

**THE RAILROAD CONSPIRATORS.**—Dr. Fitch, the leader of the gang of desperadoes arrested in Michigan, is a man of considerable talents, easy, insinuating address, and commenced his career of crime and robbery in consequence of a difficulty with the Railroad Company in crossing his premises with their track. He meditated vengeance, declared cars never should run over his lands in safety, and that he would blow them up even if he knew his own father and mother were in them. When by step he organized the gang, and became deeper and deeper steeped in crime. The Detroit Tribune gives the following lead in the history of the conspiracy. It shows a hue of villainy of the darkest dye:

At one of the regular meetings, which they were in the habit of holding periodically at their place of rendezvous, for the purpose of consultation as to future movements, and the division of plunder, was reported by some, in the order of business, that one of their sworn number, whose name was stated, had been detected in revealing some of the secrets that should have been known only to the initiated. Suspicions of betrayal were freely indulged in, and to the question, as to how the guilty one should be silenced, one of the convicts made the significant remark, that "lead men tell no tales!" Acting upon this hint, it was unanimously agreed that the punishment should be death; and that the duty of carrying the penalty into effect should be let out to the lowest bidder for the job!

The first offer was named at \$350 for assassination, and the bidding went on till the sum was lowered to \$100—the bidder reserving the right to put the victim out of the way in his own place and manner, and the time allotted not to exceed four days. This offer was the price finally agreed upon, and the money was immediately counted out and paid over to the fiend who had agreed to step his hand in the murder. The individual complained of, and thus singled out as the vicim of his vengeance, was one of the two who are mentioned as having been under pay of the Central Railroad Company for the purpose of detecting and bringing to justice this most abandoned gang of desperadoes.

Fearing that he had become suspected of treachery, he had disguised himself, and in the capacity of one of their more western accomplices, had presented himself by the proper pass words, and was present throughout this interesting comedy, when his life had become a price! At the first opportunity, after these interesting preliminaries had been settled, our "marked man" withdrew from the infernal cabal, little realising, as may be supposed, the warm position in which he found himself placed—making it the last time he ever met the precious gang in council, and being but a day or two before their official escape to our city, under the guidance of the sheriff and his posse.

**THE MAIL ROBBER.**—We shall have no papers by the Eastern mail to-day, (says the New Orleans Picayune of the 24th inst.) The mail had failed East of Charleston, and the newspapers mailed on this side of it were taken out of the boat of the stage between Montgomery and Mobile. The fellow who here stole a newspaper mail, if caught, ought to be sent at once to the works of the Fair.

**The Literature of Distinguished Men of South Carolina.**

South Carolina has been distinguished throughout the whole period of its history, by some of the most striking and brilliant characteristics that ever belonged to a nation. Founded in part by the best blood of France, the Huguenots, who escaped from the persecution that followed the revocation of the edict of Nantes she has afforded many brilliant examples of successful achievements in the arts, letters, in statesmanship and in arms. Bringing with them from France, as the early settlers did, the spirit of heroism which seems to be inherent in the French character; a love of personal independence, for which no nation was ever more distinguished than the Huguenots; a spirit of liberty and of aristocracy, (that aristocracy which is natural to heroic and splendid nations) these qualities were infused into the body of the people; and long before the American revolution, many noble examples of lofty character were exhibited in the history of the State.

It was, however, at the period of the American revolution, that the attention of the world was fastened particularly upon the part she played. South Carolina was the field of one of the fiercest and best fought struggles of that bloody era. We need scarcely allude to what took place there, for the events are engraven so deeply on the pillars of the republic, that they never can be blotted out. They are fresh in the recollections of the present generation, for they have served to embellish the brightest pages of our history. Sumner, Marion, Moultrie, and a host of others, are names which will never die.

It is singular to see what a list of names that have become illustrious in the various departments of life, can be arrayed in the history of South Carolina. But to come to our own immediate times; we recall with great vividness, the moment our eye turns in that direction, Hayne, Calhoun, McDuffie, Hammond, and others, illustrious in eloquence, in legislation and statesmanship. We remember Thomas Gimke, Hugh S. Legare, and others of the like stamp. And particularly, in literary aspects, have we much cause for admiration; for the contributions that have been made by the South Carolinians to the literature of this country have exceeded that of any other, and we had almost said, all the Southern States.

