

Our Agents in Charleston.

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Mr. J. B. Simpson, of the firm of Simpson, Hill & Co., was examined by the Medical Board of the South Carolina University on Wednesday last, and duly licensed under the recent Act of the Legislature respecting druggists, apothecaries and pharmacists. These examinations take place every Wednesday until further notice.

Dwelling Burnt.

We are informed that the residence of Mr. John Walker, near Double Branches, in Pickens County, was totally destroyed by fire on Friday last, and that the entire contents of the building were consumed, except a couple of feather beds and a piano, which Mr. Walker succeeded in rescuing from the burning building. The origin of the fire is supposed to be accidental.

Death of a Prominent Citizen.

We have to record the untimely death of Mr. David M. Watson, which occurred at his residence in this County on Sunday night last, in the 44th year of his age. Mr. Watson was a prominent and useful citizen, an active and zealous member of the Baptist Church at New Prospect, and an intelligent, successful farmer. He was identified with the mercantile interests of this town, as a member of the well-known firm of Watson & Bro. His remains were interred at the family burying-ground, near the residence of his father-in-law, Rev. Jacob Burris, on Monday afternoon, amid a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. As a token of respect to his memory, the stores and business houses in this town were closed from 2 p. m. on Monday until Tuesday morning.

The Weather and Crops.

This region of country was blessed on Sunday and Monday last with copious and general showers of welcome rain, saturating the parched earth and enlivening the countenances of our farmers to an extent that is truly gratifying. Partial showers also visited us on Tuesday, and the ground is thoroughly wet at this time. The months of May and June have been unprecedentedly dry, and the anxious watching of occasional clouds had well nigh exhausted the hopes of all. But the rains have come, and in good time, too, for the crops are better worked than usual, and although the growth of cotton and corn has been retarded, the prospect to-day is flattering. The wheat crop has been harvested, and is remarkable for its abundant yield and fine quality of grain. The only drawback is the small area devoted to its culture. The oat crop is below the average, on account of the dry weather.

Brief Mention.

The Radical mass meeting will take place on Saturday, 6th of July. Judge Orr and others will address the crowd on that occasion. The young men of this town propose to give a Hop at the Waverly House on Friday evening, 5th of July. We are indebted to the junior managers for an invitation. The lovers of novelty and excitement are likely to be regaled, at the next term of the Circuit Court, with a breach of promise case. Further particulars at the proper time. The Sons of Temperance recently moved to Evans' Hall, south end of Granite Row, third story, formerly occupied by the Odd Fellows. The regular meetings are held on Friday night of each week, and we learn that quite a number of persons are joining. The Division is about sixty strong. The colored Sunday School Celebration, which takes place on the 4th of July, will be held in the grove near the Depot, and the various Sunday Schools will assemble at 11 o'clock a. m. Addresses are expected from Rev. J. S. Murray, Rev. D. E. Frierson, Col. R. S. Hill, Maj. John B. Moore and others.

Early Cotton Blooms.

Some of our friends may have been disappointed last week that there was no acknowledgment of cotton blooms received at this office, as several persons brought blooms on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th. We confess to a little singularity on this subject, as we cannot believe that it is to the interest of the farming community to parade the appearance of early squares, blooms and bolls to the world, as it gives a false impression most generally in regard to the forward condition of the cotton crop, and speculators take advantage of these reports to the injury of the producer. This is especially true the present season. Where cotton was planted early, we find that the dry weather has forced squares and blooms at least ten days sooner than might have been expected ordinarily, and yet the general condition of the crop, up to the recent rains, was not so favorable, in consequence of the drouth. Hence, to boast of early cotton blooms this season, as an indication of the crop and its forward state, is to falsify the facts, and tends to create the opinion among speculators that the coming crop will be early in the market, and they at once conclude that the increased acreage, together with the extensive use of fertilizers and the probable yield based upon its advanced condition, is sufficient to warrant a depression in prices, which they seek to accomplish by every means in their power. The truth of this proposition is sustained already in the steady decline of prices for future delivery, and which we expect will continue, as favorable news is received from the cotton region. We are well aware that our disinclination to give currency to false ideas concerning the cotton crop will not accomplish much, since it is the custom among newspapers to note the appearance of early blooms and bolls in their respective communities, but we think this is one of those customs "more honored in the breach than the observance," and for this reason we throw out the hint to our cotemporaries, who are equally anxious to subscribe the true interests of their farming friends, which can best be done by statements from time to time of the actual condition of the growing crops.

