

FAIRFIELD HERALD

WINNSBORO.

R. MEANS DAVIS, Editor.

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The Beecher case is coming to a close, Porter and Evans have spoken for the defense and Beach will close for Tilton.

The Masons of New York last week dedicated their new temple, the handsomest edifice in United States. Twenty three thousand persons were in the procession. There are ninety thousand Master Masons in New York and half a million in the United States.

The Grasshoppers are again visiting the West in millions, and threatening another famine. A day of fasting and prayer has been appointed in Missouri for the purpose of opposing this plague. An old gentleman once said that the Episcopal Litany contained a prayer for every thing except a snake-bite. A new prayer should be introduced specially to cover this and the grasshopper matter.

The Ohio Republicans have nominated ex Gov. Hays for Governor. He defeated Pendleton several years ago for Governor by 7,500 votes after having previously beaten Thurman for an office. He is said to have a fine record both as a warrior and a statesman. Gov. Allen will be re-nominated by the democrats. The election will be held in October. Since the time of the election in Pennsylvania has been changed to November, Ohio is the opening State in the great campaign, and the contest will be severe, the advantage resting with the democrats.

Red Cloud, Spotted Tail, Youngman-afraid-of-his-horses and other Sioux braves are in Washington remonstrating against the encroachment of the whites upon their reservation in the Black Hills. The administration will cheer them out of these lands and send them to the Indian Territory. Then the Sioux will begin to fight, and U. S. Troops will massacre them. That has been the history of all the conflicts between the white and the red man.

The Ohio Republicans have pronounced against a third term, at the same time passing an empty vote of thanks to Grant. Pennsylvania and Ohio are thus pitted against South Carolina.

The New York Herald reports that the third term schemers are jubilant over the Pennsylvania resolution and Grant's letter. They say Grant will now certainly secure the nomination. He must have it again as a further vindication of his character. We wish Grant would be re-nominated. He would be the worst whipped presidential candidate that ever came before the people.

The papers through the State are beginning to call for the prosecution of the thieves who have plundered the people so outrageously. They could not find a better subject if they searched through the whole dictionary for one. Let the entire press of South Carolina with one accord join in a crusade, both against the criminals themselves and against the judicial officers who neglect or refuse to bring them to trial. The people have been enjoying a Barnside feast long enough. Their appetites must be appeased with something substantial. Moses, Parker, Leslie, Nea glo, Joe Crews, Whipper, Smalls, Woodruff and Jones are all sweet morsels. Will the Attorney-General not give us a few for breakfast? We would remind him too, that the first step in cooking a hare is to catch him. If he waits much longer the hares will all get out of the way.

It is rumored that Leslie has again decamped for the North to avoid arrest for past misdeeds. We trust this is true.

Whipper has been elected to the Legislature from Beaufort. And yet the Attorney General has taken no steps to make him disgorge that \$11,000 due the State from the Sinking fund.

It is said that Attorney-General Melton will soon institute criminal proceedings against Woodruff and Jones, the Clerks of the Legislature and the Stockholders of the Repub-

lican Printing Company. The sooner the better.

Smalls is in hot water because of a claim he raised from \$250 to \$2,250 last Session.

The police of Columbia are in a mess over the theft of a diamond pin found in the possession of a thief when arrested. Testimony has been taken, but the pin is still missing.

What a nice time the radical thieves are now having. As the judicial elections take place next year, the Judges will send the last criminal remorselessly to the Penitentiary.

The Local Tax for Schools.

It will be seen by reference to another column that notice has been given to the school trustees of the County of the regular annual meetings in June. We trust that all persons concerned will interest themselves in this matter. Heretofore there has been entirely too much apathy exhibited by our people in reference to these meetings. In some districts the meetings have gone by default. This should no longer be the case. Citizens should not only attend, but should vote for a tax.

We have always believed the system of free education to be an admirable one, and two years ago, we used all our influence in behalf of a local tax. The people generally favored the idea, and in consequence, the tax was levied in every district save one. But the defalcation in the County Treasury prevented the paying out of this money to teachers, and there are now in the bank, about \$6,000, claimed by the School Commissioner, of which a large portion is the proceeds from the local tax. So even in this case the money was not lost.

Last year when the time for the annual meetings approached we were not disposed to counsel any levy. Moses was still governor, and rascality stalked abroad. There was no guarantee that an ignorant and corrupt County Treasurer might not at any moment be appointed, and furthermore we did not feel authorized to advise our readers to pay voluntarily a single dollar directly or indirectly to a government that was stealing from friends and foes alike. The people seemed to take a similar view of the matter, and refused, except in four districts, to levy the tax. These districts by the way were the only ones that had schools for any length of time.