**N. CRANE,**  
Manufacturer of Buggies,  
LIGHT CARRIAGES, &c.  
Returns his sincere thanks to the citizens of Sumter District for their liberal patronage hitherto, and to be assured that he is constantly on hand, with the best of his own manufacture, and warrants the same to be of the best material, workmanship, and of the latest style. His prices shall compare with the Charleston prices, and he is prepared, in proportion; to be convinced, you will please call at his Carriage Repository on Broad Street, under the Town Hall and examine for yourselves.

With twenty years experience, and Liberty's aid, he'll vie with the country and the arts of his trade.  
May 14th, 1851 29

**We are authorized to**  
announce T. J. DINKINS, Esq., a Candidate for Clerk of the Court, at the ensuing election, MANY VOTERS.  
April 16th 1851 25

**\$100 REWARD.**  
RUNAWAY in November last a black boy named KENT; Kent is about 30 years old, is slim made, black with rather long hair for so dark a complexion as he has, he has very white teeth rather pointed, is smart spoken, and has a pleasant countenance; his hands are small and slim, and he has good feet and ankles, with high instep, and is about 5 feet 7 inches high—KENT was raised about horses, and has worked a little at the blacksmith trade. The above reward will be paid upon his safe delivery in any Jail in the State so that his owner will get him, with proof to conviction of his having been harboured by any white person or free person of color; or fifty dollars if his owner gets him.

On his recovery the amount will be paid by application to me or to my Attorneys at Sumterville, Messrs. F. J. & M. Mosser, RICHARD C. RICHARDSON,  
Fulton S. C. March 26th, 1851 23  
227 Camden Journal will please copy until forbid and send account as above.

**Spring and Summer Goods.**  
The Subscriber is now receiving his SPRING STOCK OF GOODS, which he offers to the public at reduced prices; consisting in part as follows:  
Plain Easton Gingham, Solid Colors  
Superfine China  
Solid Colors Organdy Lawns, Printed  
Embroidered Muslins, Solid  
Wool Thread Lace, Jacquet Edging, Inserting,  
Swiss Edging, Inserting,  
Alpha Lace Capes, Supplines, Ribbons Trimmings,  
Ladies' Ballroom Slippers, Needled worked Collars, Mourning,  
Barnet Trimmings, Ribbons  
Silk Pendant Trimmings, Neck Ribbons  
Black and colored Kid Gloves, Silk Parasols, Cotton  
Printed Muslins, Figured  
Solid  
Chambray Gingham, Brown and Drab Linen Drills, Blue Denims,  
Cotton Aves, Swiss and Mull Muslins,  
Linen Cambric Hankerchiefs, Madras Plain and Striped Home spun, Marbled  
English Lawn Cloths, 8 and 4-4 Shirtings, Grosgrain 7 and 4-4 Shirtings, DeKalt Cotton Aprons, Sprague's Fancy Prints Colored warranted, English  
Furniture Prints, Bordings  
Ladies Black and colored Gaiters, Seal Skin Slippers, Ladies Walking Shoes, Gents Black and colored Gaiters, Fur and Silk Hats, Leghorns and Panama Hats, Palm-leaf Hats, Panama Hats, Hat Cases

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**A. ANDERSON,**  
DRESSER AND TAILOR,  
Sumterville, S. C.  
Respectfully informs the people of Sumter District that he has just received and now offers for sale the best selected and most choice stock of  
**Spring and Summer Goods**  
That has ever been brought to this market—He has received many new styles of Spring and Summer Goods, which purchasers would do well to examine before buying elsewhere. Draps, Dresses, Broadcloths, Cashmeres, Pelice Cloth, plain and fancy Cassimeres, Damask Drillings, Tawed Lined Drillings, Satin, Marcellines and Fancy Vestings constantly on hand.

A full and large supply of Hosiery, Gloves, Suspenders, Cravats, Handkerchiefs, &c. &c. all of which will be sold on the most liberal terms, and at prices to suit the times. Garments manufactured by the subscriber, and warranted to give satisfaction. Orders from a distance promptly attended to.  
A. ANDERSON,  
April 16th, 1851 25

**Camden Bazaar.**  
We hereby notify our Customers, and the public generally, that we have just received, a large assortment of Ready Made Clothing suitable for the Spring, which we will sell as usual at the very lowest Cash prices possible.