The Political Conference at New York.

The conference which took place at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, in New York city, on Thursday last, attracted much attention, as was expected. The leading journals are filled with lengthy reports of what transpired at the conference, so far as could be obtained, but the meeting was entirely secret, and reporters were rigidly excluded. Of course, the lynx-eyed fraternity are not to be cheated out of such important news, and one way and another there is given full details of the proceedings, which may be accepted as correct. All the States were represented, except California, Delaware and Oregon. Hon. Jacob D. Cox, of Ohio, was chosen as permanent chairman, and briefly introduced the proceedings. Senator Schurz suggested a call of the States, in alphabetical order, and the delegates from each State to express their individual and separate opinions in regard to the future course of all opponents to Grant. This motion was seconded by Col. Grosvenor, of Missouri, who hoped that all would express their full and free opinions. At this juncture, when the motion had been agreed to, Hon. Lyman Trumbull entered the room, and was greeted with a perfect storm of applause, with vociferous demands for a speech from the Illinois Senator. In responding to the call, Mr. Trumbull assigned the reasons for his identification with the Cincinnati movement, and could not see that any object was to be gained by not acquiescing in the Cincinnati nominations, as their chances are highly promising.

The chairman then called upon the States represented, and the great majority of the delegates favored the Cincinnati nominees. Edward Atkinson, of Massachusetts, and Parke Godwin, of the New York Evening Post, strenuously opposed the endorsement of Greeley, and made earnest speeches to this effect. But their opposition was futile, and it was clearly apparent that the conference was mainly in accord with the Cincinnati movement. Indeed, the New York World alleges that the meeting was distorted from its original purpose by the Greeleyites packing the conference with delegates known to be favorable to their candidate. Be this as it may, there is no doubt as to the sentiment represented by the majority of delegates, developing an overwhelming pressure in favor of the Cincinnati ticket. Finally, at midnight, Carl Schurz delivered a cogent and magnetic argument, urging harmonious support of Greeley and Brown, and concluding with the suggestion to adjourn sine die, since there could be no united action at this meeting, and a large majority of those present were indisposed to form a new ticket.

A resolution was then adopted to adjourn sine die, "without any further expression of opinion beyond those had from the individual members," which is the only action of the conference during the whole session.

The original intent of this meeting was to bring together all the opponents of Grant, but in this respect there was a signal failure, as those opposed to Greeley held a supplemental conference on Friday, and after adopting a series of resolutions, nominated Hon. Wm. S. Groesbeck, of Ohio, for President, and Frederick L. Olmstead, of New York, for Vice President. Mr. Olmstead has since declined the empty honor of such a candidacy, and we presume that Mr. Groesbeck will follow his example.

Altogether, we conceive that Mr. Greeley has been strengthened by the result of this conference, in a negative point of view, as there was nothing accomplished to his detriment as a candidate, and it was this his friends had to fear. South Carolina was represented at the conference by C. F. Blake and Arthur W. Sedgwick. The understanding, prior to the meeting, that prominent gentlemen from all parts of the country were invited to be present does not seem to have been carried out in the case of South Carolina. Having a limited knowledge of our prominent citizens, we must confess that the delegates named take us by surprise, as we are totally ignorant of their political standing and influence. Indeed, we never heard of the gentlemen in any particular.

Pass Him Around.

