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To Correspondents.

We have on hand two or three articles for publication, which shall appear next week. An obituary, over the signature of "G." is withheld, because it was not accompanied by the name of the writer. This is a wholesome rule, and one that we cannot consistently violate.

"X," over in another column, relates something of a chicken story; which, but for his vouching, we could not very well afford to entertain seriously! Howbeit, as the comet and circus have both given us the "dodge," it is perhaps the next best novelty afloat, and, were we not "up to our eyes" in Equity reports and briefs, we might appropriately enough say, "crow, Chapman, crow!" But, "under existing circumstances," we can't—absolutely won't. It might be too much for his Shanghai ship, and, as it clearly comes within the pale of "good conscience," it is ordered that it be referred to friend Moore, of the *Carolinian*, and that he be authorized to enquire and report as to whether or not the Shanghai aforesaid was the creature of a certain egg, bearing the inscription of "Take heed, time is short," that was laid on his editorial table previous to the predicted advent of the said comet! and that he have leave to sit on the case at leisure, and report, without "special matter," either before or after the dog-days set in! As to the dog-days commissions are somewhat "bad eggs," the two for convenience may be considered together. If one does not afford flesh, the other may fowl!

New Post Office.

A new post office—"Nine Times"—has been established in this district, and Mr. J. R. McKinnon appointed Postmaster. This office is located in the north-western portion of the district, and takes its name from a creek, which, in its devious windings in a romantic section, crosses the public highway "nine times" in a very short distance. This stream is, we believe, sometimes called Little Eastatoe; but we think it should be allowed to retain the more appropriate name of Nine Times. Especially, as near by another larger and beautiful stream—Eastatoe—flows down from its wild and mountainous source through a large and fertile valley, on to the Keowee.

A Venerable Relic.

A friend has handed us a large, curiously shaped ring of pure gold, which was found by a negro, six miles above this place, on Keowee river, near Gap Hill, where was fought, in the days of the Red Man, a well contested battle with the Pale Faces. The ring bears on its outside, in perfectly legible *italic* capital letters, this inscription: "WM. NEWMAN, O. B. 8 June, 1757, 19." A short distance from where the ring was picked up, is the ruins of old Fort George, whose precincts, in the olden time, were alike crimsoned with the blood of the white man and the savage. Perchance the possessor of this ring, in one of the many deadly contests, which bleached bones now to be seen fully attest, lost his life, and it has shared the fate of his dust till now. At least, it is a curious centenary, whose supposed history is suggestive of love, war and characteristic romance. It has been left with us for the inspection of the curious in such matters.

Local Improvements.

We have from time to time spoken of the spirit of improvement and enterprise apparent in our neighboring towns and the District generally. It is a greater pleasure, however, to speak of improvement in our midst, more especially as it is the first for years. Dr. J. N. LAWRENCE is erecting, on the west side of the public square, a commodious building for mercantile purposes. It will be completed in a short time. Will not our citizens generally go to work and improve their buildings and grounds? A very small outlay of capital, with some labor and industry, would add much to the comfort, convenience and appearance of the place.

By-the-way, what has become of the new hotel enterprise? That we are greatly in need of such a building none will deny. Who will put the ball in motion again?

Resigned.

Brig. Gen. J. W. HARRISON has resigned his office of Brigadier General of this Brigade. Gen. SMITH, as will be soon by advertisement in another column, has ordered an election to fill the vacancy.

DEATH OF A MILLIONAIRE.—Com. John C. Stevens died of enlargement of the heart, at his residence in Hoboken, on June 10th aged 72 years. He leaves property to the amount of several millions.

The United States Senate.

In times of imminent public peril the people appear instinctively to turn to this illustrious body of sages for safety, and this feeling, honorable alike to their head and heart, gave rise, in our oft-repeated sectional controversies, when hope in everything else had died out, to the patriotic watchword—"Look to the Senate!" Having, then, the confidence of the people, although its most brilliant lights have set forever, none but our ablest, purest, and most patriotic public men should be elected to the U. S. Senate, and all party feeling and prejudice should be laid aside in the selection.

