Liquor Dealer, but of a temperance man and a moral man. He supposed that much good might be done by affecting to advocate the traffic in liquor, and by placing the argument in its favor on weak and odious grounds. We thought it well to humor his notion and publish his pieces; But we discover, as we think, that they are doing more harm than good. Many readers look upon them as being really the compositions of a liquor dealer and a bad man, and are shocked at our giving them a place in our columns. Others, who suspect the truth, think that it is making a disgusting argument unnecessarily notorious and offensive. While a few (and we must say not without reason) look upon it as doing individual liquor dealers injustice. Influenced by these views, which had not until now struck us with their full force, we must notify "Liquor Dealer" that his articles are no longer acceptable. His secret however shall be kept to ourselves.

### PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

As we have heard several enquire for the Patent Office Report for 1857, we may state (and which we have upon good authority) that Congress has not yet authorized an issue of said report.

### THE HAMBURG & EDGEFIELD PLANK ROAD.

It is with regret that we find ourselves again compelled to animadvert upon the Hamburg & Edgefield Plank Road; but it is our duty as public journalists to do so. We have always been a well-wisher of the Company, and have again and again urged upon our readers the policy of fostering them into a permanently profitable existence as a corporation; because we believed their enterprize laudable in its design and eminently conducive to the welfare of our district, our village, and Hamburg, our market town. We have therefore, in common with many others, tolerated its bad management from time to time, ever hoping that an early amendment of all defects would take place. But we have waited still in vain. The thing has grown worse and worse, until now its abominable condition is too censurable to merit either patience or forbearance. It has become a vexation almost intolerable. It is the subject of every traveller's abuse. Only yesterday we were conversing with a gentleman connected with De Bow's Review who had recently ridden over the road. He has been in all parts of the United States, and emphatically asserts that he has never seen half so mean a highway in any part of the Union. His idea was, that it is a disgrace to the District and to the State. Without endorsing this opinion to its full extent, we must say that it approximates the truth! Nearly the entire route is in a condition violative of the spirit if not the letter of the Company's commission. There are not three smooth miles in the twenty six; And far the greater portion of the road is totally unworthy of the sheltering privileges of its charter. Yet the people have been required to pay toll at the highest admissable rates. They have done so as quietly as they could, all the while hoping for improvement. But no improvement worth noticing has come about. Now, how long are we to enduro this grievance? In reply to the just complaints of citizens, it has been impertinently said: "You are not compelled to take the plank. There is the dirt road yet, at your service. Take that, if you prefer it." What an absurd shift to get rid of the real point involved! The issue is not between the merits of the Plank and Dirt roads, but between the public and the chartered obligations of the Company. These obligations must be discharged, or the Company is palpably violating both duty and law.—But we are disposed to attribute their short-comings, even yet, to hard luck and ill judgment rather than to wilful indifference. We are disposed still to wait upon them for a brief season longer. And we earnestly trust they will retrieve the character of their road. It is an useful work. Properly kept up, it might be termed a great work in its sphere. Shall the public look in vain, wait in vain, hope in vain, beg in vain? Gentlemen Directors, awake to action and deserve that public's applause and gratitude.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

☞ Mr. John Autrey, living about eighteen miles from Anderson Court House, in South Carolina, committed suicide by shooting himself, at his residence, on the 27th of March.

☞ We are glad to learn from our farming friends, says the Dalton *Times*, that the wheat crop in this section is looking remarkably well. If the season continues favorable we may expect a bountiful harvest.

☞ Green Peas, says the Savannah *Republican*, made their first appearance in our market, Wednesday last. We would have had them several weeks sooner had they not been cut down by the severe weather in February, at which time they were in the pod, in many of our gardens.

☞ Hon. Edward Everett, will deliver his Oration on the Life and Character of George Washington, in Augusta, next Friday, April 9.

☞ The Senate refused to concur in the House amendments to the Kansas bill, and returned the bill to the House by a majority of nine.

