

Friday Morning, April 11, 1873.

The practice indulged by so many Legislatures of passing Acts incorporating various companies, to be sold by the incorporators on a speculation, has received a timely check in Pennsylvania, by a veto from Governor Hartranft.

Captain Jack is a sensible brave; he keeps close to his lava beds, and refuses to be interviewed—so persistently refuses, that even the special Herald reporter durst not dare cross the dead line.

THE CHARLESTON PRESBYTERY.—This body, composed of the ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church in Charleston, Beaufort, Colleton, Orangeburg, Richland and Barnwell Counties, of this State, commenced its spring session Wednesday evening, in Zion Church, Charleston.

"The women to the boats!" rang through the Northfleet, and with her officers drawn up in line on the quarter deck and her commander standing with a loaded revolver at the gangway, as many as might be were saved.

AN ARKANSAS EMIGRANT RETURNED.—WHAT HE THINKS OF THAT LAND OF PROMISE.—The Perry (Houston County) Journal relates the following experience of a Houston County negro, who emigrated to Arkansas a few weeks since.

Fire.—A fire broke out on Tuesday morning on Mr. Thomas Sloan's place and spread with great rapidity over the adjoining plantations of Mr. Wm. H. Robinson and Mr. James Harvey, causing considerable damage.

THE MEETING IN EDGEFIELD.—At a public meeting, held in Edgefield on the 7th instant, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas reports are in circulation in regard to the conduct, by certain County officials, of their respective offices, which reflect gravely upon the integrity of said officials, which create apprehension in the public mind as to the faithfulness of the public servants in the discharge of their respective duties, and which render it eminently proper and desirable—both on the part of the said officials and in behalf of all men interested in the welfare of the County—that inquiries be instituted into the nature of the said charges; and whereas a large number of citizens of the County of Edgefield, being desirous of ascertaining the indebtedness of the County, the misapplication of the public funds, if any there be, and of investigation of the County finances generally, have invited their fellow citizens, without regard to party, to institute such proceedings as may be necessary to accomplish said objects; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the people of Edgefield County, in public meeting assembled: That the financial condition of Edgefield County demands a thorough investigation of the books and conduct of its County officials, to ascertain its present indebtedness, how it has arisen and how it can be liquidated; the public defalcations, and the amount of their defalcation; and that, in order to make this investigation searching and thorough, a committee, consisting of John Haies, Chairman; E. A. Lynch, Robert Groes, Lyman Simmons, Jesse Jones, R. T. Mims, Lawrence Cain, John L. Addison and D. L. Turner, be appointed, whose duty it shall be to inspect the books of all County officers relating in any way to the financial condition of the County; who shall report through the Edgefield Advertiser, and each other of the public presses as they may deem proper, a full statement of the result of their investigations; that upon full and fair examination of the official books of the County officers, as above directed, and defalcations found against any of said officers, the committee shall report the same specifically, forward a copy of their report to the Governor and Attorney-General of the State, the Solicitor of the Circuit and the foreman of the grand jury of the County, and require indictments to be preferred against such defaulters; that the committee are requested to report to the chairman and vacancy which may occur by the failure of any member thereof to serve, and thereupon he shall fill such vacancy immediately; that the committee are earnestly requested to commence their investigations forthwith, and to pursue them vigorously to a result, in the cause of public patriotism, public justice and public honesty.

Resolved, That the committee are authorized and requested to call a meeting of the people of the County whenever, in their judgment it is advisable and proper.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.—The following is the result of the election for Directors of South Carolina Railroad Company and South-western Railroad Bank, held in Charleston, on Wednesday last:

RAILROAD DIRECTORS.—Wm. J. Magrath, Geo. A. Trenholm, L. D. DeSaussure, John Hancock, Andrew Simonds, Geo. W. Williams, Henry Gourdin, Francis J. Pelzer, Daniel Tyler, Wm. A. Courtenay, James S. Gibbs, James P. Boyce, Samuel Sloan, Moses Taylor, J. P. Southern.

BANK DIRECTORS.—J. C. Cochran, L. D. DeSaussure, G. A. Trenholm, J. H. Wilson, W. A. Courtenay, G. W. Williams, F. J. Pelzer, J. S. Gibbs, W. J. Magrath, W. A. Pringle, Henry Gourdin, J. Hancock, James Conner.

Before the opening of the polls, yesterday morning, Messrs. Cabbage and Cohen announced that they were not candidates for the office of Director of the railroad.

