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South Carolina Conference.

From the proceedings of the South Carolina Methodist Conference, recently held at Abbeville, S. C., we extract the following appointments for the next year:

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

A M Chreitzberg, Presiding Elder.
Charleston—Trinity and Cumberland, W. P. Mouzon.
Charleston—Bethel, J. T. Wightman.
Charleston—Spring Street, J. R. Picket.
Cooper River—E J Pennington, sup
Cypress—To be supplied by A. R. Danner.
Walterboro—W. Carson.
St. Georges—L. L. Sibley.
St. Georges Mission—To be supplied.
Eastern Orange—B. G Jones.
Providence—J. C Seidl.
St. Matthews—William Hutto
Upper St. Matthews—E. T. Wannamaker.

BAMBERG DISTRICT.

D J. Simmons, Presiding Elder
Bamberg Circuit—T. Raysor.
Blackville—C. Wilson.
Barnwell—I. E. Penney.
Aiken and Graniteville—Augustine W. Walker.
Lexington—Abram Nettles.
Upper Orange—R. B. Tarrant, Sup.
Orange—J. E Crisp.
Branchville—T. J. Clyde.
St. Bartholemew's—A. Wood, J. J. Snow, Sup.
Allendale—W. A. Clarke.
Black Swamp—L. C. Loyal.
Hardeeville Mission—J. R. Coburn.

MARION DISTRICT.

R. J. Boyd, Presiding Elder.
Marion Station—G. H. Wells, T. Mitchell Sup.
Marion Circuit—L. M. Little, T. W. Munnerlyn, Sup.
Brownsville—W. C Power.
Buck Swamp—J. B. Platt.
Liberty Chapel—D. W. Seale.
Darlington Station—J. E. Watson.
Darlington Circuit—P. F. Kistler.
Timmonsville—S. Jones.
Lynchburg—D. J. McMillan.
Georgetown—T. A. Porter, A. Ervin, Sup.
Kingstree and Blackriver—W. W. Jones, S. M. Davis.
Conwayboro Station—E. G. Gage.
Conwayboro Circuit—L. Scarboro.
Waccamaw Circuit and Mission—S. P. H. Elwell, C. Betts, Sup.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

S. H. Browne, Presiding Elder
Columbia—Washington Street W. Martin.
Columbia—Marion Street, W. W. Mood.
Columbia—Circuit, R. R. Dagnall.
Rocky Mount—J. L. Shuford.
Winnsboro—J. S. Conner, G. W. M. Creighton, Sup.
Chester—P. G. Bowman.
Richland Fork—H. J. Morgan.
Fairfield—A. J. Cauthen.
Camden—W. Thomas
Sampter Station—H. M. Mood.
Sampter Circuit—J. W. Murray.
Bishopville—J. W. Crider, A. McCorquodale, Sup.
Manning—S J. Hill.
Santee—J. B. Campbell.
S. Leard, Sunday School Agent.

COKESBUBY DISTRICT.

W. H. Fleming, Presiding Elder.
Cokesbury Station—W. T. Capers, S. B. Jones, Sup.
Cokesbury Circuit—W. S. Black.
Abbeville—N. Brown, T. S. Daniel.
Ninety-Six—T. G. Herbert.
Saluda River Mission—R. M. Harrison.
Dorn's Mine—J. B. Traywick.
Edgefield—J. T. Kilgo.
Savannah River Mission—To be supplied.
Butler—J. H. Zimmerman.
Newberry Station—O. A. Darby.
Newberry Circuit—W. H. Lawton and to be supplied by M. Boyd.
Laurens—J. W. Kelly.
Clinton—J. Attaway.
Reedy River—P. Auld.

GREENVILLE DISTRICT.

A. B. Stephens, Presiding Elder.
Greenville Station—A. J. Stafford.
Greenville Circuit—J. J. Workman.
Reidville—W. Bowman.
Pickensville—To be supplied by F. Smith.
Walhalla—A. N. Wells F. M. Morgan. Sup.
Williamston—J. M. Carlisle.
Seneca and Tugalo—D. D. Byars.
Anderson Station—S. A. Weber.
Anderson Circuit—W. A. Hodges.
Pendleton—G. F. Round.
Pendleton Colored Circuit—J. L. Stoudemire.
Orphans' Home—T. H. Edwards.