The death of Judge BUTLER, which has been mourned throughout the country as a great public calamity, has created a vacancy, and already many names have been suggested in connection with the succession. Those of Col. ORR, Gen. GADSDEN, Col. F. W. PICKENS, Judge WITHERS, Ex-Gov. J. H. HAMMOND, Col. MEMMINGER, Chancellor DARGAN, Col. CHESTNUT, Col. KEITT and Mr. BOYCE, have been approvingly mentioned, and others will doubtless follow.

Ex-Gov. HAMMOND is, in our opinion, the ablest man in the State, but from his total indifference to public affairs of late years, he has impaired greatly his usefulness, and probably could not be elected. There are other reasons, unnecessary to be given, that would influence us. Col. ORR, our immediate Representative in Congress, is our first choice. He has the ability, and is a practical, sagacious man, thoroughly imbued with the State rights doctrines of the Palmettoes, and full of wisdom and patriotic State pride. The State would honor herself in honoring him.

From Europe.

Several steamers have arrived from Liverpool since our last. The cotton market was firm with large sales. Breadstuffs had advanced. The political news is not important. In Parliament, the slave trade was brought up, when the Minister of the Crown stated that Spain had been urged to prevent the importation of slaves into Cuba. The same functionary also announced the rejection of the Dallas-Clarendon treaty, but says that new conditions have been received from Washington, and were under consideration. It is difficult for Spain and Mexico to arrange the differences between the two governments. After three hours hard fighting in Algeria, the French captured an important point—loss not given. Thirteen hundred houses have been burned down in Constantinople, with great loss of property and some lives. Political-religious riots have taken place in the principal cities of Belgium growing out of anti-Catholic feelings.—Convents, monasteries, cottages and the Bishop's palace had been attacked.—The troops interfered, and, at the latest accounts, order was nearly restored.

LONDON, May 30.—Some excitement was created here by the announcement of an attack on an English merchant vessel in the roadstead of Belle Isle by a French war brig. The English vessel was bound from Bordeaux to Liverpool, and was compelled to come to anchor by contrary winds, and when neglecting to hoist her colors, the French vessel fired two blank cartridges, and a ball cartridge, killing an English seaman. The case was under consideration by the authorities.

An Acceptable Present.

On last Saturday morning, whilst the dew was yet sparkling on the grass, and the woodland songster tuning his merry notes in unison with his beautiful surroundings, our "bachelor larch" was lifted by a small African imp, bearing a waiter with a spotless covering. He muttered something about a "birth-day present," and vanished. Raised the covering and drew forth a beautiful bouquet, speaking everything that was pleasant, and delicious to the taste. Thought we were in luck! Looked for the comet! but no comet came. Strange that things, as well as men, will disappoint people! At a reasonable hour, friends dropped in—they were pleasant. We tasted the cake and "smiled" together—temperately of course. Birth-days crowd upon each other quickly now-a-days, but we were consoled with the reflection that one of the "fairest of the fair," had caused this one to pass most pleasantly—yon have a thousand thanks! Looked for the comet again! but came to the conclusion that the Keowee would visit its numerous patrons many more times before its advent. So mote it be!

South Carolina College.

The recent difficulty in the South Carolina College will most probably prove of incalculable benefit to that institution, and the State at large. The Board of Trustees met, and, as we learn from the *Carolinian*, the following is their action:

That this Board having heard at large the statement of the President of the College, and of every member of the Faculty, are of opinion that there is no issue of vacancy made by the proceedings which have called together this Board; that they exonerate the President from any imputation upon his character, and hereby express their confidence in his purity and integrity. The following resolutions were also adopted:

That this Board perceives no grounds for any charge affecting the honor or integrity of any one of the Professors of this College. That it is expedient to make essential modifications in the educational system of the South Carolina College, that the curriculum of studies be so expanded as to require many more professors or schools.

That the selection of the schools be optional on the part of the applicants for College.

That a committee of five be appointed under the above resolution, and that they report to the Board in November next.

The following gentlemen constitute the committee: Wm. C. Preston, C. G. Memminger, R. W. Barwell, B. F. Perry, S. McAliley.

