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Clarendon Election.

HARVIS has been elected Tax Collector of Clarendon County.

An Adieu.

Thirteen months since I assumed by invitation the editorial charge of the "Banner" during that time my relations with the Press of the State has been of the most agreeable and harmonious character, and now in yielding up the trust confided me, I have nothing to regret, save the severance from a fraternity, which I have not to regard and respect, and which from the high toned honor and courtesy which almost universally and mark their controversies justly entitled them to the respect of the world. To the patrons of the "Sumter Banner," I have only to say that I have used all the exertions that circumstances would allow, to render the paper, what it should be and in retiring and conveying to others, the duties and responsibilities which I have attempted faithfully to fulfill. I have the satisfaction of knowing that I leave the concern in a more prosperous condition, than I found it, and in the hands of those who are able and willing to do everything to promote its advancement and the prosperity of the District, which I have ever considered as identified, with the progress of the Press. To the late Proprietor of the paper with whom I have held daily converse, something is due. To his willingness and amiable deportment I am indebted for looking upon my editorial duties as a pleasant pastime instead of an arduous task. To the independent and honorable course which has characterized the columns of the "Sumter Banner," I feel myself indebted for the fact, that we have never had the slightest dispute, not even a friendly one, and that our correspondence has been uniformly correct.

Monday's Mail.

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Gov. Foote

We are indebted to a railroad agent for the pleasure both of seeing and hearing Ex-Gov. Foote, of Mississippi. On Friday morning he was discovered among a crowd of passengers, who unwillingly spent the day with us. A committee of citizens called upon him much apparently to his surprise, as he was found in close contact with the Superintendent of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad depot. Gov. Foote, gave them a courteous reception and readily complied with their request, that he would publicly address the citizens of this place.

Our Wants.

"Man wants but little here below, Nor wants that little long." The old quotation which we make above may be applied to man, as an individual and we have no objections to it, but when a body corporate is spoken of in connection with its wants, the puzzle is to know where to begin, and where to end is a problem for the next century to solve. The annual election for town officers has just been held, and confiding in their honest desire of the newly elected Council to promote the interests of the town; it may not be amiss to throw out a few hints as to what might now and can be done for the welfare of Sumterville and the comfort of its inhabitants. We do this not as giving advice, but simply to call attention to some facts and induce discussion. The town is out of debt? This we are told upon the street, for no public statement of its finances have ever met our eye and none we think ever made. If such be the case, it seems but another reason why we should commence at once discussing the subject of improvements. Our first want and one we have heard loudly called for, is a good Marshall, one with sufficient wisdom to understand his duties, discretion in its performance and firmness and integrity enough to carry out the laws of the incorporation; to such an officer a good and liberal salary should be paid, the painful sum of three hundred dollars is not sufficient and we would have the amount raised to at least five hundred. The next thing that claims our consideration is a Market House and we are astonished that such an establishment has not long since been built. It would if properly constructed so far from being an expense, become a source of income to the town and an encouragement to garden industry, which is much needed, the demand for vegetables, at present being supplied from the Charleston Market. It would

also be an inducement for neighboring farmers to devote more attention to stock raising, knowing they could find a regular sale, and not have their meat carts on one day surrounded with vulture looking faces, and the next find every one supplied and he obliged to return as he came. The citizen fares likewise, for his feast one week and fast the next.

The street, thanks to good drainage and a light soil, are generally passable but a few hundred loads of saw-dust from the neighboring mill applied in wet weather would not hurt.

A Town clerk might serve a good purpose and a few lights in the streets would not incommode the traveller by night; but we must not be audacious.

The last want which we shall now notice is, by no means the least. It is a good supply of water, and surely the present order, who are regarded as of the "Dry" order, will not deny this boon, which is rendered a very necessary precaution from the thickly built up and wooden appearance of our buildings—property holders had better look to this. One sentence more, it is a query. Cannot a law be passed and enforced prohibiting the congregating of negroes in large numbers upon the sidewalks, which in some localities is entirely appropriated by them to the utter exclusion of white pedestrians? As "the man with the specks" says "Yes, Yes."

Clarendon Springs School.

We have received the prospectus of this institution for 1854, and from the list of teachers, eminent and distinguished in their several departments, the healthy and pleasant situation of the school and the celebrity of the waters, we have no doubt, but that this will become an important and advantageous place of education. The vacation of the school will be the months of January and December. The charge for board, tuition, &c., \$125 No extra charges except for music—Books, &c, furnished. For further particulars we would refer our readers to the advertisement in another column.

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WILLOW GROVE, Jan. 6th 1853.

MESSESS. EDITORS: Permit me to use of your columns to address a note to the voters of Clarendon County.

I heard, fellow citizens, from various respectable sources on Monday last at Sumterville, that I had incurred heavy censure from many of my constituency in failing to propose certain objectionable matters of Legislation during the late Session, as well as for not having sustained certain other ones, that is thought by many of you as wholesome and desirable measures.

On the sixth day of the Session, I was taken extremely ill, and continued so for a week. I attempted to resume my seat and duties on three several days and that too, against the advice of my physician, when I could no longer disguise from myself that I was sinking under the effort. I then asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the Session. No measure came up before the House and certainly not the one taxing the Mechanical industry of the State, nor even had it been considered in the committee of ways and means from whence it emanated, and of which I am known to be a member, when I was attacked and thrown, as already related, on a sick bed. I cannot therefore be liable to just censure from any source whatever for whatever omission I may be guilty, for they were the result of providential causes.