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

R. P. Franks, Presiding Elder.
Spartanburg Station—W. A. Gamewell, R. C. Oliver, Sup.
Spartanburg Circuit—J. D. Carpenter, J. Parker, Sup.
Rich Hill—J. S. Ervin.
Pacolet—J. B. Massebeau.
Unionville and Fate Forrest—A. J. Stoke.
Cane Creek and Goshen Hill—J. W. McRoy.
Belmont—To be supplied by H. D. Lee.
Columbus—M. G. Tuttle.
Rutherford—V. A. Sharpe.
Cherry Mount Mission—To be supplied.
Marion Station—J. R. Griffeth.
McDowell—To be supplied.
Wofford College.—A. M. Shipp, President; W. Smith, Sup. Professor; A. H. Lester, Professor.

WADESBORO DISTRICT.

F. M. Kennedy, Presiding Elder.
Wadesboro—E. W. Thompson, and to be supplied by W. McClelion.
Cheraw—J. R. Little.
Bennetsville—C. H. Pritchard, M. L. Banks, Sup.
Pedee Mission—W. L. Pegues.
Andersonville—J. A. Mood.
Albemarle—J. W. Puett.
Concord—R. R. Pegues.
Mt. Pleasant—J. Finger.
Lancaster—C. Thomason.
Hanging Rock—R. L. Duffy.
Chesterfield—J. C. Hartsell, O. Edny, Sup.
Monroe Station—To be supplied.
Monroe Circuit—J. W. Abernathy.
Pleasant Grove—J. M. Clinton.
South Charlotte—N. K. Melton.

SHELBY DISTRICT.

J. W. North, Presiding Elder.
Shelby Station—J. W. Humbert.
Shelby Circuit—A. P. Avant.
Lincolnton.—M. A. Connolly. A. G. Stacey, Sup.
South Fork—J. Watts.
Rock Spring—C. E. Land.
Dallas—M. H. Hoyle.
Yorkville—J. A. Wood, L. A. Johnson, Sup.
York Circuit—To be supplied.
Rock Hill—J. S. Nelson, R. Alston, Sup.
Pineville—E. A. Lemmond.
Charlotte—E. J. Meynardie, T. H Boone, Sup.
Calvary Mission—To be supplied.
North Charlotte Circuit—J. J. Prather.
Lenoir—G. W. Ivey.
Newton—D. May.
Happy Home—To be supplied by R. L. Abernathy.
Morgantown—P. L. Hermon.
John's River Mission—To be supplied by N. Kaylor.
Davenport Female College—S. Lander, President.

COKESBURY COLORED DISTRICT.

W. H. Fleming, Presiding Elder.
Greenwood Circuit—To be supplied by R. M. Valentine.
Flat Woods—To be supplied by A Johnson.
Willington—To be supplied by W. Tucker.
Warrenton—To be supplied by F. Brown.
Lowndesville—To be supplied by E. Jones.
Harrisburg—To be supplied by N. Childs.

R. D. Harper transferred to Memphis Conference.
F. A. Mood, transferred to Texas Conference.
W. G. Connor transferred to Texas Conference.
C. Murchison transferred to Illinois Conference.
A. R. Bennick transferred to Holston Conference.

☞ A correspondent of the New York *Herald* recently had a conversation with John W. Menard, the colored Congressman elect from Louisiana. He is represented as a rather prepossessing mulatto in appearance. He denounced the carpet-baggers in Congress, who had snubbed him since his arrival, although they were warmly devoted to him before the election, and he seems to think that Governor Warmouth intends to withhold his certificate.

☞ A New Mexican millionaire, traveling East by the overland route, was recently robbed of $89,000 by the Indians in Kansas. He was shot besides, and after getting to Omaha was five days without food or lodging. He at last met an acquaintance, and was provided for.

Ring Out the Old--Ring in the New.

TENNYSON

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new;
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,
The faithless coldness of the times;
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

A Living Headless Child.

The Dispatch (N. Y.) Courier is responsible for the following marvelous story:

In the vicinity of Spoon river in Illinois, is a child that was born and has lived five years without a head. Mrs. ——, the mother, is the widow of a soldier, formerly living in Marshall county, who enlisted in the sixty fifth or Scotch regiment, and was killed at the battle of Lexington, Missouri. She was standing beside her husband during an engagement, when a cannon ball carried his head completely away, his body falling into her arms and covering her with blood. The shock affected her greatly. When her child was born there was not the semblance of a head about it. The limbs are perfectly developed, and the shoulders where the head and neck should be are smoothly rounded off.

But the most surprising thing of all is that the face is situated in the breast. Of course there being no neck, the power of turning its head is wanting, except as the whole body is moved; but this difficulty is overcome by the singular faculty it possesses of turning its eyes in their sockets, enabling it to see quite as well on either side as those more perfectly framed. The upper portion of its body is white as the purest Caucasian; from the waist downward is blood red. This strange creature, now an active boy of five years old, as if to compensate for his deformity, possesses the most clear and bird like tones ever listened to, singing with singular correctness everything it may hear, and its voice at this early age accomplishes two octaves easily.