Commenting on the affairs of the road, the News and Courier says:

Gentlemen who were regarded as persistent foes of the present board frankly acknowledged that they were well pleased with what had been done, and declared that they deemed the prospects of the road exceedingly bright. The suggestions which were made as to the sale of real estate and other property, as to the adjustment of salaries and the like, were left to the discretion of the Directors, and will, doubtless, receive their earnest consideration. All the old board were re-elected, with the exception of Messrs. Moses Taylor and Samuel Sloan, of New York, and J. P. Southern, of Columbia, who were chosen to fill vacancies. These gentlemen will be welcome additions to the board. A unanimous vote of thanks gave full voice to the cordial well-done of the stockholders, and the earnest remarks of Gen. Cannon, congratulating the stockholders upon the able management which had saved the road from falling into the hands of the rings, were received with hearty applause.

STARTLING REVELATION.—A hand-bill is in circulation in this community, a copy of which has been placed in our possession, advertising a book entitled "A Shell in the Radical Camp, or an Exposition of the Frauds of the Republican Party in South Carolina." The book is written by Samuel B. Hall, ex-Probate Judge of York County, and, according to the advertisement, "shows how the ballot box has been used and the votes burned, and who has been bought and sold to get office, from the highest to the lowest officer in the State." The advertisement also states: "To make this work complete, the author has screened no one, not even himself, and gives the names in full of parties who stole money out of the State Treasury during the last Legislature, and who tried to steal it for him."

A TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AND SERIOUS CONFLAGRATION—LOSS OF LIFE.—The alarm of fire, last night, about half-past 10 o'clock, was caused by the burning of several buildings on King, at and near the corner of Warren streets. The store and dwelling at the North-west corner of King and Warren streets was occupied by Mr. E. Klein, who kept a grocery store in the lower part, and who, with his family, lived in the upper portion of the house. The family consisted of Mr. Klein, his wife and four children, who had retired for the night, and were all asleep, when an explosion took place which shattered the house in fragments and set fire to the ruins. Whether the explosion was caused by a keg of powder or a barrel of kerosene oil is not known, nor is it known by what means it became ignited. The noise caused by it was heard several blocks off, and fragments of the house were hurled to a distance of 200 feet. Miss Klein, the eldest daughter of Mr. Klein, states that she was awakened by the shock, and found herself nearly buried in the ruins, which were in flames. Soon after this, a colored man rushed in and dragged her from the place; but what became of her mother, who was lying beside her, she does not know. Klein, with two of his children, managed to make his escape, and the fourth child was subsequently found. It is supposed that Mrs. Klein perished in the flames, as no trace of her could be found, notwithstanding the most diligent inquiry. The house was an old and rotten building, and the ruins was at once wrapped in flames. The alarm was promptly given, and the firemen were quickly on the spot, but a scarcity of water and the high winds for a time baffled their efforts, and the old wooden shanties in the vicinity became speedily a prey to the devouring element. From the corner house, the flames communicated to the store immediately North, occupied by Mr. Salvo as a fruit and produce store, and this was speedily consumed. The store on the South-west corner, occupied by Mr. Thomas Dalwick as a furniture store, next caught fire and was also destroyed.

FATAL AFFRAY.—A correspondent of the Evening Herald writes as follows, under date of Edgefield, April 9:

We had a serious affray in our usually quiet County, last night, resulting in the death of one man and the badly wounding of another. The facts of the case, as heard from the man who came to the village after a proper officer to hold an inquest over the body of the man who was killed, are: On last Monday, two colored men left the farm of some parties in Georgia, across the Savannah River, opposite our County, and came over to this State. They stopped on the plantation of Mr. Sharpton, and took dinner with his hands and stopped there over night. On Monday night, two men, by the name of Bussy, the same that the colored men had been at work for, came over from the Georgia side, and found the two colored men on Mr. Sharpton's place, and they took the two colored men, and also several of Sharpton's hands, out, and whipped them severely. They then left, saying that they would take those two men back, dead or alive. They came back last night, and met with a very warm reception, as the colored men were prepared for them. The Bussys brought with them last night two men by the name of Fob. When they came on the place to put their little scheme into execution, they were fired into, the shots killing one of the Fobs and breaking the thigh of the other. The Bussys then left.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM.—There was quite a destructive gale on Tuesday afternoon of last week, beginning in the Bullock's Creek section, in the Western part of this County, and continuing its course Eastwardly, passing Chester, Rock Hill, Lancaster and Charlotte, N. C. In this County, near the scene where the storm seems to have originated, its fury was most violent. It extended for a breadth of 100 yards, uprooting and breaking down trees and scattering fences. On the premises of Mr. E. A. Black, it was particularly destructive, and in the damage to his property, he sustains a serious loss. His barn, stables, cotton-house, smoke-house, crib and fodder-house were unroofed; a tree was blown down, falling on the kitchen, injuring that building; a portion of the roof of his dwelling was blown off, and one of the doors lifted from its hinges. Besides the damage to his buildings, much fencing was also wrecked, and several fine fruit trees literally lifted from the ground. Many of Mr. Black's neighbors, living in the track of the gale, sustain serious loss also; but, so far as we have heard, the ravages of the storm were not so great in any other locality. To such a distance were rails blown, and so great was the destruction of timber, it was necessary to employ wagons and teams to clear away the debris and restore the rails and other timbers to their proper places. Mr. Black's neighbors were very prompt in rendering him the necessary assistance to repair damages to his property, which kindness he asks us to acknowledge.—Yorkville Enquirer.

