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Editorial Notes on Current Topics.

Gen. James Chesnut, Chairman, has issued a call for the Executive Committee of the Tax-Payers' Convention to meet in Charleston on Thursday, 18th of June, instant.

The Democratic victory in Oregon grows more decisive and significant as the full returns are received, and now, from all that can be gathered, the Democrats have elected the entire State and Congressional ticket by a majority of 1100 votes.

The Columbia Phenix intimates that an extra session of the Legislature will be called at an early day. We cannot imagine the pretext for the re-assembling of our sapient law-makers, whose record as a whole deserves the reprobation of every honest citizen.

The new Secretary of the Treasury has already astonished the natives around Washington by a prompt inauguration of practical reform in his department.

The Chester Reporter recently called attention to the fact that Henry A. Smith, late County Treasurer of Fairfield, who was convicted not long ago of neglecting his official duties and refusing to comply with the law about making his official returns, was allowed extraordinary privileges by the Sheriff of Fairfield, such as taking his meals at the Sheriff's private table, enjoying all the luxuries of life, including champagne, and appearing outside the jail limits whenever he felt inclined.

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Resolute Patriotism Needed.

We print an article from the New York Herald in this issue, not because we admire its scolding style, but to show our readers the drift of public opinion in the North as to the true needs of our section.

The Eucalyptus or Anti-Fever Tree. We published an article some weeks ago concerning the properties and advantages of the Eucalyptus Globulus, or Australian gum-tree, which was copied from the San Francisco Bulletin, and in which allusion was made to Messrs. Sonntag & Co., of that city, as being largely interested in the cultivation of this extraordinary tree.

Its anti-febrile properties, destroying malaria and absorbing moisture, and throwing it off into the atmosphere through its leaves, are well known and not a matter of doubt.

We are engaged at present in preparing an article upon the Eucalyptus for Harper's Weekly, in which we propose giving some very valuable information. We thank you for paper.

Respectfully yours, &c., SONNATG & CO. JAMES A. HOYT, Esq., Anderson, S. C.

The Local School Tax.

The last Saturday in June is the time designated by law for the citizens of each School District to hold public meetings, and among other things assess a local tax for the support of the public schools.

Newberry College.

The commencement exercises of this institution, located at Walhalla, will take place next week. The Alumni address will be delivered on Tuesday morning, 23rd of June, by E. A. Wingard, of Columbia, S. C.

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An Eloquent Spokesman for the South.

Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, of Mississippi, has won greater reputation in a short time than any Southern Congressman since the war. His eulogy upon Sumner excited unusual comment in all parts of the country, and exerted a decided influence upon the Northern mind in giving practical shape to a just reconciliation between the sections so lately at war with each other.

Mr. Lamar, of Mississippi, again distinguished himself to-day as an able and eloquent representative of the South and a real statesman by delivering a prepared speech on the present political condition of the South.

For the Anderson Intelligencer.

Boys' Hook and Ladder Company.

Pursuant to a call published in the local papers this week, a large meeting of the boys of Anderson was held this evening for the purpose of considering the propriety of organizing a Boys' Hook and Ladder Company.

The Chairman, in a few brief, but very appropriate remarks, stated the object of the meeting, and taking his seat, announced the meeting ready for business.

Capt. J. A. Hoyt was then called upon, and responded, saying that he thought we would have no difficulty in organizing and completing the Company, and promised to give us his aid and encouragement.

Capt. S. M. Pogg being called, made quite a lengthy speech, giving us some statistics, showing the necessity of such an organization, and offering us great encouragement.

Mr. S. McCully was then called on and made quite a stirring speech, complimenting the boys on their action, advising them to organize and go ahead, not giving up for any obstacle, and their efforts would be rewarded.

A. Summer Todd then offered the following preamble and resolutions, but before being put to the meeting, several other citizens present were called upon, who responded in very appropriate speeches, after which the resolutions were unanimously adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It being highly necessary and desirable that there should be an organization of some kind in Anderson for the protection of property against fire; and, WHEREAS, several unsuccessful efforts have been made to organize and complete fire companies in Town by the citizens, therefore be it

Resolved, By the boys of Anderson in meeting assembled, that we proceed to organize a Hook and Ladder Company, for the protection of the property of the Town against the ravages of fire, and that we promise to carry the organization into successful working, provided we are properly countenanced and encouraged by the citizens of the Town.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Chairman to prepare and present a memorial to the Town Council, asking their aid and encouragement in our undertaking.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a subscription paper and present the same to the property owners of the Town, and report at an adjourned meeting the amount that can be raised by private subscription.

