

THE BLUE RIDGE MILLION.

A PROMPT REPORT AND DECISIVE ACTION.

The City Council joined as a plaintiff in the suit against the Blue Ridge Ring—Miscellaneous Proceedings of Council.

A regular meeting of the City Council was held last evening at five o'clock, with Mayor Wagner presiding, and Aldermen O'Neill, Bowen, Garrett, Kenny, Volgt, Sweeney, Glover, Johnston, Brown, Simonds and Pelzer present.

A petition was received from Messrs. Alfred Bernard, Henry B. Howell, Bernard O'Neill, W. Y. Litch, John Kenny, John H. Houston, H. O. DeLeon, C. D. Andrews, C. Michaels, Charles O. White and Samuel L. Bennett, urging the importance of rebuilding the burnt district and other waste places to the city, and urging a release from city taxes for five years upon buildings erected within a certain specified time.

A petition was received from Messrs. B. H. Rutledge and W. G. DeSaussure, plaintiffs in contracts and special referees in the case of M. C. Oakes, trustee of the estate of S. B. Oakes, against D. F. Appleton, for a remission of the city taxes for 1871, on account of alleged over-assessment and in justice to the other creditors of the estate, which is insolvent.

A petition was received from Charles Carver, agent for certain lots on Broad and Friend streets lately purchased by the City Council, asking to have the taxes on said lots remitted. Granted.

A petition was received from Wm. Marscher asking for permission to open the street to make a connection with the street drain from the yard front of his house just erected on the north side of Queen street.

An opinion was received from the city attorney, submitting certain recent decisions of the Supreme Court upon the right of benevolent societies to exemption from city taxation, and a report of a verdict against the city for damages from an open cellar door extending across the sidewalk.

Mr. Corbin also submitted the following opinion and report of his action under the recent resolution of the City Council in regard to its interest in the Blue Ridge Railroad:

Report of City Attorney Corbin. OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY, CHARLESTON, S. C., June 25, 1872.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston:—I have considered the subject-matter of the resolution passed by you at your last meeting, which resolves that the city attorney be instructed to report to the Council what action is necessary to protect the interest of the city in the Blue Ridge Railroad, and have to report:

That the interest of the city in the Blue Ridge Railroad consists in the ownership of 10,540 shares of the capital stock of the company, for which the City Council has paid \$1,054,000. The rest of the stock, consisting of about 13,500 shares, formerly owned by the State, is now supposed to be owned by a few men by virtue of a pretended purchase from the State through the agency of the sinking fund commission.

The storm which prevailed yesterday afternoon was most severe in the Midlands counties, at some points, the force of the tempest was without precedent. The storm was particularly destructive in Staffordshire. In the Town of Stafford, the station of the London and Northwestern Railway and a number of other buildings were unroofed by the winds and completely wrecked.

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The Times, commenting on the lookout of various building craftsmen, some twenty thousand in number, says: The inevitable result of trade disputes is an inevitable increase of the price of the products with which England supplies the world, and that the consequent loss to England will make coal and iron dear, and that in consequence England will lose the advantage of her resources and products.

A New York boy five years old was shockingly mutilated by a leopard in Central Park. Peter Cooper, of New York, condemns the act, and has collected nothing to sustain them.

The Government and Frank D. C. Mood's stores, in Milwaukee, were struck by lightning and totally destroyed. Loss \$145,000.

The Charleston News.—We had the pleasure of a visit, yesterday, from W. E. Simmons, Jr., agent for THE CHALLENGER NEWS, who comes among our citizens in the interest of that excellent journal.

THE CARNIVAL OF SOUND.

MUSICAL SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF THE BOSTON FESTIVAL.

The Jubilee Esthetically Considered—An Incomprehensible Medley—The Phenomenal Voice of Leutner—About the Mighty Chorus, and what Art Thinkers of.

The musical part of the Peace Jubilee has now been developed sufficiently to enable one to judge of its merits. Let me say then in review that it presents to the musician or the critic one of the most incomprehensible medleys of successes and failures that was ever called to express an intelligent opinion upon.

The committee on retrenchment and relief reported, through Alderman Bowen, upon the petition of the Union Widows' Home, asking that the institution be continued, and recommending the granting of the petition for at least another year. Adopted.

Alderman Johnston, from the committee on contracts, reported that two proposals had been received for making the proposed alterations in the city appraiser's and treasurer's offices, one from George W. Egan at \$2900, and another from William Wallace at \$3300: The report was received as information, and action deferred.