DEATH OF H. B. McMASTER, Esq.—Again we are called upon to chronicle the death of one of our best citizens. Mr. H. B. McMaster departed this life on Tuesday last, after a painful illness of about three weeks, in the fifty-fourth year of his age. He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and by his sterling integrity had won the esteem of all.—Winnabro News.

ENTERPRISE.—The chief of the Newberry Progressive Age has married, and the editor of the Newberry Herald has had a baby christened. Go it! A woman in Gardiner, Mo., weighs sixty-five pounds less than she did before the surgeons removed her from a tumor on which she had grown.

Local Items.

CITY MATTERS.—The price of single copies of the PHOENIX is five cents.

All the leading papers in the country are on file in the PHOENIX office, for the inspection of the public.

The latest styles wedding and visiting cards and envelopes, tastily printed, can be obtained at the PHOENIX office.

As Good Friday is recognized as a general holiday, the publication of the PHOENIX will be suspended to-morrow. Tri-weekly subscribers will be furnished with the Daily.

A festival in aid of Columbia Division No. 6, Sons of Temperance, comes off on the evenings of April 14, 15 and 16, in Irwin's Hall. The object is a worthy one.

Turtle soup for lunch to-day, at the Pollock House—the monster amphibious animal having been decapitated yesterday. Families can be supplied with soup and steaks by applying early.

The robbers have appeared in Wilmington and Charleston. The Waverley House, in the latter city, was robbed on Wednesday night. Look out, Columbia may be next.

A pocket-book, containing a number of surgical instruments, was found by a colored man, yesterday. The owner can obtain them by applying at PHOENIX office.

R. Means Davis, Esq., now occupies the editorial chair of the Winnabro News. He has had some experience in newspapering, as occasional correspondent for several papers.

The Phoenix Hook and Ladder Company went through a very successful drill, last night, with nine working members. The ladders were worked in the short space of fifty-five seconds.

Asbill's lightning gin saw filer is a recent invention—simple in construction and effective in operation. The patentee is traveling throughout the State, for the purpose of disposing of this very useful machine.

The almanac-makers were correct in their prognostications as to frost during this week. Yesterday morning, the grass and fences in the vicinity of Columbia were perfectly white. The young fruit and vegetables will likely suffer.

A card from the proprietors of the Gallego Mills, of Richmond, Va., will be found in another column. This is one of the most extensive flouring mills in the South, and the brands manufactured are very popular.

We are indebted to President Melchers for a card of invitation to the "Deutsche Schutzen Gesellschaft," which comes off in Charleston, on the 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th of the present month. These celebrations attract immense crowds, and are peculiarly enjoyable.

Mr. Wright, of Sheffield, England, proposes to supply the world of the future with gas for light and heat made from common air by means of electricity. It is only to cost fifteen cents per 1,000 feet. He has patented his process, so if it works, Wright will be all right.

Revue de la Mode, Gazette de la Famille, is the principal fashion publication of Mr. S. T. Taylor, importer, 816 Broadway, New York. It is thoroughly illustrated with colored and plain fashion plates; has paper patterns, etc. Subscription price \$3.50 per annum.

Conductor Duffy picked up three passengers, yesterday morning, at Orangeburg—one colored and two white. At Lewisville, the colored brother left the train, and when a halt was made at Fort Motte, nine miles distant, his white friends discovered that their valises had disappeared. They immediately about-faced and started on a backward tramp after the supposed robber.

