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SATURDAY, JULY 1, 1876.

Democratic Nominees.

The National Democratic Convention met at St. Louis and accomplished its work in short order. Tilden of New York, was nominated for President and Hendricks of Indiana for Vice President.

Not Beyond Reproach.

Democrats are not beyond reproach, even in South Carolina; and in the North and West the members of the Republican party are in every way the peers of the Democracy.

Hurrah for the News and Courier. The National Republican couldn't do much better than the above. This centennial year is having a glorious influence on newspaper editors.

On To Victory.

The march of the Republican party is to be onward! The critical period in its career has been passed. Political sagacity and unselfish patriotism have triumphed in the abandonment at Cincinnati of all personal considerations and factional interests.

For this self abnegation, the surrendering of personal favorites, and the unanimity displayed by all when the choice of the convention was made known, the delegates of the several States deserve and will receive the thanks and gratitude of the country.

Good citizens everywhere have watched these proceedings with anxiety and disgust, and will hail with rejoicing the prospect, now offered, of a deliverance from the misrule which if long continued would bankrupt the nation and cover its name with disgrace and reproach.

All hail to the awakened patriotism of the people, and to the standard bearers chosen to lead them out of darkness into light! Let every banner have inscribed upon it, "Union of good men for the preservation of good government."

The House of Representatives was lost by a defensive campaign. It will be recovered by the aggressive one now made possible. Under Hayes and Wheeler there will be no retreats sounded, no forced entrenchment of position, but a steady and irresistible forward movement that will not cease until every State lost is recovered,

and every position captured by Democracy is again under the Republican flag.

To believe otherwise would be to insult the intelligence and patriotism of the nation. Even those who have acted in good faith against the party, believing that Democracy had reformed and was capable of administering the Government, must have become convinced of their error by the repetition of follies on the part of the House of Representatives equal, if not surpassing, those which drove the Democracy from power in 1860.

These elements of strength exist in our party. If they are dormant the promise which comes from the names of Hayes and Wheeler should excite them to activity. If they have been withheld since the close of the war, the common danger which threatens the Republic from the ascendancy of Democracy should arouse them to again volunteer for the general defense.

The annual exhibition of the school of Mr. Hugo G. Sheridan came off at the St. Matthews' Academy on the 23d ult. under the most favorable auspices.

School Exhibition at St. Matthews' Academy.

The following programme was carried out: Prayer—Rev. J. H. Zimmerman. Song of Welcome—Miss Corbin. Let the Children Come (song)—Miss E. H. Van Lew.

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The interest manifested by every one present in the foregoing programme was marked and earnest.

The scholars all acquitted themselves with a great deal of distinction, and showed unmistakable evidences of much industry on their part, and care and persevering labor on the part of their excellent teacher.

At the conclusion of the programme, the entire party was invited to partake of a bountiful dinner. Later in the afternoon addresses were made by Captain Hamilton and Rev. J. B. Haskell, urging the young men and ladies of Mr. Sheridan's school to persevere and press forward with unflinching step in the great battle of life.

The whole affair was a splendid success, and reflected much credit upon both the head and heart of Mr. Sheridan. The St. Matthews' Academy will open again on the 1st Monday in September.

Barbecue and Fourth of July Celebration at Orangeburg.

The citizens are respectfully requested to form themselves into a procession at the Court House at 10 o'clock A. M., under the directions of the Marshals of the day, and will march to the grounds where the President and Vice-Presidents will take control of the further celebration of the day.

ORDER OF EXERCISES: Prayer by the Rev. Thos. Phillips. "Hail Columbia," by the Band.

1st Vice-President—Bon'j Byns. 2nd Vice-President—Aaron Simmons. 3rd Vice-President—W. H. Reedish. 4th Vice-President—John H. Livingston.

5th Vice-President—A. F. Browning. 6th Vice-President—Rev. Thos. Phillips. 7th Vice-President—Sam'l L. Duncan.

8th Vice-President—Thos. H. Jones. 9th Vice-President—Paul E. Jones. 10th Vice-President—T. C. Andrews. 11th Vice-President—C. W. Caldwell.

