

Is the Pope Dying?

Pope Pius the Ninth has had a number of escapes from death by various attacks of illness, but he is now stricken in years, and cannot expect exhausted nature to do much for him in the way of recuperative resources.

THE POLICY OF EXTERMINATION.—The diversity of opinion among the daily papers in reference to the Indian policy now to be pursued is remarkable.

BEECHER ON SOUTH CAROLINA.—He Prays for the Indians.—Henry Ward Beecher, in a characteristic sermon at Plymouth Church, Sunday, drew on South Carolina for an illustration.

INFORMATION WANTED.—A letter has been handed us, making inquiries about Mr. Wilson C. Bruce, who lived in Sumter for many years previous and up to 1869.

A Beaufort fisherman while fishing for drum, hooked a turtle weighing about 150 pounds.

THE SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—PROFITS TO BE INVESTED IN THIS STATE.—ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE.—COLUMBIA, S. C., April 2, 1873.

Resolved, That this meeting occur in the plan proposed for a local department of the Southern Life Insurance Company at Columbia.

Adjoined meeting of Trustees of the Southern Life Insurance Company for the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Youmans was then called upon to read the articles of agreement, which, being read, were adopted and signed by the following trustees:

James E. Black, A. H. Waring, LeRoy F. Youmans, J. P. Southern, Rev. Dr. Merriweather, F. W. McMaster, George Symmers, H. Muller, R. D. Seun, Wm. Wallace, Edwin J. Scott, R. C. Shiver, Dr. O. H. Miot, Dr. G. S. Trezevant, D. H. Chamberlain, Edward Hops, W. P. Hix, John B. Moore, Johnson Hagood, E. B. Cash, Clark Waring, Wm. H. McCaw, G. Diercks, Jos. D. Pope, John S. Wiley, J. H. Kinard, W. D. Love, C. D. Melton, M. O. Butler, John C. Seeger, George W. Bearden, F. W. Wing, P. O. Loric, W. B. Gallick, Rev. S. B. Jones, J. L. Neagle, E. W. Wheeler, W. K. Baehman, John B. Palmer, R. A. Keenan, O. H. Baldwin, W. C. Swaffield, R. O'Neale, Jr., D. B. Miller, J. M. Mackey, G. A. Shields, J. T. Sloan, Jr., Paul S. Felder, C. O. Puffer.

On motion of Colonel J. B. Moore, a committee of five were appointed by the Chair to nominate officers to serve the ensuing year.

The Chair appointed John B. Moore, J. L. Neagle, W. F. Hix, G. A. Shields and E. Hops, who retired and reported on return the following:

For President—James E. Black. For Vice-President—J. P. Southern. Secretary—A. H. Waring. Executive Committee—J. B. Palmer, R. D. Seun, R. C. Shiver, J. C. Seegers, R. O'Neale, Jr., LeRoy F. Youmans.

Mr. James Black, the newly-elected President, was conducted to the Chair, and, upon taking his seat, addressed the Trustees in a few well-timed remarks, and urged upon them their hearty cooperation.

The following resolution was offered by Col. John B. Moore, of Sumter, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be instructed to prepare and issue an address to the citizens of South Carolina, setting forth the claims of the Southern Life Insurance Company to their patronage and support.

Upon motion of Dr. Neagle, it was resolved that the proceedings of the meetings be published in the daily papers.

Upon motion, the Board adjourned, subject to the call of the President.

A. H. WARING, Secretary. The following is the address of the Executive Committee to the people of the State, in accordance with the resolution of the Board of Trustees:

SOUTHERN LIFE INSURANCE CO., COLUMBIA, S. C., April 22, 1873.

To the Citizens of South Carolina: The Trustees of the Columbia branch of the Southern Life Insurance Company, with its principal offices at Memphis, Tennessee, and Atlanta, Georgia, respectfully invite your attention to the claims of this company to public confidence and support.

It was organized in 1866, amid the gloom and despondency following the close of hostilities, and was the pioneer in its peculiar and beneficent field.

We have been solicited, and have, in order to found one grand organization for the whole South, consented to join this worthy enterprise.

The annual meeting of the Port Royal Railroad stockholders will be held on Tuesday, the 20th inst.

One of the prime objects of the organization is to check the drain of capital from the South, and at the same time to furnish to the people as safe and as honestly managed a company as can be found in any section.

Have the people of this State any conception of the immense sums of money yearly taken from the South for life insurance? By calculation, based on the best statistics which can be obtained, it is estimated that a sum of not less than \$6,000,000 or \$8,000,000 is sent every year from the South for this purpose, the aggregate amount since the war being over \$50,000,000.