That this Board "deem it necessary to the interests of the College" to re-organize the government, and that the President and Professors be requested forthwith to resign their offices.

On this resolution the vote was 15 to 8. In accordance with this resolution, the President and Professors all tendered their resignations at the evening meeting, which were accepted.

Ballots were then had for several professorships, and the following gentlemen were re-elected to those previously held by them: Prof. John Leconte, Prof. Joseph Leconte, Prof. J. Rivers, Rev. Wm. Ford Smith was elected Professor of Sacred Literature. Mr. L. McCandless, of Camden, was elected Professor of Logic and Metaphysics, and that of History and Political Economy, were left to be filled in September next.

It was also determined that the Faculty be authorized and requested to appoint from their number "Chairman to discharge the duties of President until the next meeting of the Board.

That the exercises of this College be suspended until the first of October next, and that immediate notice be communicated to the Faculty.

A committee of three was appointed to address the citizens on the state and re-organization of the College.

Cotton.

This great Southern staple is again looking up, and is quoted in Charleston at fourteen and a half cents per pound!

Penning and Clippings.

ADVERTISEMENTS.—Dr. Green is receiving New Goods and fresh Groceries—see his advertisements. Dr. Sharpe makes a positive call for money due him—heed it! Attention is also directed to the advertisement of Messrs. Leavell & White, of Anderson.

LECTURES.—Judge O'Neill recently delivered an address on the "Law Bench" of the State; and, on Tuesday 6th instant, he lectured on the "Chancery Bench."—They are very interesting and will be published.

ELECTED.—Clarke, black republican, has been elected U. S. Senator from New Hampshire, for six years.

LARGE BEAR.—Mr. N. M. Garner, says the *Kingstree Star*, killed a bear in Williamsburg district recently, which weighed 375 pounds.

"DOG WAR."—The Mayor of Lancaster, Pa., has declared war against all unmuzzled dogs found running at large. In Philadelphia the "dog war" is being vigorously prosecuted. Sheep owners are also complaining with us.

WITHDRAWN.—By an almost unanimous vote, the Baptist Association of Virginia on Monday resolved to withdraw their countenance and support from the American Tract Society, in consequence of its recent action in relation to the slavery question.

A PLEASANT FAMILY PARTY.—On the 1st inst., a man, residing near Mine Hill Gap, Pa., while amusing himself at the manly past time of beating his wife, was shot and seriously injured with a pistol in the hands of his son, who is quite a lad.

HIGH PRICES.—Corn meal is selling in Staunton, Va., at \$1.25 per bushel, potatoes \$1, butter 25 cents, and other things in proportion.

WORTH WINNING.—A main of cocks was fought at Memphis, Tennessee, last week for \$12,500—which was won by Nick W. Arrington, of Nash county, N. C.

VICTIMS.—Spiritualism claims two more suicides. George Stiles, of Milford, Wis., shot himself through the heart last week; and a day or two afterwards his uncle, Wm. Stiles, stabbed himself with the shank of a bay fork. Both of them were spiritualists and alike died martyrs to their faith.

MAIL TO CALIFORNIA.—The Post Office Department has contracted with James E. Birch, of Sacramento, to carry the mail from San Antonio, Texas to San Diego, California, semi-monthly, for \$150,000 per annum.

TEXAS SENATOR.—Maj. Ben. McCullough, it is rumored, will be a candidate for U. S. Senator from Texas.

TAXES.—The Tax Collector of Newberry returns the number of negroes in that district at 12,736; with a total tax of \$11,770.20, including lands, bank stock, etc.—The poor tax was \$2,355.84, and roads and bridges, \$1,825.

LARGE IMPORT.—On Monday, 18th ult., the Cotton arrivals at Liverpool, many vessels having been previously detained by unfavorable weather, reached 88,000 bales the largest import for any day recorded.

CLEAR AS MUD.—A modern philosopher has answered the important query, "What is the cause of the potato rot?" by declaring it is to be attributed to the "rot tater-y influence of the earth." He has arrived at this elucidation after a minute examination of many common-taters.