Resolved, That we solicit and expect the instruction and advice of the leading citizens of our Town.

As provided for by the second resolution, the Chairman appointed the following committee: A. S. Todd, Jas. M. Cathcart and H. G. Scud-day; also, under the third resolution, the following committee: A. W. Todd, H. A. Ligon and W. M. Wilcox.

On motion of M. B. Jackson, all the boys present who contemplated joining the Company were requested to come forward and give in their names.

The following resolutions were then offered and adopted: Resolved, That when this meeting adjourn it do so to meet on next Friday evening, when steps will be taken towards organization.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be furnished the County papers, with the request that they be published.

It was then moved and adopted that the thanks of the meeting be tendered the gentlemen present for their instructive and encouraging speeches.

Pursuant to the motion adopted, the Chairman then called for the names of those wishing to join, when over thirty came forward and subscribed their names, after which very appropriate speeches were made by A. S. Todd, H. G. Scud-day, J. P. Wilson, Jr., W. W. Keys and H. A. Ligon.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned to meet next Friday evening.

W. W. KEYS, Chm'n. JAS. M. CATHCART, Sec.

For the Anderson Intelligencer.

WILLIAMSTON, June 12th.

MISTER EDITOR—Kind Friend: Yu no I ain't no skollar, and I hav no talent with namin, an what I let I hav got, doant lay in ritin; but I hav bin layin off to rite yu a few lines for sum time, but hav bin puttin it aff from day to day, expectin sumthin was goin to happin, from the way things has bin a wurkin. Things is gittin in a mity alarmin condishun over hear. I doant no what has got into the peepul; but it pears to me jest like evry body wantid tu du sumthin smart, and dident no jest exactly how to go about it. An it seams tu take the moast onreosonable amount or runnin round arter dark tu satisfi em; and as you hav hear, sum or em ant satisfid with trottin all over town an down tu the mineral spring, but thay has tu go down tu the ralerode culbert and craul in among the eldur bushis and bambu briers and caul it a "retreat!" whar thay gose to at nite tu look at the mune, listin tu the worter, an studdy Lattin.

We hav got moar Society hear than there is dase in the week. There is the Masuns, an the Jerrycose, an the Batin Society, an the Singin Society, an the Grangers, an menny more tu teajious tu menshun. Jest as sune as nite sets in thay begins thare fuss. When the Masuns coaxis sum poar creetur up stares, an makes him ride the gotte, and craul thru a orger hole; an when the Jerrycose gits tu blowin thare horns, an the boys in the Batin Society gits tu rarin an chargin, and a stompin thare feat on the floor; an the Singin Society foaks all lets luse at wunce, its raly alarmin, for thay make a drefful fuss.

But that aint morein haff. Thay has got tu be so onreosonable generally. Thay has got a feever on em tu rite for the papers, as ef thay node moarin the editors; and thay gits so hard up fur sumthin tu rite about that ef you put up a new bench at the mineral spring, the hoal or the litterati on the place grabs thare pens an rite a haff a duzen pages or fulescap paper tu enuy editur thay can git tu print it it, whareby thay kill too birds with wun stoan—that is, herrals the important infurmashun tu prezent an future generashuns, an last, but not leeste, gits thare productshuns in the papurs, an hav the sublime satisfacsushun of toatin around a copy and showin it tu thare friends, an askin em how thay like it, who always brags on it tu thare faces, an makes fun or it when thay are gone.

But the Grangers kinder take the rag offen the bush, as thay is leedin the balance a purty brite streeke, jest at prezent; perhaps because thay meets the ofnestin. Thay onduidly do a power or sumthin, as thay meats three or fore times a weak. Ower Grangers have bin behavin thareselves very well so far; but I an satisfid that sum or thare brethern has bin cuttin up purty considerib, as I reform on the fust day of this month the Reformed Presbyterian Synod or Filadelfy decided that they wood not let Grangers jine thare church. But I hav hear that thay has one verry interestin fetur about em. Thay say that they all throw in and git up a big supper evry month. I hear a feller what had give a lean on his crop tu git pervishuns tu du him till next fall, a singin a song, which I tuck the liberty tu remember tu the best of my feebul ability. He sung it tu the tune "I want tu be an angil," and he raly looked like he meant it. Heare it is:

THE LEAN MAN'S WISH.