The Mayor reported that, in view of the approaching election, he had deemed it necessary to make a small increase in the police force under the authority invested in him by the statutes, and that he had reappointed Officer May upon the detective force.

Alderman Voigt called attention to the wretched condition of some of the streets through which the tracks of the Charleston City Railroad were laid, and inquired if the railroad company were not required to keep the roadway between their tracks in order.

Alderman Sigwald gave an assurance that the matter should be attended to, and the meeting then adjourned.

Groesbeck Getting Ready to Retire.—Groesbeck's friends have no idea that he will allow the use of his name to embarrass the Baltimore Convention.

A Brand-New Schemer.—Horatio Seymour has been made schemer of Tammany.

Removal of a Congressional Carpet-Bagger.—James H. Platt was today renominated for Congress by the Republican Convention of the Second District of Virginia.

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More Arrests—One Man Shot.—Deputy Marshal Maloney, of Newberry, with a posse of five soldiers, made a raid upon the residence of Mr. John Bleasie, in Edgefield County, near Saluda Old Town, Sunday night.

Drinking Water.—Drinking wine is a habit; so is drinking spirits, acid, coffee and water.

A SOUTHERN SENSATION.

A POETESS BEATEN BY THE DIVORCED WIFE OF HER HUSBAND.

Strange History of a Handsome Virago—Her Desperate Attempts at Assassination.

Yesterday morning, while Mrs. A. M. Holbrook was engaged at her toilette, No. 208 Constance street, she became conscious that some one had entered her apartment, and, turning to observe the visitor, was instantly fired upon by a well-dressed woman, standing in the door.

Horror-stricken at the evident attempt at assassination, Mrs. Holbrook faced her assailant, and after the discharge of a second shot succeeded in clutching the weapon. The two women struggled for some seconds, and the pistol at length dropped upon the floor.

The report of the pistol attracted the attention of an aged colored cook, who gave the alarm, and a white servant named Mary rushed to the rescue. She seized the assailant, (who proved to be Jennie Bronson, the divorced wife of Mr. Holbrook.)

The attack created the wildest excitement, the servants left in a body, and in probably less than five minutes Jennie Bronson held unimpeded possession of the house.

Mrs. Holbrook, whom the doctor found to be quite faint from loss of blood, presented a most deplorable picture. The unhappy lady had received a deep laceration in front of the forehead where the hair joins it, one inch long on the left of the head and a similar wound on the right of the head.

Jennie Bronson reached the city from New York yesterday morning, and at once secured a room at the Hotel de la Ville, at the corner of Magazine and Jackson streets.

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The New York Vegetable Market.—The Daily Bulletin, of Monday, June 24, says: Potatoes are quiet at the large decline noticed yesterday.

THE GRAND CENTRAL AND EUROPEAN HOTELS.

A WRITER IN HARPER'S, IN A SOMEWHAT LENGTHY ARTICLE, PROVES THE SUPERIORITY OF AMERICAN OVER EUROPEAN MUSIC.

Charles Dickens upon his last visit to this country, having formerly dipped his pen in sarcasm, wrote again to tell us that he had revised his opinion, and that he had now, in his merits, a few of these have hitherto been adulated here on a small scale.

But it has remained for H. Lyman Powers, New York, with a master mind and a liberal heart, to combine the best features of both systems upon the grandest scale of the world has ever witnessed.

The Maiden Dream, in Balie's beautiful opera of the "Bohemian Girl," "I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls," has, no doubt, been fully realized by scores of pretty maidens who have thronged its marble halls and corridors.

The most practical feature, however, is that Mr. Powers at the start placed his charges below that of other first-class hotels, and made a dollar per day difference between the upper rooms and the lower floors, this offering the advantages of the largest and finest hotel in the world at rates less than those in other second-class hotels.

Of the many jurors called on Stokes's trial, to-day, there was not one who had not impressions, opinion, bias or prejudice, the jury when completed, will be much more intelligent than on any murder trial here for years.

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THE PALMETTO GUARD RIFLE CLUB MAROON.

This popular corps have determined that their approaching anniversary shall be spent in a manner befitting their name and fame, and will leave Mount Pleasant, the beaten track of the "re-antenned marooner," for the historic shores where Ashley's waters glide.