The facts herewith appended are derived from a responsible source, and an anxiety to prevent other communities from being imposed upon, induces us to give publicity to this statement. One T. Cary Cole married a lady of high respectability in this County, and afterwards decamped from this section, leaving his family without protection. He went to Florida, and there married another lady. When the facts became known, he was indicted for bigamy and lodged in jail. The proof was abundant to secure his conviction, but he made his escape on the 23rd of May last from the jail of Columbia county, Fla., and has not been heard from since. He is about 45 years old, five feet ten inches, weighs about 165 lbs, has blue eyes, coarse auburn hair, with a beard nearer red than any other color, and possesses a mean countenance, according to our information. He is very religious, and claims to be a Hard-Shell Baptist preacher.

Our exchanges will confer a favor by giving the purport of this information in their columns, and in all probability arrest the career of this gay Lothario in other places.

Mr. Oscar L. Lindsay, of Spartanburg, died at the residence of Mr. Samuel D. Smith, four miles east of this place on Friday last, and was buried at the Presbyterian churchyard on Saturday. Mr. Lindsay was a young man of good character and fine intelligence, and was a gallant soldier in the late war, serving for a time in Orr's Regiment. He came to this neighborhood several months ago, and was taken sick at the residence of Mr. Smith, where he received the kindest and most devoted attention for eleven weeks, until death ended his sufferings. His remains were followed to the grave by many old comrades, who were warmly attached to him in life, and who sorrowingly deplore the loss of a faithful soldier and kind friend.

University of South Carolina.

The Board of Trustees of this institution recently held a meeting in Columbia, at which Dr. Theophilus N. Roberts was elected to the chair of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, lately occupied by Prof. James Woodrow. Another change was made in the Faculty by electing Dr. A. W. Cummings, of Spartanburg, to the chair of Mathematics and Engineering, which position was lately held by John H. Clark.

Greeley's Chances at Baltimore.

It is now eight weeks since the Cincinnati Convention put forth its platform of principles, and nominated Horace Greeley for the highest office within the gift of the American people. The nomination caused surprise and disappointment to many persons in every section of the country, who were expecting a totally different result and whose hopes centered in an entirely opposite direction. Had the National Democratic Convention assembled within a few days after the result at Cincinnati was known, there would not have been the slightest chance of Greeley's nomination being confirmed in that body. But the time elapsing between the two Conventions has given an opportunity to overcome surprise and outlive the disappointment. The fact has been steadily developing itself that Greeley was stronger among the masses than the leaders of the Cincinnati movement really believed at the moment he was nominated, and hence we find that delegation after delegation has been pledged to his support, and in all probability the Baltimore Convention will endorse the nomination by a large majority. Then the question arises, whether this endorsement will aggregate strength to the ticket, or repel any considerable number from its support, first, of the straight-laced Democrats who want no obliteration of party lines, and secondly, of those Liberal Republicans whose belief in Greeley's fidelity to Republican principles will be wonderfully shaken when he is endorsed by the Democrats in national council assembled.

We think it extremely probable that the contemplated action at Baltimore will not gain strength in the aggregate to Mr. Greeley, and that the wisest course to be pursued is simply to ratify the Cincinnati platform and decline to make nominations. This would maintain the Democratic organization, and at the same time leave its members untrammelled as to a choice for President, when the great bulk of them would naturally fall in with the only opposition to Grant, while the Liberal Republicans would become strengthened in their advocacy of Mr. Greeley. Only two weeks remain in which these questions can be discussed, and the result at Baltimore will then be known to the country. So far as our information extends, we are confident that Greeley will be endorsed as above stated, and this is contrary, as our readers know, to the opinion entertained by us a few weeks ago. But this expression is based upon the actual results of the various State Conventions, and is more reliable than mere conjecture. The whirligig of politics is a curious study, and even the present favorable omens for Mr. Greeley may be turned into darkness ere the Baltimore Convention meets, though we think the chances for such an extraordinary change are exceedingly slender. The campaign will begin in earnest when the result at Baltimore is made known.