I want tu be a granger, And with the grangers stand; To ware a linnen apurn, A discount in my hand. Oh, thare before my Mastur, Ide use boatin tung and pen Tu sound over order's try-ump! Ower hoggish "middle men."

I kno I me poar and neady, But I'le git outin that; Reputadie, begin life anew, An buy a "granger hat." I'de ride haff fair on ralerodes, Talk farmin by near roat, Git trectid by the canlydates Who want the Grange's voat.

I'de by my goods in Charleston, Git prices put low down, And sell my crap ov cottin At thirty cents a pound; I'de git return commishuns On evry hail I sent, And when I pade my frate bill, Discount it ten per cent.

I'de ordir me sum emmergrants Who ain't afeard ov wurk, An let the lazy niggers Take up thare beds an walk; And when inside my pocket No greenbacks I cood feel, I'de order things by holessail, An fix the Grange's seal.

There was sum moar ov it, but I doant reckeret it now. I will git him to sing it agin, and send you the balance. I am goin tu try tu git a invertashun tu the next supper, and will tell you all about it.

Till then I remane your tru friend, JO. KERR.

The Washington correspondent of the Charleston News and Courier has this comment upon South Carolina affairs before Congress: "The majority report of the judiciary committee on the case of the South Carolina memorialists has not yet been called up for action, and it is whispered that it will not be. Whatever truth there may be in this rumor, it is quite certain that there is a growing feeling of doubt and hesitation among the leaders of the Radical party in relation to the entire subject of the Southern State Governments. It looks as though the party feels it cannot afford to have a free discussion of South Carolina affairs at this time, and rather risk a thorough ventilation of the very dark transactions by which that and other States of the late Confederacy have been brought to ruin will let the whole matter slide quietly out of sight."

Judge Graham has filed his decision upon the question whether Governor Moses is subject to indictment and trial by ordering a criminal process previous to impeachment by the Legislature. He holds that the action of Moses, charged in the indictment, was in truth an official action. If it was misconduct or a crime, it was still official misconduct, or a crime committed by him as Governor. It is, therefore, ordered, that the indictment for larceny as to Franklin J. Moses, Jr., be quashed, and the case as to him be stricken from the docket.

For the Anderson Intelligencer.

Do you not think, Mr. Editor, that your friend "Corduroy" has allowed himself to get unnecessarily excited? He has certainly appropriated to himself, remarks that were general. There are a great many worse things than saying "those grits," and the expression is by no means a local peculiarity, because of its general use in the subject, never dreaming the question was to raise "a tempest in a teapot."

It seems to me it would have been most natural for friend "Corduroy" to say, "Well, that is the thinnest thing of the season!" then lit his cigar and gone on his way rejoicing. I fear he is of the match box order, who, when he hurts his foot, grins at his wife, kicks the cat and slaps the baby.

I am sorry I have caused this domestic disturbance, and propose that we make friends. It was very foreign from my intention to give offense, and I am sorry the hints given should have raised the sleeping lion in any manly breast made to brave weightier things than "Muslin."

Public men and public places are for the public good and are liable to public criticism, and I don't think saying that a certain store needed overhauling, was equivalent to saying every man, woman and child in the up country had a dirty face. As a general rule our stores are in very good order, and have everyting heart can wish for—except butter and eggs.

No one admires more the substantial, true hearted people of the up country than MUSLIN.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

T. D. KENNEDY, LOCAL EDITOR.

BRIEF MENTION.

James L. Orr, Esq., is absent from town attending the Greenville Court.

Gardens are looking fine, and the yield in vegetables of all kinds will be abundant.

Several excursion parties will leave town for the mountains next week. All anticipate a good time.

Granges desiring music books in patent notes, can have them by addressing James G. Douthit, Pendleton Factory, S. C.

Business is so dull now-a-days that the clerks employ their leisure time and their yard sticks in trying to kill chimney-sweepers.

We had the pleasure of meeting with Maj. J. H. Skelton, a prominent member of the Hartwell, Ga. Bar, on Monday last. The Maj. was in town on business.

A specimen of very fine wheat, raised on the plantation of Mr. Joseph Prevost, may be seen at Fant and Bell's store. The stalks are nearly six feet in height, with good, full heads.

Any person wishing for information as to the pleasures of tele-actes and moon-light promenades would do well to call on our contemporary, the Editor of the Conservator, as he is well versed in both.