An Episode.—A few evenings since the usual quiet which prevails near the junction of St. Anne and Peters streets, was fearfully disturbed by the frantic wailings of a woman evidently in distress. The cries proceeded from a second story room, fronting on a gallery. Several citizens and an officer immediately rushed to the place. Ascending hastily a flight of steps, they knocked loudly for admittance at the first door. It was secure ly locked, however, and no attempt was made by the inmates to undo the fastenings. The cries continuing, the door was burst open and the men sprang into the room. Here a sight met their eyes which even their hearts were unable to contemplate with indifference. The room was inhabited by an organ grinder and his spouse. The woman was seated on a low chair, hugging frantically to her bosom a sick monkey; and her husband, on his knees, was besieging every saint in the calendar to spare the expiring animal's life. The fiat had gone forth, however, and even as they importuned, the unhappy monkey became defunct, and his soul, if monkeys have souls, went on a pilgrimage to the realms of celestial cocoanuts. Before this scene of sorrow the hearts of the intruders melted, and they retired from the house of mourning with bowed heads and muffled tread.—N. O. Picayune.

The New Orleans Crescent of the 13th instant says: "The famous duelling ground on the Metaire ridge, known as The Oaks, was the scene yesterday morning of a sanguinary duel between two young men of this city, which has rarely had its parallel in the annals of the code either in this country or in Europe. The antagonists were, the one a native Creole of New Orleans, the other a Frenchman by birth; the provocation a blow in the face, at the hand of the Creole; the weapons were broad-swords: the hour daybreak. Arrived on the field, accompanied by their seconds, the combatants stripped to the waist, and sword in hand, in the freezing air of the morning, sprung at each other like tigers. There was no hesitation or playing to try each other's skill. A few lunges and cuts were successfully parried; when suddenly an up cut from the Frenchman's sword wounded his opponent in the right arm. The *riposte* from the Creole laid open the Frenchman's left cheek, laying the inside open and exposing his teeth. Nothing daunted, the wounded man stepped back, had a handkerchief bound round his face and again put himself in attitude of offence. His first lunge penetrated the breast of his antagonist, between the rib and the skin, but it was made with such relentless force that it passed also through the off arm. An attempt was made at this moment by the seconds to stop the matter at that point, but the man with the handkerchief around his jaws rushed at the second who was most anxious to settle the matter, sword in hand, asseverating that naught should quiet his animosity except a cut across his throat. The battle was renewed and lasted until the Creole received eight wounds and the other six—all severe and painful, but none, it is hoped, dangerous. Both men displayed extraordinary courage, animosity and endurance; and during the course of the bloody encounter neither was willing to give up the contest until both had to let their hands fall helpless to their sides from loss of blood and the pain of their wounds. The parties were carried home, after having their wounds dressed; and though the Creole had two more wounds, his situation was more comfortable and less critical than that of his antagonist."

☞ The champion eater of the United States is named Joshua Plumb. A few days ago he entered a restaurant in Hudson, New York, and offered to eat all that any one would pay for. The challenge having been accepted, he disposed of the following articles: Ten pieces of apple pie, six corn cakes, a quarter of a pound of crackers, six cups of peanuts, thirty pickled clams, four lemons, an ounce of candy, and two bowls of clam soup. He then drank six tumblers of water and offered to eat a hundred raw oysters. No one doubted his ability to accomplish the feat, but no one was willing to pay for the oysters, and so he went off grumbling that he wasn't half full.

☞ The *Constitutionalist* says: "Stephen C. Millett, President of the Port Royal Railroad Company, who, through his own personal efforts has re-organized the company, is stopping at the Planters' Hotel for a few days, and would be pleased to see the friends of this enterprise. He reports that the prospect of an early completion of the road is good; and when completed, will give Augusta a new road to Charleston and Savannah as short as the present routes, and put deep water at Port Royal within one hundred and ten miles."

☞ The *Chronicle & Sentinel* says: "We are informed that the injunction case of the South Carolina Railroad Company against the Columbia & Augusta Railroad Company, will be dissolved by the decision of Judge Platt, which orders a jury to assess damages. Under this ruling of the Court, work will, we understand, be resumed immediately and the road pushed through to Augusta with all possible speed."

☞ We regret to learn that the gin house of Mrs. John C. Simkins, near Chappell's Depot, together with eight bales of Cotton, was set on fire recently and entirely consumed.

THE ADVERTISER

JAMES T. BACON, EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28.

Blank on One Side.

Christmas should be—and has ever been—a resting place from hard realities and every-day monotonies. And the *Advertiser* appears this week blank on one side, because all hands connected with it have been allowed to enjoy a brief respite from their daily toil that they might partake of some of the comforts and festivities of the season.