Murder in Pickens.

The Pickens Sentinel contains an account of the brutal and outrageous murder of Mr. M. Frank Mitchell, Deputy United States Marshal, who was killed by a band of unknown men about nine miles from Pickens C. H., on Tuesday evening, 18th inst. Mr. Mitchell was returning from the neighborhood of Table Rock, where he had captured a contraband still, and arrested the colored man in charge, whose name is Wm. Sutherland. The parties who perpetrated this heinous deed were lying in ambush near the roadside, and as Mr. Mitchell and his deputies approached, they were fired upon, one ball striking Mitchell in the upper part of the stomach, under the point of the breast bone, which caused his death. He lingered, however, until three o'clock on Wednesday morning, but was unconscious during that time. Before the bushwhackers fired upon Mr. Mitchell and his party, they called to the negro by name to get out of the way, and after he had made his escape, the firing commenced and continued until fifteen shots were discharged. One of the deputies, Mr. J. A. McKee, received a slight flesh wound in the calf of his leg. He states that there were five white men in the assaulting party. We have understood, from a private source, that the firing upon Mitchell's party did not cease until McKee and another deputy returned the fire, when their assailants left. McKee remained with Mr. Mitchell, and the other deputy went to Pickens C. H. for assistance. We knew Mr. Mitchell as a quiet and inoffensive citizen, and in the discharge of his duties as Deputy Marshal, there has been no complaint against him from any class of people. As he was not prepared to carry off the still and other apparatus, the duties of his office required him to break up the illicit business, which increased parties interested, we presume. Although the perpetrators of this horrible crime are as yet unknown, we are assured that no stone will be left unturned to identify and bring them to justice.

Bondholders' Meeting.

The bondholders of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, other than those holding first mortgage bonds, held a meeting in Columbia on Wednesday, 19th inst. The meeting represented bonds to the amount of \$1,000,000. After the appointment of a committee to consult with W. J. Magrath, Esq., President of the Road, a recess was taken, and upon re-assembling the committee reported the result of their interview with Mr. Magrath, stating the total indebtedness of the company, and showing that a large amount of bonds had been fraudulently or irregularly issued. The committee suggested the appointment of an Executive Committee, who are authorized to treat with the Board of Directors respecting a settlement of the company's indebtedness. When a basis of settlement has been agreed upon, the Executive Committee are to call another meeting, which will consider and act on the terms proposed. The meeting concurred in this action, and the following gentlemen compose the Executive Committee: W. B. Gulick, Columbia; H. Beattie, Greenville; Thos. P. Branch, Augusta; J. P. Reed, Anderson; C. H. Simonton, Charleston.

Deputy Maloney, of Newberry, with a posse or file of soldiers, made a raid upon the residence of Mr. John Blease, in Edgelyield County, near Saluda Old Town, Sunday night, to arrest some parties charged with violation of the Enforcement Act. They were four in all—Taliferro Perry, D. M. Ward, John J. Barr and another. Perry was captured without injury; John J. Barr was seriously wounded, while attempting to get away, and the other two escaped.

Two Years More of Scott.

How do our people, white and black, relish the idea of Dr. Scott prescribing for their financial ills two years longer? It has been understood that he would decline to serve beyond the present term, and not long ago in Charleston he unequivocally declared that he was not a candidate for re-election. Although his propensity for saying one thing and doing another was perfectly familiar to us, it must be confessed that we were not prepared to hear of his being a candidate. Yet, the Chester Reporter thinks there is no doubt that Gov. Scott will force himself upon the Radical party for re-nomination. "The more the merrier," and the better chance for a grand split among the supporters of Grant, when they come to divide the State offices. This is all the consolation we can derive from the prospective candidacy of the truthful, patriotic Scott, who is again willing to be immolated upon the altar of his "beloved State."

Excursion Tickets.