12th Vice-President—J. P. M. Fournes. Secretaries: J. H. Fordham, E. A. Webster, B. G. Fredrick.

Crators: Governor D. H. Chamberlain, Hon. W. J. Whipper, Hon. Th. Cooke, Hon. H. G. Worthington, Lieut. Gov. R. H. Gleaves, Hon. C. W. Buttz, Hon. W. B. Nash, Hon. E. W. Mackey, Hon. S. L. Duncan, Hon. B. Byas, J. Felder Meyers, J. Hammond Fordham, T. K. Sasportas.

Marshals of the Day: Chief Marshal—J. P. Mays. 1st Assistant Marshal—R. R. Duncan. Assistant Marshals—Richard Jefferson, April Kennerly, Andrew Pinckney, Ellis Collier, Joe. Larkins, Rufus Whetstone, Geo. Williams, J. G. Osborn, D. J. C. Knights, Marshal Jones, J. J. Jamison, J. H. Phillips.

Managers of Barbecue: F. M. Mellett, P. M. Gray, Jake Gean, Emanul Scott, David Hamilton, Peter Brown, Chas. Thorn, Leval Pauling, Jake Brunson, Pharah Roberson.

ORANGEBURG, S. C. 24, June 1876. To the Citizens of the Town and County of Orangeburg, and to all whom it may concern.

In consequence of the fire occurring this day, the Independent Elliott Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 of Orangeburg, S. C. is without a place to keep their apparatus and a Hall in which to hold their meetings.

The I. E. H. & L. Co. organized in 1860, starting on its career without property, but soon after purchasing the lot now owned by them, they through the kindly efforts of Friends and the public generally were enabled to erect thereon the fine wooden structure this day reduced to ashes.

The company however were not clear of debt after making this purchase and erecting this building, but succeeded by small payments in reducing the indebtedness, and by mortgage and assignment of Insurance Policy have been able to carry it.

The amount of Insurance with amount in Treasury will discharge all of our liabilities, and leave us an unnumbered title to lot. We the I. E. H. & L. Co., follow-citizens, propose with your aid, to re-erect on our lot, and to that end would request your careful consideration of the matter, believing that the good citizens will, to the best of their ability and means sustain us, who are organized for the protection of the life and property of our fellows.

Thanking you with a heart full of gratitude for past favors, we again solicit your contributions, believing that we have but to ask and we shall receive. We are, Fellow Citizens, Very truly your humble servants

J. W. Cannon, A. B. Walker, E. L. Salley, F. S. DeRiville, W. M. Sain, W. F. Robinson, F. DeMars, S. R. Mellichamp, P. W. Bull, A. H. Lewin, J. H. Wahlers, L. B. McCants, J. G. McKewen, J. L. Andrews, E. R. McKewen, C. A. Rausdale, John English, I. L. Reeves, T. B. Boyd, T. W. Feaux, S. A. Reeves, L. H. Wannamaker, P. G. Cannon, M. Albrecht, T. C. Andrews.

The following gentlemen are appointed a committee to receive subscriptions. J. H. Wahlers, S. R. Mellichamp, T. C. Andrews, S. A. Reeves, J. G. McKewen. By order of Company. L. H. WANNAMAKER, Secretary.

[COMMUNICATED] ORANGEBURG COUNTY, S. C., June 24th, 1876.

The citizens of School District No. 9, assembled at Fournes' Chapel on the 24th June 1876, to determine the amount of tax to be levied on all taxable property for Free Common School purposes in the District aforesaid for the current year.

The meeting was called to order at 12 o'clock A. M. and the object stated. W. S. Barton moved that Mr. H. M. Miller be elected Chairman to preside over the meeting, and A. D. Fair Secretary.

The motion was put before the assemblage and voted on as follows: 86 yeas, 112 nays. Lost by 26 votes. P. F. Funchess then moved for J. P. M. Fournes to be Chairman to preside over the meeting, which motion was put and resulted as follows: 112 in favor and 85 opposed. Mr. Fournes was declared elected by a majority of 72 votes.

