

Court Proceedings.

In the case of the State against Collins, the Modoc still case, the jury found a verdict of not guilty.

In the case of the State against Woodward, Faulkner, and Padgett, for robbing Mr. Jas. T. Ouzts, of Elmwood, the jury found Padgett guilty; the other two were acquitted.

The State against Ben Burton, assult of a high and aggravated nature, pleaded guilty and was fined ten dollars.

The State against A. B. Padgett and Arthur Cockrell, burglary and larceny. These were two young white men of this county, and they were charged with having broken into the house of a negro stealing some meat and dry goods. Padgett was acquitted, the other defendant was convicted.

The State against John Henry Washington, house breaking and larceny, guilty.

James Eargle, disposing of property under lien, not guilty.

The State against Martin DuBois, malicious mischief, not guilty.

The State against Louisa Cain, arson, guilty and recommended to mercy. The plea of insanity was interposed in behalf of the defendant.

Aleck Watson, assult and battery, guilty.

Edmund Green, larceny, guilty. Whitfield Holloway, obtaining goods by false pretences, pleaded guilty.

W. M. Tompkins, forgery, guilty.

In the case of the State against Swearingin for obstructing the public highway, the verdict was guilty, and a fine imposed with a removal of the obstruction.

To-day, Tuesday the General Sessions was adjourned and the Common Pleas called, which will probably continue throughout the week.

The Atlanta Constitution asserts that the unprofitable price of cotton affects the farmers less sorely than it does the business and trade of the South and of the country, and this statement is undoubtedly true, for as the Constitution says: "The farmers can live. He has the sun and the soil to sustain him. To produce cotton at a loss hurts, but it does not paralyze him. He can most assuredly turn his attention to something else." He can cease to plant cotton altogether and still survive; but, meanwhile, what is to become of the business interests, the trade and commerce that have built themselves up and are sustained entirely by the money that has been brought into the country by the sale of cotton and cotton goods?"

Statistics show that the South is the stronghold of Protestantism, the proportion of Protestant males to total voters being 50.1 per cent. in the South Atlantic Division, and 36.5 per cent. in the South Central Division of the country, as against 20.6 per cent. in the North Atlantic Division and 24.1 in the North Central Division. It is especially noticeable that while in Maine the population of Protestant voters is but 14.9 per cent. and in Massachusetts 15.7; in South Carolina it is 71.1 per cent. and in North Carolina 66.4 per cent.

An Open Confession.

Chairman Wilson the leader of the administration forces in the House, in a letter to the World confesses and avoids the importance of the deceased Congress as follows:

The impotence of Congress in dealing with financial legislation during the session just ended was due to the fact that under universal suffrage Congress represents the people of the country. Congress is the mirror of the people's views. The people have not made up their minds on the financial question, and Congress mirrors the different shades of belief and opinion.

A very expensive looking glass.

Mrs. LeConte, the State Librarian, requests the statement made for the benefit of all concerned all over the State that the copies of the acts of the last session of the legislature will not be in her hands ready for distribution for more than a month yet. There has been some delay in getting the official copies of the acts in the hands of the State printer, it seems.

Now, he's after ducks. Who? Cleveland.

The very morning after Congress adjourned President Cleveland set off down the Potomac with his duck bag, hunting ducks.

The manager of one of the great hotels of St. Augustine, Fla., is quoted as saying, "Not a box of decent oranges can be had in the State."

An excellent likeness of Judge Norton will be placed in the Supreme Court room at Columbia, S. C., among the pictures of the other judges of the State.

The President has appointed Hon. W. L. Wilson of West Virginia, to be Postmaster General, in the place of Mr. Bissell, resigned, and the Senate has confirmed the appointment.

Dun and Bradstreet in their review of trade say a generally improved feeling is noticeable. Failures for the week have been 234 in the United States against 248 last year, and 58 in Canada against 60 last year.

The Southern Society of New York has elected the following officers: President, John R. Abney; Vice-President, Hugh S. Thompson; Secretary, George Gordon Battle; Treasurer, Heth L. Orton.

If Cleveland and the fifty-third Congress could have kerflummed at the same time it would have been a fortunate thing, but alas, we shall have Cleveland two years longer. All we can do in Edgefield is to build the cotton factory and let Cleveland rip.

The Governor has received a telegram from Chief Constable Holly in Charleston, saying he had seized eight eight half barrels of whiskey and twenty-five hundred pounds of bacon. Nothing more could be learned, but it is supposed the whiskey was shipped hidden under the bacon in some way.

When the bill repealing the law which permits saloon keepers to sell liquors in quantities less than one quart, to be drunk on the premises, passed the Delaware House, Mrs. James L. Wolcott, wife of Chancellor Wolcott, began to sing the doxology, which was taken up by about fifty women present.