For the accommodating of persons wishing to attend the Commencement Exercises of the South Carolina University, at Columbia, and Erskine College and Due West Female College, at Due West, excursion tickets will be sold at stations on the Greenville and Columbia Railroad as follows:

For Columbia, to commence Monday, June 24th, and continue until Friday, June 28th—good to return until Monday, July 1st, inclusive.

For Donald's, (Due West,) to commence Wednesday, July 3rd, and continue until Thursday, July 11th—good to return until Monday, July 15th, inclusive.

Agents are authorized to issue ordinary tickets, marked "return," which will be taken up by conductors and return checks substituted.

For the Anderson Intelligencer.

St. John's Day.

Pursuant to announcement a special communication of Hiram Lodge, No. 68, A. F. M., was held on Monday evening, the 24th inst. It was our pleasure to be present on that occasion, which was appropriately celebrated by the presentation of a Past Master's Jewel to R. W. Bro. James A. Hoyt by the Worshipful Master on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. S. M. Pegg, the Worshipful, presented the handsome and costly Jewel, accompanied by words eminently suited to the occasion. He recounted the efficient and honorable services of Past Master James A. Hoyt, to whose devoted efforts he attributed the prosperity of Hiram Lodge. In this we are assured that he represented fully the sentiments of the Lodge, and visiting brethren, of whom there were a goodly number present. Bro. Pegg concluded by an earnest invocation for the prosperity and happiness of our distinguished brother in his onward Masonic career.

Then came the response, which was well conceived and impressively and feelingly enunciated, gaining the earnest and marked attention of all present. No one who listened to this feeling address of Bro. Hoyt, embodying a clear presentation of Masonic virtues and obligations, could fail to be impressed with the high mission of Masonry. The presentation concluded, the craft was called from labor to refreshment. The Stewards, not being unmindful of the wine and oil, had prepared a suitable repast for the occasion. Intellectually and physically, it will be pleasant to remember these things hereafter.

A VISITING BROTHER.

For the Anderson Intelligencer.

MR. EDITOR: Reading an article in one of your recent papers, "How shall the dead be buried?" my thoughts turned to our neglected village churchyards, where sleep those dear to us all, and I determined, through the columns of your valuable journal, to call the attention of the citizens of Anderson to them. One would think this unnecessary, for the homes of our dead should be sacred to us, and it should be a privilege to keep them in order, and preserve them from the depredations of stock, &c. Such, however, is not the case, and the condition of our cemeteries is a sad reflection on us all as individuals and as a town. The Presbyterian churchyard, used more generally as a town cemetery, is in a sad condition. No order or system preserved as to lots for burial, grown up in weeds and nettles; and when an effort is made by some individual to improve or beautify a lot, the gates are left open, cows stray in, hedges of evergreens—the growth of years—are eaten down and ruined, and the dust of those dear to us as life itself is desecrated and neglected. I know full well it is not within the means of many to place such monuments or enclosures as they would wish, (such is the case with the writer,) but the yard could be kept neat and clean, it could be laid out in walks and squares, and thus preserve the graves; and means surely could be adopted by which the stock can be kept from the enclosure.

Anderson boasts of her mercantile strength, of her energy and steady improvement, and surely her citizens will give of their riches to make less gloomy the "City of the Dead." Beautiful flowers and rich evergreens might make this spot even attractive. The decoration of their graveyards is a religious duty with the Germans, handed down from generation to generation, and by these means the graves of our dear ones are less gloomy and terrible to us, and it gives a melancholy satisfaction to keep them in order and covered with bright flowers. The briars and nettles grow apace in our churchyards, until it is a difficult matter to get from grave to grave. The rains have washed the yard, and in several instances sunk the graves and removed the stone which may have marked the spot, and it is a wilderness which cries out against us as Christians and people. It seems to me some fund might be collected, for as I said before, we are all interested, and the place should at least be kept "decently and in order." Pardon me for consuming so much of your time, but it appeals powerfully to my heart, and sadly am I reminded that "oblivion grows more rapidly over the grave than grass."