Dr. John A. Rarksdale, Lecturer of the State Grange, organized Mio Mills Grange on the 9th inst., with D. L. Hall as Worthy Master and S. J. McKee, Secretary; on the 10th inst., he organized Fiat Rock Grange, with W. H. Haynie as Worthy Master and F. M. Norris, Secretary.

Visitors to the Commencement Exercises of the Furman University and the Female College of Greenville, to the Newberry College at Walhalla, and to the Erskine College at Due West, will have the privilege of going to each place and returning for one fare during the commencement exercises of each institution.

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Anderson Court House, are requested to meet in the Church at 4 o'clock p. m., Saturday, 20th inst., to take into consideration the building of a new Church, or repairing the old one, as may be thought best. It is hoped there will be a full meeting, as this is an important matter.

The work on the streets is still progressing. The street leading from the Depot to Mr. G. W. Fant's, which has been in very bad condition for some time, has recently been worked, and now looks well. Also, the short street running from Depot street to the ruins of the Earle mansion has been well worked, and is in good condition.

We are credibly informed that his Excellency Majesty, John Barleycorn, held undisputed sway over quite a number of his votaries on Monday last. One young man was so completely overcome that he sought a resting-place in a box-car at the depot, and was aroused in the evening only through the influence of a fountain pump.

An accident happened to one of Mr. P. C. Fant's dray-mules on Monday last. Mr. Fant had a load on his dray and was coming up from the depot, and in the act of crossing the bridge at the extremity of Depot street, one of his mules broke through the bridge, inflicting a rather serious injury to one of his hind legs. The Town Council should look after those bridges over which heavy loads have to pass.

We saw the other evening a letter which had been written to the Superintendent of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, asking that immediate steps should be taken in building a new bridge across the railroad cut near the residence of Mr. G. F. Tolly. The letter went on to state that if something was not done soon the bridge perhaps might fall down some evening. Reasonable suggestion, we think.

Benjamin Whitner, an aged colored man, died on Saturday last, while on the road leading from town to the residence of Mr. Lewis Crombie, where he had been living for some time. The deceased had been suffering from dropsy for more than a year. He was the oldest citizen of this town, and came here among the first settlers. He was always faithful to his owners and employers, and was regarded with much esteem by the white people. For many years he served as hostler at the Benson House, and was a great favorite with the traveling public. His remains were buried at old Mt. Taber on Sunday in the presence of a large congregation.

SPLENDID YIELDS IN THE GRAIN CROP.

Never before within the recollection of the oldest inhabitant has there been such splendid yields in the grain crops grown around town. Our enterprising and energetic grocery man and cotton buyer, Mr. E. W. Byrum, raised on a small field of only 12 acres, 66 bushels of fine wheat. This shows very plainly that Mr. Byrum understands the principles of farming as well as other things.

Capt. T. P. Benson raised on one-half of an acre 124 bushels of wheat, and on one-eighth of an acre 54 bushels.

Col. J. N. Brown raised on three-fourths of an acre 414 bushels oats, which would be about 65 bushels to the acre—a fine yield for this or any other country. The Colonel, it seems, studies agriculture as well as law.

IMPROVEMENTS ON BUILDINGS.

We are glad to see that improvements are being made both in the internal and external appearance of certain buildings in Town, and trust that the good work will continue. The steeple of the Baptist Church is receiving a new coat of paint, which was sadly needed, and when finished will add greatly to the appearance of that fine edifice. Workmen are busy plastering and repairing the windows and other portions of the north section of Brick Range, belonging to Mrs. Webb. It is intended to put up green blinds on the windows after the repairing is done. The house of Mr. Jordan Gambrell, just across the railroad bridge on Main street, is also undergoing repairs, and will add to the general appearance of that portion of Town, after it is finished. Improvements are going on in the interior of the Court House. The offices of the Sheriff, Treasurer and School Commissioner are to be made into two offices—one for the Sheriff and the other for the Treasurer. An office for the School Commissioner will be purchased somewhere in Town. The three offices named above were very small, not sufficiently large for the transaction of the necessary business, so it was very properly determined to convert them into two. We trust, however, that something may be done to the outside walls of the Court House, as they are very much in need of improvement of any kind. Could not the owners of property on Granite Row do something in the improving line?

PURCHASE OF EARLE'S BRIDGE.