And we take this occasion to say, further, that we shall enter upon the new year, with the blessing of God, full of renewed and increased energy. Our time will be conscientiously devoted to our paper, and no effort will be left unemployed on our part to maintain the ancient fame and respectability of the *Edgefield Advertiser*.

The large and generous support it has ever received and continues to receive from the masses in all sections of Edgefield and the adjoining Districts, and from the honored citizens and merchants of Augusta, Charleston and Columbia, fills us with lively gratitude to all these people, and with a determination to labor more zealously in their behalf, and in behalf of the liberties and interests of the country.

Communications for the New Year.

We have on hand several original articles, well-written and interesting, the publication of which we will commence in our next issue.

☞ The Greenville papers contain the announcement of the death, on Monday 21st, at the residence of his son in that place, of the Rev. Basil Manly, Sr., D. D., in his seventieth year. Dr. Manly was universally known throughout the Baptist denomination of the South, and had been serving in the ministry for over forty years.

A Gifted Agricultural Editor.

Our highly-esteemed cotemporary, the Augusta *Chronicle & Sentinel*, has secured the services of P. J. Berckmans, Esq., owner of the famous and beautiful model farm near Augusta, as Agricultural Editor, and will hereafter give prominence to the Agricultural Department. We consider any journal most fortunate which can secure the aid of so accomplished a gentleman and so scientific an Agriculturalist; and we heartily congratulate the *Chronicle & Sentinel* upon the brilliant prospects of its Agricultural Department under such auspices.

The Erection of Townships in Edgefield District.

We would call the attention of the people generally to an important notice, in another column, from the Board of County Commissioners. This notice explains itself. It will be perceived that three Electors are to be appointed in each Township, by the County Commissioners. We would, therefore, advise the people of each and every Township to lose no time in nominating to said Commissioners three of their most intelligent and reliable citizens, as best fitted to receive such appointment. The election in each Township is to take place on the 18th day of January 1869.

By instruction of the County Commissioners, we shall next week, for the benefit of the people at large, publish, in full, the "Act to organize Townships, and to define their powers and privileges," and the "Act to define the jurisdiction and duties of County Commissioners."

Congress.

This body, like the worshipful Legislature of South Carolina, is now enjoying a recess. They dismissed on the 21st inst., and will re-assemble on the 4th January. Many bills of national importance have been introduced, and the various committees are busy making arrangements for active work on re-assembling.

The claims of Menard, the colored Representative from Louisiana, have been referred to the Committee on Elections, which Committee have given him extremely cold comfort concerning his probable (or rather, improbable) admission to his seat. He was elected to fill some unexpired term, and his time will be out on the 3rd March next. Of course he will not be allowed to take his seat. If the Radicals in Congress can exclude a Northern *white* Congressman who has been elected by a thousand majority, they can more easily reject a Southern *negro* who has been elected in a State under military rule.

Agricultural Tools.

The improvement in Agricultural Tools within the last few years, almost passes belief. We have just got up from reading a descriptive catalogue of Messrs. John & Thos. A. Bones, the widely-known Hardware Dealers of Augusta; and, really, we cannot help wondering that our farmers are still so behind hand in availing themselves of the many admirable improvements described in said catalogue. Among many implements highly recommended, we would mention Collins' Solid Cast Steel Plows, and a certain kind of new Harrow which revolves and goes ahead at the same time. Our farmers and planters would do well to consult our new advertisement from the Messrs. Bones.

A Negro Magistrate.

The low-country negro, generally known as Prince Rivers, a member of the Legislature from Edgefield District, has been appointed by Gov. Scott, a Magistrate for said District.

A New Masonic Lodge.

On Saturday evening last, the 26th, Past Master Z. W. Carwile, by authority in him vested by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina, acting as Grand Master, assisted by Past Master D. R. Durisoe, acting as Deputy Grand Master, met with the new Lodge lately organized on the Ridge in this District, known as *Hampton Lodge*, No. 134, and Constituted said Lodge into a Regular Lodge, and Installed the Officers appointed for the ensuing year. The following Officers were duly installed:

Bro. G. A. Visanska, W. M.
" T. L. Smith, S. W.
" John Kennerly, J. W.
" P. B. Asbill, Treas.
" L. M. Asbill, Sec'ry.
" E. W. Perry, J. D.
" T. A. Pitts, S. D.
" Wm. Watson, } Stewards.
" Levi Thrailkill, }
" M. J. Boatwright, Tiler.

After the beautiful ceremony of Constituting the Lodge and the Installation of the Officers, the Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, and a handsome and well-prepared collation set before the brethren, which was enjoyed with zest by all.