AN INTERESTED ONE.

The New York World repudiates its advocacy of Charles Francis Adams for President, and frantically demands a straight-out Democratic nomination at Baltimore, as the only possible method of bringing back to the Democratic fold the large proportion of its members already pledged to Greeley.

ITEMS—EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE.

Oxford University, England, celebrates its one thousandth anniversary this year.

Thursday last was the 35th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Victoria.

Gen. D. H. Hill has assumed editorial control of the Charlotte (N. C.) Daily Dispatch.

Augustus B. Knowlton, Esq., has withdrawn from the editorial management of the Orangeburg News.

The New York Express says there is no earthly doubt of the nomination of Greeley at Baltimore by a very large majority.

Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are 455 associations, 11,168 churches, 6,493 ministers and 893,037 members.

Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks, one of the purest and ablest statesmen of the Northwest, has been nominated for Governor of Indiana by the Democrats.

Maj. L. E. Johnson, formerly United States Marshal, expects the nomination for Congressman at large in South Carolina on the Republican ticket.

The wheat crop of East Tennessee will exceed in quality and quantity that of any year during the last quarter of a century, not excepting the famous yield of 1857.

The Commissioner of Agriculture reports the condition of the cotton crop for June, and says there is an average increase of thirteen per cent. throughout the United States.

Hereafter the Charleston Republican will be issued every afternoon. While it advocates opposition to Grant in its editorials, it has lowered the names of the Cincinnati nominees.

Maj. Simons, a white school-teacher from Williamsburg, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year, for forgery, made his escape from that institution on Friday night last.

The Laurens Railroad was sold in Columbia on Thursday last for \$42,500. The purchasers are Dr. J. L. Neagle and Mr. J. W. Wiley, of Columbia, and it is their intention to reduce the gauge of the track, and put the road in operation at an early day.

Mr. Sumner is called upon almost daily by colored men from the South, who are anxious to know which side he intends to take in the Presidential campaign. He assures them that in no event will he support Grant.

The colored men of Vicksburg, Miss., are very indignant because those who decorated the graves of the Federal soldiers at the National Cemetery the other day failed to adorn also the graves of the colored soldiers.

Frank E. G. Lindsey, of "Egyptian corn" notoriety, has been convicted in the United States Court at Abingdon, Va., of robbing the mail, and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Penitentiary at Albany, N. Y.

Four hundred and fifty pieces of real estate, including village lots, in the County of Darlington, have become forfeited to the State for the non-payment of taxes. At the Treasurer's sale, no bids were offered on them.

Rev. Dr. Smythe, who has presided over the destinies of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston as pastor for forty years, on account of impaired health, has resigned, and Rev. G. R. Brackett called to supply the vacancy.

It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain, President of the Columbus Convention, has officially notified Judge Davis and Joel Parker of their nomination for President and Vice-President, and that he is to recall the Columbus Convention, to meet in New York in July, for a conference.

A revolutionary relic in the shape of a broken pipe, containing the figures 1776 and certain Roman characters, has been found on the plantation of Mr. A. D. Darby in Chester, and now lies upon the table of the editor of the Reporter. It is supposed to be an Indian pipe, and is of formidable proportions.

Geo. W. Johnson, Esq., formerly editor of the Beaufort Republican, is out in a card denying most emphatically the recent report of his death in New York. He says that he is not conscious of having been called upon to join the "innumerable caravan" that don't come back, and believes he is fully alive to the situation.

James D. Tradewell, jr., of Columbia, made an attack upon Niles G. Parker, State Treasurer, in the law office of C. D. Melton, Esq., one day last week. Tradewell assailed the Treasurer with violent language, and drew a pistol upon him, when bystanders interfered and disarmed the pugnacious individual, who was deeply intoxicated.

