

THE KU-KLUX CASES.

ANOTHER DAY OF INACTION IN THE COURT.

Postponement of Three Murder Cases on Account of the Absence of Witnesses.

The United States Court assembled promptly at ten o'clock yesterday morning, Judges Bond and Bryan presiding, and District Attorney Corbin, Assistant District Attorney Earle and Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Merrill appearing for the government.

THE GREAT TORNADO.

Further particulars of the tornado that passed over the State on the 18th inst. show that, at Bonneau's Station, on the Northeastern Railroad, fifteen thousand turpentine trees, the property of Messrs. Odum & Spleers, were destroyed.

Disasters in Abbeville.

The Abbeville Medium says: "We understand that a severe storm passed over the plantation of Mr. Wm. Moore, in the vicinity of Colleton's station, on the 18th inst. The track of the storm was about seventy-five yards in width and was very severe.

Loss of Life in Williamsburg.

The Kingsree Star says: "The recent terrible storm that passed through a narrow belt of country in this district, doing great damage to feeling, &c.; but when it reached the neighborhood of Potato Ferry its power increased, and we are informed that every direction, and every tree, blowing and tearing up trees by the roots, twisting them off, and laying waste generally.

The Storm in Orangeburg.

A correspondent of the Times says: "The cloud was first seen and distant thunder heard in the northwest, a little before sunset, great gusts of wind about seven o'clock, when the whole firmament seemed to be engaged, and became more furious as the cloud advanced from the direction of Riley's Turn-out, on the South Carolina Railroad.

JOTTINGS ABOUT THE STATE.

—Walter Bradford, of Abbeville, broke his arm accidentally last week.

—Meningitis is raging in Newberry. Not one in five recovers.

—The Sumter County schools are not to close.

—Abbeville is doing a brisk spring trade, and has cool nights.

—The Orangeburg Times is to enlarge next week.

—A movement is afoot for establishing a national bank in Sumter.

—A movement is afoot in Orangeburg to raise funds for the erection of a monument to General Johnston.

—Five hundred dollars have been subscribed in Charleston towards the erection of a Cathedral Church in Blackville.

—Mr. C. M. Jones, of Newberry, died on Wednesday, and Miss Rebecca Jones, of Sumter, died on the 17th.

—The body of Mr. Louis Edwards, of Abbeville, was not found chained to Cannon's Bridge.

—Benjamin Clark, of Spartanburg, hanged himself on Monday. No cause assigned.

—The Sumter News hopes we do not suppose that it is better, and three, or more, are best!

—We regret to learn that the Rev. Henry M. Mood, the presiding elder of the Abbeville district, has been obliged to resign his office.

—The Salem Church on the 18th inst. during his shoulder and receiving other injuries. Mr. Mood is one of the most zealous and untiring of our churches.

—Mr. John Red, a young man from Barnwell County, who has been residing in Edgefield for several months, an industrious, sober and clever young man, died on Monday.

—One Richard Major, a highly colored individual, was in Edgefield last week or two ago, seeking a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Wm. Purfoy, a son of the Rev. Mr. Purfoy, who, he alleged, had shot him while at work in the field.

—Mr. Joo. C. Waters, of Edgefield, died last Wednesday. He was visiting a sick neighbor, was mounting his horse to go home, and fell from the saddle, and was killed.

—The late Ku-Klux outrage is described by the Sumter News as follows: "We learn that a colored man was seized on our streets on last Saturday night by a party of disguised negroes who, for some reason, fanded a grievance against him, gave him an unmerciful whipping. The maltreated negro, by some means, of which we are ignorant, succeeded in identifying all of the whippers, and had them arrested on Sunday morning under warrants issued by Trial Justice Hurst."

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

—The reported return of the Arctic vessel, the Polar, is confirmed.

—The Hon. A. J. Walker, ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama, died at Montgomery yesterday, aged fifty-three.

THE POPULAR TORNADO.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS FOR THE GREAT LIBERAL MOVEMENT.

Interesting Political Gossip from Cincinnati—The Chances for the Candidates—The Contest for the Nomination Likely to be Narrowed Down to Davis and Trumbull—Curtin to have the Second Place on the Ticket—The Platform, &c., &c.

The Cincinnati Convention is the only subject of political discussion now. All the papers are full of it. Delegates are being appointed to attend it. Public men are signifying their attitude regarding it. The Liberals are receiving enormous accessions of strength daily, and are proportionately jubilant.

THE REAL GAFFLE.

Beyond all doubt the contest is narrowed down to two men, Davis and Trumbull, both of the same State, and they are now regarding each other askant, although between them there is no bickering and very temperate expressions of respect for each other.

CURTIN'S PROBABILITIES.

Pennsylvania expects the second place on the ticket for Andrew C. Curtin, who is interested in this country.

WHO WILL PRESIDE AT CINCINNATI?

nobody knows as yet. Carl Schurz might be selected in that position, or Governor Broes or Horace Greeley. It is now thought that L. A. Stearns is the ablest speaker and the most popular man in the State.

REVENUE REFORM PLANS.

