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which the fond mama of Ella and Rebecca are in bliseful ignorance, are PUBLISHED AT now in constant use. I would give some ORANGEBURG of these old folks the benefit of know Every Saturday Morning. ing something of these mystic sign manuals of love, but for it I might have DRANGEBURG NEWS COMPANY all the discoverers of them "d we on me

don't intend to do.

the darkest hue, that are brought to

life is born unto them, and they are

made to lead a better life; a life whos-

chief aim is to walk upright before

But let me return to the beautiful

young women, that all could regale their

eyes upon on the occasion to which

allude. All sorts and styles of beauty

and loveliness were at Boiling Springs'

Camp Ground. From the darling little

lass, whose steps were as shy and coy as

those of the timid fawn, to the dignified

and stately queen of a woman, decorated

and made happy this coming together of

joyous souls. And many hearts that

hitherto slept defiantly in the breasts of

the rougher sex, were awakened to a new

song. Alas ! for some of these ! Many

there are who never loved before this oc-

Cupid had not plunged his arrow so

deeply into their souls. Why? Be

a beautiful delusion is sweeter than

But there was one in that beautiful

array of loved women at Boiling Springs

whose soft and fascinating charms made

their impression upon my heart. As the

constant dripping of water upon stone

will les e its impression, so did the magic

fluence of her swe t beauties fall poon

my sou! Pulcke the evanescent dews of

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ees are gone; the impression made upon

ne has become a part of my existence.

No is the deat, loved angel who made

the quest conscious of her victory

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has for me crose with this strain

So day of all days at Camp Meetings

and is a very larg one, yet it

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hear his preach. All were scrambling for

s and logic and good heavenly truths.

Sunday night there was a grand re-

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Camp Meeting at Boiling Springs.

Dear News :

Wednesday a week ago, a brilliant Camp Meeting commenced at the above Camp Ground. On the following Saturday your correspondent, in company with Judge R. F. Graham, and a couple of friends, started for said place; and never stopped until our party were safely en sconced under the wigwam of our esteemed friend, Mr. John H. Livingston. Safely landed times, and assured by a ous greeting of our welcome, to enjoy ourselves was a matter left to our own choice. A feeling of kindly hospitality radiated the face of every one of the good and noble country folk that tented there. And then the Word o. Life was preached as becometh the pul

pit and the ministry of Christ.

Camp Meetings are pleasant things, conducive to the advancement of Chris tianity; and also to the civic enjoyment of the hundreds of young folks who go there for the purpose of enjoying themselves after the fushion of the day And then there are the good old grandtents affd pas that flave visited these fliestings for years, some of whose looks have grown white with the frest of many winters. As they move about trans place to place, the idea strikes the mind that they are left as guardian spirits of the young and frivolous to warit illedn of the follies and temptations that too of successfully influences and mends in course of the youth of today doar headed and dignified, there in a arebs, as it were, seem to major, to surroundings a find of nois influence Frivolity is forgotten in their presen-

so venerable are (sey But then there is another class

were there. I mean the young and g Those who have scarce yet lived out the first of the three score years and ten il lotted to humanity ai beacho!

These enjoy themselves.

Many, many are them it inques . winds at Comp Meetings upon the and necation by of love-thisporture of heard only into the hearts of those who are too bashful and coy to do love's bid dings without faltering

Indeed, it would be a su' jet worthy the study of all philosophers o, the meels anism of the human heart, to visit Camp Meetings for the purpose of learn ing the many and mysterious ways in which shose who love can communicate with each other at this place. The gentle pressure of the thrilling Land-the soft and expressive glances of the ren der eye-these, all these are old in the ritual of the fover. The nomenclature the exhibition of the religious zeal dis was thought to be complete; but obser- played at that time and place. If all

some at least who were not ashamed to own their God.

