

Wednesday Morning, July 11, 1866.

The Court of Equity,

For Newberry District, convened here Monday last. Judge Carroll presided with unimpeachable grace, vigor and dignity. The docket was very heavy. Many original and singular cases, growing out of the times which "tried men's souls," were considered. Court adjourned Saturday.

European Intelligence—Hostilities Began.

The Italians, under King Victor Emanuel, were repulsed by the Austrians and forced to retire across the Mincio. It is rumored that the Hanoverian army was surrounded by the Prussians and must capitulate.

Victoria accepts the resignation of the ministry. Earl Derby will form a new one.

Cotton firm, buoyant and advancing.

A National Union Convention,

Is called to assemble at Philadelphia, on the 14th of August next. It is to be composed of representatives from all the States and Territories.

Insurance.

It is with pleasure that we place this item to the credit of the Underwriters' and Home Insurance Companies, of New York. As soon as it was known that a fire had occurred here, and that persons having their policies were sufferers thereby, a financial agent was sent immediately to make payments, which were fully and most agreeably done last week, to the amount of about \$15,000. We congratulate Messrs. Carwile and McCaughrin on having the agency for such well-established, prompt and honorable associations.

The Greenville Mountaineer says that Gov. Hammett has inaugurated measures to stop plundering on the G. & C. R. R., we are glad to hear it. The thing is an unmitigated evil.

The Keowee Courier learns that Gov. Orr will convene the Legislature perhaps in a few weeks. Also that the District Courts will soon be put in operation.

We regret to learn that Mr. B. S. Rhett, sr., was assassinated near the race course, Charleston, last week. He was shot with a double barrelled gun, loaded with duck shot. A number of colored men have since been arrested charged with complicity in the murder.

Revolts are reported in St. Domingo, Cuba and Madrid, Spain. 1000 persons were killed in the latter place before the revolt was suppressed.

The weather is extremely warm all over the country. The papers report many cases of cholera and sun stroke.

On the night of the 4th, the Odd Fellows Hall, New Orleans was burned. Loss \$220,000, insured for \$95,000.

Another serious disturbance occurred in Charleston last Saturday night between the police and negro troops. The latter precipitated the row.

Maximilian's star is on the wane. The Liberals are triumphing. Annexation to the United States is bruited in Mexico.

Twenty cases of cholera reported in New York for the week ending July 7.

There is scarcely a doubt but that the President will veto the Freedmen's Bureau bill.

The Prussian Government offer commissions to ex-Confederate officers.

Special Notice.

We invite attention to several important articles in to-days paper, To wit: Proclamation from His Excellency Gov. Orr and accompanying Order, from Gen Sickels. The re-establishment of order. Immigration.—District Meeting. The Newberry Union Bible Society; also to the various cards and advertisements.

Look Out.

Dr. D. M. Clark called to see us last Friday and stated that he was on the search of a freedman who gave his name as Warren Gilliam, formerly belonging to Gen. James Gilliam. Said boy broke into the Doctor's house during his absence and stole a revolver. In tracing him up he learned that the fellow stopped at Mrs. Miles Cromers, and ordered dinner, telling the lady that he was in the habit of getting whatever he wanted—and that his business was to burn and steal whenever it suited him. The Doctor traced him to Newberry, and succeeded in recovering the pistol which he had sold to a merchant here, saying that he purchased it in Columbia.

All along the direction he took in coming this way, Dr. Clark learned that the fellow made (when practicable) great boasts of what he could do, and inquired very particularly about the burning of Newberry. He also told some one that he had just finished a job of work for Mr. Baily Suber, in this District, and that he was on his way to Union and Spartanburg. We did not get a description of this irrepressible Ethiopian, but would advise parties to be on the qui vive for his appearance.

Melange.

The weather is intensely warm. Don't know exactly how hot it is, though, as our thermometer's burnt up. The streets, too, are exceedingly dry, dusty and dirty, while the burnt district, with its ugly piles of blackened brick and broken pots and pans, nails, oyster cans and printing presses, broken saws and druggists' jars—(we were going to add frying bacon, sardines, mackerel and codfish, but the freedmen have long since fished the flesh pots out,) shaky walls, and weird looking chimnies, with their sombre shadows, detract nothing from this unpleasant condition.

