

The Centennial, North and South

The Charlotte Observer justly complains of the silence observed at the New England centennial celebrations as to the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence...

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Dealing in 'Futures'. Madame Liang, a favored mortal to whom the future is an open page, all nature a mere spelling-book, and the starry firmament a tall-tale story, has been honoring Baltimore by her distinguished presence and exciting it by her rapid disappearance...

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CHARACTERISTIC SPEECH BY EX-GOVERNOR WISE.—At the John Mitchel memorial meeting, held in Richmond, Va., on Thursday evening, ex-Governor Henry A. Wise was one of the speakers.

He said he had no opportunity to prepare a set speech, and he needed none on such an occasion. He was half Scotch and half English, but in the very blood of his heart he was an Irishman. He had known John Mitchel well, and he sympathized with him because he was an unreconstructed rebel, as he was.

He alluded to the many obstacles with which Mitchel had to contend, and how he battled bravely with them all. Since the term "felon" had been applied to John Mitchel, it was the highest word on the roll of honor. He would consider it more honor to bear the name felon, as bestowed on Mitchel, than D'Israeli's title of Premier.

During the present session of the Court of Common Pleas for the County of York, Judge Mackay rendered the following important decision as to the competency of jurors who cannot read in cases involving an examination by the jury of documentary evidence.

In the trial of an issue of fact, involving the examination of a written or printed instrument, it is a good ground of challenge to a juror, that he cannot read. The fact that a citizen duly drawn as a juror cannot read would not disqualify him as such, but would go to impeach his competency in the special case stated.

A juror may be unable to read, and yet may be possessed of a sound judgment and of great mental vigor. The only mental qualification prescribed by statute for jurors is that they shall be "persons of sound judgment."

But if the judgment is to be exercised in the examination of a written instrument, the only avenue through which it can be certainly informed is closed to him who cannot read its contents.

Thus the case presented for the consideration of the jury, may arise under an indictment for forgery, and the defense may be that the party whose name is alleged to have been forged to the note or draft in question, authorized the accused to sign his name thereto; and the accused may thereupon present in evidence the written authority, alleged to have been executed by the person whose signature he is charged with having forged, and may adduce letters admitted to be in the own proper handwriting of such person, in proof of the authenticity of the alleged authority to sign.

Clearly, in this case, the verdict would be upon the competency of the writer of the letters and the writer of alleged authority to sign, and also upon the further question, whether the terms of the latter did convey the power to sign. The jury in such case must rest their judgments upon the writing themselves, the authority to sign being denied.

This class of evidence will be to a juror, who cannot read, as if it did not exist. So in a case of libel, where the jury are the judges of the law as well as the facts; the offence consists in the writing and publishing of false, scandalous and malicious statements; &c. The alleged libel must be set out in its full tenor and terms. If the juror cannot read, and if he is to repose his judgment upon the alleged publication as read in Court, it follows that his verdict must rest upon the evidence that he gives to him who reads, and not upon the writing itself.

Why, therefore, does the law require that the libelous writing itself shall be produced before the jury, and that they shall judge of the facts, and whether, as proved, they constitute a libel under the law? It will be admitted that total deafness would be good ground of challenge in a case where the testimony is oral; and yet written testimony is to the man who cannot hear. In the case before the Court, therefore, involving the examination of written instruments in evidence, the jurors who cannot read will be excused.

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CITY MATTERS.—If you are asked to lend your PENNIX, suggest to the would-be borrower that he had better subscribe.

A sure preventive of chicken cholera—bring them to Columbia.

All sorts of weather for the past week—heat, cold, rain and sunshine.

Why are the days in summer longer than the days in winter? Because it is hotter in summer, and heat expands.

Two Irishmen traveling on the South Carolina Railroad track came to a mile post, when one of them said: "Tread easy, Pat; here lies a man 108 years old—his name was Miles, from Charleston.

You can get all styles of job printing, from a visiting card to a four-sheet poster, at the PENNIX office. Prices satisfactory.

Miss S. S. Spann, of Sumter County, but a resident of this city for the last three years, died on the evening of the 26th instant, aged 84 years.

Boys, do not rob the bird nests. After all the little feathered songsters' ingenuity at nest hiding, there are lads who have the industry and perseverance to hunt them up.

C. J. Laurey, opposite PENNIX office, will receive this day 50 barrels choice Russett and Baldwin apples. Orders from the country will receive prompt attention, and satisfaction guaranteed.

The number of persons confined in the County jail is reported to be thirty-eight. In anticipation of the continued and additional use for the cells, the jailor is making this resort of the guilty or unfortunate, as the case may be, more habitable and healthful. Whitewashing, not of the political sort, is going on. Improvements here and there are projected and in progress.

DULL.—The following, from the Greenville News, exactly describes the death in this market for locals, and if something don't turn up soon, we will have to borrow the "cat" story spoken of:

"If there was a local item stirring around, yesterday, we were not able to catch up with it. If things don't 'liven up,' we will be forced to print our 'cat' story, in order to furnish our readers with a palatable dish of hash. Did you ever read a News 'cat story,' reader? If not, look out."

TABLEAU VIVANTS.—The ladies of the Monument Association most gratefully tender their thanks to the citizens of Columbia for the crowded audience which greeted their exhibition Monday night.