"The colored troops fought nobly," might be paraphrased to "the colored troops yelled horribly," as applied to a few drunken members of the Chamberlain Rifles, as they reeled through Main street, making night hideous. But, if the police made no arrests, of course no one has a right to complain. The police are the best judges of violations of the peace; oh, yes—of course they are.

THE RIGHT KIND OF CITIZEN.—The savings bank depositor is a better husband, father, neighbor, friend and citizen, than one who does not save. He takes his wife into his business and confidence, as he should do. She knows how much he makes and saves, and his example inspires her with greater economy and ambition for improvement and independence. Thus, too, are the children brought up. They should all have their little savings bank deposit. Teach the children of the country the great lesson of the value and the power of money thus saved and invested, (not hoarded,) that the moment the child deposits fifty cents he becomes a capitalist, and the prosperity of the country is assured. To learn to work and save is the fount of every virtue. Such is the stuff of which virtuous and prosperous States are built one.

In the case of Sergeant Charles H. Roberts, Eighteenth United States Infantry, who has laid in jail for a long time upon a charge of bigamy, the writ of habeas corpus was heard at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, before Trial Justices Richmond and Stratton. Certain affidavits were produced, showing that Charles H. Leslie, the prosecutor, has been a deserter from the same regiment since the 9th of March last. After a thorough examination of the case, Sergeant Roberts was discharged upon his own recognizance, to appear when called upon. James A. Dunbar, Esq., appeared for the State; Lionel J. Noah, Esq., for the prisoner.

"Is there any money in it?" This is the great touch-stone by which all propositions are tested now-a-days. In everyday business life, in politics, and we fear, in many cases, in religion, it is the criterion which decides the question. If a friend broaches a new project, the first question he is met with is, "Is there any money in it?" If a person approaches another on the subject of accepting an office in the gift of the people, the first question that arises is, "Is there any money in it?" And so on throughout the various transactions of life. So intricately is this question of dollars and cents interwoven in all the affairs of life, that, if the motive for any uncommon act brought to public notice cannot be traced to this root, it is very apt to stamp the actor as a lunatic.

THE SPRING OPENINGS.—Yesterday was certainly a gala spring day, and the beauty of the promenading ladies, the brightness of the weather and the pleasant temperature of the atmosphere all tended to make it so. These openings at the fashionable millinery establishments of Mrs. Reed and Messrs. R. C. Shiver & Co., attracted great numbers. Some of the bonnets gave immense satisfaction, but to describe what particular style of hat or bonnet will be worn this spring, would be an impossibility, as the fashion of to-day may be changed to-morrow. It is generally understood, however, that Tuscan and chip braids will be the favorites; black Neapolitan may also be in good demand; while "Planchette," "Montana," "Thistle," "Favorite" and "Celeste," will be much admired. The trimmings most spoken of will be two shades of Nile and peacock, with an elaborate display of field flowers, light colors being the most sought after. The discriminating judgment and refined tastes of Mrs. Reed are as proverbial as her unvarying success in suiting her patrons and the novelty and freshness of her styles. She thoroughly compasses the requirements and wants of our people. At her inviting rooms may be found all types of patterns for bonnets, hats, dresses, baques, sacks, etc.

To-day and to-morrow Messrs. Kinard & Co. have their "opening." The ladies are invited to be present.

MEMORABLE DAYS.—The month of April is full of days commemorative of eventful periods during the late war. On the 2d, Richmond was evacuated, and occupied on the 3d by the Federals, in 1865; on the 6th, the bloody battle of Shiloh, in '62; Island No. 10 surrendered on the 7th, in '62; battle of Pittsburg Landing on the 7th, in '62; surrender of Gen. Lee on the 9th, 1865; Fort Sumter first bombarded on the 12th, and surrendered on the 13th, in '61; on the 13th, the war ended, practically, in '65; Sherman occupied Raleigh, and Lynchburg surrendered on the 13th, in '65; on the 14th, President Lincoln was assassinated and Andrew Johnson inaugurated on the 15th, in '65; all North Carolina forts and arsenals were occupied by Confederates on the 16th, in '62; President Davis was captured on the 16th, in '65; Virginia seceded on the 17th, in '61; Massachusetts volunteers mobbed in Baltimore on the 19th, in '61; Gosport Navy Yard evacuated and burned by the Federals on the 20th, in '61; Harper's Ferry burned on the 20th, in '61; Lower Mississippi opened on the 24th, in '62; Fort Macon captured on the 25th, in '62; on the 26th, Gen. Joe Johnston surrendered and J. Wilkes Booth was shot; on the 28th, Admiral Farragut captured New Orleans, in '62; on the 29th, in '63, occurred the battle of Grand Gulf; on the 30th was fought the battle of Sabine Fork, in '62. Thus we see the greatest events of the unhappy four years occurred during this month.