Now let me to Monday morning. This is generally the breaking up day of Camp Meetings. Prayer-meeting before breakfast, and afterwards, ageneral exortation is the sequel to these happy and joyous oclike a thousand of bricks"-and that i casions. It is a sad sight to sit and witness this the end of such noble events. A hesty running to and fro from all sides is the I say Camp Meetings are glorious order on Monday morning. Wagons are nucked with the utmost haste; buggies things; glorious because of the beauty and pleasures that are to be seen there and carriages are crammed with pretty Nor must the spiritual benefits that girls; last long farewells are looked by accrue to many, by a visit, to Camp the love-sick maidens and swains, who Meeting, be omitted to be mentioned never loved before; the good old grand mas and pas, shake each other warmly Many there are who attend these places. by the hand, while a prayer escapes whose souls are deeply dyed in sin of their quivering lips to meet once again ere their glass of life is fully sped; and above all, the last, sad hour arrives sensible consciousness of their guilt before Heaven. A new spirit, a new

> Thus it was at Boiling Springs. Farewell! was whispered on all sides. And. melancholy thought ! your correspondent and his party had to share the fate of all. We had to leave. We whispered farewell ! and all that remains to us of the bright and happy Boiling Springs, are its fresh and green memories; the thoughts that cannot die of the dear and lovely maidens that we saw there happy oasis in the dull, sad garden of ife's trials; sweet recollections of angelio faces, and flute-like voices; and warm gratitude for the hospitalities

> > JOANNES.

Presentment of the Grand Jury-Fall Term, 1871.

The Grand Jury beg leave, most rethought! could wish that they had never pectfully, to report that the immediate experienced the passion at all; that isbursement of their expenses, while attending Court, falling upon their prirate resources, in consequence either of cause Miss Cora's or Miss Minnie's heart nefficient legislation, or the improper execution of law on the part of public was proof against their overtures of Officials, find it impracticable to devote love. But let all such resort to the such time to the investigation of public philosophic conclusion for comfort: that offairs as the interest of the County de-

We have, however, done the best we ould under the circumstances, and trust hat the Court will bring to the attention of the proper authorities these obstacles which embarrass some of us, so that the luture Juries will have nothing to prevent a full and complete discharge of

Our government is conducted upon a rash system so far as the collecting of taxes are concerned, and we see no rea on why the same cash system shall not prevail in regard to the payment of its

We have visited the various Public Offices, and so far as our examination that be. extended, we found the books and records in very good condition.

We desire, however, to direct the atention of the Court to a transaction recently perfected by t e New Board of it has been said that these organs of County Commissioners, which we regard ars no the interpreters of the soul. If as extremely injudicious. i is the pur-

Thadeus . Andrews, Judge of Probate Said site is situated about a mite and a half from the Court House, and is said there is a lough, not to have said what I to contain twenty-four acres. Wit nesses testify that the land is low and wet, and in their opinion, unfit for th purpose for which it was purchased. s the randest So it was at Boiling The Commissioners gave for it as the prints The 11 o'clock sero on was titles show, eight hundred dollars, being proceed or by our distinguished Presiding \$33.33 per acre. Judge Andrews gave of the court. nor . . . F. W. Kennedy. Although for the tracts from which this site was cut \$13.124 for one, and about \$2.33 for

old not acc mmodate two thirds of the The Jury are further informed that

when the hour arrived for him to The County Commissioners in justifigin. ever thing was as quiet as could wished. And the same commendable Col. A. D. Frederick cannot be bought carried out. or. Kennedy is an eloquent livine, and for less than \$50 per acre. Witnesses, his discourses are always replete with however, testify that Col. Frederick's vival. Every body seemed interested in

cient. A thousand and one signs, of elated with the thought that there were ed to the Treasurer, we do not know of kind, the quantity and kind of produce luck," and retire from the counter withhis having any authority to cash them for anything less than their face.

We recommend to the Court to take ecessary proceedings at once to stop this transaction as the orders have not

The Grand Jury, in order to protect certain evils desire to submit to the consideration of our legislators the propriety of the passage Acts to the following effect :

1st. That County Commissioners be made bonded Officers, and that all connected with the Office receive certain Salaries, and nothing extra.

2d. That no County Officer be per mitted directly or indirectly to take part in County Contracts

3d. That no County Officer be allowed to buy County Orders or speculate n them in any way whatsoever. We are aware that at the last Session

of the Legislature this matter was remedied so far as County Commissioners were concerned; but we think it best that the Act be extended to include all County Officers.