We "have heat," as the French would nicely express it, when we look out, upon the prospect. From our new sanctum to the depot, (a good healthy stretch,) not one "oak, or elm, or linden" offers us its grateful shade. But three small shrubs in all this frequented way essays to protect the traveller from the fierce meridian rays of a blazing, brilliant sun. Those cellars, too, that we spoke of several weeks ago, are yet filled with their foul accretions. Typhoid fever or some other malignant disease may be the resultant.

How delightful and refreshing to turn and think of pastoral scenes! Beautiful fields of waving grain, vineyards of purple grape, meadows, lakes and lawns; grottos, glades and curtained valleys, where the pinky feet of baby-players press the sweet, wild flowers to the moist earth in gleeful, guileless, unconscious sport.

Since penning the above, we take almost infinite pleasure in recording the fact that a generous shower of rain fell last night. The earth is now cool and moist and the atmosphere delightful, while the prospect appears good for continued showers. We learn that the rain was extensive.

An immense fire swept over Portland, Maine, on the 4th of July. The burnt district covers an area one and a half miles in length by a quarter in width. Fifty buildings were blown up to arrest the flames. Large contributions are being sent forward to the sufferers. The fire was caused by a little boy throwing a lighted fire-cracker into a pile of shavings. A tremendous storm of wind and rain raged in and over the unfortunate town two days before the fire, destroying lives and property.

Immigration—District Meeting.

A meeting of the citizens of Newberry District was organized, at Newberry Court House, on Monday, 2nd July, 1866, by calling Hon. Robt. Moorman to the chair, and appointing Silas Johnstone, Secretary.

At the request of the Chairman, Jas. M. Baxter, Esq., stated the object of the meeting to be—to consider the question of labor, to ascertain as far as possible the sufficiency or insufficiency of free Negro labor, and, upon the proof of its insufficiency, to devise some scheme for the importation of reliable labor from abroad.

Col. S. Fair then called upon J. F. J. Caldwell Esq., as one qualified by a residence in Europe, to state if such labor as we require could likely be obtained there.

Mr. Caldwell spoke at length, urging: 1st, That our present system of free African labor must be ruinous to the country, as shown by the character of the negro and by the experience of the past year; 2nd, That industrious and trustworthy laborers may be had in the countries of North Germany, Denmark and Sweden; and 3rd, That these laborers, tenants and domestics may be imported at a cost not exceeding (\$30.00) thirty dollars per head, in specie, and secured on our land and in service at prices probably lower than we are accustomed to pay for negroes—thereby giving the country profitable laborers and good citizens, and adding to the land a greater productiveness and a higher market value.

Maj. Jno. P. Kinard moved the appointment of agents for the purpose of visiting Europe and securing there laborers, domestics, &c. The motion was unanimously adopted, and Messrs. George Larse. and Silas Johnstone were appointed Agents.

Gen. A. C. Garlington moved that a committee of three from each beat company in the District be appointed for the purpose of soliciting subscriptions to the enterprise, which committees should report the names of persons subscribing, and the number and kind of immigrants desired, to a meeting to be held at Newberry C. H., on the 21st instant.

On motion, the Secretary was added to the committees, to receive subscriptions at Newberry Court House.

Mr. Isaac Herbert having raised the question as to the ability of our people to hold their lands and profit by the introduction of foreigners,

Mr. Joseph Caldwell addressed the meeting combatting that objection and showing from the nature of the negro under the present system and the kind of labor and quality of persons proposed to be brought from Europe that we should not only gain nothing by adhering to the former—not only acquire a valuable labor by introducing the latter—but that all the interests of the country—natural, social, and political—absolutely depended upon this or some such movement. Mr. Caldwell spoke fully and forcibly, exhausting the question in regard to the two kinds of laborers and carrying conviction of the importance and entire feasibility of the scheme.

Gen. Garlington and Maj. Henry Summer followed the last speaker, both cordially endorsing the project and enjoining its adoption by all persons interested in procuring tenants, laborers and domestics.

The meeting adjourned to Saturday July 21, inst.

SILAS JOHNSTONE.

The Fourth passed off quietly here. The citizens, (where time and circumstances would admit) robed in their coolest apparel, sat down to a good book or with a friend to a bottle of sherry on ice, or a quiet stroll with genial companionship. "There came a rush of memory o'er me, and—I wept—I wept."

The Freedmen were exceedingly staid and dignified. They followed no brass-band, had no cold huckleberry pudding, no hot lemonade, no dust, no swelter, no preaching, nor speeching. A few—juveniles—gathered in a yard opposite our office and seemed to enjoy themselves hugely over a good dinner and their twistification plays.