

The Claims of the Conservative Press.

The methods by which public opinion in this State can be influenced for good are more limited now than they were while it was in its normal condition. Schools no longer supply their full contingent of justly-thinking men to go forth stately and do their part in purifying and enlightening the public mind.

Our young men who receive the benefits of college training, have to leave the State for the purpose. When they return, they view the country more as a foreign land than a home in which to reside, or as a suitable field for their activity.

Perhaps the most powerful instrument in moulding the views and opinions of a community is an unfettered press. Even where it exists under restrictions, as in some of the countries of Europe, where it has to be licensed, and its voice uttered only under the rigors of censorship, it surpasses all other agencies in giving information of current events, and rivals the pulpit itself in its approach to the inner consciousness and deepest thoughts of men.

We are apprehensive that our people do not fully appreciate the value and usefulness of the only institution, so to speak, which is left to them in its integrity and entirety. They do not give it a cordial and an ardent support.

The Union-Herald said a few days ago that "there are twice as many Democratic papers in this State as there are Republican journals. All of them are liberally supported by their friends, and by their so-called enemies."

The Augusta Chronicle and Sentinel learns that there is a large amount of cotton on the line of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad, between Augusta and Batesville, awaiting transportation.

CONSERVATIVE JOURNALS DO NOT RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO FROM THEIR FRIENDS.

These friends do not adequately appreciate the importance and effect of correct views, of fair statements, of urgent appeals, and of fearless exposures daily going from the centre to the extremities of the State. They do not put the proper estimate upon printer's ink, when shed in a righteous cause.

There is a man bearing the appropriate but not quite complete name of Nast, who figured, during the last Presidential canvass, as a caricaturist in Harper's Weekly newspaper. He was a fit contributor to the dirty journal of civilization. It was his delight to make absurd sketches of Horace Greeley and other good men.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate, when the following Acts and joint resolution were duly ratified: An Act to incorporate the Reform Apollo Society, of Charleston; to incorporate the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, of Edgefield County; to incorporate the Good-Will Presbyterian Church and Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, of Sumter County; to revive, renew and amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Home Insurance Company, of Charleston;" to charter and make public Kirby's Cross Road to the Big Pee Dee Road, Marion County; joint resolution to confer upon Mrs. S. A. McBride, executrix of the estate of James McBride, deceased, the same powers conferred upon J. A. Mayes, executor of said McBride, by a joint resolution approved January 31, 1873.

Stokes reached his four years home in Sing Sing yesterday, and naturally appeared in good spirits. He liked the cut of his convict's pair of striped pants, and remarked, with an assassin's bonhomie, that they had no pistol pocket. What a pity! Our young dandies who have a homicidal inclination will note these things as indicating how serenely a murderer will outlive for them in a trip up the river.

DEATH.—On Sunday evening last, the protracted bodily sufferings of Mr. John J. Brown ended, and his fettered spirit departed in peace. Mr. Brown was a native of Sumter County—was born near where he died—had attained his sixty-ninth year, and was a quiet, unassuming, industrious and upright citizen.

DEATH OF MR. BOLICK.—Mr. Levi M. Bolick, who was shot by Mr. Hezekiah Duncan, at Wimbush, on the 24th of October, died on Sunday morning. For several days he seemed to be doing well, but on Friday, a hemorrhage ensued, and he sank gradually until Sunday.

EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1873. SENATE.

The Senate assembled at 12 M., and was called to order by President Gleaves. Mr. Cardozo presented the accounts of Mrs. M. A. Quirk, for services rendered as teacher.

Mr. Nash presented the accounts of E. R. Stokes, Republican Printing Company, and sundry accounts against the Clerk of the Senate.

Mr. Whittemore introduced a bill relating to certain bonds of the State of South Carolina illegally issued; also, a bill to repeal Section 2, Chapter XXX, Title 7, of the General Statutes.

Mr. White—Bill to regulate the receipt and disbursement of public funds.

Mr. C. Smith introduced the following resolution, which was adopted: Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to send to the Senate all appointments made by him since the adjournment of the last session of the General Assembly, which by law are required to be confirmed by the Senate.

The concurrent resolution directing the Attorney-General to have enforced the provisions of Section 2 of Article XIV of the Constitution, and Sections 1, 2 and 3 of Chapter CXXXV of the General Statutes, relating to lotteries, was ordered to lie on the table.

At 1 30 P. M., the Senate adjourned.

The alarm of fire was sounded in Wall-halla on Wednesday morning last, about 10 o'clock. The fire originated in the workshop of Mr. John Kaufmann—was the result of accident—and consumed the shop, kitchen, &c. One cow was burned in the stable. The loss is small.

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QUINN, IOWA, OCTOBER 31.—Quite a commotion was created yesterday by Sheriff Liddy serving notice on sixteen different life insurance companies in this city.