We see nothing to prevent *Hampton Lodge* becoming a large and prosperous one, it being located in a delightful and thickly settled community, with a selection of competent and worthy Officers, and a plenty of good and true men in its surrounding vicinity from which to obtain its members. We would advise its present members however to lose no time in procuring a suitable building for a Lodge Room, which is now its chief and only want.

Masonic.

At a regular communication of *Friendship Lodge*, No. 25, A. F. M., held 5th Dec. A. L. 5868, the following named brethren were elected to serve as Officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

Bro. E. Lagroon, W. M.
" W. L. Durst, S. W.
" D. A. J. Bell, J. W.
" W. F. Street, Treasurer.
" J. W. Lyon, Secretary.
" E. J. Rhodes, S. D.
" E. H. Lagroon, J. D.
" J. M. Kemp, } Stewards.
" J. P. Bodie, }
" J. A. Wren, Tyler.

☞ The gin house of Mr. King, at Ninety-Six, caught fire accidentally on last Friday morning and was completely destroyed. The house contained five bales of cotton in the seed, belonging to several parties. It was supposed that the fire originated from a match dropped into the cotton through accident.

Happy New Year.

Once again the old year is drawing to a close; its labors and anxieties, its hopes and disappointments, its joys and sorrows, are passing away, and in a few more days it will exist only in the recollections of the past. To how few will those recollections be all of joy; to how many will they bring much of sadness? How many will remember some labor that has proved fruitless, some hope that has been blasted, some joy that has been turned into sorrow? How many, who commenced the year cheerfully by the love of a dear friend, a beloved partner, or a darling child, will ever look back to it with sadness for the void which it has left in their hearts?

But time, though it does not always cure sorrow, enables us to endure it; and even sometimes enables us to see that the sacrifices of care, disappointment and sorrow, which it exacts from us, however at first they may be bitter to the heart, in the end are generally wholesome in their operations on the spirit. Affliction, if it does not always make us wiser, sometimes makes us better men.

But God, in his mercy to man, endowed him with that elasticity of the spirit which we call hope, without which, existence in this world would scarcely be endurable. From the grave of every buried hope some new one arises, like the fabled bird of old from the ashes of its progenitor, and thus man travels on his pilgrimage through life ever hoping to the last.

The death of the old year is a time for very serious reflections What is past, is past. Whatever disappointments or sorrows we shared during its brief existence, may now be considered as passed away with it; and a New Year is upon us with new hopes and new promises. The coming year may make up for the failures of the past and hopes may be realized, and promises fulfilled, which, hitherto, we have looked for in vain. But while we look forward to the future, let us not forget the past. If the recollection of our failures and shortcomings does not make us wiser, let that of our errors, at least, make us better.

To the old, over whose heads many years have passed, each New Year's Day seems to bring them one mile-stone nearer to the grave, beyond which all of hope that now remains to them, extends. The remnant of life still left has little to offer them, nothing to promise; but, beyond, is a hope, greater than all earth can give; which the good, by God's mercy, may, but which the wicked never can realize.

But the young think not so seriously. Their thoughts lie more with the immediate than the distant future. To them the New Year comes full of hope and promise. 'Tis morning with them, the air breathes fresh around them, their skies are full of sunshine, and even their clouds are golden-hued. They have not yet learned to realize care, anxiety, care, disappointment or sorrow; and though of a surety all there will come, long may it be before they do! To the young, then, with all our heart, we say Happy New Year! And to the old we say the same, because it has brought them nearer the realization of that blessed and holy hope which the Redeemer has left as an inheritance to us all.

Fire in Hamburg.

The *Constitutionalist* of Sunday says: "There was an alarm of fire on Christmas day, occasioned by the burning of a chimney down town, but which was extinguished without damage. About two o'clock Saturday morning a large fire was discovered in Hamburg, which consumed the Hamburg Hotel and several other buildings. Our gallant firemen of Georgia, Vigilant, and No. 4 were, despite the cold and the hour, promptly on the spot, and did all that was possible to subdue the flames, but so extremely severe was the weather that the water froze as it left the pipes. Later in the day the fire broke out afresh but by the energy of our department was soon controlled."

Lloyd's Great Double Maps.

One can scarcely spend a more profitable instructive hour than in poring over a late map of the United States. For a number of years there has been no edition, we know of, published in the South; and to note now the changes of those years, as rendered in Geography, is matter both of interest and profit.