The Blue Ridge Railroad is in litigation again. John Mackey, for himself and other stockholders, has brought suit against the President and Directors, alleging fraud and misappropriation of funds, enjoining the transfer of any more of the bond scrip or other property of the road, and praying for the appointment of a receiver and a full accounting by the officers.

The Baltimore Gazette, which was strongly anti-Greeley a few weeks ago, at last succumbs to the logic of events; acknowledges "that the drift of popular sentiment favors a combination of all the elements of opposition to put down Grantism," and enumerates reasons as plenty as blackberries for supporting "any combination of opposing forces that will offer a reasonable prospect of beating Grant."

The bodies of 718 Confederate soldiers, recently disinterred at Gettysburg and carried to Richmond, were buried in Hollywood Cemetery on Thursday last. The procession was two miles long, the houses draped in mourning, the stores closed, and business suspended. An immense concourse of spectators lined the streets, and the whole pageant is regarded as the most imposing spectacle since the close of the war.

A Washington dispatch to the New York Herald says: "The Department of Justice has for some days past been engaged in finding the whereabouts of the person alleged to have been abducted from Canada in violation of the Extradition Treaty, and yesterday received information that he was in the custody of the United States Marshal of North Carolina. It now appears that Detective Hester had an extradition warrant for a man named Avery, charged with violation of the Ku Klux act, but that the Canadian officials delivered up Bratton, who is also charged with having committed murder in that State. Our government will send him back to Canada without delay and indemnify him for the false arrest."

One of Grant's most remarkable appointments has been made in the person of ex-carpenter-bag Congressman Clarke, of Texas, to be Postmaster at Galveston, at a salary of \$4,000 a year. It is but little more than a month since Clarke was unanimously expelled from his seat in the House on a unanimous report of a committee that he held it by the grossest fraud. Yet in the face of this most unprecedented action of the House—unprecedented because it was unanimous and—re-iteration of Grant's boasted civil-service reform—the President Postmaster at Galveston is removed on no charge whatever, and Clarke installed merely to give the latter a place.

Dr. J. R. Bratton, of York, was recently kidnapped in Canada by two persons claiming to act as U. S. Marshals. He was put under the influence of chloroform, and by these pretended officials brought to Detroit, and from thence to South Carolina. After a preliminary examination, he has been released on bail in the sum of \$12,000 to answer at the special term of the U. S. Court in Columbia on the first Monday in August. Dr. Bratton has been charged with being the head of a Ku Klux organization, and when the arrests began last fall, he made his escape to Canada, where he has been living under the name of James Simpson. His footsteps were dogged, however, with the result above stated. The authorities of Canada are indignant at this proceeding, as it is a violation of the extradition laws, and it is stated that a demand has been made by the British minister at Washington for the restoration of Dr. Bratton to Canadian soil.

South Carolina Real Estate, Planting and Mining Company.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President to lay before the people of the State a prospectus of the South Carolina Real Estate, Planting and Mining Company, and to solicit donations of land, or subscriptions in cash or land, to the capital stock of said company, in shares of \$100 each.

In pursuance of this resolution, the President appointed the following committee: Messrs. D. Wyatt Aiken, of Cokesbury; Gabriel Cannon, of Spartanburg; W. W. Harlike, of Mars' Bluff; Wm. M. Shannon, of Camden; and W. M. Lorton, of Charleston.

At an early day of the prospectus will be placed in the hands of one or more responsible citizens in each County in the State for gratuitous distribution. In the meantime, our real estate owners can determine whether or not they are willing, either by donation or investment, to aid a company organized chiefly to disenthral the tax-payers of South Carolina.

Will not every paper in the State so far favor the enterprise as to give this communication one gratuitous insertion?