### THE COLLEGE DIFFICULTY.

The recent *emeute* in College, as the demonstration of the students is fancifully designated, has mortified and grieved every well-wisher of our State Institution. It is a blow direct at its popularity and usefulness; and this blow, we are constrained to add, has been dealt by those who are reaping the advantages of the College,—and upon grounds totally insufficient to excuse its perpetrators. The case is simply this: The students refused to obey the call of their professors, summoning them to recitation. The ordinary recitation rooms had been defiled (it is unnecessary to say how) and rendered unfit for the occupation of the classes. The Faculty, upon ascertaining this to be the fact, agreed to open their own parlors for the instruction of the students until the recitation rooms could be cleansed and made fit for use. They notified the classes accordingly and summoned them to attend. A large portion of the students, about one hundred in number, refused to observe and comply with the notification and summons of the professors. Whereupon the recusants were suspended until the first of next October.

We concur in the general opinion of the press of the State, that the Faculty have acted rightly in the matter. They had no other course to take, in view of the increasing imperious necessity to preserve good government and enforce obedience to authority among the youths committed to their guidance and instruction. The special pleading which the students publish in their defence, amounts to no more than a far-fetched apology for what they themselves feel to have been a fault. It may be, as they say, that the laws of College (the *lex scripta*) do not require them to attend recitation in any other place than in the lecture-rooms. But what students ever before doubted that, if by accident or otherwise these rooms became impossible of use, it was then a part of the duty and authority of the Faculty, to appoint some other convenient place or places at their discretion, and to require attendance as usual upon lectures and recitations. What students ever before claimed exemption from the *privileges* of the College on this absurd and unworthy ground? We believe it is the first demonstration of the kind in the history of the College, and, as an alumnus who looks to our time-honored State Institution with affection and pride, we sincerely trust it will be the last.

We repeat then our conviction, and which we believe is a very general one in South Carolina, that the Faculty has acted well in dealing decisively with the offending students; And we heartily endorse the suggestion of the Winnsboro *Register*, that the examination, upon their return to College next October, should be strict and thorough-going. In the mean time let the young gentlemen think over their very unnecessary and ill-timed demonstration, and determine to make such amends as they can for the injury they have (thoughtlessly no doubt) inflicted upon their *alma mater*. They can best do this by carefully keeping up with the studies of their respective years, by returning in October and saying to their professors frankly "*we were wrong*," and by setting an example of implicit obedience to all reasonable discipline for the future. In reply to the idea that our College is on the verge of dissolution, we appropriate the following brief statement contributed to the Charleston *Mercury* by a "Subscriber:"

Messrs. Editors: Your paper, of the 29th inst., contained an editorial notice with the heading: "The South Carolina College again broken up." I have the new catalogue before me, from which the classes stood as follows:

Senior, 55; Junior, 43; Sophomore, 77; Freshmen, 26. Total, 201.

The suspensions are: Senior, 33; Junior, 5; Sophomore, 69; Freshmen, 3.

So that there are left in College in the performance of their duties:

Senior, 22; Junior, 38; Sophomore, 8; Freshmen, 23. Total, 91.

This statement is correct. It shows that each class will continue, though with diminished numbers. Most of the young men will return, it is believed, when the period of their suspension is passed, and it may yet be that, notwithstanding recent events, the College, through the firmness of the Faculty,

"May, from the nettle danger,
Pluck the flower—safety."

As this institution is deeply seated in the affections of our people, you will confer a public benefit in publishing this statement.

### EUROPEAN NEWS.

From the advices brought by the *Persia*, the last Steamer from Liverpool, we gather the following items.

Of the French conspirators, Orsini and Pierri had been guillotined, and Rudio respited.

Nothing of importance had occurred in the British Parliament. The India Loan Bill has finally passed.

Count Persigny had resigned the French Mission to the English Court.

Rumors were current that the French Navy is to be put upon a war footing.

It was confidently stated at Madrid that the questions pending between Spain and Mexico, had been amicably settled.

Dates from Canton to January 28th have reached England. No reply had been received by the allied forces from the Emperor, and they would ascend the river with a fleet of gun-boats and 400 French and 1000 English troops from the garrison. The English were erecting strong works on the Island of Bevin. A further deficiency in the tea crop was reported.