CORRESPONDENCE

"When the Wicked Entice Thee Consent Thou Not."

It is conceded that the United States is the richest, greatest, and most progressive nation touched by the rays of the sun. When we contemplate the great and unsurpassed achievements of her sons, the progress they have made in art, war, politics, education, and religion; her great agricultural and manufacturing interests; her many and unequalled public institutions, our souls are thrilled with joy and our hearts go out in gratitude to the source of all good for such a richly endowed motherland.

All are not, and indeed cannot, be born in affluence and raised in the lap of luxury, but the avenues of success are broad and fruitful, and we should be proud that in our birth-place we have an invaluable heritage.

It is evident, however, that all of our advantages are no safeguard against error, danger, and corruption. The very greatness of a nation, if it be corrupt and in error, renders that condition more hazardous.

From the first political institution in Egypt, down through successive ages, even to the present time, wrong has been avenged; governments have been destroyed, and kingdoms have been demolished on account of corruption and perfidy. This we cannot deny. History speaks in thunder tones along this line and now has many indelible blots on its pages. We have now an impending political and financial crisis. Indeed it is upon us. The cries of the oppressed and distressed cannot fail to reach our ears. Charges of corruption, treachery, and perfidy are heralded from door to door, and arrows of denunciation are hurled even at the executive in his mansion.

Is our entire political structure rotten to the core, or is the entire nation irretrievably corrupt? Must our government, our protection bought by the blood of our forefathers—established by their patriotic fidelity—be destroyed by the duplicity of our representatives? Has the sun of prosperity set upon this nation that ought to be in the zenith of her glory? God forbid. The present or superstructure may, yea, must fall, but men of unparalleled statesmanship, and burning patriotism gave us the fundamental principles of our government and these will live forever.

Parties are now divided and sub-divided, each faction offering means of relief, but the brazen serpent has not yet been lifted up in the wilderness of agitation, unless it be the cry of reform that has shaken our old Palmetto State from centre to circumference. If this be the means of deliverance (and I believe it is, if properly propagated) then let every lover of his country and of his fellowmen en-

list under its banner. Carefully and scrupulously select men to steer your (or our) boat, raise walls of defense against traitors, and may such a tidal wave of reform spread over these United States of ours, as shall utterly exterminate our wicked, polluted administrators and sow seeds of right as shall cause the sun of prosperity once more to rise and forever shine over this benighted land of ours. Our traitorous representatives have polluted the name Democracy, but its principles are yet untrammelled and pure and will never die. The principles of democracy have never deceived us, but our representatives have sacrificed us and its principles at the altar of selfishness and the almighty dollar. Platforms are supposed to express the wishes of the people but they are apparently worthless nowadays. The platform set forth by the Chicago convention was the best the party had ever presented, yet its demands have been wantonly disregarded and trampled upon as our administration proves. Stimulated by selfishness, attired in hypocrisy, our leaders rode the platform into office, started the horse for self promotion, and have cruelly swept every vestige of hope and expectation from the people.

Let the men chosen to represent us be like Henry Clay, who said, "I had rather be right than be President," and ever remember that many politicians and office-seekers are born of selfishness and many such will answer our call. Yea, be not too credulous; we have been betrayed once, we may be again. Many a blatant cry is and will be raised in behalf of our cause propelled only by selfish motives and we may not be able to discriminate however discreet we may be.

Joe Edwards's Plan for Getting Together.

Mr. Editor: In the multiplicity of counsel there is wisdom. Here is my plan for harmonizing the warring factions in Edgefield County:

Let the County Convention be called, as suggested in your columns a week or two ago, giving to each and all factions a fair representation in delegates. When the convention assembles in the court house, lock the doors securely so that no one can get out. Then feed the Reformers on cotton-seed meal bread and the Antis on sour buttermilk for two days or longer, the first six or the six first who walk out to be declared the nominees of the convention and the delegates to the Constitutional Convention.

Pugh Jones of Edgefield an Anti has agreed to furnish the bread and Coroner Ranton will be asked to furnish the buttermilk. JOSEPH B. EDWARDS. Daniel P. O.

What is Transpiring at Cleora.

MR. EDITOR: I have been thinking for sometime I would give you a few dots from Cleora, but have never made the attempt before.

Well we have had some fair weather at last and the farmers are making good use of it. Grain is all killed by the recent cold snap and some of the farmers are sowing over. J. H. Reel has sowed the third time; twice the cold killed them and now the wild turkeys are eating them up. There will be slim chance for grain around Cleora this year.

Miss Emma Foss of Hepzibah Ga. is teaching a flourishing school at the Brunson school house. She is loved by all of her pupils and patrons. We all have a large Sunday School every Sunday at the school house and preaching once a month. Mr. Mealing preaches for us every first Sunday morning and is liked by everybody.