D. WYATT AIKEN,
For the Committee.

The Rock Mill Lantern gives a detailed account of the search of Dr. Edward T. Avery's house by a body of United States troops, acting under the orders of the Deputy County Marshal. It seems that a report reached the military headquarters at Yorkville that Dr. Avery was at his home on a visit to his wife and children. Therefore a sergeant with a squad of soldiers was dispatched to make the capture of Dr. Avery. They reached the house between 12 o'clock and daylight, surrounded the premises, roused Mrs. Avery, demanded admittance and thoroughly searched the whole house, including the bed-chamber of the lady of the house. They also searched the premises. The squad remained until an hour after sunrise, when the troops returned to headquarters. The Lantern gives the following explanation of the affair: "It was suspected that he was home on a visit to his wife and children. The report, it seems, originated with an old colored man, who, wandering in the woods somewhere near Dr. Avery's place, came upon a small pile of ashes and a few half burnt chunks. Contemplating these ashes, the bright idea flashed upon him that Dr. Avery had camped here the night before. The more the old drifter studied over these ashes the more convinced he was that his first impression was correct. He spread the report. It reached the ears of some malicious person, it is supposed; and thence it flew to headquarters. And the result—a midnight military raid, wholly fruitless. In justice to the soldiers we are glad to state that they behaved in a most civil and courteous manner towards Mrs. Avery and her children, making no impertinent remarks, offering her no wanton indignities, and conducting the search in as quiet and peaceable a manner as possible."

On and after July 1, 1872, every person who sells or offers for sale manufactured tobacco, snuff or segars, except manufacturers of those articles who sell only their own products at the place of production, will be required to pay a special tax at the rate of \$5 per annum, without regard to the amount of annual sales. The exemption of persons whose annual sales do not exceed \$100 is repealed by the new law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Solicitor.

We, the undersigned, citizens of Belton and neighborhood, beg leave to nominate Maj. JOHN B. MOORE, of Anderson, S. C., as a suitable candidate for the office of Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial Circuit at the ensuing election.

SIGNED BY MANY VOTERS.

The friends of J. S. MURRAY, Esq., of Anderson, S. C., nominate him as a candidate for the office of Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial Circuit at the next election.

We are authorized to announce JAMES BIRNIE, Esq., of Greenville, as a candidate for Solicitor of the Eighth Circuit at the next election.

We are authorized to announce WM. H. PERRY, Esq., as a candidate for re-election as Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial Circuit.

For Probate Judge.

The friends of WILLIAM S. BROWN, Esq., nominate him as a suitable candidate for Probate Judge of Anderson County at the next election.

"THE FORK."

We are authorized to announce A. O. NORRIS, Esq., as a candidate for re-election as Probate Judge of Anderson County at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce the name of COL. THOS. J. PICKENS as a candidate for the office of Probate Judge for Anderson County at the next election.

We are authorized to announce MAJ. W. W. HUMPHREYS as a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Anderson County at the next election.

We are authorized to announce GEORGE W. HAMMOND, Esq., as a candidate for Judge of Probate at the ensuing election.

For Clerk of Court.

We are authorized to announce ELLIAH WEBB, Esq., as a candidate for Clerk of the Court for Anderson County at the next election.

We are authorized to announce CART. JOHN W. DANIELS as a candidate for re-election as Clerk of the Court for Anderson County.

The friends of THOMAS W. RUSSELL respectfully nominate him as a candidate for Clerk of the Court for Anderson County at the next election.

We are authorized to announce J. J. ACKER, Esq., as a candidate for Clerk of the Court for Anderson County at the next election.

For Sheriff.

We are authorized to announce WM. MCGUKIN as a candidate for re-election as Sheriff of Anderson County.

For School Commissioner.

We authorized to announce WM. H. HAYNIE as a candidate for re-election as School Commissioner of Anderson County.

Notice of Final Settlement.

THE undersigned gives notice that he will make application to A. O. Norris, Judge of Probate for Anderson County, on Saturday, the 3rd day of August next, for a Final Settlement of the Estate of Wm. M. Cowan, deceased, and a final discharge therefrom.
JAMES A. COWAN, Adm'r.
June 27, 1872