The strong objection on the platform will be made to the subject of revenue reform. The Free Trade League, David A. Wells and others, go to Cincinnati as much for personal and intellectual vindication as for the cause.

MASSACHUSETTS AND CONNECTICUT WILL PRESUMABLY DECLARE FOR CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS.

Massachusetts and Connecticut will presumably declare for Charles Francis Adams, who will probably get a small portion of the New York delegation and the majority of the Ohio folks.

STARTLING RUMOR FROM WASHINGTON—Davis and Trumbull are the Cincinnati Convention.

"W. P. C." the careful correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, writes from Washington under date of the 20th:

A startling and incredible rumor breaks from the Capitol to-day, to the effect that General Grant will furnish a letter for the Cincinnati Convention, declining under any circumstances a renomination, and that he will support either Davis or Trumbull as a statesman.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Louisiana excepted, are generally thought to be for Davis, as the liberal movement there is, in fact, directed by the former scawlags.

Missouri will vote on the first ballot for Grant Brown, and so will Kansas. William M. Groveson, chairman of the Brown Liberal Republican executive committee, has for several months conducted a large and exhaustive canvass in Missouri.

South Carolina will probably be the country in Brown's interest, and it remains to be seen what effect this will have. After the first ballot it is presumed that the vote of Kansas will break up and seek out the strongest man in the Union.

Others say he had no idea of the strength of the Cincinnati movement, and that under good advice he proposed to decline the nomination, and to support either Davis or Trumbull as a statesman.

A Democratic census has been taken in the House of Representatives, and that there are a number of Democrats usually found at their seats in the House, thirty-one straight out Democrats and forty-five "possums."

It is found that if Judge Davis and Groveson are nominated, the forty-five "possums" will advocate acquiescence at the Democratic Convention, and twenty-five of the other thirty-one will also give assent, while the other sixteen will vote for Davis and follow the Congress.

This is considered a fair census, because it is quite probable that the average would be the same if all the Democratic representatives were present.

In the Senate, Scott submitted a report from the Ku-Klux committee regarding Georgia, Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, and the bill introduced was one to facilitate the improvement of the postal service, authorizing the right of way for the use of pneumatic tubes, electro magnetic or stationary power, and telegraphs, reported with amendments, a bill supplementary to the enforcement act of May, 1870, relating to the appointment of supervisors of elections.

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In the House the Howard resolution occupied all day without a vote. Voorhees advocated the resolution, denouncing the foreign policy of the government as contemptible, pusillanimous and cowardly.

WILL THEY SUPPORT GRANT?

The Columbia Union prints the following equivalent dispatch:

WASHINGTON, April 24, 1872. To the Editor of the Daily Union: The statement of the New York Tribune that we refuse to endorse President Grant and his administration is false and unauthorized. We propose to issue a resolution of protest under the banner of the nominees of the Philadelphia Convention, so long as it has inscribed upon its folds the civil rights of all men, irrespective of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

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LAWYERS WITHDRAWALS.

WASHINGTON, April 25. Charles Francis Adams has written a letter virtually declining the Cincinnati candidature, though willing to respond to the call of the people if needed.

THE FINANCIAL CRISIS.

The State Penitentiary and the Deaf and Dumb Asylum to become Victims of Financial Aphasia.

COLUMBIA, April 25. The directors of the State Penitentiary resolved to-day to hire out the convicts in the institution because of the failure of the treasury to furnish money to run the institution. This method is to go into operation immediately.

The commission, consisting of Superintendent Jilison and Comptroller-General Neagle, have returned from the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute, at Spartanburg, and report that in everything but its financial condition the institution is very flourishing. It will run on its present supplies until June, when a three months' vacation will be taken to wait for necessary funds.

It is observable here to-day that the administration men are making great efforts to raise the wind in some direction. There are several State senators who have been waiting about here with anxious faces for a week, and who for some reason look more hopeful to-night. Patterson has returned, and is dubbed assistant treasurer.

A number of leading Republicans from the up country are advancing the claims of Judge Orr as the candidate for Governor, and it is stated by some that Scott most peremptorily asserts that he will not run again.

A Presidential pardon has been received for Williams and Langley, convicted of irregularities in the Bowen-DeLoane election. It is stated that they will be immediately reinstated in their former offices as sheriff and school commissioner.

This has been the warmest day, so far, of the season. SALUDA.

THE OLD WORLD'S NEWS.

Madrid, April 25. Amadeus in his speech to the Cortes says the relations of Spain with other powers is cordial. The difficulties with the South American Republics have been reconciled, and it is hoped soon to announce an agreement between the Italian Government and the Pope. Everything is tending to impart the Spanish territory or putting it in the hands of the enemies of the Spanish race and name.

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The International Boat Race. London, April 25. The Atlantic boat crew has arrived, and will commence to practice immediately for the race with the London crew over the Thames course.

WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING.

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LAWS OF THE STATE.

ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Published by Authority.