The sales of Cotton for the week comprised 31,000 bales. Prices had declined ¼d, and holders were pressing their stocks on the market. The sales on Friday, 19th, were 4,000 bales, the market closing quiet. Fair Orleans was quoted at 7¼d; Middling Orleans, 7 1-16d; Fair Mobile, 7¼d; Middling Mobile, 6¾d; Fair Upland, 7¼d, and Middling Upland, 6¾d. The stock of Cotton on hand was 354,000 bales, including 243,000 bales of American.

Flour was steady, under a large speculative enquiry. Wheat was dull. Corn was active and improving.

Sugar was quiet, and inferior qualities had declined 6d. @ 1s. £ cwt. Coffee was steady. Rice was firm, at 25s. 1d. £ cwt. for Carolina.

P. S. By the very latest news (received by the Indian) it appears that all qualities of cotton had advanced. Consols are quoted at 97¼. Gen. Bellissier was to be the French minister at the Court of London. The blockade of Canton was raised on the 10th of February.

For the Advertiser.

### DRAMATIC.

Despite the inclement weather, quite a crowd of gentlemen and a few of the fair sex, graced the occasion of the revival of the performances of the "Thespian Corps," on the evening of the first instant. The attractive programme, had caused me to anticipate quite a varied feast,—beauty, romance, poetry, and tip-toe jollity. The evening's entertainment was opened by Mrs. Rainforth's recitation from "The Song of Hiawatha," the most original production of the American Muse. She began with the fall of "Nokomis from the Moon," and ended with "the departure of Hiawatha," evincing great taste in her selections. The varied melody of her voice, combined with the picturesque dress of an Indian Girl, transported us into the fairy land of dreams; as with deep pathos she sung the sad tale of the "wasting" and the "blasting" of the beautiful flower of the prairie, "Minnehaha"—laughing water,—she awoke the tender sympathies of our nature for the mournful destiny of the Red man of the forest, and cheated us into a forgetfulness of time as it flew by with tentless heed. The beautiful advocate, for indeed she seems as an advocate of the claims of the Indian to the softer emotions of our being,—yea, of his vassalage to the queen of love,—so won upon us, that we were ready to flee the haunts of civilization, and seek the "unsunned dimness of some wilderness." In truth she even was the successful advocate of the author, for she revealed beauties of the poem hitherto hidden by the novel garb of the poet.

The inimitable farce of "The Rough Diamond," was equally as successful in satisfying our fondness for merriment and laughter, as the recitation was in filling the measure of our love for poetry and romance. The cast of characters was exceedingly appropriate. Col. A. S., as "Sir Willlam Evergreen," merited and received universal applause; he acted with his usual grace, spirit, and appropriateness, and thus made the most of his character. F. L. S., as "Lord Plato," with dignified and grave demeanor acted well the part of an old Englishman gentleman. The impersonation of Capt. Augustus Blenheim by Maj. J. P. B., was well received; his military bearing, and handsome person, won favorable opinions from all, and made it seem perfectly natural for him to win the heart of "Lady Plato." We greet him with pleasure as quite an acquisition to the Corps. Mrs. Rainforth was very successful in her character of "Lady Plato;" the soft chastened face and the unostentatious ease and grace of her action, gave us a true insight into the character of our English Lady. A. R., as "Cousin Joe," could not be surpassed. He played his part to perfection, his dress, attitudes, voice, look and acts, all provoked incessant applause and laughter—he undoubtedly possesses great genius for acting comedy. The countenance of Miss Lonsdale beaming with beauty, good-humor and frankness so well suited the character of "Margery," that we were almost insensibly impressed with the idea that she was really a country lassie. Her acting was natural, fascinating, and elegantly artistic; even in the minor effects she was eminently successful. Her golden curls and Saxon style of beauty, combined with her magnificent physique, and the graceful rendition of her part, won the plaudits of a delighted audience. The minor appointments were well sustained, the "select Orchestral Band," ever and anon delighting the audience with sweet and refined music. The whole performance was a decided success.