These suits have been instituted against them for an amount aggregating not less than \$217,500. The code of Iowa says that foreign life insurance companies, in order to do business in the State, must file with the Auditor of State a statement made up under oath, of their condition, and procure of the auditor a certificate authorizing them to engage in the business; and for every day's neglect to obtain such certificate while doing business, the company is liable to a penalty of \$100.

The Southern Claims Commission will, about the middle of December, report to Congress on 2,500 claims, being 300 or 400 more than last year. The amount involved is upward of \$1,000,000; the former award being about \$900,000.

The family of Mr. Miller, the mail agent on the South-western Railroad, in Georgia, who was killed in the collision at Seago Station, has instituted suit, or intend doing so, for \$10,000 damages.

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OUR MARRIAGE. Sabina, for the Phoenix.

Her fruit is already looking up, in anticipation of the holidays. A much-needed rain fell yesterday, which essentially lessened the drought.

The Great Eastern Circus drew immense crowds at Macon. Boy fair, and sell fair, take care of the profits, advertise, and be economical. The stalls and booths at the Fair Grounds are to be let out to-day, at auction.

When the cat's away—the cook finds it difficult to explain how the cold meat goes. A boiler exploded at Greenwood, several days ago, by which two individuals lost their lives.

The employees of the Great Eastern Circus presented Mr. Andrew Haight, the senior proprietor, with a handsome testimonial. The presentation took place at the State Fair in Macon.

A lady had several hundred dollars' worth of point lace clipped off her clothing by an adroit thief, while she was at church singing "strip me of the robe of pride—clothe me in humility."

Jack Chambers arrived in Columbia, yesterday, bringing with him the well-known animals, "Hickory Jack" and "Molsey." Sporting men and fine stock are daily putting in an appearance.

The PHOENIX, this morning, contains a two-column account of what can be seen under the several canvases occupied by the Great Eastern Circus, Menagerie, etc. It is a monster exhibition, and one which circus-goers and curiosity-seekers will appreciate.

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HOUSE ARREST.—November 4, 1873.

Wheeler House—J. L. Wilson, Sumter; J. Spauldick, Aiken; J. M. Johnson, O. C. McCoy, Chester; J. M. Tobias, N. Y.; A. McCade, Pa.; D. S. Hatcher, N. Y.; C. I. B. Marsh, J. P. Hatcher, D. D. Dancy, N. C.; C. Girard, N. C.; J. B. Hatcher, N. C.; Webster, Orangeburg; E. Aldrich, Sumter; A. G. Tunstall, E. C. Gray, N. C.; E. Cohen, T. Steere, O. N. Moody, N. Y.; R. H. Gillespie, Charleston; Jas. Woodrow, city; S. W. Medinger, S. E. Briggs, J. Howe, T. K. Carey, T. E. Carey, Md.; T. B. Johnston, Sumter; N. G. W. Walker, Barnwell; Mrs. N. Levin, Charleston; J. C. Massingale, Ga.

Henry House—J. J. Payson, Newberry; J. T. Reynolds, J. W. Sanders, I. Wallace, N. C.; O. J. Harris, city; J. O. Clarke, Md.; Mrs. A. Bryson, Miss Alice Bryson, J. T. McCallough, Y. Nail, H. A. Gibson, Fairfield; H. S. Desportes, Ridgeway, A. Evans, Winstonsburg, J. A. Cannon, Fannin; Miss O. Henry, Chester; G. H. Nicholson, N. C.

Rose's Hotel—N. B. Williams, Aiken; J. O. Ladd, J. K. Jilison, J. G. Friday, John S. Harris, H. H. Jilison, city; W. Jackson, Ohio; A. B. Knott, T. O. Andrews, G. Bolivar, J. H. Walters, Orangeburg; J. T. McCallough, Y. Nail, Fairfield; Louis Schiller, Aiken; J. Brown, Marion; R. O. Clifton, Chicago; D. Jane, Marion; J. E. Betson, Milwaukee; S. T. Thomas, N. Y.; J. S. Samuel, Pa.; D. F. Leahy, Newberry.

Columbia Hotel—H. H. Colcock, M. M. Hutson, Port Royal; R. T. Burkle, Pa; G. H. Grace, N. Y.; S. C. Gilbert, O. A. Speisegger, Charleston; S. V. Bunting, P. P. Co.; F. Armin, Hamburg; D. Fearhaley, N. Y.; O. R. Levy, Charleston; G. Scott, Leroy Sreoch, Great Eastern Circus; Dr. G. W. Abney, Newberry; J. M. Seigler, G & C R R.