AN ACT to incorporate the Farmers' Laborers' and Mechanics' Land, Company of Orangeburg County, South Carolina.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

That Jacob Moore, Henry Wallace, J. L. Jamison, E. I. Cain, Isaac Speaker, Christian Green, T. C. Andrews, B. Byas, George Bell, and their associates and successors, are hereby made and created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Farmers' Laborers' and Mechanics' Land Company of Orangeburg County, South Carolina."

SECTION 2. That the said corporation hereby created and established shall have power to make such by-laws, not repugnant to the laws of the land; and to have, use and keep a common seal, and the same to alter at will; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court in this State; and to have and enjoy all such property, real and personal, as may be given, bequeathed or devised to it, or may be, in any manner whatsoever, acquired by the said corporation: "Provided, The amount so held shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. That the said corporation may, from time to time, invest their funds, moneys, assets, and all other property, stocks, public or private, notes, bills, bonds, with or without security, by mortgage of real or personal property, or by surety, in such sums, and on such terms and conditions as they may deem proper; and it shall be lawful for said corporation, from time to time, and at all times, to sell, convey, mortgage, assign or transfer all of its property, real and personal, as and when it may deem proper and expedient; and to make and execute bonds, under their corporate seal, with or without mortgage, for the purchase of real or personal property.

SECTION 4. That the real and personal property of each corporation, shall be liable for the debts of said corporation in any amount not exceeding the par value of the stock held by him.

SECTION 5. That this act shall continue in force for the space of twenty-one years, and the same shall be deemed a public act, and may be given in evidence without being specially pleaded.

Approved March 13, 1872.

AN ACT to incorporate the Salem Presbyterian Church, of Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

That Thos. Middleton, Bolling Mestas, Abram Deas, their associates and successors, are hereby made and created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the Salem Presbyterian Church, of Wadmalaw Island, South Carolina, with all the powers now granted or to be granted in such like corporations by law; to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and to have a common seal, to alter at will; and make such rules and by-laws to govern the corporation aforesaid, not repugnant to the laws of this State.

SECTION 2. This act to be a public act for the term of twenty-one years.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Wateree Presbyterian Church, in Fairfield County.

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That the Wateree Presbyterian Church, of Fairfield County, is hereby incorporated, with all the rights and privileges awarded to religious denominations in this State.

SECTION 2. That the said church may acquire property, real and personal, for religious and educational purposes, and may dispose of, regulate and govern the same as they may deem proper, in accordance with their laws and discipline, such laws not being inconsistent with the laws of the State.

SECTION 3. This act shall be deemed a public act, and shall continue in force until repealed.

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AN ACT to incorporate the Orangeburg County Fair Association.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

That William F. Barton, Samuel Dibley, Harpiz Riggs, Laurence R. Beckwith, Wesley W. Culler, James D. Trezevant, Benj. Byas, J. L. Jamison, Henry Johnson, and J. K. Sapporas, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, declared to be a body corporate and politic, in law and in deed, by the name of the "Orangeburg County Fair Association," and by the said name shall have perpetual succession of officers and members, and a common seal, with power to change the same as often as the said corporation shall judge expedient, and the said corporation shall be liable and capable in law to purchase, have, hold, receive, enjoy, possess and retain to itself and its successors in perpetuity, any and every estate, real or personal, whether accruing to the same by gift, purchase, devise or conveyance, not exceeding in value fifty thousand dollars, and the same, or any part thereof, to sell, alien, devise or exchange as often as the said corporation may deem proper, and by its name to sue and be sued, impleaded and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto in any court of law in this State, and to make all such by-laws and rules for the government of the said corporation as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary: Provided, Such by-laws and rules be not repugnant to the laws of the land.

SECTION 2. That the principal end of the said corporation shall be the promotion of agriculture, mechanical arts, and other industry and ingenuity, through an annual fair, and other appropriate measures, according to such rules and regulations as they may see fit to establish.

SECTION 3. That the members of the said corporation shall be severally liable for all debts and contracts of said corporation only to the extent and amount of their respective shares therein; and the capital stock of the said corporation shall not be less than five thousand nor more than fifty thousand dollars.

SECTION 4. That the property and stock of the said corporation shall be exempted from

county and municipal taxation so long as no dividends shall be declared and distributed among its members.

SECTION 5. That this act shall be deemed a public act, and shall be taken notice of in all the courts of this State without being specially pleaded.

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AN ACT to Renew and Amend the Charter of Erskine College, at Due West, in Abbeville County, S. C.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same:

That Rev. J. Boyce, D. D., Rev. W. M. Grier, J. S. Miller, J. W. Hearse, E. H. Bradley, W. K. Bradley, D. O. Hawthorne, J. D. Presley, W. S. Lowry, Wm. Hood, Rev. J. H. Young, Rev. J. L. Bonner, J. P. Kennedy, Rev. J. P. Presley, D. D., Rev. J. C. Chalmer, Rev. H. T. Sloan, J. Pratt, Rev. R. A. Ross, Rev. R. Latham, R. C. Sharp, Rev. E. A. Fair, E. W. Lites, Rev. J. Galloway, Rev. W. B. Brice, J. Nell, James Lowry, Rev. J. C. Boyd, Rev. W. L. Presley, S. Donald, R