

(From the Baltimore American.)

BALTIMORE'S MURDERER.

Some of the Facts that the Authorities have Gathered.

Mrs. Wharton was indicted on Saturday for poisoning Gen. W. Scott Ketchum, and for attempting to poison her confidential business agent Mr. Eugene Van Ness.

The ladies were handed into the first carriage, and Sheriff Albert took a seat beside Miss Wharton, drew the curtains of the carriage, and was about telling the driver to "go ahead" when Mrs. Wharton expressed a desire to ride in the other carriage.

On the way to the jail there was no conversation except of the most commonplace character. The party alighted at the main gate, and Mrs. Wharton walked up through the yard without showing the least weakness of fatigue.

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This singular conduct on the part of Mrs. Wharton occasioned a sharp turn in the course of the investigation, and Marshal Gray and Deputy Marshal Frey, who had been intrusted with the management of the case, immediately began to look for a more distinguished person on whom to fasten the charge than the poor woman who had at first been suggested as the possible poisoner.

When the Grand Jury came into Court with the bill, a messenger was immediately dispatched to Mrs. Wharton's house to apprise the family of the fact, and to give notice that the officers would call for her at half past three o'clock.

Out of this carriage Sheriff Albert, Marshal Gray, Deputy Marshal Frey, and Deputy Sheriff Roseman stepped, and were admitted in the yard through the gate. In five minutes they returned with Mrs. Wharton, Miss Nellie Wharton, and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Neilson, friends of the family (Mrs. Wharton leaning on Marshal Frey's arm).

THE WATCHMAN

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26.

A. A. GILBERT - EDITOR

WHITE AND BLACK POPULATION.

The Columbia Union publishes the population figures as shown by the United States census tables. The total population is put down at 38,549,987. Of this but 4,879,823 are colored!

It has seemed to us, all the time, that the more sensible and better educated colored men, who have figured and continue to figure, in the direction of public affairs, have acted immediately under the adventitious circumstances present, and entirely without reference to the future—exhibiting that "hand to mouth" practice which is seen though well nigh the whole colored mass.

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ACTUAL OF THE UNION LEAGUE.

A friend has sent us a well-worn copy of the "Ritual ordered by the National Convention of the Union League of America, at Washington, Dec. 18th, 1865." It was picked up in the road near Lynchburg, and is a duodecimo pamphlet of 28 pages.

Solemn, absolute secrecy is enjoined. Initiation is attended with some form. Candidates for membership are balloted for, and examined in the ante-room by the "A. V. P." and "M." Questions are asked, the 2nd, 3d, 4th and 6th of which are as follows:

2d. Do you acknowledge that your first and highest allegiance, under God, is due to the Government of the United States of America?

3d. Are you willing to pledge your self to resist, to the utmost extent of your power, all attempts to subvert or overthrow the Government of the United States of America?

4th. Will you strive to the extent of your ability for the maintenance of liberty; the elevation of labor; the education in the responsibilities and duties of American citizenship of all the people of this country; the practice of true friendship and charity towards each and all of the Order, of which you are about to become a member, and for the election or appointment to all places of public trust of such men only as are reliable supporters of these principles and measures?

6th. Do you pledge your honor that you will obey all rules and orders of the Union League of America which shall not conflict with your lawful rights and privileges as a loyal citizen, and keep inviolate all secrets and ceremonies of the League when communicated to you as such?

The first grand purpose of our organization has been accomplished through the combined efforts of our order and the gallantry and perseverance of our citizen soldiers, to whom our grateful acknowledgments and continued appreciation are ever due.

By means of the Loyal League these grand purposes may be realized. We ask none to join us who have not the noble sentiment of patriotism deeply implanted in their hearts, for such only are capable of rising above the level of the mere partizan, and claiming and defending the boon of freedom for its intrinsic value.

The Anderson Intelligence of the 20th of July gives an account of a public gathering at that place which occurred on the Saturday preceding, which is rather significant. The colored militia paraded in the morning, going through the drill, when the arms were laid aside, and a Sunday School procession formed, which, after marching through the principal streets, were concentrated at the house recently purchased for school purposes, and formerly belonging to the Winthrop estate.