NEUROUS DEBILITY.—A DEPRESSED, IRREPARABLE STATE OF MIND; WEAK, NEUROUS, EXHAUSTED FEELING; NO ENERGY OR ANIMATION; CONFUSED HEAD, WEAK MEMORY, OFTEN WITH DEBILITATING, INVOLUNTARY DISCHARGES. The consequence of excesses, mental overwork or indiscretions. This NEUROUS DEBILITY finds a SOVEREIGN CURE IN HUMPHREYS' HOMEOPATHIC SPECIFIC, No. 28. It tones up the system, arrests discharges, dispels the mental gloom and despondency, and rejuvenates the entire system; it is perfectly harmless and a safe efficient. Price \$5 for a package of five boxes and a large \$2 vial of powder, which is important in old serious cases; or \$1 per single box. Sold by ALL Druggists, or sent by mail on receipt of price. Address HUMPHREYS' SPECIFIC HOMEOPATHIC MEDICINE COMPANY, No. 562 Broadway, N. Y. For sale by GRIGER & MCGREGOR, Columbia, S. C. April 11th

Auction Sales.

BY JACOB LEVIN. TO-MORROW (Thursday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, weather permitting, I will sell, at my Store, a general variety of FURNITURE, belonging to a respectable family declining in business, keeping, among which are: Black Walnut Hair-Seat Chairs, Gane-Seat and Windsor Chairs, Mahogany Sofas and Divans, Centre Tables, Mahogany French Bedsteads, Cottage Bedsteads, one Marble-Top fine Oak Bedstead, Extension Table, Wardrobes, Mattresses, Carpets, Cooking Stoves, &c., with a variety of articles useful to families. Sale positive, without reserve, for cash. Nov 5

Richland Lodge, No. 39, A. F. M. THE Regular Communication of this Lodge will be held THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, in Masonic Hall, at 7 o'clock. By order of the W. M. Nov 5

Notice. ALL persons indebted to me will please make payment by the 15th of this month. Otherwise, their accounts will be placed in an attorney's hands for collection. All who have Guns or Pistols in my establishment will please call for them within thirty days' time, or they will be sold at owners' risk. P. W. KRAFT. Nov 5

Family Supplies. NEW BUCKWHEAT and SYRUP, Gosbon and Pine-apple Cheese, Sugar-cured Ham and Breakfast Strips, Smoked Beef and Tongue, new crop Gunpowder, Colong, Japan and Hyson Teas. All fresh and for sale as low as the lowest for cash. HOPE & GYLES. Nov 5

Stanley's Cough Syrup CURES all kinds of Coughs, Hoarseness, Bronchitis, Inipient Consumption. Try it; don't delay; a Cough gets worse with every day's neglect. For sale at HEINITSH'S DRUG STORE. Nov 5

Something for the Children SUFFERING with Coughs, Colds, Croup, Diphtheria: Cough Confections, Cough Kisses, Jim Crow, Carbolic and Horehound Lozenges, Althea Drops and Junbu Paste. All excellent for Coughs and Colds. Fresh and good, at HEINITSH'S DRUG STORE. Nov 5

A Marvelous Medicine FOR the Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Heinitsh's BLOOD PURIFYING LIVER PILLS. Cures Liver Complaint, Headache, Stomach Disorders, Indigestion and Constipation. For sale only at HEINITSH'S DRUG STORE. Nov 5

GROCERIES A SPECIALTY. THE trial of the CASH system has proved a success. Good goods, low prices and bankable money are triumphant. We now offer to our customers a select assortment of choice GROCERIES, at the very lowest prices, FOR CASH ONLY: Treble Gilt Edge BUTTER, 40 cents per pound—best in market. SYRUP, from 35 cents per gallon and upwards. BACON, dry salted clear rib sides, 10 cents per pound. BACON, smoked clear rib sides, 11 cents per pound. Cured Beef, of choice quality, 12 cents per pound. Sugar-cured Canned Ham, 17 cents per pound. Sugar-cured Plain Ham, 15 to 16 cents per pound. Rio Coffee, green, 25 cents per pound. Rio Coffee, parched, 35 cents per pound, or 3 pounds for \$1. Lagayra Coffee and best Rio, 30 cents per pound. Old Government Java Coffee, 3 pounds for \$1. Crushed, Powdered and A Sugar, 7 1/2 pounds for \$1. O Sugar, very fine, 8 pounds for \$1. Green Tea, 50 cents per pound; new and choice, \$1 per pound. Black, 50 cents per pound and upwards. Fresh Ground Meal and Pearl, \$1 per bushel. Also, Bolted Meal, Great Grist, Choice Family Flour, and all other select goods in our line. We believe, with friend Symmers, that Hams at 10 to 12 cents advertise themselves before they are seen, but we don't deal in spoiled meats, we cannot add them to our catalogue. Nov 5

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