A large assortment of **Spring and Summer Goods**, For Ladies and Gentleman's wear. We have also received a fine assortment of Broadcloths, and black and fancy colored Cassimeres, to which we invite the attention of our friends.  
M. DRUCKER & CO.,  
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**A LARGE AND SUPERIOR STOCK OF**  
Ready Made Clothing and  
FURNISHING ARTICLES  
For the Spring Trade, is now being received by the Subscriber at his Store, and would call the attention of MERCHANTS and OTHERS visiting the City to the above as it is all of his own Manufacture and warranted to be equal to any in the Market.

The Stock comprises in part viz:  
Black Cloth Dress and Trunk Coats,  
Fancy Cloth Frocks—Suits and Tails,  
Black and Fancy Cashmeres, Frocks, Suits and Tailors,  
Black D'Ee and Merino Dress, Frocks, Suits and Tailors,  
Tweed, Alpaca, Linen and Cotton, coats of all descriptions,  
Silk, Cashmere, Linen, Marcelline, Alpaca, Merino and Bombazine Vests,  
Cashmeres (Black and Fancy) Cashmerette D'Erre Merino, Alpaca, Linen, Union and Jean Pants in great variety.  
And other articles usually comprised in a large Stock.

He will also show off the balance of his winter Stock at reduced prices to make room for the Spring trade, and those in want of the above will do well to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere as he is satisfied that both the prices and goods will give satisfaction. Call and see  
SAMUEL C. DUNN,  
Wholesale and Retail,  
February 10th, 1851 17  
233 King Street (in the bend) Charleston, S. C.

**NEW IMPORTATIONS.**  
The attention of Players and Court Merchants is particularly requested to the arrangements made at BANCROFT'S SILK HOUSE 253 and 255 King Street Charleston, for the sale of the French season both from the English and French markets, and which joined to a determination to submit every thing at the very lowest possible prices, will offer greater inducements to purchasers than this market has before afforded. Particular attention has been paid to our Stock of Domestic and Heavy Goods for services wear—History of every size and variety—no confidence invite the attention of our friends, and to be public generally to an inspection, being determined to offer the greatest novelties, and the latest variety, at the lowest prices; our stock consists in part of  
French and English Lawns and Cambrics,  
Black and French Colored and White Organzas,  
Brides' Silk Trimmings,  
French Embroideries, Lace Collars,  
Merino and Cashmere Edgings and Insertings,  
Irish Linen—pure Linen—on an article we confidently recommend.  
Bridal Veils and Tawed Lining Damask,  
Linen Cloth from 12 to 20 cents per yard,  
Blue Denims—Blue Stripes,  
Chambray Striped and Plain,  
Onsangs—Blue Home spun and Sheetings of Southern manufacture, which, as we are agents of several Factories, are enabled to offer by the bale or yards, at Factory prices—a full assortment of Hosiery, Haberdasheries, &c.  
W. G. BANCROFT,  
Importer Wholesale and Retail 253 and 255 King Street, Charleston, S. C.  
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**NEGROES WANTED.**  
FROM one hundred to two hundred NEGROES are wanted on the Blue Ridge Railroad (Georgia). They will be well clothed, fed and provided for, and all expenses paid to the work, should they be hired for one year or more. No deduction made for bad weather nor for sick time of a few days. Persons contracting to hire thirty or more will be allowed to furnish an overseer, subject, however, to the rules and regulations of the Road, and will be allowed such wages as are there paid for such services. Runaway time will be deducted. Woman will be hired with their husbands or single, and one child (not exceeding a year and a half) will be taken with a family. The Road is located in a pine region, and is healthy beyond doubt from the experience of the past summer.

RATES.—Men \$15 per month; women \$9; boys \$6. Payable quarterly.  
Address, at Macon, G. J. R. SHARP,  
JOHN D. GRAY, or  
J. B. GLASS,  
Columbia, S. C.  
April 27th, 1851 23  
Watchman copy 6 times.