PHIBETUS! WHAT A NAME!—Vienna letters maintain that the Princess Sidonia, of Saxony, and not the Princess of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, is the object of Prince Napoleon's visit to Germany. The Princess Sidonia is the eldest daughter of the King of Saxony, and was born in 1834.

MORTALITY IN NEW YORK.—There were only 372 deaths in New York for the week ending on Saturday, a decrease of 53 on the previous week.

HOW TO SUBDUCE MONS.—The Albany *Journal* advocates the employment of fire engines in quelling riots, in preference to the use of balls and bayonets. This plan, if followed, would certainly "throw cold water" upon the rage of a mob.

PHYSICIAN DEAD.—Dr. Thomas Y. Simons, one of the most skillful and extensive practitioners of medicine in Charleston, died suddenly on Monday last week.

MODEST.—Brigham Young, in a recent sermon to his Mormon disciples, remarked: "I really think that I have a great deal more influence here than Moses had among the children of Israel."

NEURO STEALING.—Young S. Bobo has been lodged in Orangeburg jail for negro stealing. His neck is good for a hempen halter.

ELI THAYER.—This gentleman, who, some time since promulgated his plan for abolishing Virginia, was in Parkersburg, Va., last week. He richly deserves "slicing!"

THE OLDEST INHABITANT.—The Abingdon *Virginian* understands that there is a man by the name of Jesse, living in New Garden, Russell co., who is now 100 years old. It is said that on the day he was 100 hundred years old, he made one hundred rails. Doubtful.

DEATH OF A VETERAN.—Seth Ingram died at Matagorda, on the 12th ult., aged sixty-seven. His life, like those of most old Texans, was full of vicissitudes. He was a volunteer in the last war between England and the United States, and severely wounded in the battle of Lundy's Lane.

LADIES WANTED.—Ladies are wanted out West. The recent census of St. Louis shows a disparity in the sexes of nearly 7,000 in favor of males. By the census of Iowa, the males are in a majority by nearly thirty-four thousand. Other States are also calling for reinforcements of the fair sex.

KILLED.—Two Englishmen had a wrestling match in a rum shop in Portsmouth, N. H., last Friday, and one of them, named Flannegan, who was intoxicated, was thrown with such violence, his head striking a box, that he died on the premises.

THE NEW HAVEN ELECTION.—The Democrats of Hartford fired a salute of thirty-one guns on Tuesday in honor of the Democratic victory in New Haven.

FREE SOIL.—In Minnesota territory, a large majority of the members elect of the convention to form a state constitution are black republicans. Thus in the brief period of a year, we will have another free State in the Union.

DEAD.—Ex-Gov. Henry Hubbard, of New Hampshire, died in Charleston, on the 5th inst.

NEW JOB FOR WALKER.—The Western papers are suggesting Gen. Walker as a suitable person for Governor of Utah. They think he could stand his hand with the Mormons. Perhaps he might, though it would be anything but a "bed of roses" to repose on.

DISBANDING.—The Richmond *Whig* of June 4th, advises the American party to disband, as it can never, the *Whig* says, effect anything at all as a national party.

MISSING.—There is still another mysterious disappearance up the North river—a young lady named Tuttle, who has been missing from her home in Ashland, Greene county, New York, for a fortnight. On Saturday fifty men were in search for her.

STUMPING IN TENNESSEE.—The gubernatorial candidates in Tennessee have taken the "stump," and have designated over fifty places where they purpose making speeches between this and the 3d of August. They will unquestionably have a warm time of it.

CAPTURE OF A NOTED FORGER.—P. B. Manchester, a noted banker who committed forgeries and robberies in Cincinnati, about two and a half years ago, to the amount of \$300,000, was arrested at the Michigan Central Depot on Tuesday last, through the instrumentality of a Cincinnati merchant, who had been fleeced by him.

THE PRESBYTERIANS ON MORMONISM.—The churches are beginning to move against the Mormons; but the movement, as yet, is slow. A series of resolutions was introduced into the Presbyterian Convention at Cleveland, the other day, denouncing the Salt Lake Saints—but nothing came of them—the resolutions being laid on the table.