We have four stores in almost hollering distance and all are doing a good business. Mr. W. T. Reel has a large stock of dry goods boots shoes &c. Just take the Cleora Courier and read his advertisements and come and buy. All Cleora needs now is a cotton factory and a rail road.

Mr. W. P. Brunson has put up a ginning and grist mill which is very convenient.

Miss Etta Strom has returned from a pleasant visit on the Saluda side and the boys are wearing long faces over there, but they are smiling one more time around Cleora.

The Roads, the Cotton Factory for Edgefield, and Divers Other Things.

An attack of that dismal maldy, the grip, the dreadful condition of the roads, and a brief absence from the State have all stood in the way and prevented my inflicting your readers with afflictions both terrestrial and celestial, as Bill Arp would say.

What will be the outcome of the roads is now bothering me and should engage the attention of every one, high and low, rich and poor. The roads have been bad and are getting no better fast. From time immemorial bad, they are now a disgrace to our people—gullies, unsafe in the day time and dangerous at night. As the new plan is an experiment we cannot yet tell if it will be successful. We certainly wish the superintendent or supervisor success in this Herculean undertaking, knowing that things cannot be made worse even if efforts in that direction were tried.

A country is judged by the virtue and intelligence of its citizens, by its laws and the observance of them, by its churches, school houses and public buildings, and last, but not least, by its roads, dirt and rail road, particularly

the former. With good roads our lands would increase in value, our visits, both business and social would be pleasant, our horses and mules would be less expensive to us, and we would be no longer liable to the charge of being in "coboot" with the repairer and seller of vehicles. In the railroad line we need at present the continuation of the old Blue Ridge road, which in seeking salt water will, of course, come through Edgefield, a short space only separating us from Greenwood where connection can be made. To secure this road vigorous and systematic work is needed. The sinews of war, money, can be obtained if proper steps are taken. Let our money men take hold and get the help of outside capital and the thing is *un fait accompli*.

By the way, the cotton factory should not be allowed to drop. Let the people decide it *shall* be. If built the population of the town will grow larger, and the wealth of the community greater.

Comparisons are said to be odious, but they are not always so. Let Edgefield be compared with Aiken where they have an artesian well and streets lighted by electricity. 'Tis true we have not the prestige of wealth which Aiken has obtained, and we do not in the summer live on goose-berries and on Yankees in the winter, but our climate is just as good, our roads not so good, our location superior, giving drainage and fine scenery which combined render us equal to that noted health resort. I confess we are behind Aiken in public spirit. Let us all labor unselfishly and earnestly for the good of our town and county.

I found the people of Georgia as dissatisfied with their surroundings as we on this side are. When will we be satisfied? I suppose the millennium will bring about that blissful state. OLD REGIME.

Round About Denny's.

MR. EDITOR: After long silence I again ask for space in your columns for a few "dots from Denny's."

Xmas has come and gone, and a great many of our young people have married. Our bashful young friend Walter Yarborough was one among the number who decided he could not walk alone. He and Miss Annie Coleman were happily married that cold second Sunday in January, by Rev. L. D. Vaughn, the pastor of the Saluda circuit.

It has been snowing and raining for two months, and the roads are almost impassible in some places, and the clouds look as if we might have another snow; I think we can all join with Miss Cleo Ataway on the "bad roads."

The bad weather has very much delayed the farmers in their work; they anticipate a late crop this year. The oat crop is almost ruined by the continued cold.

Our young friend Miss Mattie Forrest has been sick for three or four weeks, and we can't say she improves any whatever; but hope she will soon be herself again, as we all miss her so much at church.

The writer had the pleasure of attending a pound party last Friday night March 1st at Mr. Mose Walton's. The night was a rainy one, but a large crowd gathered around a long table which was bountifully spread with turkeys, cakes, candies, and everything nice. It was given, by Dr. J. J. Kirksey and Prof. Tom Jones, a very bashful young teacher at Centennial. We did not see much of Prof. Jones as he did not take any part in the plays. I wonder if he enjoyed it? He doesn't seem to be much of a lady's man, but so much the better for him I expect.

It is reported that there will be orange blossoms near Denny's soon. Miss Alice Cockerell one of Denny's charming young ladies speaks of returning to Newberry for the summer, we will ask James B. to see about that.

Denny's, S. C., March 6, '95.

Millions in Monazite.

SPARTANBURG, March 8.—A visit to the monazite region about Gaffney indicates that the search for it amounts to a craze. Men, women and children talk about monazite. They dream about it, and they would eat it if it could be prepared so that it would be palatable. We saw a little three-year old girl actually crying—even bawling for "zite," or the "valer sand." She wanted it to play with.