**\$50 REWARD.**  
I will give FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD, for the apprehension and delivery of my man GEORGE, in the Jail in Columbia, or Twenty-five Dollars Reward for his confinement in any jail, so that I can get him again.  
GEORGE is about 21 years old, 5 feet 4 or 6 inches high, low-legged, black, full eyes, and tolerably quick spoken—calls himself a carpenter by trade.  
He was purchased a short time since from Mr. Ewing 12 miles above Georgetown S. C.  
J. M. R. SHARP,  
Columbia, S. C.  
Dec. 25th, 1850 9

**THE SUBSCRIBER**  
respectfully invites the ladies and gentlemen to call at the  
**Boot and Shoe Store,**  
one door west of Wm. Webb's Store, and inspect his new and general assortment of Shoes, Boots, Gaiters, Slippers, &c. of every description, Fancy, Superior and Plain. Among his most beautiful specimens will be found Ladies' Highlander and Blue English Shoes and Velvet Slippers, Misses' Peg Topper Ties, Gentlemen's Cal Olera Boots, and Velvet and Cash Slippers, &c. &c. His prices are low for Cash, or on a short credit.  
BENJAMIN FOLSON,  
February 19th, 1851 17

**Just Received.**  
The subscriber has just received, and is now opening the largest and best lot of selected Stock, that he has ever offered for sale in this place; consisting of Drugs, Medicines, Dye stuffs, Paints, Brushes, window Glass, Putty, Paints, Oils, &c. and a full assortment of French Perfumery. Fancy articles of every description, and every article that is usually found in a Drug Store. All orders from the country promptly attended to. A supply of Garden Seeds.  
AL/O  
5000 Spanish Segars for sale by  
R. S. MELLETT,  
Feb. 19th, 1851 17

**Land For Sale.**  
A tract of land containing 700 acres, more or less, lying five miles below Carters' Crossing, on the Camden Road, being two and three hundred acres cleared, and the balance in woods, and a small plantation, lying in the town of Cooper, J. C. Williams, deceased, and Wm. Josey, belonging to the estate of David E. Wilson. For terms, apply to either of the undersigned.  
J. C. DUBOISE,  
A. SCARBOROUGH,  
Nov. 27th, 1850 11

**Executor's Notice.**  
The Creditors of Wm. J. Rice, Esq., deceased, are called upon to present to the Subscriber, their demands, properly attested according to law, and those indebted to the said deceased to make payment.  
W. J. RICE,  
E. M. ANDERSON,  
Qualified Executors.  
July 21 35

**Webb Clark's Hotel,**  
SUMTERVILLE, S. C.,  
This Hotel is situated in the most pleasant part of the town. The Proprietor will be pleased to see his friends and the travelling public; promising to spare no exertions on his part to render them comfortable. Charges reasonable.  
WEBB CLARK,  
Proprietor.  
Jan 23 13

**SUMTER HOUSE.**  
F. MYERS, would respectfully inform the citizens of Sumterville and the surrounding country that he has just returned from Charleston, with the most complete arrangements to receive ICE AND SODA WATER, of every variety, weekly.  
He is on hand, and will continue to receive throughout the season, a choice assortment of Wine and Cordials, Congee, and other delicacies, all of which will be disposed of cheaper than was ever offered before in this place.  
May 29, 1850 30

**AMERICAN HOTEL,**  
CORNER OF KING AND GEORGE STREETS,  
Charleston, S. C.  
The above establishment, has been thoroughly repaired, and is now open for the accommodation of the travelling community and permanent boarders. This establishment has been fitted up with great expense, and furnished throughout with the most complete and better beds than hotels are usually furnished with. With these inducements, and an accommodating disposition on the part of the proprietors, those in their company, they hope to merit a liberal share of patronage.  
T. W. KING,  
G. W. KING,  
Oct. 30th, 1850 14

**Wm. Allston Gourdin,**  
FACTORY,  
NO. 4 EAST BAY, CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Is prepared to make Royal advances on Consignments of  
**Rice, Cotton, Corn, Sugar, Flour, Grain, &c.**  
References.—Messrs. Gourdin, Mathison & Co., George A. Hoyle, Alonzo J. White, Charleston, S. C.; Tandy Walker, Esq., Greenville, S. C.  
April 24, 1850 25

**Blanks for Sale at this Office**