4th. That the Approvers of Public Bonds, be appointed among citizens who our rote upon this Presentment has been days, on Norway Flat. Shakes always are not office holders.

It is the opinion of the Grand Jury that the appropriation for School Purposes in this County has not been judiciously expended up to this time. Teachers have been palmed off upon the colored people especially, who are totally ncompetent, and they have thus been deprived of the instruction which they so much need. We believe that the education of the young is our countries' only hope, and on this account we desire its advantages extrended freely to all classes, and that nothing be permitted to check its progress. We are glad to state that the Board of Examiners have adopted measures, which we think will secure be ter teachers in the future.

out of their money we regard as cruel in the extreme, and wholly inexcusable.

We now come to matters of a differ ent character which have recently agitated the public mind, and of which as Jurors, we feel it our province to take cognizance. It is said that a party of disguised men recently passed through our community, and posted notices in different parts, warning certain classes to worn, much-patched pair of gum-boots desist from what they regarded an evil The veritable felt hat worn by him in are unable to ascertain. It is true that they committed no outrages, and molested no one, but we regard this as no pallistion of their offence.

If their aim was, as they indicate, to correct the abuses of the government the plan they pursue is inexcusable. There is no safety to a country and no guarantee against civil commotion, if men are permitted to take law into their own

No matter how corrupt and oppressive a government may be, as a christian people we cannot ignore the Scriptural doctrine "to be subject to the powers

But while we most unhesitatingly condemn these acts of lawlessness and disorder, we would respectfully invite those in power, who feel an interest in the public weltare, carefully to survey the field, and remove all possible cause of Flat cont unlawful proceedings by proper legisla.

There are many evils under which we ere now grouning which could be easily corrected, if our legislators were not carried away by a false idea of freed m.

It is indeed lamentable that is so glaring and so intolerable from the fact that it bears heaviest open the honest laborer. the bone and sinew of the country, that we cannot fail to bring it to the notice

It is the illicit traffic in cotton. We

do not censure the man who sells the goods as much as those who buy, from the fact that the former are mostly ignonore suitable sites can be bought near rant, and the latter generally cave had the Town from ten to twenty dollars per better advantages, and are expected to do better. We desire to infringe upon the liberties of no man, however humble cation of their course, that they paid he may be, All we wish is that the for the land in County Orders, and that grand objec of government, which is the

To this end we desire to make another recommendation to our legislators, which and bears no comparison with the tract is to urge the adoption of an Act by the and andress the bar-keeper thus : bought. And so far as paying in County next Legislature requiring each Store-Ordies is concerned, the Jury are unable | keeper to keep a Register, which shall a brandy straight." to perceive that the people will be re- be open at all times to public inspection. quired to pay anything less than the Said Register simply recording the name

sold, and the date of sale. And further that if it be proven that any Storekeener has neglected to Register any name, he should be fined a certain penal sum.

Such an enactment we look upon as mild, yet stringent, and while it may curtail the freedom of the dishonest, it can have no such tendency with the up-

Another evin our County which we must bring to the attention of our legislators is the tardiness in which the just debts of the government are paid. This

conclusion, that although most of the business we have been engaged in during the two terms of Court has been of a distateful nature, we have waded or rain, engaged in chapping cord-wood, through it all, impelled alone by a sense of duty, and all the favors we ask of the which latter occupation he received his public, is that if we have erred, our nickname. The sun rose on Shakes errors should be attributed where we think they properly belong, to the head and not the heart

Finally we think it proper to say that

S. R. MELLICHAMP. Foreman.

SHAKES.

Everybody in and around Norway Flat was acquainted with Shakes. Shakes was every one's favorite, and every one's laughing-stock. What his real name was, no one on the Flat, excepting the Postmaster, knew or seemed at all anxious to ascertain. In outward appearance, he was a specimen of debasd humanity. Debauchery was indeli bly stamped upon every feature. It was deemed a rare sight to see him with a

that clung to his long matted locks and untrimmed beard. A coarse blue woolen overshirt, with tattered sleeves, covered his back from whence many doubted whether it had been removed since the day he first put it on, in Griffin's store, twelve months ago. His duck pants had completely lost their original whiteness, and were tucked into a wellcuroer. Who these individuals are we '52, still maintained its usual position on the side of his head. The only change it had apparantly undergone since then was that a piece of and rubber coat now sonstituted the crown.

