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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 25, 1871.

Ira E. Hill, Esq., formerly of this town, is the editor of the Darlington Index.

Judge Orr has gone to Annapolis, Maryland, to attend the examination at the Naval Academy...

The young men of Anderson are busy making preparations for a grand select ball at the Waverley House on Friday, 2nd of June...

The necessary arrangements are being made to enclose the Baptist graveyard in a neat and substantial manner.

The Masonic fraternity of this place contemplate observing the Festival of St. John the Baptist on the 24th of June next.

The wheat crop in this section has been greatly damaged by rust, as we learn from farmers of almost every neighborhood.

Hon. J. P. Ross left home on Saturday last, to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Air Line Railroad...

We direct attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Goldsmith & Kind, of Columbia. These gentlemen are reliable and prompt in their business dealings.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR.—On Saturday last, the Rev. D. E. Frierson was duly installed as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this place.

DEATH OF A WORTHY CITIZEN.—We are pained to chronicle the death of Dr. S. B. Haynie, an exemplary and worthy citizen of this county, which sad event occurred at his residence near Holland's Store, on Friday morning last.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATION.—The Presbyterian Sunday School, with the pupils and teachers of other denominations, met in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon last, and after the interesting exercises usual upon such occasions, the audience was addressed by Rev. J. O. Lindsay and Rev. Mr. Martin.

DEATH OF CAPT. WM. STEELE.—We learn with sincere regret that this aged and honored citizen of Onocoe county departed this life on the 15th inst. Capt. Steele in early life belonged to the United States Navy.

HOMICIDE IN WINNSBORO.—On Tuesday morning, 16th inst., Mr. John W. Clarke, a former citizen of Pendleton, and late County Treasurer of Fairfield, was killed at Winnsboro in a personal difficulty.

Mr. Aiken was arrested, and brought before Judge Melton in Columbia on Thursday, when affidavits were presented that the fatal shot was fired in self-defense.

What has been Accomplished by the Tax-Payers' Convention.

The unusual pressure upon our columns last week prohibited any comments of the editor upon the work of the Tax-Payers' Convention.

Men of every political opinion agree that it was an imposing body of men. Statesmen and soldiers of South Carolina's past history, and a respectable infusion of talent from other sources, made up one of the most intelligent and dignified assemblies it has ever been our fortune to witness in session.

The actual condition of affairs was the object of prime importance, and to this work the ablest and most experienced were assigned. Every facility was extended to them by State officials, according to reports of committees, and the sober truths evolved by even a hurried examination has presented to the world a picture of recklessness and extravagance almost unparalleled in the history of republican governments.

Another more vital advantage has been reached, however. The authoritative declarations of this Convention as to the views and purposes of the white people of South Carolina—the intelligent, wealthier classes—are not being in conflict with the United States government, or inimical to the organic law of the land.

The moral power of the Convention to secure adequate means of relief from oppressive burdens must not be underrated, when we are estimating the fruits of its labors. The present State government cannot afford to ignore the fact that its members truly represent a constituency within whose grasp lies the sinews of its own power.

Every Democratic newspaper in the State, when the occasion has offered, has condemned the so-called Ku Klux outrages in unmistakable terms. In common with many others, we have not been called upon to give expression to our opinions on this subject, except in a general way.

Finally, it was wisely determined to continue the existence of this Convention. As an advisory body, seeking to bring relief not only to the tax-payers, but practical direction to needed reforms, it cannot fail to influence the present administration and assist to secure a truly republican form of government within this commonwealth.

IMPORTANT CIRCULAR.—The following circular has been forwarded to the various County Auditors throughout the State by Maj. E. L. Deane, State Auditor.

Section 100 of the Act to provide for the assessment and taxation of property enacts that the Treasurer shall be allowed the same fees and costs for making distress and sale of property for the payment of taxes as are, or may be, allowed to Sheriffs or Constables for making levy and sale of property on execution.

Congressman Elliott has forwarded to this office several valuable public documents, among them the "Congressional Directory," by Ben. Perley Poore.

The Ku Klux Sensation.

The Republican newspapers of this State are constantly discussing the operations of the Ku Klux, and sensational headings are paraded before their readers on every occasion that is offered, to prove the existence of a wide-spread organization throughout the State under this mysterious guise.

No sane man would object to the influx of such people, or the application of their wealth to the development of any or all of our immense resources. But we will grow old and die waiting for others to do that which, to a large extent, we may accomplish ourselves.

One enterprising gentleman, Col. F. E. Harrison, of Andersonville, who owns extensive water power, has already embarked in this business, with some new and distinctive features, well worthy of consideration. He proposes to receive from the neighboring farmers and planters their crops of cotton, in the seed, and manufacture it into yarns for a reasonable toll or per centage.

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Cotton Manufactures in the South.

A correspondent of the Columbia Phoenix, over the signature of "Progress," in the following communication refers to the enterprise and sagacity of one of our fellow-citizens, Col. F. E. Harrison, whose proposition is an important step towards that independence which will be achieved only when the South has diversified her industries, and made practical use of the immense resources now lying waste in her vast water powers.

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The Increased Salaries of State Officials.

The subjoined report to the Tax-Payers' Convention was unavoidably crowded out of our last issue. The report was submitted by Col. F. W. Ball, of Laurens. In justice to that gentleman, we will state that the Secretary of State only receives \$4,000 at this time, without the fees, and that the report was adopted with this explanation from him.

The committee to whom it was referred to investigate, and report to this body to what extent State and county offices have been unnecessarily increased since the inauguration of the State Government in 1868, and with the view to retrenchment and reform, to what extent they might be dispensed with, beg leave to report that they have examined and considered the matters embraced in the resolution as fully as the limited time at their disposal would admit.

Table with 2 columns: Year (1866, 1871) and Salaries for various State and County Officials.

This statement is not intended as a full comparison of all public expenses during the two periods compared, but is made with the view of exhibiting to the Convention the relative scale of expenditure by the present Government, so far as herein exhibited.

Upon a conference with his Excellency Governor Scott, in accordance with the terms of the resolution under which this committee was raised, his Excellency made substantially the following suggestions, in which your committee concur:

1. The office of County Auditor may be dispensed with, except in Charleston county, and the Treasurer discharge all the duties now performed by the Auditor and Treasurer.

1. The compensation of School Commissioners should be reduced in all the counties, to an equivalent for their services. 2. The compensation of County Commissioners should be reduced, the number of days for duty fixed by law, and the per diem allowed only for days actually on duty.

ITEMS—EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE.

There are two thousand Chinese on Louisiana plantations. Snow fell in Anson county, North Carolina, on the 10th inst.

The Emperor of Brazil again meditates the abolition of slavery. Mrs. Julia Tyler Spencer, daughter of the late President Tyler, is dead.

The Bowen bigamy case is set down for trial at Washington on the 23rd inst. Dr. Francis Watson, a noted physician of Rhode Island, died on the 17th inst.

The New England manufacturers are again troubled by an insufficient supply of water, and are anticipating a serious interruption during the summer months.

The citizens of Charleston, Mass., are raising the sum of \$2,000 to entertain the Marshall Fire Co. of Savannah, Ga., who will attend the next anniversary of Bunker Hill.

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