First, the company medal, an honored relic of the Palmetto Guard, and presented to them in 1861, by the ladies of Charleston. The second and third prizes will be respectively a heavy silver ladle, a silver ice-pitcher, and a silver butter-knife and spoon.

The Palmettoes will meet at Archer's Hall, on Saturday morning, at half-past six o'clock, and with their invited guests and detachments of the Washington Light Infantry and Sumter Rifle Clubs, leave Accommodation wharf on the Pilot Boat, at seven, for the Ashley River.

The programme will be to visit the different points of interest, and then the company will land at the Palmetto Phosphate Works for target exercise and general enjoyment.

The ladies have signified their intention to form a principle feature on this parade, and "eyes iron" will be a difficult order to execute about that line.

There is a legend that after the parade comes—something, to fill up the hiatus, on the principle that nature abhors a vacuum; but this is for the escort to affirm or deny.

For the information of members of the order of Knights of Pythias in this city and State, we extract the following from a press report of the proceedings of the Supreme Lodge.

The matter of procuring uniforms is not compulsory upon the members. Each lodge has the right to uniform or not.

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THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

In the District Court, before Judge S. Harmon, yesterday, the matter of Solomon C. Harmon, on the petition of John A. and H. G. Harmon, the 17th day of July next was appointed as the time to continue the hearing of the evidence.

The petition of Susan Witkowsky, creditor, to establish a lien against the estate of Witkowsky & Hyams, bankrupts, was referred to Geo. D. Bryan, Esq., to examine into the facts and report.

In the matter of Leander A. Bigger, bankrupt, the amendments to the specifications of Mitchell Jacobs, creditor, were read, and the case was ordered to be placed on the docket for trial at the October term of this court.

The court then adjourned until ten o'clock this morning.

In the Common Pleas, before Judge Graham, yesterday, the following cases were disposed of:

A. H. Brown vs. Kirkpatrick & White. The jury being unable to agree a mistrial was ordered.

B. B. Smith vs. Isaac S. K. Bennett. Verdict for the defendant.

Chisolm Brothers vs. Robert Fishburne. Referred to the judge, who decreed for the plaintiff two hundred and sixty-six dollars and thirty-two cents, with interest from the 30th January, 1868.

James Dobbin vs. J. P. M. Epping. Action for damages for breaking into plaintiff's trunk and searching same. Verdict for the plaintiff for five hundred dollars.

The following cases are fixed for trial to-day: Beeder vs. Ulmer; Toomer vs. Humbert, executor; Bernard vs. Crimball; Pritchard, trustee, vs. Irby; Dowling & Co. vs. Padgett; Straban vs. Street Brothers & Co.; Small & Co. vs. Street Brothers & Co.; Kornahren vs. Kornahren.

Hotel Arrivals—June 25.

Pavilion Hotel.

W. W. Cloud, Doko; W. W. Rawls, Ridgeville; W. H. McKarter, Maryland; E. S. Terry, New York; J. W. Valentine and wife, New Jersey; Mrs. E. White, Florida; W. S. Usey, George's Station; J. Davine, Georgetown; Mrs. M. C. Brown, Mrs. W. A. Perkins, S. A. Torlay, P. B. Mounzon, South Carolina.

Charleston Hotel.

P. Venman, Wilmington, N. C.; J. A. Selby, H. S. Johnson, Columbia; M. P. Carroll, Augusta; John C. Winder, North Carolina; Wm. Griffith, Boston; S. O. Gillett, Augusta; D. E. Penney, Boston; S. A. Perry, New York; L. E. Griffin, Alton; G. Floyd, New York; Wm. M. Hall, Connecticut; Mrs. M. E. Ross, E. J. O'Connor, Augusta; Rev. A. J. Hartley, South Carolina; G. W. Babo, Jr., Boston; W. H. Geddings, G. W. Hunting, Alton; E. T. Cowdrey, Boston; V. Smith, Long Island.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Conveyances of Charleston Property Recorded During the Past Week.

