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ANDERSON C. H., S. C. THURSDAY MORNING, AUG. 17, 1871.

PERSONAL.—On Tuesday evening, we were favored with a short visit from Mr. John R. Holcombe, of the Pickens Sentinel, and we were gratified to learn that his enterprise is succeeding most admirably.

The Weather and Crops. This vicinity was blessed on Sunday last with refreshing showers—the first in more than six weeks. Not enough rain fell, however, to assist the crops materially, and at this writing the prospect is gloomy, indeed.

A Law Suit in Prospect. A meeting of the citizens of Anderson was held in the Court House on Friday night last, for the purpose of considering future action in regard to the Air Line Railroad.

Fatal Accident. A terrible accident occurred at Hunnicutt's Crossing, on the Blue Ridge Railroad, last Thursday evening, resulting in the death of Mr. John Calhoun Clemson, grandson of Hon. John C. Calhoun, and only son of Hon. Thos. G. Clemson, of Pendleton.

On receiving the conductor's warning, several passengers attempted to escape from the passenger car and get into the baggage car immediately in front. Among these was Mr. Clemson, who was about to effect the passage from one car to the other at the moment of the collision, and thus received the fatal blow.

The semi-annual announcement of Messrs. Armstrong, Cator & Co., of Baltimore, appears elsewhere in to-day's issue. The repeated commendations of this firm in these columns attest our sincere faith in the integrity and fair dealing of its members, and we would again recommend dealers to make an inspection of their large assortment of goods kept in this establishment.

The Saluda Association. The anniversary meeting of the Saluda Baptist Association convened with the Neal's Creek Church on Thursday morning last. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. R. W. Burts, whose discourse was practical and earnest. After recess, the business of the Association was entered upon. All the churches composing this body were represented.

A New League. The Southern people have had enough of Leagues, especially those Radical engines of mischief and turbulence, termed Union Leagues. Indeed, this seems to be the age of leagues, and all sorts of trades, occupations and professions, political associations and commercial movements, are organized under the convenient title.

A Noble Benefaction.—The Trustees of the Louisville Medical College, (Louisville, Ky.) have created one of the most liberal and noble benefactions ever conferred by a public institution upon any people. The Trustees of this College have instituted one Beneficiary Scholarship for each Congressional District in the Southern and surrounding States.

A Live Home Journal.—Last October, Heath and Home passed into the hands of Messrs. Orange Judd & Co., of 245 Broadway, New York, the well known publishers of the American Agriculturist—a journal long without a rival in sterling value and circulation.

THE MANUFACTURER AND BUILDER.—The August number of this sterling periodical has been duly received. It presents an unusual array of able and instructive articles, all of the highest practical use to the manufacturer and artisan.

Col. Low's Report on the Narrow Gauge. It was our intention to present a summary of the points made in the report of the Chief Engineer, Col. James P. Low, to the Directors of the Blue Ridge Railroad. In lieu of preparing this summary, however, we copy the following from the Yorkville Enquirer:

The discussion leads Col. Low to the conclusions—First. That the three feet gauge will answer all the requirements of the prospective traffic of the road. Second. That the saving in first cost will be immense, enough in fact, to place the completion of the road within reach, by raising \$2,000,000 of additional capital, while it seems impracticable to obtain the large sum necessary for a five feet line.

THE NATIONAL LABOR UNION party appears to be the first in the field. The President of that organization has issued a call for a political convention of the representatives of the union, to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on Wednesday, the 18th of October next, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President for the election of 1872.

—The Springfield (Ills.) Register says: "To travel over the State at this season, a stranger would come to the conclusion that Illinois is one immense cornfield. There is as much again breadth of corn planted this year as usual, the crops look fine, and, if nothing unusual happens, the biggest corn crop ever raised anywhere will ripen on the prairies of Illinois the coming fall."

—The New York World, in alluding to the recent Tax-Payers' Convention, says: "It is now stated that the reconstructed Treasurer of South Carolina refuses to show his books to the committee appointed by the convention to investigate the transactions of the financial officers of the State, and in comparing this brusque behavior with the pious attitude of the State government at the time the convention was in session, it is hard not to think we were right in the opinion expressed at the time that no fulfillment of the abundant promises then made was intended."

ITEMS-EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE. —Augusta is about to have an ice manufactory on a large scale. —The Pittsburg Post proposes Gen. George B. McClellan for the Presidency.

—The National Bank of Newberry is putting its bills into circulation, and the officers are ready for any kind of banking business. —Redden Freeman, an old and respectable citizen, who lived about one mile from Pickens C. H., dropped dead in his yard on the 8th inst.

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—The Southern cotton crop for the season just closing has been by far the largest in ten years. Besides contributing their share toward this increase of the Southern staple, the rice product of the Carolinas and Georgia for 1870 was, according to Commissioner Wells, 55,000 tierces, as compared with 35,000 the previous year.

—The extra term of the Court of Common Pleas for Greenville County adjourned on Friday, August 4th. By the most unremitting industry, Judge Orr succeeded in clearing the equity and appeal dockets for the first time since the close of the war.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS. —Gen. Wagoner, Mayor elect of Charleston, is a native of Hanover, and came to this country in 1832. —The telegraph line between Columbia and Greenville is completed to within three miles of the latter place.

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How to win a Democratic Victory.—The Camden Journal, in discussing the Charleston election, makes the assertion that nearly eighteen hundred colored voters united with the white people in bringing about a change of administration, and commends them for intelligence and courage in thus acting.

REPUBLICAN TESTIMONY.—The annexed cheerful picture of the "party of great moral ideas" is drawn by the Beaufort Republican. Elsewhere we publish an extract from the Charleston Republican teaching the election defeat in that city.

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