A "magnificent dinner," the Intelligence says, was spread in the second story of the building for the whites. The colored people scattered about the building and grounds and spread their baskets.

We give these points of this Anderson meeting, as one of the indications of the times—of a better feeling and more harmonious action between the two races.

any invasion, insurrection or rebellion to the extent of my ability. This I freely pledge without mental reservation or evasion. Furthermore, that I will do all in my power to elect true and reliable Union men and supporters of the Government, and none others, to all offices of profit or trust from the lowest to the highest—in Ward, Town, County, State and General Government. And should I ever be called to fill any office, I will faithfully carry out the objects and principles of this L. A. and further, that I will protest, aid and defend all worthy members of the U. L. And that I will never make known in any way or manner, to any person or persons not members of the U. L., any of the signs, passwords, proceedings, debates or plans of this or any other C. under this organization, except when engaged in admitting new members into this L. (Place your right hand upon the Holy Bible, etc.) And with my hand upon the Holy Bible, Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States of America, under the seal of my sacred honor, I acknowledge myself firmly bound and pledged to the faithful performance of this my solemn obligation. So help me God.

The members respond: "To this we pledge ourselves." The President says: "Gentlemen, around you is a band of brothers alike sacredly pledged. This circle is never to be broken by treachery." The members all respond: "Never!"

The new members now join the circle and with clasped and up-lifted hands they take the freemans' pledge: "To defend and perpetuate Freedom and the Union, I pledge my life, my fortune and my sacred honor. So help me God."

And now "Rally Round the Flag Boys," swells from the dusky ring. All hands now take seats, and the President delivers his charge, which is a recapitulation of the address, oath, &c. They are now instructed in the signs, &c.

The annexed horribly sacrilegious jumble is put to sing after the oath, which is called "Battle Hymn of the Republic:" Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord: He is tramping out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION OF CLAREMONT LODGE, NO. 64, A. F. M. will be held on Thursday evening, October 26, 1871, at 7 o'clock. By order of M. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

NEW STORE. THE SUBSCRIBER HAVING PURCHASED THE BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS lately owned by Mr. JAMES A. BRADLEY, Exchange Corner, Market Street, respectfully informs his friends and the public generally that the stock has been replenished, and additions are constantly being made to make a complete assortment. Having engaged MR. DAVID H. WALSH, (formerly with Mr. JAMES A. BRADLEY,) to superintend my business, I respectfully solicit a share of the public patronage.

DR. A. J. CHINA, Druggist and Apothecary, SUMNER, S. C. INVITES ATTENTION TO HIS LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, PHARMACEUTICALS, Proprietary Preparations, Toilet Articles, Brushes, Varnishes, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Glass Ware, etc. etc.

THE PRESRIPTION DEPARTMENT. RECIPES SPECIAL ATTENTION. CURE AND ACCURACY GUARANTEED. July 26

Garden Seed. JUST RECEIVED from D. LANDBETH & SONS, the following Seeds for Fall and Winter use: BROAD BEAN, COMMON TURNIP, FLAT DUTCH TURNIP, BRUSSELS BROCCOLI, GOLDEN BUNCH, GREEN GLASS CABBAGE, LARGE BRANDED CABBAGE, BLUE BUTTE CABBAGE, etc. etc. A. J. CHINA, July 26

THE NEW DEPARTMENT. The address of the Democratic State Central Committee to the people of Pennsylvania, just issued, marks the new departure in the following gallant style: "When we speak of the Federal Constitution, we mean the whole instrument, with all its amendments, and acknowledge the equal obligation of every part. Several of these amendments were carried by brass knuckles, and by fraud upon the public will to glaring acts to take from their rightful claims upon our respect. But we cannot deny that they have actually become a part of the Constitution; and we are proud that fact, yet to be told by showing the corrupt influence of the men who at that time controlled Congress and mastered the State Legislature. When

THE 14th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE Female Institute, CHARLOTTE, N. C. REV. R. BURNELL, JOHN B. BURWELL, A. M. } PATRON. LIBERAL ADVANCES made on College ORDERS received faithful and prompt attention. CENTER REFERENCE: D. J. Winn, Kennedy & P. A. A. Gilbert, Dr. J. M. Pitt, N. Graham. July 19