The most valuable maps of the day are, without doubt, *Lloyd's*. The one to which we particularly refer is Lloyd's Double Map of North America and the Southern States. We have lately received one from the hands of an accommodating Agent, and we now make our acknowledgements for so really valuable a present. On one side of this Map is to be found North America in full; on the reverse side, the late Confederate States. And with the Map, are various appliances—hooks, cords, pulleys—for suspending and reversing it. The arrangement for reversing the Map is wonderfully cunning and effective. Concerning the *perfectness* and accuracy of this Map, we have only to say that *every* Railway Station is laid down; and that in Edgefield District *every* country locality is properly named and placed. And all that vast region between the trans-Mississippi and the Pacific, which we remember eight years ago, as marked only here and there with some lonely river, some sterile desert, or some mountain range, with no sign of life save the name of some petty fort, or roving tribe of savages, is here, on Lloyd's Map, divided by lawful metes and bounds, dotted with towns and villages, marked and intersected by railroads (especially the great Pacific Railroad) and with every here and there the dome of some State Capitol rising high in air.

We would honestly advise all persons who do not wish to fall entirely behind the age as regards the geography of the country in which they live, to buy one of Lloyd's Double Maps of North America and the Southern States. See the advertisement of "Agents Wanted" in this paper.

FROM COLUMBIA.

The Nigger-Scalawag-Carpet-Bag Menagerie—known in these latter days as the Legislature of South Carolina,—adjourned on Monday, the 21st, to rest and recuperate from their arduous labors (three hours per day,) until the 5th January next.

During the Session of twenty-five days (at a cost to the tax payers—the *white people*—of the State of not less than $30,000,) these Mongrels have completed the following:

An act to facilitate drawing jurors in this State.

An act to authorize R. S. & M. R. Bennett, of Beaufort, to collect wharfage.

An act to renew the charter of the Camden Independent Fire Company.

An act to pay sheriffs fees for dieting persons confined in jail.

An act to make appropriations for payment of the expenses of the General Assembly.

A joint resolution to pay Dr. Raoul $315.

A joint resolution to pay the chairman of the Commissioners of Elections, appointed by the convention, $329.

A concurrent resolution passed both Houses, instructing the Commissioners of European Emigration to turn over all official records to Mr. Sparnick, Commissioner of Agricultural Statistics. The object of the resolution is to make the agricultural bureau a more active agency in recuperating and publishing the resources of the State, and virtually ends the functions of the Immigration Bureau.

The bill to establish the County of Aiken was made the special order for January 12, 1869.

Mr. C. P. Leslie, Senator from Barnwell, was re instated in the Senate on the 19th.

☞ Writers from Paris say that during the late visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to the French Court, the Prince neglected his wife abominably.

☞ A daughter of the late Hon. Thomas H. Benton, and a sister of Mrs. General John C. Fremont, it is said, is now engaged as teacher in one of the public schools of San Francisco, California.

☞ A freedman, under the influence of liquor, in Barnwell District a few days ago, felt good, took a snooze on the road side—and froze to death.

General Amnesty Proclamation by the President.

Whereas, The President of the United States has heretofore set forth several proclamations offering amnesty and pardon to persons who had been or were concerned in the late rebellion against the lawful authority of the Government of the United States, which proclamations were severally issued on the 8th day of Dec. 1863, on the 26th day of March, 1864, on the 29th day of May, 1865, on the 7th day of Sept. 1867, and on the 4th day of July in the present year:

And, whereas, the authority of the Federal Government having been re-established in all the States and Territories within the jurisdiction of the United States, it is believed that such prudential reservations and exceptions as at the dates of said several proclamations were deemed necessary and proper, may now be wisely and justly relinquished, and that an universal amnesty and pardon for participation in said rebellion extended to all who have borne any part therein, will tend to secure permanent peace, order and prosperity throughout the land, and to renew and fully restore confidence and fraternal feeling among the whole people, and their respect for and attachment to the National Government, designed by its patriotic founders for general good.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority in me vested by the Constitution, and in the name of the sovereign people of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare, unconditionally and without reservation, to all and to every person who, directly or indirectly, participated in the late insurrection or rebellion, a full pardon and amnesty for the offense of treason against the United States, or of adhering to their enemies during the late civil war, with restoration of all rights, privileges and immunities under the Constitution and the laws which have been made in pursuance thereof.

In testimony whereof I have signed these presents with my hand, and have caused the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Done at the city of Washington this twenty-fifth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and of the independence of the United States the ninety-third.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:
F. W. Seward, Acting Sec'ry of State.

For the Advertiser.

Miss Mary Ann Buie, Soldier's Friend, begs to thank the Editors everywhere, who have been so enthusiastic in their endeavors in behalf of the Confederate Orphans, the rightful pensioners upon the charity and bounty of all good and true hearts who love their color and their country.