While rambling around with a prospector we saw two females at a distance. I asked him if the women were not digging for it. He said it was very probable. After a while they emerged from the creek bank and proved to be two little girls of the "Les Miserable" class. They, in their dense ignorance and heathenism, had hardly heard of monazite. When asked what they were doing the reply was: "Huntin' slder to make pipes. Mister, I reckon you don't chaw tobaccoer?" But those two are about as solitary as the "solitary" crystals of y-flaw sand.

Every landholder who has a small stream or marshy place on his farm is interested. The streams are kept muddy day and night. One will find holes dug along the banks of every creek and branch. Prospectors from various places are searching for the yellow sand. It amounts to a craze. Those who lease pay one-sixth to one-fourth of the gross proceeds. In some instances they buy the monazite privilege for a specified amount. In our case \$200 an acre was paid.

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To Arms—Fraternal Arms.

WHEREAS, a convention of the people of South Carolina has been called for the purpose of obtaining a new Constitution for the government of the State. AND WHEREAS, in-as-much as the Constitution so to be adopted will affect the honor and welfare of all the people alike, without regard to faction—it is of supreme importance that the convention shall be non-partisan in its membership.

AND WHEREAS, a conference of Democrats, without regard to faction, has been called to assemble in the city of Columbia on the 27th of March inst. for the purpose of considering the best means of restoring harmony in the Democratic party—to the end that the Constitutional Convention may be non-partisan in its membership, and in its action.

NOW THEREFORE, We the undersigned, being fully in sympathy with the purposes for which said conference has been called, and desiring to do all in our power towards the promotion thereof, respectfully request all Democrats in the County of Edgefield, to meet at Edgefield Court House on the 23rd day of March instant, for the purpose of taking all these matters into consideration, and for the purpose of selecting three citizens to represent Edgefield County at said conference.

- J. E. Partlow, B. L. Gaughman, R. B. Watson, J. C. Morgan, L. D. White, L. J. Courtenay, S. P. Matthews, S. T. Edwards, C. C. Fuller, J. F. Dorn, A. C. Stallworth, G. E. Dorn, B. L. Jones, W. Lee Coleman, W. A. Stone, M. H. Kempson, W. H. Zimmerman, H. L. Wheeler, J. P. Bean, W. Sheppard, W. P. Timmerman, C. J. Holmes, W. B. Parks, Jas. T. Mims, P. B. Waters, H. B. Gallman, Jna. F. Daniel, Alvin Barr, J. T. Couzels, Harry S. Hill, J. C. Edwards, J. B. Mitchell, J. C. H. Rauch.

A Veteran Dead.

Charleston, March 8.—Gen. Lewis M. Aver, a prominent figure in the Kansas war, a leading member of the South Carolina Secession Convention, member of the Confederate Congress, and a personal friend of Jefferson Davis died at his home in Anderson, this State, today, aged 74. In 1872 he entered the Baptist ministry and has since then served churches in Anderson, Texas, and Tennessee, and been the president of a female college.

NOTICE.

ROAD WORKING.

THE Township Committee will have their respective roads put in good order by the first of April. Also have all loose rock removed from the road, and put up all mile posts that are not up. You will hear some of the overseers say their road is good enough, that is aiming at nothing and hitting nothing. Raise your road-bed higher in the middle and put good ditches on the sides of the roads.

There are townships in the county that have no representatives, at least they never meet with the county board. Those who, having been appointed, will not serve, are requested to inform some one of our members of the legislature so that others may be appointed.

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Districts number 51 and 52 were laid off after the tax returns of last year were made, and for that reason a just apportionment for above districts could not be made. Pay warrants, signed by the Trustees of the above districts, will have to be charged to the school fund of the Townships or School Districts in which they were originally located.

We would again insist on the Trustees taking more interest in the schools under their respective charge.

We hear some complaint on this line and a lack of interest shown, except to sign pay warrants. If there are those who have so much other business that they cannot look after this all-important duty, then their resignation is in order.

P. N. LOTT, School Commissioner.

TAMERLANE.

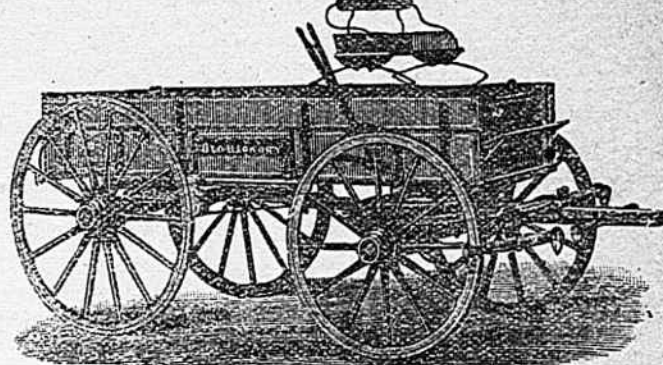
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