They also offer to Mr. Cramer their earnest thanks for his zealous and efficient aid, and for the liberal terms conceded for the Opera House; also to Mr. Ly-Brand for his band. They are also indebted for many graceful contributions by the ladies of the city, and to the young gentlemen who so kindly acted as door-keepers and ushers, and for a generous gift by the orphan grand-daughter of Mr. W. Corcoran, of Washington. To the children who made the beautiful exhibition, the present reward is their rich enjoyment of the scenes the future recompense will be to see the triumph of the "cause" to which the monument is consecrated.

ANOTHER DEATH.—Mr. Wm. Douglass, of this County, who has been suffering intensely for several months past with a cancer of the eye, died Monday night. It is supposed he died from exhaustion, as he had not been able to eat anything scarcely for several days before his death. The cancer so affected his throat that he could not swallow.

SUPREME COURT, TUESDAY, APRIL 27.—The Court met at 10 A. M. Present—Chief Justice Moss and Associate Justices Wright and Willard.

The Eighth Circuit was called. Susan Trotter, appellant, vs. William W. Robinson, respondent. Mr. Earle was heard for appellant; Mr. Norton was heard for respondent.

Thomas A. Daniel, respondent, vs. Ansel Swearingen et al., appellants. Mr. Burt was heard for appellants. Mr. Thomson was heard for respondent; Mr. Burt was heard for appellants, in reply.

The cases of the State vs. Lydia A. M. Van Wyck et al., appellants, vs. Isabella H. Norris et al., respondents; same vs. same; same vs. same, were heard together. Mr. Burt for appellants; Mr. Earle for respondents; Mr. Burt for appellants, in reply.

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William Perry, appellant, vs. the Sullivan Manufacturing Company, respondent. Mr. Earle for appellant; Mr. Sullivan for respondent.

Samuel McGee et al., appellants, vs. the Piedmont Manufacturing Company, respondent. Struck off.

At 3 P. M., the Court adjourned until Wednesday, 28th, at 10 A. M.

LADY WASHINGTON'S TEA PARTY.—Lady Washington's Tea Party was held last evening, and was a brilliant success.

The new and beautiful hall of the Richmond Rifle Club was handsomely decorated for this festive occasion, and here Lady Washington and the stately Father of his Country received their friends in the most finished and courtly style.

Among the distinguished through, we recognized Generals Greene, Sumter, Putnam and Gates, with their staff officers. General Benedict Arnold was absent, and it has transpired that he was at the time in treaty with the British to surrender to them the strong fortress at West Point. May some blast, red with uncommon wrath, overtake the traitor who would owe his greatness to his country's ruin. Wm. Penn, in the costume of the Quaker seet, was so obliging as to step down from another age to honor the occasion with his presence.

From tastefully decorated booths, which lined the walls, ices, sherbets, coffee, tea, salads, &c., were dispensed by the attendant maidens, (for cash,) and little fairies tripped lightly here, there and everywhere with pretty bouquets, which they were induced to part with for a just consideration. The little young-old lady who lived in a shoe knew exactly what to do, and gathered in the dimes very assiduously.

The venerable clergy, the gay cavalier, gallant officers in blue and grey, the scholar, poet, bibliophile, (who kept the money,) stately matrons and radiant demoiselles, combined to make the evening delightfully memorable. In mirth and social interchange the hours sped by and the special objects of the Mother of her Country were no doubt largely advanced.

A second levee will be held this evening, when there will be a departure from the usual grand ceremony. A minuet will be danced by ———— and ————, and General Washington, just for this once, will indulge in a reminiscence of his youth, and appear in the garden backing at the historical cherry tree, and will defy any amount of cross-questioning upon that famous feat.

THE LIBEL CASE IN CHARLESTON.—The result of the Charleston libel trial is reported to our despatches. It is equivalent to an acquittal, and we congratulate the State and our friends of the News and Courier upon the termination of a vexatious suit, which was malicious in its origin and conduct, and which struck at the great and inestimable privileges of free speech and free press. These have been vindicated signally and handsomely.

LIST OF NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Meeting Columbia Schuetzen Verein. H. & S. Beard—Auction.

Funeral Invitation. The friends and acquaintances of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Marks and family, and of Miss SARAH STUART SPANN, are invited to attend the funeral services of the latter, at the grave, (Presbyterian Church,) THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock.

Columbia Schuetzen Verein. A REGULAR Monthly Meeting will be held THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, in Schuetzen Halle, at 8 o'clock. By order: F. D. KONEMAN, Apr 28 1 Secretary.

Military. OF THE LATEST STYLE! also, Ladies' and Children's SUITS of all sizes and quality. UNDERWEAR, CORSETS, HAIR and FANCY GOODS. Just received, a large assortment of Women's PEFUMERY, at

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City Taxes.—Final Notice. THE City Treasurer's books will be open until 1st May, proximo—after that date executions will be issued and placed in the hands of J. E. Dent, Esq., Sheriff. RICHARD JONES, City Treasurer. April 27 3

Columbia Ice House. ICE Shippers make a large crop at lower cost the past winter than in any previous winter in the history of the business. I have made arrangements for a full supply of superior ICE for the present season, at lower rates than in any former year, and propose to reduce the rate to City Consumers as follows:

100 pounds and upward, 14c. per pound; less than 100 pounds, 15c. 50 pounds and upward delivered within the limits of the city free of charge. JOHN D. HATMAN, Agent. Apr 27 1mo

Ye Grande Martha Washington Tea Party! Will be given at YE BIBLE CLUB HALL. Ye following days: TEUCRACY, APRIL 27TH. Ye First Party. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28TH. Ye Second Party.

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