Miss Buie begs to say that she hopes to be able to place education in reach of many wishing an education, but, who, owing to the distressed condition of the country, have not been able to go to school and pay the high rates asked every where in the first class Schools. It is the duty of all persons of intellectual culture, to give tone to the sentiment and feelings of the community in which they live, and awaken a spirit of inquiry for learning and refinement. Education is power; it is wealth. It is a duty we owe to society, to give aid to enlighten its humblest members. Let us of the South build up our own institutions, and make them an honor to the State. With a united co-operation, and a proper endowment of our schools, we may hope that the machinery of education will move on with regularity, accomplish much good, and afford the means of education to many bright and promising children. Let every child be educated as it should be.

M. A. B.

HYMENEAL.

Married, on the evening of the 22nd inst., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. B. N. SHAGO, of Richmond County, Ga., to Miss MARY L. DURST, of this District.

We acknowledge the receipt, from this wedding, of a generous present of very delicious and elegantly-ornamented cake. And for our happy young friend, the bride, we only wish she may fully realize Parthenia's beautiful definition of love—

"What love is, if thou would'st be taught,
Thy heart must teach alone—
Two souls with but a single thought,
Two hearts that beat as one!"

Married, at the residence of the bride's father, on the 15th Dec., by Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, Mr. N. L. BRUNSON and Miss MARY E. FAIR, both of Edgefield.

COMMERCIAL.

AUGUSTA, December 26.

GOLD—Buying at 134 and selling at 136.
SILVER—Buying at 130 and selling at 133.
COTTON—There has been a fair demand today, with middling at 23 cents. Offering stock very light. Sales, 463 bales. Receipts, 816 bales.
BACON—We quote C. Sides, 18; C. R. Sides, 17½@18; B. B. Sides, 17; Shoulders, 14; Bellies, 17; Hams, 19@23; Dry Salt Shoulders, 13@13½; Dry Salt C. R Sides, 16.
CORN.—New white without sacks $1 00; with sacks $105@1 10; mixed $1 00; new in ear 90c.
WHEAT—We quote white, $2 25@2 40; red, $1 80@220.
FLOUR—City Mills, $10 50@13 00; at retail, $1 ⅌ barrel higher. Country, $10 00@12 00, according to quality.
CORN MEAL—$1 15 at wholesale, and $1 25 at retail.
OATS—80@85.
RYE—$1 50.

County Commissioner's Office,

EDGEFIELD COUNTY,
Hamburg, Dec. 28th, 1868.

In accordance with an Act of the General Assembly, passed 26th September 1868, to Define the Duties and Jurisdiction of the County Commissioners, Section 12, which is as follows:

"Whenever the Board of County Commissioners shall erect a Township as herein provided, they shall designate the name thereof, the time and place of holding the first meeting, and appoint three Electors of such Township, whose duty it shall be to preside at such meeting, appoint a Clerk, open and keep the Polls, and exercise the same powers as Justice of the Peace, while presiding at such meetings."

There being no funds in the hands of the County Commissioners to carry out the intention of the Law, by having the County surveyed into Townships. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That by virtue of the power in us vested, that the Original Beat Companies in this County be, and the same are hereby designated Townships, with their original boundaries.

Be it further Resolved, That there will be an Election held in every such Township on Monday, the 18th day of January 1869, for the following named Officers, viz: One Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, One Constable and one Surveyor.

The Act to organize Townships, and to define their powers and privileges, can be had at this Office gratis.

By order of the Board.

FRANK ARNIM, C.C.C.
James F. Harling, Clerk, B.C.C.E.C.
Dec. 28 1t 1

Edgefield Male Academy

From the 1st of January 1869, the rates of tuition will be reduced so as to embrace a PRIMARY CLASS.

Terms, per Scholastic Quarter.

Scholars advanced in Mathematics, or studying the Languages,	$10.00
Intermediate Class,	8.00
Primary,	6.00

☞ Tuition payable quarterly in advance.

R. O. SAMS.
Dec. 29 2t 1

Return Day Approaches

All persons indebted to the Estate of Mrs. TABITHA ABNEY, dec'd., will do well to settle the same previous to Return Day next. Those having claims against said Estate will hand them in forthwith. We intend to close up the Estate very soon.

R. J. SMITH, } Adm'ors.
J. K. SCHUMPERT, }
Dec. 28 3t 1

Masonic Notice.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION OF BEZALEEL CHAPTER, No. 8, R. A. M., will be held in their Hall on Saturday evening, the 2d Jan., at 2 o'clock. Every Companion is particularly requested to be in attendance.

By order of the High Priest.
W. W. ADAMS, Sec'ry.
2t 52

TO PLANTERS.