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR. SUMNER, S. C., June 18, 1871. This office will be opened on the 1st for the reception of Returns of Personal held on the 17th July, 1871, and will be open during the month of July. Only returns of personal property sent by all sales or transfers of Real Estate September 1st, 1870, must be noted on 9 of the returns. The name of the Township in which the entry is held, must also appear on the last return. For the convenience of those who have Western parts of the County, a company will be held at Providence for the 10th July. At Bishopville and Corbett's store, persons may return to myself or some competent person on the 17th July, and for ten days thereafter, residing in Lynchburg, South Carolina, may make their returns to P. Smith, or Mr. W. D. Hinds, from the 11th July. Returns can be made at Manchester 20th July and 19 days thereafter. Those who make their returns promptly avoid the delay and jostling which accompany the "last days" of tax payment. I ask the co-operation of every citizen in sending this notice so that no one will be penalized by ignorance or inadvertence. I invite particular attention to the fact that the name of the Township in which the return is made is made: Section 1311. That whoever fails to shall fail to make returns to the Auditor of the County, within the time prescribed by law, shall be liable to the County Auditor on the tax of the County Auditor on the property charged to him the proportion of 10 per cent, penalty thereon, which shall be added to the true amount of property only charged. Office hours at the Sumner Office to P. M. from July 1st to 31st, and from 9 o'clock on Sunday and the 1st of August. J. N. CRAWFORD, County Auditor July 26

Cheap Goods, HOW, WHEN AND WHERE TO ADVERTISE. SEE THE ADVERTISER'S GAZET. Book of 100 pages; issued Quarterly (not just now); contains lists of all the Newspapers, Daily, Weekly, Religious, Agricultural, Political, Social, &c. Magazines, Periodicals devoted to class interests; also matters showing costs of advertising; and incidents and instructions gathered from the Experience of Successful Advertisers. Mailed to any address for 25 cents. Ad. GEO. P. ROWELL & CO., Advertising Agents, Publishers, and Dealers in all kinds of Printers' Material. No. 41 Park Row, New York

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A. A. SOLOMON. Has a Full Stock of DRY GOODS. A. A. SOLOMONS. Has a good assortment of Show and A. A. SOLOMONS. Has everything useful in Earth. A. A. SOLOMONS. Has a full assortment in Pots, Ovens and Ware.

A. A. SOLOMONS. Continues to keep his Grocery Room filled with every thing in that line. A. A. SOLOMONS. Is selling his goods VERY LOW, and for CASH ONLY. Call and see him at the CORNER MAIN AND LIBERTY. May 31

L. H. Miller. Miller's Safe and Iron Works, ESTABLISHED IN 1857. For sale by WILSON & SELBY. Cotton Factors, COMMISSION MERCHANTS AND DEALERS IN PLANTERS' SUPPLIES of Every Description. No. 17 LIGHT STREET, BALTIMORE. LIBERAL ADVANCES made on College ORDERS received faithful and prompt attention. CENTER REFERENCE: D. J. Winn, Kennedy & P. A. A. Gilbert, Dr. J. M. Pitt, N. Graham. July 19

Fire-Proof Merchants' Safes, WELDED STEEL AND IRON. Burglar-Proof Bank Safes. FIRST CLASS Key and Combination Lock. Bank Vaults and Doors. Sales Room 265 Baltimore St. FACTORY—Square bounded by Henrietta, Claret, Fremont and Warner Streets. SEND FOR ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE. OVER 12,000 IN USE. TESTED IN 200 FIRES. NEAR REFERENCES: Fraser, Engleworth & Cooper, Hoyt & Tolson, Sumner, S. C. Worth & Worth, Wilmington, N. C. John Agnew & Son, Columbia, S. C. National Bank of Chester, S. C. Smith & Malton, Chester, S. C. 900 IN BALTIMORE. OVER 12,000 SALES IN USE. TESTED IN 200 FIRES. FIRST CLASS GOODS, AT LOW PRICES. July 26

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