This year, however, many of the objections are removed. Gov. Chamberlain has thrown his influence on the side of honesty. Frauds are to a great extent already checked, and the prospect seems still to brighten. We have a reliable County Treasurer, who will obey the law. The trustees are honest and capable. Here is therefore every reason to believe that any moneys raised by local tax will be not only honestly but judiciously expended.

The only question remaining is whether such a tax is judicious. No one will deny the necessity of education. We have frequently adduced arguments to show that the free school system is the best and should for that reason be encouraged. Further argument on this point is unnecessary. The last question is whether a local tax is needed. We answer emphatically, Yes! There are six thousand children in Fairfield within the school age. The State apportionment for this County last year was \$3,900, or a fraction over fifty cents for each child. How long will fifty cents keep a child at school? In private schools, from two to five days; in public schools, about two weeks. The money thus apportioned is therefore thrown away unless it is supplemented from other sources. A local tax is necessary. For unless the public schools are maintained, there will be no education in the county worth mentioning. There are pay schools in Winnsboro and in one or two other localities. But throughout the greater portion of the County the neighborhoods are unable to maintain pay schools. It is a serious question whether the children shall grow up ignorant and vicious, or whether a tax shall be levied for their benefit. Even if taxation be already high, it is better to pay one or two dollars more on a thousand than to let ignorance curse the land. We trust that a local tax will be levied in every district.

Gen. T. P. Alexander, President and Acting Superintendent of the Savannah and Memphis Railroad, has been appointed General Manager of the Western Railroad of Alabama, and has taken charge.

The Local School Tax.

The time is approaching when the voters of each school district will be called for to consider the propriety of voting a local tax for the schools. The School law states that if any school district refuses to levy a tax, it shall be disbanded from receiving any of the State apportionment. Had this been enforced last year, there would have been schools in but four districts in this County.

We believe in free schools. We believe that in time they will supplant all other schools. The system although still very defective is slowly improving, and only needs money to make it a success. We trust that a local tax will be levied in each district. It is true that the taxes are already very high. But we have the assurance of the Governor that he will veto the not passed at the last session, and we firmly believe his veto will be sustained, and the levy decreased. Should the levy be decreased from 12 1/2 to 10 mills for State purposes, the people can well afford to levy a local tax of a mill or a mill and a half. They should levy this to show that they do not object to taxation for proper purposes. And every one who sees the ignorance pervading the young of all classes, will agree that education is a proper purpose.

In this connection we have a suggestion to offer which we hope our exchanges will see fit to submit to the citizens of their respective counties. As Gov. Chamberlain proposes to veto the tax bill, he should receive the support of the people. The Union-Herald, we believe, suggested that public meetings be held over the State, calling on him to veto it. This is impracticable at this time of the year. We now suggest that such resolutions be passed at each school district meeting throughout the State. Coming from every section, and from the people directly, they would have great effect, not only on the Governor who intends at any rate to veto the bill, but upon the Legislature who must re-enact a new law. The resolutions should be of somewhat the following form.

1st. That the people are willing to pay all taxes necessary for the welfare of the State, but no more.

2d. That the tax levy passed last session was exorbitant and unnecessary.

3d. That the Governor be requested to veto the said bill, and any other of like import.

4th. That the members of the Legislature be instructed to sustain a veto, and frame a new law, reducing taxation within proper limits.

We believe that such action would be productive of most beneficial results. We submit it to the consideration of the public.

The Third Term.

Cesar has at last spoken. The Pennsylvania convention pronounced against the third term. This act has evoked a letter from President Grant, a very characteristic letter, which says just what has been said by the President before, nothing. He did not want the first term, nor does he want the third any more than the first. Yet he took the first when offered, and will take the third should necessity so require. The letter is unworthy the Chief magistrate of the republic. The New York Herald calls it judicious. It is not judicious, but contemptible. What the people require is a short statement saying plainly whether Grant is aspiring for a third term or not, and if that could not be given, far better would it have been if Grant had continued to keep his mouth shut. There is one amusing thing in the letter. The President says he has heretofore kept silent upon this question because he believed it to be beneath his dignity to answer it before the subject should be presented by competent authority to make a nomination or by a body of such dignity and authority as not to make a reply a fair subject of ridicule.

Now the occasion of this letter is the adoption by the State republican nominating convention of Pennsylvania of a resolution, denouncing a third term. Last year a similar body in South Carolina adopted the following resolution.

"Resolved, That in the distinguished soldier and statesman now at the head of our nation we recognize one who in peace, as well as in war, possesses that fidelity of purpose and integrity of character so necessary to insure tranquility at home, respect abroad, and the permanency of the good and glorious principles which have become the corner-stone of the great Republican party to which we belong, and for this reason

we pledge ourselves to the support of President Grant for a Third Term, assured, by so doing, we shall preserve that peace and unity throughout the whole country so necessary for its prosperity."