JOHN & THOS. A. BONES,

No. 185 Broad Street,
AUGUSTA, GA.,

Have on hand a HEAVY STOCK of Swedes, Refined, Rod, Band and Horse Shoe IRON.
PLOW STEEL, NAILS, TRACES, HAMES, STANDARD PLOWS, No. 10, 14, A 1, 1 and 2 B.
Collins celebrated solid CAST STEEL PLOWS.
FAN MILLS, THRASHERS,
CORN SHELLERS,
Self-Sharpening STRAW CUTTERS.
SMITHS and CARPENTERS TOOLS.
COOKING UTENSILS.
GRINDSTONES.
HOES, COLLINS' AXES.
SHOVELS AND SPADES.
GARDEN TOOLS.
Manilla and Cotton ROPE.
Plow LINES.
Rodgers' and other TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY.
LOCKS, ALL KINDS.
DOUBLE AND SINGLE GUNS.
BOYS GUNS.
POWDER AND SHOT, CAPS.
FLASKS, BELTS.
COLTS PISTOLS.
In fact a full assortment of GENERAL HARDWARE which they offer at prices at which no one can complain.
Augusta, Dec. 28 8t 1

To Rent.

I WILL rent at public outcry, to the highest bidder, on Monday next, the 4th January, at Edgefield C. H., that very handsome and desirable HOUSE AND LOT in the Village of Edgefield known as the GOODE PLACE, at present occupied by Messrs. C. A. Cheatham & Bro.
Also, the BRICK BLACKSMITH SHOP, occupied by Mr. John Moloy.
Also, the BRICK OFFICE adjoining the Blacksmith Shop.
Also, the WOOD SHOP and the BLACKSMITH SHOP next below Capt. F. L. Smith's Carriage Establishment.
☞ TERMS—Payable Quarterly as follows: First Quarter on 1st April; 2d Quarter, 1st July, and 3d and 4th Quarters, payable 1st October.
W. J. READY,
Assignee S. F. Goode.
Dec. 28 1t 1

New Boot and Shoe Shop

THE Undersigned have opened a NEW BOOT AND SHOE SHOP in the Brick Office immediately below Messrs. Frazier & Sanders' Store, where they will make to order ALL STYLES of BOOTS AND SHOES, from the very best material, in a workmanlike manner, and in all the latest styles.
☞ All work warranted to give entire satisfaction.
☞ Prices at the very lowest rates.
GLOVER & TOMPKINS.
Dec 22 tf 52

School Wanted.

A Young Lady, competent to thoroughly instruct in all the English branches, with four years experience in teaching, desires a small School within ten or fifteen miles of the Village. Good reference given.
☞ Apply at this Office.
Dec. 22 tf 52

"THE OLD SOLDIER'S STORY."

BY C. M. GRAY, Co. A, 7th Regiment, U. S. A., is now ready for delivery, at this Office.
Price, 50 Cents. Sent by mail, postage paid, on receipt of price.
Dec. 22 tf 52

Stolen,

FROM my room at this place, on 10th inst., a large fine Double-Cased Duplex GOLD WATCH. I will give $25.00 to any one who will return the Watch. No questions asked.
JOHN H. McDEVITT.
Dec. 22 tf 52

State of South Carolina,

EDGEFIELD COUNTY,
IN ORDINARY.

By D. L. TURNER, Esquire, Judge Probate Court of Edgefield County.

Whereas, Martin S. West has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Martha West, late of the County aforesaid, deceased.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Probate Court for the said County, to be holden at Edgefield Court House on the 5th day of Jan. next, to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal, this 21st day of Dec., in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight and in the ninety-third year of American Independence.

D. L. TURNER, J. P. C. E. C.
Dec 22 2t 52

State of South Carolina,

EDGEFIELD COUNTY,
IN ORDINARY.

By D. L. TURNER, Esquire, Judge Probate Court of Edgefield County.

Whereas, Hillery A. Clark has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of Benjamin E. Clark, late of the County aforesaid, dec'd.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Probate Court for the said County, to be holden at Edgefield C. H., on the 5th day of Jan. next, to show cause, if any, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal, this 22d day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Sixty-eight, and in the 93d year of the Independence of the United States of America.

D. L. TURNER, J.P.C.E.C.
Dec. 23 2t 52

State of South Carolina,

EDGEFIELD COUNTY,
IN ORDINARY.

By D. L. TURNER, Esquire, Judge Probate Court of Edgefield County.

Whereas, Mahlon A. Whittle has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of Elizabeth Whittle, late of the County aforesaid, dec'd.

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and creditors of the said deceased, to be and appear before me, at our next Probate Court for the said County, to be holden at Edgefield Court House, on the