A. T. Cain was elected Secretary by same vote. A motion was made and passed by the same 112 votes to vote by acclamation; then a motion was made by P. F. Funchess and passed, by the same vote, for three mills on the dollar on all taxable property in School District No. 9, local name, Middle Township: two mills for the purpose of paying teachers, one-half mill for back indebtedness, one-half mill for repairing and building public school houses for the current year.

A motion was made by Oliver Shuler for the adoption of the aforesaid resolutions. Adopted by the same aforesaid vote. A motion was made and passed to adjourn sine die. J. P. M. Fournes, Chairman. A. T. CAIX, Secretary.

Theory and Practice. It certainly speaks poorly for our systems of culture, that in practice we fall so far short of the crop which theory would lead us to expect. There is no theoretical reason why one hill of corn should be under correct practice, inferior to its neighbor. There is no reason we can give why one stalk should bear one or two ears, and its neighbor no ear at all.

easy to form such a supposition, for we have seen a hill of five plants bearing ten good ears of corn. To attain this supposition, all we would seem to have to do would be to plant uniform and carefully selected seed in a uniform manner, and give the field uniform and proper culture.

What the theoretical result of such a procedure in a field containing 29, 040 stalks to the acre, or a field planted in drills three feet apart, and with plants each six inches apart in the drill is shown by the following experiment.

We selected from the corn crib, May 5, three good, first class ears of corn, 8 1/2 inches long, of the eight rowed kind. The weight of the shelled corn, and the possible product of an acre of 29,040 ears, is as below:

Per ear Per acre. 5.57 oz or 10.109 lbs. = 188 1/2 bus. 6.14 oz or 11.144 lbs. = 199 bus. 5.00 oz or 9.075 lbs. = 162 bus.

We then selected a rather under average ear just 7 inches long, which has been laying on a shelf in my study since harvest, and was perfectly air dry, and found the grain weighed 1,806 grains or 4.128 oz. av. This would represent a theoretical yield of 7,470 lbs., or 133 1/2 bus. per acre.

When one medium ear per stalk will produce 133 bushels of grain (and dry at that) per acre, and one large or good sized ear will produce, in like manner, at the rate of 200 bushels per acre, and when experience tells us that very often two large ears are borne on one stalk, and occasionally three or even four ears result from a single kernel planted, it is unwise to be satisfied with an average crop of 35 bushels per acre, or even a large crop of 100 bushels, but should strive to so study into and solve the conditions necessary for success, as to obtain sometime at least an approach to the theoretical results.

We have but just entered upon the platform of farming as a study, and there is much that is encouraging in the consideration of the possibilities before us, there is much that is discouraging in the finding out of how little we rarely do know compared to what there is to be known; there is a further encouragement in the thought that all it requires of any one is careful thought and thorough trial, and correct reasoning to open up to the farmer the possibilities of nature, and to indicate to him, the courses which lead hope to his anticipations, and joy to his fulfillments.

Here and There in the State. Judge Cooke will hold an extra term of the court in Lexington, on the third Monday in July.

Miss Rose McFarland, of Long Cane, Abbeville, aged seventy-two years, has been in a very feeble condition, and is in a dangerous condition.

Erwin's, Knight's and the free bridge on Saluda river, and all the bridges on Reedy river from Greenville to its confluence with the Saluda, were swept away by the rain last week.

The Washington Light Infantry, of Charleston, has been presented with a beautifully executed portrait of General Washington, worked in silk floss. It was sent from Lyons, France.

Mr. John Smul, of Anderson, who was in feeble health, stooped to drink water on the mill road, at Anderson's mills, was seized with vertigo, fell with his face downward, and was drowned in water not more than a foot deep.

An engineer on the local freight of the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta railroad brings us the news of the killing of a colored woman on the track of that railroad, a few miles this side of Sumter, on Saturday evening last. The woman was lying asleep on the track, and was run over in the darkness and literally torn to pieces.

One of the penitentiary gards, named Andrew Harrison, with two convicts, attempted to go to an island in the river, to cut upland palmetto, when the vessel was upset and they were all dumped into the water. One of the convicts, named Peter Johnson, and the guard were drowned. The other convict swam ashore and reported the disaster on the 26th of June.