The Columbia branch is under safe and discreet management, and a just proportion of the funds constituting the reserve will be securely invested in our State for the development of the material interests of our people.

Losses will be adjusted at the Columbia office, without the trouble, expense and uncertainty attending collections at remote points and from unknown persons.

In order to check the immense drain of capital from the South to the North, we have made satisfactory arrangements to transfer parties who are now paying premiums to Northern companies, without loss or additional annual outlay.

We urge upon our fellow-citizens the consideration of the subject and the great importance of keeping capital at home.

The central office at Columbia and the auxiliary offices throughout our jurisdiction, will furnish all information and receive applications for insurance in this Company.

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THE MODOCS.—It seems that these ferocious savages do not live by hunting, but that they are root-eaters, thus forming an exception to the rule which assigns root-eaters to the lowest class of Indians.

"Not far from where they now stand at bay, they point to a high rock, upon which a band of their warriors was once beleaguered. All retreat being cut off, and no escape possible, except by voluntary death, the Modocs stood up in line upon the brink of the dizzy precipice, sang their death song with defiant gestures, in full view of their enemies on the plains below, looked their hands and sprang with a shout of triumph to instant death."

A HORRIBLE TALE OF MURDER.—A dreadful murder was committed near Camden, in this State, on Friday night last. About five years ago, Robert Pierce, then at work for Alexis Beeman, seduced his employer's daughter, and married her after the birth of their child.

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Local Items.

COY MATTERS.—The price of single copies of the Phoenix is five cents.

A tale of misery—the cock-tail.

There was great complaint yesterday of the impure water in the pipes.

The almanac makers promise rain at the end of the month.

Elijah Levy, a colored carpenter, in the employ of Captain Parker, died suddenly Sunday night.

To-day is the anniversary of the evacuation of New Orleans by General Lovell, in 1862.

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

Attention is directed to the list of articles that Mr. Geo. Symmers advertises in another column.

Miss O. R. McGowan will accept our thanks for cards of invitation to the May celebration by the pupils of her school, at Irwin's Hall, on Thursday evening next, May 1.

Additions to and improvements in the wires of the Western Union Telegraph line in this city are being made.

The base ball season is approaching, when those who enjoy the fun of bruised faces and bodies, dislocated finger joints and other amusing (?) incidents to the national game can be gratified.

Did our lady readers ever hear their young lady acquaintances ask each other, "What's your politics?" and then giggle.

The court martial which convened in this city, Monday, for the trial of enlisted men, is waiting for the arrival of soldiers from different points, charged with various offences.

Dr. E. E. Jackson, in addition to other attractions, has placed in his store a curious and very beautiful ornament.

It is a glass tube, arranged in the form of a fountain, through which the water is forced by an air pump.

As we probably shall have summer, by and by, it may be interesting to know that matting is considered by many medical practitioners to be far preferable to carpets as a covering for floors in summer.

The Governor has appointed Millege W. Turner and Wm. Parkman Trial Justices for Edgefield County; James A. Bowley and Neptune Bell to be Commissioners of Pilotage; H. M. Thompson, of Barnwell County, as Notary Public; W. C. Glover as Trial Justice at James Island, Charleston County, vice M. F. Becker, who was not confirmed by the Senate.

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GRAND LODGE I. O. G. T.—The lodge was called to order, at Winstboro, at 8 1/2 P. M., Tuesday.

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GOOD TEMPLARS.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 7, Good Templars, held their stated meeting at Masonic Hall, Tuesday evening, a large number of the members being present.

THE RAILROAD INVESTIGATION.—The joint committee, composed of members of the House and Senate, appointed during the recent session of the Legislature, to investigate the taxable property of the South Carolina Railroad, now in Charleston, is composed of R. Turner, W. A. Grant and O. Minor, of the House, and W. B. Jersey and Beverly Nash, of the Senate, all colored.

SUPREME COURT, COLUMBIA, April 23. The Court met at 10 A. M. Present—Chief Justice Moses and Associate Justices Wright and Willard.

GET YOUR STAMPS.—Special taxes hitherto assessed are, under the new law, to be paid by stamps.

THE CHARLESTON SPRING MEETING.—The preparations for the approaching Floral Fair and the spring meeting of the State Agricultural Society, both of which begin in Charleston on Tuesday next, are being completed with a degree of taste and care which promise the most complete success for both of these attractive events.

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