February 2, 1872, St. Philip street, w. a. one lot, Wm. Hyatt to Maria Bell, \$ 800
March 8, 1872, corner Hudson and Meeting streets, one lot, W. G. DeSaussure, reliever, to Agnes Milnor, 8,600
March 14, 1872, East Bay street, w. a. one lot, H. DeLeon, reliever, to G. V. Anker, 6,400
May 6, 1872, Washington street, w. a. one lot, sheriff of Charleston County to Louisa M. Horbeck, 300
May 17, 1872, Serret street, w. a. one lot, Lewis Sanders to F. E. Wilson, 350
May 28, 1872, Corner Anson and Gulgand streets, one lot, Wm. H. Treco et al to Bernard O'Neill, 700
May 28, 1872, Serret street, w. a. one lot, Louis McKickar to Ann McKee-gan, 750
June 3, 1872, Amber street, s. a. one lot, No. 45 by J. H. Phelps of Charleston County to James Babal, 2,286
June 3, 1872, Ferry slip, Queen street, sheriff of Charleston County to Dureya de Cohen, 300
June 17, 1872, Lambell street, w. a. one lot, Edward Lowman to Arthur Barnwell, 5,216
June 18, 1872, Magnolia Cemetery, lot No. 1146, Magnolia Cemetery Company to Simpson Adkins, 128
June 18, 1872, Serret street, w. a. one lot, A. F. Black to D. J. Glen, Jr., 750
June 18, 1872, St. James Cross Creek tract, Daniel F. Baxter to John C. Meyers, 600
June 20, 1872, Serret street, w. a. one lot on King street, Michael Darcy to Thomas Cartmill, 2,900

Funeral Notices. THE RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. BENJ. J. PARKER, of Mr. and Mrs. W. Miller, and of George and Mary members of the Central Church, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Services of the former, at the Central Church, THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.

THE RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES D. GARDNER, and of his brothers John and Robert, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral Services of the former, at his late residence, No. 64 Morris street, at 5 o'clock THIS AFTERNOON.

Special Notices. GRANT AND WILSON RATIFICATION MEETING—Those persons desiring to participate in the Ratification Procession and Mass Meeting to-morrow (Wednesday) EVENING will assemble on Meeting street, between Calhoun and John streets, instead of Military Hall, as previously published, where Banners, Torchlights, Fireworks, &c., can be had.

The Procession will form at 8 o'clock precisely, march through Calhoun street to King, down King to Broad, down Broad to Meeting, up Meeting to Wentworth and to the Military Hall, where several Speakers will address those assembled.

ROOMS REPUBLICAN CITY CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, CHARLESTON, S. C., JUNE 25.—To the Republican Voters of the City: Pursuant to the order of the Committee of Arrangements, the several Ward Clubs and other Republican organizations, and all Republicans generally, are hereby requested to assemble on Meeting street, near John, THIS EVENING, at half-past 7 o'clock precisely, to join and participate in the grand torchlight procession in honor of the renomination of U. S. Grant.

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The Descent of the Exodus, Journeyings on Foot in the Wilderness, &c. Forty Years Wanderings, undertaken in connection with the Ordnance Survey of Sinai and the Palestine Expedition, by H. Palmer, M. A., with Maps and Illustrations, \$3. Jesus, by Charles F. Deems, numerous Illustrations, \$5.

Paul of Tarsus, an Inquiry into the Times and the Gospel of the Apostles of the Gentiles, \$1.50. George B. Woods, M. D., L. D., Historical and Biographical Memoirs, 2 vols., \$5. Women's History, by Mrs. Charles Bayly and Douglas, Edited by William Walsh, \$1.50. Robert and William Chambers' Memoirs and Autobiography of Stephen Collins, M. D., \$1. Annual Register of Science and Industry for 1871. Persons' Names, by Wm. L. King, \$2. Astronomy and Geology compared, by Lord Kelvin, \$1.50.

The Student's Own Speller, a Manual of Declension and Orthography, by Paul Reeves, \$1.25. City and County Reminiscences, by Wm. J. Boile, A. M. The first four parts of this unique edition of Shakespeare, comprising Merchant of Venice, The Tempest, A Midsummer Night's Dream, and one in handsome Volume, with Illustrations, \$3.

Aldine Edition of the Poets, to be completed in 1872, by Messrs. Aldine, Murray, and Co. Merry Maple Laves, or a Summer in the Country, by Abner Park, Humorous Illustrations, \$2.

THE LATEST NOVELS. LORD KILGOBBIN, by Chas. Lever, cloth \$1.50. My Shirl, or the Story of a Boy's Life, by G. A. Miller's Story of the War, or the Pictishie, by one of the 7,600,000 who voted Yes, (from the French of E. de Morny), cloth \$1.25. The Frenchman's Story, by G. A. Miller, \$1.25. The Gilded Schemer, paper \$1.00. The Gilded Schemer, paper \$1.00. The Gilded Schemer, paper \$1.00.