Both resolutions were passed by State Conventions, and States are of equal importance. Why then should the Pennsylvania Convention be called the first body having dignity and authority sufficient to prevent Grant from becoming ridiculous by replying to it? This is heavy on South Carolina, especially as Grant, at the time of the last election, boasted that the only republican victory was won in a third term State. What does the President mean? Is his letter an insinuation that Minor who offered the resolution was a nobody? Does he mean to insult the republicans of South Carolina by hinting that their convention, composed of all the grand Panjandrum of the party, was beneath notice?

The fact seems to be that Grant would take a third term could he get it. He has sense enough to know that the third term must be apparently thrust upon him. We are reminded of Mark Anthony's oration over the great Caesar.

"You all did see, that on the Lupercal I thrice presented him a kingly crown, which he did thrice refuse. Was this ambition?"

And yet Caesar was murdered after that as the betrayer of his Country's liberty. Let Grant take warning.

[COMMUNICATED.]

WINNSBORO, June 5, '75.

A communication received from Col. D. W. Aiken, Master of the State Grange, P. H., informs me that he will be in Winnsboro on Saturday the 26th inst., and requests the subordinate Granges of the County, or as many as can do so, to meet him there on that day.

Grange No. 29,

W. E. AIKEN,

Secretary,

[COMMUNICATED.]

The Petersburg Mine.

Mr. Editor: In your Tuesday's issue you make mention of "the site of the Petersburg mine, which exploded under Mahone's Brigade during the war." Excuse my curiosity, but I would like to know, where that mine was?

INQUIRER.

We copied the article referred to by "Inquirer" from an exchange, but failed to mention at the time that the brigade referred to was not Mahone's, but Evans' South Carolina brigade. Mahone reinforced Evans about noon of the day the mine was sprung. The mine is situated about six hundred yards east of the Jerusalem plank road, and one mile and a half from Petersburg, Va.

As to the mine that was fatal to Mahone's Brigade we don't know its location, but presume it is situated somewhere on the road to the New Jerusalem. As we have never traveled that way, we refer Inquirer to one else for information.

Burnt to Death.

A colored girl, living on Dr. Keller's plantation, aged about six years, was burnt to death last week. She was playing in the fire with a broom, which caught fire and immediately communicated the flames to her clothing. Before assistance could arrive, she was so fatally burnt that she died in great pain. Abbeville Advertiser.

The following communication is out from the News and Courier of the 5th inst. It has come to the knowledge of Governor Chamberlain that some of the trial justices are not making honest returns. The amounts reported in the papers of this city, as turned over by them, have been so small that they have attracted the attention of the governor. The matter of these returns is to be investigated, and the guilty officials will not only be decapitated but punished. The following is the extract from the governor's letter on the subject:

"It has been represented to me that some of the trial justices in your city do not turn over to the county all the fines etc., collected, and the amounts reported in the papers do seem very small. Can you find a way of learning the facts about this? Please advise me, for I will deal summarily with any one who fails in this respect. Yours, truly,

D. H. CHAMBERLAIN,

Governor of South Carolina.

The Estrella, Mexican newspaper, referring to the Washington Chronicle's version of the Texas raids—that Mexico is too weak to restrain raiders—says: "If the great republic cannot or will not keep marauding parties from passing into a friendly State and committing all kinds of atrocities, it cannot wonder at Mexico not being able at all times to prevent her bad boys from entering a friendly State."

The Texas-Mexican War.

GREAT UNEASINESS UPON THE RIO GRANDE.

GALVESTON, June 5.—A special dispatch to the news from Brownsville says General Fuero, recently at Monterey, is on his way to this frontier, of which he is to have command. His forces include two regiments of cavalry, with orders to check raiding upon Texas. General Cortina positively refuses to obey any order directly from him, and will report in person from the City of Mexico. He says he has resigned and is now a citizen. His friends are circulating a petition to the Government to let Cortina remain in authority on the Rio Grande. The appearance of the Texas State troops on the Rio Grande produced great excitement among the people on the Mexican side. Residents of ranches above Matamoros have organized to resist invasion, and have placed sentinels at the crossing of the river and roads. The cattle drovers are much alarmed. Some prominent citizens have gone to Matamoros for security and protection.

The committee of the Grand Jury of Marion County report that no records are kept in the Auditor's office, and the committee are, therefore, unable to say whether there are any irregularities in that office or not. They report the treasurer for not having made the monthly returns required by law. Their report on the County finances is unintelligible, and a further investigation will be had. The County officers, in every County, should be investigated by skillful and trustworthy men. In two-thirds of the counties there has been systematic fraud or frightful extravagance, and if the stolen or wasted money can't be recovered, the public would, nevertheless, like to see the delinquent officials in limbo.—News & Courier.