The County Commissioners met on Saturday last, fully determined to have the survey made that was mentioned in last week's issue, but they succeeded in purchasing Earle's Bridge at very reasonable price, and therefore gave up the preconceived idea of a survey. The bridge was purchased for \$2,500—\$1000 cash, and the balance to be paid by the first of January next. The titles were perfected on Monday last, and the bridge will be got ready for free passage at once. The road to the bridge is reported in a very good condition.

We learn that a private address was delivered by Mr. G. F. Tolly before the Charles Pinckney Society in the Court House, on Monday evening last. The subject was "Oratory," and was exceedingly well handled by Mr. Tolly, who spoke in glowing and eloquent terms of oratory, its rise and progress, and its effect on the character and destinies of individuals and nations. This Society, we understand, is in a flourishing condition.

ITEMS—EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE.

The Second Annual Fair of the Greenville Agricultural and Mechanical Association will open on Tuesday, 13th of October next, and continue four days.

James H. Hendrix, Esq., of Lexington, died suddenly on the 8th inst. He was County Auditor of Lexington only recently, when he was removed by the Governor.

The Vicksburg (Miss.) Clarion says the opinion seems to be gaining ground that Gen. Sherman will be proposed for the Presidency as an antidote for Grant's threatened Cessarism.

Only one case was tried at Pickets Court last week—a white man and negro woman charged with infanticide. They were found guilty, and sentenced to be hanged on the fourth Friday in September next.

Chief Justice Waite has just decided that a bankrupt cannot obtain a homestead exemption as against debts contracted prior to the ratification of the State Constitution in the reconstructed States. He has likewise decided that a man can waive his right to a homestead.

Louisiana is afflicted beyond all precedent. Drought is visiting those portions of the State that are out of the reach of the floods. So that the country presents the painful anomaly of being dried up where it has not been drowned out. It is evident that the demand for aid is most imperative and heartrending.

Gen. Beuregard has recently received a letter from a representative of the Argentine Confederation tendering him, in the name of President Sarmiento, the position of military engineer, for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of the river La Plata, with the view of establishing a line of defenses.

Colorado, whether admitted as a State into the Union or not, is certainly one of the best illustrations of American growth. Her immigration is reckoned at the rate of three thousand per month. The actual value of her real estate is \$100,000,000, and she has 1,500,000 acres of land under cultivation.

There is an infatuation about the lottery business that cannot be explained. Ex-Gov. Bramlette has been running the Louisville lottery since its inception, but had never heard until recently that marriage is a lottery. Upon learning this he immediately invested, and the ceremony was performed at Louisville last week.

The St. Louis Post does not altogether disbelieve the rumors about the third term conspiracy, and says it is very evident that President Grant is hard at work to kill off Morton, the most prominent candidate of the republican party, and to put personal friends in every office at his disposal, regardless of their standing in the party.

In Harrison county, Kentucky, a mob of masked men took Robert Becket from the house of his employer, riddled his body with bullets, soaked his clothes with coal oil and set fire to them, thus burning the dead body. Becket was charged with the murder of a man named Ellis about a year ago, but was out on bail. Greet indignation is reported in the community against the inhuman outrage.

Charles Francis Adams, in a letter to Senator Windom, expresses his disaffection with both the transportation bills now before the Senate. He does not believe it possible for any nine men, no matter how honest and experienced they may be, to properly revise all the running railroad tariffs in use in the United States, and even if they could he thinks that they would not be able to reach the root of the present difficulty which is the natural outgrowth of the whole system and theory of railroad construction, and cannot be eradicated without upsetting the system, that of private ownership, regulated by competition.

A letter to the New York Times, from Charleston, says: "From the official record of the prosecuting attorneys of American one of the circuits in South Carolina, it will be seen that one-third of the number of persons holding minor positions have been indicted for some offense committed during their term of office, and a much larger proportion is charged with crimes of various kinds prior to their election or appointment. Charleston County is, perhaps, worse in this particular than any other portion of the State; from the highest to the lowest State officer in the District, nearly all have been charged with and many of them convicted of one or more offenses."

The Indianapolis Journal, Senator Morton's organ, thinks that reconstruction has been overdone, and "it is worth while for Congress to consider whether it has not made the mistake of interfering too much in the affairs of the Southern States. The best thing Congress can do with Arkansas, and with every other State, unless clearly called upon by the requirement of the constitution to interfere, is to severely let them alone. What the people of the South want is rest and local self-government, instead of Congressional interference. The condition of affairs in some of these States is certainly very bad, but the interference policy does not seem to help them much, and we should like to see the let-alone policy tried for a while."