Shake's history, outside of the precincts of Norway Flat, was wrapped in complete mystery. Even the time of his arrival in the camp was unknown. Brown, the propriety of the "Occidental" Norway Flat's principal hotel, drinking and dancing-saloon-and also one of the pioneers of the place, asserted, "Shakes pummed around here when I fust 'rived, in '52." It was generally believed that he hailed from the temper-

the coutra "whiskey known h these cons DEG III

crossed it some one drinking-h intoxicating liquor, none its venders on

having Shakes as their customer. It into a commotion. It was all occasionhands to the barkeeper's drawer; but Express.' The arrival of the express drink he must have, and somehow or was an important event in the otherwise The manner in which it was obtained the Norway Flat; for be it remembered too degrading for him to do for it. munication between that mountain rea certain tract lying adjacent, owned by happiness of the governed, should be When begging failed, strategy was iminvariably successful. He would enter ious faces awaiting the opening of the his servant to bring him a mug of beer. the saloon, go up to the bar with thumb little wicket of the Post-Office and the The fellow, as soon as he entered the tract here referred to is very valuable, we trust they will consider carefully. It and foreinger inserted in his pocket, distribution of letters appeared that of room, was seized with terror, threw the

"I say, bar-keeper, hurry up; give me served intently perusing a letter.

Vation attest to us that it is sadly duft- were not rejoicing, the remainder seemed \$800, for when these orders are present- of every person selling produce of any would unconcernedly drink. "Here's and its surroundings.

out paying.

"Ho, Shakes !" "Eh ?"

est had up '

mining community.

"Come and see me."

And the bar-keeper learned that he was duped once mcre, but dared not attempt to punish his deceiver. The indignation of the entire camp would most the merits of the parties then engaged assuredly fall upon the individual who in the Crimean War. His departure dared to abuse Shakes. He was Nor way Flat's "privileged character." we regard as very injurious and inexcu- "Likes his whiskey, I know; but he's a harmless, good-natured old devil for all There being no other matters suggest- that," was the sentiment universally ed to our attention, we desire to say in expressed by the members of that little

Inebriate as he was, Shakes was not

indolent. He was always, in sunshine or in riving shakes-long shingles; from entering the woods; it set upon him making a "bee-line" for the "Pony Saloon." Fire-wood wos worth \$6 a cord, and shakes \$16 a thousand, in those chopped from two to three cords per day. Three doilars a cord he paid "Billy the boatman," for hauling it, which, of course, considerably diminished his earnings; still, there was a good margin left. How it came to pass that he should always be poor, could never be satisfactorily explained. His condition of being, what he termed "flat broke," was patent to all, and was considered of the mysteries of his peculiar life no one cared to solve, and accepted unques-

Norway Fat, since the time of its dis covery in '52, had continued to be a prosperous mining camp. The fabulous vield of many of its claims had been reclean face. Streaks of gray forced ported in the columns of the leading Mapapers of the civilized world. Numerous opportunities had been offered Shakes to become the possessor of ground of a promising character, subsequently proving rich. Mining, however, possessed no attractions for him. There existed no affinity between his nature and the excitement of the average goldminer's life. He never owned a foot of mining ground, "and didn't intend to," he was accustomed to say; "I go fur the sure thing." Even when the Wake-up Jake Company struck a two-ounces-to the pan prospect, Shakes declined staking off the adjoining ground, then vacant, and upon which he was at the time chopping wood. The same piece of ground afterwarn proved the richest spot on the whole Flat, nearly 1,200 ounces being obtained from it as the proceeds of one day's washing. This lack of enterprise-this disinclination to venture-was supposed to be the morbid offspring of his dissipated career. The only things for which he appeared to have any care were his axe, cross-cut saw, and frower. These constituted his entire stock in trade, and for them he hari had something bordering upon af-

> was viewed as one of Norway res. It had been settled long minds of its inhabitants that would decay in the little cemeknell overlooking the Flat. f his removing was never for otertained by any one ru that ommunity. Shakes and Norad grown up with one anothv Flat was Shakes's home. ssed a home elsewhere, he ocen heard to speak of it. er of '59 had set in. It was middle of November. The covered with several inches