NOMINATED.—The democratic state convention, held at Montgomery last week, nominated Hon. Andrew B. Moore as its candidate for Governor.

JEWISH DISABILITY REMOVED.—Lord Palmerston has introduced into Parliament a bill reforming the usual oath to members, by striking out the words: "On the true faith of a Christian." This is designed to allow Israelites to become members.

PHILANTHROPY.—The Governor of Michigan, it seems, has sent a thousand dollars to Kansas to relieve the destitute there, who are not destitute at all; while in the north-ern counties of Michigan the people have been starving to death. This shows that party ambition far outstrips charity.

DISSOLVED.—The "New School Presbyterians," South, have dissolved their connection with the General Assembly, because it passed a resolution denouncing slavery as sinful. What will come next?

COMMUNICATIONS.

FOR THE KEOWEE COURIER.

Mr. Editor: Some time ago there was great wonder and excitement caused by the wonderful Shanghai of Anderson, ("Take heed, time is short") and the *our Slab Town Fools* are not quite so prophetic, we think we have one much more remarkable than any even that town can offer. On yesterday morning I was greatly amused at seeing a little chicken, three days old taken into the house lest its mother could not support it, strutting about the piazza and assuming as great an air of importance as tho' it were a tried game cock, in other words as if to show that there was not the slightest cause for uneasiness. I had been noticing it only a very short time when another chicken about the size of a partridge came up and was picking up the food that had been placed there for the lesser one, and to my great surprise the little fellow flew at it, or rather ran at it for it had no wings, and actually frightened it away, and much more to my amazement crowed several times. A gentleman coming up soon after could scarcely be persuaded to believe it, when the same thing was repeated and it crowed then, I think some six or eight times. I know not what you may think of this, but suppose you will conclude that it is certainly one of "the blue hen's chickens."

Hamilton Hill, June 13, 1857. X.

SENTENCED, June 6th, 1857.—To the Friends of Temperance.—The meeting of State Temperance Society will be held at Chesterville on Tuesday the 21st day of July. It is expected the meeting will commence as soon after the arrival of the cars as possible: say at or before 8 p. m. The meeting it will be observed, begins the day before the Grand Division meets, at York; it is expected to adjourn time enough to reach Yorkville before the meeting there, the evening of the 22d. It is hoped every organization of Temperance will be fully represented.

Temperance Societies, Divisions of the Sons of Temperance, Rechabites, and Cadets are expected to send up delegates—the more the better.

Our friends at Chesterville are making preparations to give Temperance a rousing welcome. Dr. Walker, well known as an ardent and devoted friend of Temperance; the successor of Chester's leader in this great cause, the late Jas. B. McCully, Esq., writes to me "we intend holding two public meetings, one Tuesday night, the other Wednesday morning about 11. We give the Delegates a dinner at 3 p. m."

Brethren and friends, let Delegates be speedily appointed. The work is a great one—every one who can give us a good word, a smile, or even an encouraging nod, will be welcomed. Let us all to the work.

JOHN BELTON O'NEILL, Pres. State Temp. Society.

GEN. JOHN B. WALKER, the oldest officer in the United States Army, died in Baltimore on Wednesday night. He was born at Alsace on the Rhine, in 1764, entered the Austrian service, and subsequently joined his regiment was ordered to the West Indies, when nearly every man in it died. He came to this country in 1790, and soon after entered the office of Alexander Hamilton as a law student. He afterwards abandoned the profession, and having procured a commission from General Washington, entered the United States Army. He was engaged in the war of 1812, and achieved considerable distinction; and desired to accompany the army to Mexico in 1840, but his great age forbade the attempt. Up to within three days of his death his health was invariably good.

Later from California.
New York, June 12.—The steamer George Law, from Aspinwall, arrived here this evening with the mails from California to the 20th May.

The George Law brings \$2,000,000 in specie. The massacre of Col. Grabbe's filibustering party in Sonora, Mexico, caused great excitement in California. The California papers give details of the execution, which seems to have been attended by incidents of unusual cruelty. Col. Crabbe himself was led out alone, tied, with his arms above his head, to a post and his body riddled by one hundred bullets.