May has been a month of horrors as well as a month of flowers. The wreck of the Schiller on the English coast takes the lead in the chapter of disasters; other marine disasters of less extent are recorded; the great fires in Pennsylvania add a painful feature to the story of suffering and distress; the Boston explosion and the Holyoke disaster enrich it with horror, and now as the month closes the cable tells a tale of earthquakes in the East, involving the destruction of 600 houses and the loss of at least 161 lives.

Much interest is being manifested in the anticipated re-union of the Hampton Legion in this city, on the 21st prox.—the fourteenth anniversary of the battle of Bull Run. General T. M. Logan, now of Virginia, will deliver an oration on the occasion. All data of rolls, records, engagements, deaths, &c., are desired in order to the compilation of a history of the command, and to this end any officer or men in possession of such data, are requested to prepare and report the same at the meeting indicated.—Phanix.

Gen. Forrest, in accepting an invitation to participate in the ceremonies at the National cemetery at Memphis, "I appreciate and am in full sympathy with the spirit of many friendship and reconciliation which prompted the recent interchange of so many soldierly courtesies among those men who, with equal courage, met so often as foemen upon the field of battle, and sincerely trust that the time is not far in the future when the soldiers of the late war will cease to remember the angry passions engendered by the bloody struggle. Between those who were true to their colors during the late war, there can be no hate or bitterness. Since all have now one flag and one country, there ought to be no estrangement or sectional antagonism." Gen. Pillow, in response to a similar invitation in behalf of the Mexican veterans, returns a cordial acceptance.

The latest Boston horror, to wit, the murder of a bright little girl, five years of age, in a Baptist Church where she had attended Sunday School an hour before, and the finding of her mutilated body in the steeple tower, is of a piece with a good many antecedent Boston horrors. Strange that such things should be in a city so moral and enlightened.

An elderly lady, who with her daughter, has just returned from a rather rapid journey through France part of Germany, and Italy was asked the other day if they had visited Rome, and she replied in the negative. "Ja, ma, yes, we did," said her daughter; "that was the place where we bought the bad stockings."

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The Washington Star says: "Right in the front of the Executive mansion there has been recently set out a young palmetto tree, which, by its growth, gives evidence of having fairly taken root."

"Mr. Smithers, how can you sleep? The sun has been up these two hours." "Well, what if he has?" said Smithers. "He goes to bed at dark, while I'm up till after midnight."

Onions are said to be the most wholesome spring diet one can put upon his bill of fare.

A little girl and boy, three or four years old, were playing when she fell down and commenced to cry. Hub ran up and soothingly lisped: "Don't cry; thwout! they dahn!"

Greenville boasts of a boy eight years of age who can recite the whole shorter catechism of the Presbyterian church correctly.

In this season of house cleaning is not safe to sit down on the carpet to play with the baby. It may prove a tacks upon your equanimity.

Good manners are always admired by all persons; bad manners are, on the contrary, always despised.

The Pope attained his 84th year on the 13th inst.

Administrator's Notice.

ALL parties indebted to the estate of John McKeown, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, and all parties holding claims against the same, are requested to present them to the undersigned at Blackstock, June 2-1m J. E. CRAIG, Am'r.

CENTENNIAL!!

THE best of drinks can always be found at the Centennial Bar, under the Winnsboro Hotel. Another fresh lot of fine Cigars and Tobacco just received.

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THE firm of CALDWELL, BRO. & CO. was this day dissolved by the withdrawal of Jos. C. Caldwell. The remaining partners will continue the business at the old stand under the firm name of CALDWELL & CO.

J. A. CALDWELL,
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June 3 W. E. AIKEN.

NOTICE.

Auditor's Office.

Fairfield County, S. C.

May 22, 1875.

NOTICE is hereby given that the office of the County Auditor of Fairfield County at Winnsboro will be open in accordance with law from the 1st day of June to the 20th day of July, 1875, to receive the returns and make the assessments of the personal property of said county together with all Polls between 21 and 50 years of age.

Section 10 of the Tax acts as amended requires that every person required by law to list property shall annually between the 1st day of June and the 20th day of July, make out and deliver to the Auditor of the county in which the property is by law to be returned for taxation a statement, verified by his oath of all the real estate which has been sold or transferred since the last listment of property for which he was responsible, and to whom and of all the personal property possessed by him or under his control on the 1st day of June of that year, either as owner, agent, tenant, husband, guardian, executor, Administrator, Trustee, receiver, officer, factor, holder and all associations, companies and corporations required by law to list with the value thereof on said list day of June, estimating according to the rules prescribed by law. All persons who fail to make their returns and list their property within the time prescribed by law, the penalty of 50 per cent. will attach and be enforced.

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