The tinkling of sleigh-bells was heard in the distance, and the little Notway Flas were much the richer for town on the Flat was instantly thrown was seldom that a coin passed from his ed by the arrival of "Barnard's Monthly other he always managed to obtain it. monotonous routine of every-day life at was but a secondary consideration to that the era of wagon roads and railways him. Nothing was too humiliating or had not then been inauguated; and com-

"Dam'd 'f I don't make tracts fur The bar-keeper would first cast a hum," he suddenly exclaimed, and as has studied till head is on fire, and the glance at the position of the hand, and suddenly bade farewell to Norway Flat smoke is bursting out of his mouth and

That evening Shakes was missed from his usual haunts, and it soon became generally known that he had left the Flat. This was an unprecedented episode in Norway Flat's history. Noth: "No, thankee; don't feel like it now; ing had ever occurred before to disturb its galform equanimity, excepting the shooting of Red Alick by Rassian Bill in a moment of frensied excitement, produced in the heat of a discussion as to was the universal topic of conversation around every fireside and in every bar room in the camp. The speculations de to the cause were as varied as they were

> The thermometer at Brown's that evening, indicated 15° below zero; but no fears were harbored in the mind of any one as to the safety of the one with had so unceremoniously left the camp "homeward bound."

> Weeks passed on, and nothing had been seen or heard of Strakes since his departure. Norway fin had almost forgotted him. Brown, the landlord of the "Occidental," was standing in his doorway, gazing abstractedly at the distant windings of the "down country" trail. It was only the previous day that prospective party had passed along is from the Flat, dound for the deserted mining camp of Diggers Delight, situsted about ten miles distant. His thoughts naturally recurred to their departure and prospects. Suddenly, his quick eye detected in the distance a group of men slowly trudging toward the Flat, and was somewhat astonished to recognize in them the prospectors of Diggers' Delight returning, bearing with them a heavy burden. The news soon spread that Shakes had been found dead at Diggers' Delight. It was evident that night had overtaken him there, and that he had determined to spend it in one of the deserted shanties. The fire-place endy for the match; but it remain unkindled. Why, no one could name The verdiet of all why heard the story was that he had fallen a victim to the severity of the weather on the evening of the day he left the flat, or, as they expressed it, "friz dead."

In an imide pocket of a vest worm underneath his ragged overshirt, a packet of lefters was found, all of which were written in the same handwriting, and Norway Flat." Sundry photograph were also discovered in the same poe -one of an aged lady, another of a woman in the prime of life, and the rest of three beautiful girls of from ten to affteen years of age. All the letters bore the same post-mark, "- Me." Rach envelope was endorsed in pencil mark. Recd. (date,) J. W." One of them was indorsed, "Reed. Novr. 17, 1839, J. W." That was the day that Shaker left Norway Plat. Its contents explain ed the mystery of his life and poverts. and ran thus:

---, MAINE, Aug. 30, 1859. My dear James : Your last re nitance of \$250 has been duly received, and the morfgage on the farm is now paid. * * * Have you not impoverished yourself to keep us in comparative luxury? We have wanted nothing. * * * Mother in ailing and rapidly declining. Doctor eje eue cannot possrory nos through the coming winter. She longer to see you, James, before she dies. * . Emma, Annie, and Gerty are all well. * * * O, James, do come home at once : if not, I shall sell the place next spring, and come to Norway Flat myself. Your affectionate wife,

ELLEN WITHINSON

The bright side of Shake's character, which he bad so carefully concealed from the sight of his fellow-men, was here revealed. And he had now some to another home to receive his reward .-The Overland Monthly, September.

THE FIST SMOKER.-Every one knows that tobacco was first brough into repute in England by Sir Walter Raleigh. At first he smoked in private mediately resorted to, and in this he was quent and uccertain. Among the anx- with a pipe in his mouth, he called to Shakes: Shortly afterward he was ob- contents of the mug into Sir Walter's face, and running down stairs, bewied out, "Fire! fire! fire! help! Sir Walter