The excitement in California, caused by this massacre, is intense, and it is feared a general plan of revenge against the Mexicans will be adopted.

The mines of California are yielding well. Affairs on the Isthmus of Panama are quiet.

The new administration of New Granada will not accede to the demands of the United States.

There is nothing new from Nicaragua. It is believed that the fleet of the insurgents in Peru, has surrendered to the government.

The U. S. ships Independence and St. Marys were off Panama. The Wabash was off Aspinwall.

Intelligence from San Juan del Norte, states that over 100 of Walker's men, were still at that place, desolate and sick.

It was reported at Panama, that the Chincha Islands were to be placed under the joint protectorate of France and England.

The U. S. sloop of war John Adams, was at the Chincha.

A Lima letter to the Panama Star, says:

The Peruvian convention has closed its secret session on the question of an Anglo-French protectorate. They vote to-day, their vote is expected to be favorable to the same.

The Panama Star expresses strong fears that Gen. Walker, in conformity with threats expressed by him after his capitulation, will return with another army of filibusters to the Isthmus, and regrets that Gen. Mora did not bind him and his officers in the terms of capitulation not to put their feet again on Central American soil.

Business in San Francisco not improved. Money market easier.

DEATH OF COL. J. CHARLES BLUM.—We are pained to announce the death of an esteemed fellow citizen, Col. J. Charles Blum. For about three weeks he had been suffering from what seemed a cold, but the disease falling upon his lungs, terminated his existence on the night before the last of 6 o'clock, in the 40th year of his age. He exhibited great patience under his sufferings, and singular fortitude and composure in prospect of his approaching end. The painful fact of its approach was known to him for more than twenty-four hours before it occurred; and for one who was impatient—who had much to render the prospect attractive—who with health and constitution unimpaired, had come to the attainment of almost every object of his earthly ambition—fortune—friends—a home and public confidence—it was strangely interesting to see the cheerfulness and composure with which he looked upon it.

The deceased has acted an important part in the business affairs of our city. He entered early into public life, and devoted himself so closely to business as to lay the ground work of an ample fortune; but notwithstanding this, he had attention and energies to spare. He led his Company, the German Fusiliers, in the Florida war; for six years he has been a member of the State Legislature; for ten years he has been Colonel of the Sixteenth Regiment of South Carolina; he has contributed much to improve the city; he has for many years been a leading Director in the Bank of South Carolina; and as an officer or active member, has been connected with many of the industrial and charitable institutions of the city.

In the social relations of life, Col. Blum was highly cherished, and many will feel his loss, and many will preserve and consecrate his memory.—*Charleston Standard*.

NEW YORK, June 13.—The Herald of this morning publishes the manifesto of Santa Anna to his partisans at Cuba and in Mexico denouncing Comanfort's government, and declaring that Mexico must pass through another bloody revolution before tranquility can be restored.

The correspondence of the Times states that the reason of Capt. Davis's interference in behalf of Gen. Walker was a letter, in Walker's handwriting, found on an spy, addressed to Mr. McDonald, agent of the Nicaraguan steamer, stating that he was reduced to the last extremity, and begging him for the use of a steamer, or to do something else for his relief; and that, on reading the letter, Capt. Davis determined to act as he did.

Tax editor of the Athens Banner paid a visit to Franklin county last week, and thus reports on the crops, &c.:

The wheat between Athens and Carnesville is in fine condition, and the yield will be bountiful if the rust does not get in it. Corn looks well, but rather backward for the season. Oats pretty fair. Cotton is a failure; some planters are ploughing up the cotton and planting corn in its place.

The cattle are dying very fast in some localities in Franklin and the upper part of Madison. We were informed that Mr. Montgomery had lost about twenty head. The disease is supposed to be maul.

BRANDY IN NEW DODGE.—Brandy, the pill man, has got up a great advertisement in the newspapers by proposing to finish the Washington Monument. The Dr. resolves to appropriate the proceeds of his pill business to do the deed. He should then be allowed to stick posters on the columns and manufacture pills in that circular hall which is to be at the bottom. Query.—Would not a dose of the doctor's peculiar product make the Board of Managers work more and talk less?