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Northern mail opens 6.30 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.; closes 8 P. M. and 11.00 A. M. Charleston day mail opens 6.15 P. M.; closes 6 A. M.; night opens 7.00 A. M.; closes 6.15 P. M. Greenville opens 6.45 P. M.; closes 6 A. M. Western opens 6.30 A. M. and 12.30 P. M.; closes 8 and 1 P. M. Wilmington opens 3.30 P. M.; closes 10.30 A. M. On Sunday the office is open from 3 to 4 P. M.

Fire.—We regret to learn that the saw and grist mill belonging to Capt. James Douglas, residing about nine miles from the city, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning last, about 12 o'clock. Besides the pecuniary loss—which is about \$1,200—the neighbors will be inconvenienced, as this was the only grist mill in the neighborhood. The cause of the fire is unknown.

THE MONTH OF APRIL.—According to the ancient Alban Calendar, when the year consisted of ten months, April was the first, and had thirty-six days. According to the calendar of Romulus, it was the second month, and had thirty days. The twelfth month calendar of Numa gave it the fourth place, with twenty-nine days; but when Julius Cæsar reformed the year, it was given thirty days, and has so remained till the present time. April is the flower-producing month of showers and sun-shine. Hence the proverb:

"April showers Make May flowers."

PHOENIXIANA.—An inquiring youth asks, "Can a thin person properly be called a swell?"

In the tropics, summer is perennial, but at Niagara they have a perpetual fall.

What word may be pronounced quicker by adding two letters to it?—Quick.

If twenty grains make a scruple, how many are required to make a doubt?

Unredeemable bonds—Yagabonds. The original water works—Eve's eye.

A waiting race—The next generation. A running account—The bankrupt's balance at the banker's.

Net profits—A fisherman's. Man advertises, then realizes.

RAILROAD DISASTER.—On Wednesday night, the freight train on the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, which left here for Wilmington, consisted of six cars; one loaded with rosin, one with lumber, three with cotton, and one with telegraph material. The train passed on without incident till within about forty miles of Wilmington, near Grist's Station, just beyond the North Carolina line. A farmer in this vicinity had been burning off some land. The fire had gotten beyond his control and communicated to the woods, through which it had swept to the railroad track, setting on fire a large quantity of wood corded along the track. The fire consumed the ties for a considerable distance.

The conductor saw the smoke some time before the fatal spot was reached, but as he had been running through smoke most of the night, thought nothing of it, and the train went thundering on. All of a sudden, the engine struck the place where the ties had been destroyed, and was thrown into a burning mass of wood. The car loaded with rosin and the lumber car were thrown from the track, and the whole train piled upon the engine. The fire in the engine and about the track at once communicated to the inflammable materials which composed the freight, and the whole train was in flames in a short space of time.

The entire train was burned, together with all the contents of the cars, and the engine—No. 22, a new one just put on the road—is a perfect wreck. Nothing except the axles can again be used. This loss to the company is not less than \$40,000.

The engineer received a severe cut on the head and had his hands badly burned, and the wood passer, a colored man, had one of his legs broken. All the other hands escaped unhurt. There were no passengers on the train. News of the disaster was telegraphed to Wilmington, and a force sent up to repair the track and clear away the rubbish, which was accomplished in time for the passage of the regular passenger train Southward yesterday.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Gallego Mills Manufacturing Co. Wanted.—Situation. Temperance Festival. Mules and Carts Wanted.

AT THIS VERY HOUR.—Thousands are suffering from fever and ague, or languishing in that condition of debility which the variable weather of the season is apt to produce, especially if the nervous system be particularly sensitive and the physique delicate rather than robust. All these sufferers, however much they may deserve sympathy, are nevertheless the victims of their own want of forecaut. A course of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, commenced a month ago, would have exempted them from their present troubles. Having neglected prevention, let them at once adopt the means of cure. A wineglassful of that genial vegetable tonic and alternative taken twice or thrice a day, for a week or two, will afford effectual relief in any case of intermittent or remittent fever, chronic indigestion, constipation, biliousness or nervous weakness, and a perseverance in the use of the restorative will prevent the possibility of a relapse. Ap6t311