A CARD. I beg to acknowledge a general and generous help from scores of friends on the morning of the 24th, in saving my stock, and for other ready proofs of kindness, and to the freemen for so stubbornly trying to save my store. I take this occasion to notify my friends and patrons, that I have moved to the store on Russell Street next to Mr. T. W. Albergott, where I hope to renew business as soon as possible. JOHN A. HAMILTON.

NOTICE. At an extra meeting of the I. E. H. & L. Co., held this Evening, it was unanimously Resolved that our thanks are due and are hereby heartily tendered to the ladies who so kindly furnished us refreshments at the late fire. By order of Company. L. H. WANNAMAKER, Secretary.

Notice to Policy Holders of Southern Life Insurance Company. Please call at once at the office of the undersigned, to make proofs of your claims in Bankruptcy, bringing all papers in your hands not already delivered to us. IZLAR & DIBBLE, Cor. Church and St. Paul Street, June 30th.

NOTICE. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned with such persons as may be associated with them, will after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof under the provision of the act of General Assembly of this State, approved 20th February, 1874 and the amendment thereof, entitled "An Act to provide for certain charters," apply to George Boliver Esq., clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Orangeburg County, to grant them a charter for a corporation to be located in the Town of Orangeburg S. C. and to be known as the Patrons Mutual Aid Association.

W. F. Barton. W. S. Barton. H. L. Rickenbaker. F. H. Grambling. P. F. Grambling. Thos. A. Elliott. Jas. Stokes. W. W. Culler. A. M. Salley. M. L. Baldwin. J. H. Felder. A. C. Baxter. T. F. Barton.

Notice. The undersigned gives notice that he is the Assignee of MILTON D. HOOK, of St. Matthews, S. C., Merchant, and that Messrs. Izlar & Dibble, Attorneys at Law, of Orangeburg, S. C., are Agents for the Creditors of the said Milton D. Hook. JOSEPH H. BOWYER, Assignee. St. Matthews, S. C., June 19, 1876. June 24. Jm.

FAIR NOTICE. All Accounts due me, and not settled by the 1st of July, will be placed in the hands of a Trial Justice for Collection, as my circumstances will not permit me to give longer indulgence. J. W. MOSELEY. June 15th 1876. Jun 17. 3t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. ORANGEBURG COUNTY. By AUG. B. KNOWLTON, Esquire, J. P. Whereas, J. F. Watt, hath made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Wm. R. Watt, late of said county, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular, the kindred and Creditors of the said Wm. R. Watt, deceased, that they be and appear, before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Orangeburg C. H. on May 29th, next after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand, this 10th day of May, Anno Domini 1876. AUG. B. KNOWLTON, Judge of Probate, O. C. [LS] may 13. 4t

NOTICE. The fast trotting thorough-bred Stallion MAMBRINO TRUSTEE will stand the season at my stables. PEDIGREE. MAMBRINO TRUSTEE, by Mambrino Medley, he by Old Mambrino Chief; Mambrino Medley's first dam by Young Medley, a fine race mare, second dam by Stanley; third dam by Trustee; fourth dam by Speculator. MAMBRINO TRUSTEE's first dam Jenny Danney, by Holcolm; first dam by Lady Woodford, by Sir William Woodford; he by Woodford; first dam by Bertrand. MAMBRINO TRUSTEE was bred by George W. Ogden, Wrights Station, Kentucky Central Rail Road, Bourbon County, Kentucky. He is five years old, and has not had much handling, but what he had showed splendid action. He trotted on the Columbia track last fall at the rate of 2:45. THAD. C. ANDREWS, Orangeburg Livery and Saddle Stables. P. S. Board for a few naves can be had at my stables. april. 25th. 4t

DENTISTRY. DR. B. J. MUCKENFUSS. Having entirely Recovered from his Sickness, can be found at his OFFICE over Geo. H. Cornelson's Store, where he will be glad to SEE his FRIENDS and the Public.