The efforts of the Corps to afford cultivated amusement for our citizens entitle them, as they justly deserve, to great encouragement.

The expense incurred in securing the services of eminent artists, evinces a desire on their part to leave nothing unassayed to render their exhibitions the most *recherche* that the circumstances will admit of. We bespeak for them a crowded house for next Wednesday night.

CHILDE CHILDERS.

For the Advertiser.

### TO THE VOTERS OF HAW GAP COMPANY.

I have said that if the election recently held for Captain of the Haw Gap Company should be broken again on certain grounds, I would not be a candidate for that office, but by the urgent solicitation of my friends have re-considered that matter, and now announce myself as a candidate, and respectfully place myself once more upon the kindness of my friends.

JOSEPH MORRIS.

☞ Among the bills passed by the legislature of Massachusetts is one making two divisions in the crime of murder, the first of which, where it is premeditated, or life taken while in the commission of a felony, is made punishable with death. The second degree is punished by imprisonment for life.

☞ A telegram from St. Louis, on the 2nd inst., says:—"The steamer Sultan was destroyed by fire this morning near Cape Girardera, and fifty persons lost their lives by the casualty. The Sultan was bound to New Orleans."

☞ The railroad trains now run to old Pendleton village in this State.

### HYMENIAL.

Married, on the 28th ult., by the Rev. D. Bodie, Mr. W. BARKER and Miss M. A. ERGLE, in the Granietville Baptist Church, all of this District.

### OBITUARY.

Died of measles, on Saturday evening, the 20th ult., LURA MORRISON, aged eleven months; and on Sunday, 28th, SUSAN MARGARET, aged four years, youngest children of Dr. John and Sophia A. Lake.

We can teach our little ones very early to know and love the gentle Saviour who blessed them. The oldest of the dear ones whose names are recorded here, lisped to her mourning parents that she was not afraid to die,—that she loved papa and mamma, but God best of all; for he made her and sent Jesus Christ to die for sinners; and that she would go to live with her little brothers and sisters, who were angels in Heaven.

Be still my stricken heart,
For God hath dealt the blow;
He who did once with *human* heart
Love little children so.

That human heart still throbs
Near to the throne of God;
It sympathises with our woes
And helps us kiss the rod.

It bids us look beyond
The veil that blinds us here,
It points to the Elysian fields
And Jesus dwelling there.

And Oh! we bless his name—
Our hold on earth grows weak;
Ere long we hope to reach the goal
And find the rest we seek.

There am'rinths ever bloom;
There earth-worn spirits rest;
And there our precious darlings chant
Their praises with the blest.

A MOURNER.

Departed this life, on the 24th March, FRANCES SEIGLER, wife of William Seigler, of Edgefield District; in the 45th year of her age.

She lived a life of almost uninterrupted prosperity and health until, a few months before her death, she was called to part with a dear son, who being the first out of eight children they had lost, her Christian graces were severely tried, but she humbly submitted to the will of God, little thinking what trials were yet in store for her. Ten days before his death, she was compelled by death to part with her eldest daughter, Sarah T. Seigler, in the 20th year of her age, who was the pride and ornament of the family circle, and in whom were the parents' hopes and joys centered. But as a flower of the field, so she flourished, "but the wind passeth over it and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more." But the mother's afflictions came not singly, for on the 22d March her infant child, eight days old, was taken from her bosom to be transplanted in that bright world where there is no sin or death. These afflictive dispensations only showed her faith as a Christian. She had been a member of the Rehoboth Baptist Church more than twenty years, during which time she honored the profession she had made by a well ordered life and godly conversation. The Church of which she was a member, has sustained a great loss in her death. She was truly a loving wife, an affectionate mother, and an ardent Christian; and has left a disconsolate family to mourn their irreparable loss. But their sorrow should not be without hope, for if we believe that Jesus died, and arose again, even so them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. D. D.

### COMMERCIAL.

AUGUSTA, April 2.

Cotton.—Sales of Cotton to-day about 400 bales, and for the past two days about 2,300 bales. Prices are so irregular that we omit quotations.

Bacon—We have no change to report though our market exhibits rather a stiffening t