

While we reserve to ourselves the right of defining our own political position by means of our editorial columns, we will be pleased to publish contributions from our fellow-citizens upon the grave questions which now agitate the public mind, whether their opinions coincide with ours or not.

The Presidential Question.

We are not prepared to say much about the nomination to be made in New York, on the 4th of July next. Four persons are in view, as nominees of the Democratic Party,—Chase, of Ohio; Pendleton, from the same State; Hendricks, of Indiana; and Hancock, of Pennsylvania.

Lately, the Chase movement seems to be playing out; as the Chief Justice is too Radical in his views to suit the Democratic party; and if he were elected, he would be a Republican President, despite his Democratic nomination.

But we await with interest the action of the National Convention at New York; and of course, expect to support its nomination. Let us keep up our local organizations, and increase the esprit in every precinct.

Gen. O. H. Hart.

This distinguished officer has relieved Maj. Holton as Bureau Agent at this place, and has also received the appointment of Military Commissioner for Orangeburg District.

Gen. Hart is a native of Hartford, Connecticut, from which place, however, he removed many years ago, having resided in New York City until the beginning of the war.

General John S. Preston will deliver the annual address before the students of the Virginia University, on June 30th.

Recent Excitement.

In our last issue, we gave a Summary of the difficulty of the 11th inst., and at present we propose to continue the history of the affair. On the 12th inst., Lieut. O'Connor arrived, with a detachment of 30 men, of Company K, 8th U. S. Infantry, and made several arrests.

As regards the wounded rescuers, we would state, that for the sake of affording the negroes a better chance of giving their attention, and at the request of prominent negroes, and the instance of Lieut. O'Connor, Jake Hanton, Earle McCord, and Adam Bookhart were removed on Friday, 12th inst., to a room at the Freedmen's Bureau.

The verdict of the Coroner's Jury is as follows: That Adam Bookhart came to his death on the morning of the 15th of June at 5 o'clock in consequence of a wound received June 11th 1868, by a pistol ball fired from a pistol held in the hand of some person unknown to the Jury.

The verdict is under the hands and seals of C. B. Glover, Magistrate and Acting Coroner, Thompson H. Cooke Esq., Foreman and B. F. Randolph (col'd), T. C. Albergotti, John Williamson, J. W. Keitt, A. R. Champy, Henry Dickson (col'd), James Stocker, J. W. Mosely, Jas. Cannon, George Bolivar, W. T. Muller, W. R. Bull, Fred. S. Dibble, Jurors.

THE TESTIMONY.

Jake Hanton being sworn, was asked if he could recognize any one of the party present as the party who shot Adam Bookhart? He replied that he recognized Mr. S. H. Snyder as the only one who looked like the person.

Mr. T. C. Albergotti being produced and sworn, says: On Friday morning went round to the jail to see the prisoners. I asked Adam Bookhart and the balance of them, how they were feeling.

Mr. S. R. Hall being produced and sworn, says: Went round to the jail on Friday morning to see the three prisoners, and asked them how they were feeling. They all three said they felt much better.

Henry Dickson, being produced and sworn, says: I was setting in my piazza at the time when I heard the gun fired. After the gun fired I saw Mr. Snyder going towards the village on horseback, without a hat on.

for so doing. This was on last Thursday about eleven or twelve o'clock. X. Heard the reports of about seven guns he thinks. He recognized the deceased as the wounded man who came up to his fence.

Mr. Cecil S. Edwards being produced and sworn, says: Messrs. Sydnor, Morgan T. Shumaker, and myself left Orangeburg on Wednesday, 10th inst., to arrest a lot of burglars. Thursday morning we started from Mr. Shumaker's with the Sheriff's posse.

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Question by Jury.—Did you hear Adam Bookhart cursing in the party? Answer.—I believe he was.

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Personally appeared: Drs. L. D. Radzinsky, A. S. Salley and E. J. Oliveros, who swear that the above report is a true and correct statement of their post mortem examination of Adam Bookhart, deceased.

The jury took a recess till 4 o'clock P. M. Jury met pursuant to adjournment. B. F. Randolph being produced and sworn, says: I saw Jacob Hanton between eight and nine o'clock on the morning of the 11th inst., at the residence of James Mays.

Question by Jury.—Did you furnish him (Hanton) with any paper of any description to protect the parties from being arrested? Answer.—I did not, but I think on that occasion I either gave or sent him a Republican pledge.

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