In conclusion fellow citizens, permit me to observe, that I am sure it was far more painful for me to be deprived of the power to discharge my duties as one of your Representatives than it could possibly be to any other person, and especially so during the late Session as I myself had several measures before the House which I deemed of importance, and which I was deprived of sustaining either by my voice or vote.

With the highest respect, Yours obt. Servant, J. D. ASHMORE, Black River Watchman.

Our next Governor. The Editor of the Southern Patriot has received a communication announcing Richard Yeaton Esq., as a suitable candidate for Governor. The Hon. J. M. PENNINGTON, has also been spoken of.

Premium Babies. The Augusta papers state, that at the next Georgia State Fair, premiums will be offered for the three finest babies, as follows: First premium—Silver Pitcher, \$50, for the handsomest and finest Babe two years old. Second Premium—Silver Pitcher, \$25, for the handsomest and finest Babe one year old. Third premium—Silver Goblet, \$10, for the handsomest and finest Babe six months old.

LIBERAL DONATION. Under this caption the Southern Baptist of 12th ult. says: The Charleston Bible Society, through their Agent Rev. E. A. Hoells, recently furnished gratuitously, the Mills House with one hundred and fifty Bibles, for the use of the Parlor and Chambers of that new and splendid hotel. They are beautifully printed neatly bound with gilt edges and lettered "Mills House," on the cover. It highly gratifying to see that "best of Books" made thus accessible to the way-faring man, as well as those at home.

FATAL DUEL. A duel was fought last Saturday, in Pickens county, Alabama, between Dr. W. L. and Dr. F. and both of Newberry county, in that State, which resulted in the death of the former. He was shot in the body at the first fire and died instantly. His antagonist was injured. The two gentlemen had been rival candidates for the Legislature, and we understand the duel originated in a political animosity. Dr. H. has been elected. His remains were brought to Mobile and interred in the Odd Fellows' burying ground last Monday.

The name "lady" is an abbreviation of the Saxon "leodlady," which signifies "bread-giver." The mistress of a man, at a time when affluent families resided constantly at their country mansions, was accustomed, once a week or oftener, to distribute among the poor a certain quantity of bread. She bestowed the gift with her own hand, and made the hearts of the needy, by the soft words and gentle actions which accompanied her benevolence. The widow and the orphan "rose up and called blessed her name;" all classes of the poor embraced her in their affections as the "leodlady," the giver of bread and dispenser of comfort—a sort of pinistering spirit in a world of sorrow. Who is a lady now?

WOOD, it is said, may be petrified by the following process: Take equal quantities of gum salt rock, white vinegar and pebble powder. Mix all these ingredients together and there will be an ebullition. When this subsides, throw in the wood or any other porous matter, and let it soak for four or five days, at the end of which time the petrification will be complete.

Most ladies think it is the summit of misfortune to be ugly. This is a mistake quite frequently. The chances are as the world goes, that homely woman are altogether the best at heart, head and soul. A pretty face often presides over a false heart and a weak head, with the smallest shadow of soul.

Wise men mingle mirth with their cares, as a help either to forget or overcome them; but to resort to intoxication for the case of one's mind, is to cure melancholy by madness.

News Scraps & Gatherings.

The Charleston Standard denies the truth of the report of the existence of Small Pox, as an epidemic in that city.

Sir JOHN FRANKLIN is not yet given over as lost by the British Admiralty—parties are still in search of him.

The Eastern war is still a subject for speculation and surmise. The last news is of a contradictory character.

The number of Colleges in the U. S., according to the last census, is 234; of teachers therein, 1,637; of pupils and undergraduates, 27,159. Number of public schools, 80,991, having 3,354,173 scholars; of academies and seminaries 6032.

In the Mississippi Legislature, a Democratic Caucus on Friday nominated A. G. Brown for U. S. Senator by two majority. Foote departed the same day for California by way of New York.

The Democratic State Convention of Ohio adopted, on Saturday, the Baltimore platform of 1852, and nominated S. F. Norris for Judge of the Supreme Court of the State.

The Cincinnati Commercial says that, on a trial before the Police Court, it was stated that many hundreds of barrels of blood were annually used in that city for making sweet wine.

The Supreme Court of the United States has sustained the validity of the La Hana and Omega grants derived from the Spanish government, lying in Louisiana and on the Sabine.

Governor BRIGER, of Pennsylvania, issued a proclamation on the 6th inst., authorizing the Military, if necessary, to aid in preventing any further destruction of the property of the Franklin Canal Co. at Erie. All was quiet, however, at Erie on Saturday last, the arrest of the two KIDNAPERS, DR. SHERWELL and JOHN K. JACK, having had a beneficial effect.

President Pierce's Message is commented upon by the London journals, which publish it, in full. It is favorably spoken of.

It is reported, though not on the best authority, that a challenge has been sent by Col. JEFFERSON DAVIS, Secretary of War, to Mr. TOMBS, U. S. Senator for Georgia, and accepted.

On the 1st of November 36 vessels were loading with guano, at the Chincha Islands, for the United States.

At the election ground, on the 9th inst., at Haynes box, about four miles from Anderson, C. H., a fight, as we learn from the Southern Rights Advocate, took place between ROBERT GRAY and MILFORD TATE, during which the latter received a stab from a knife used by the former, on the left breast. The wound is not as severe as was at first thought, and there seems to be little doubt but that Mr. TATE will recover. Mr. GRAY has been committed to jail to await further developments.

A lady was asked the other day why she chose to give a single life, and gravely replied: "Because I am not able to support a husband."

A Thespian Corps is about being formed in Charleston.

Ann. J. J. Crittenden has been elected United States Senator from Kentucky.

Mr. Washburn, Whig, has been elected Governor, and Plunkett, Lieutenant Governor, of Massachusetts.

A minister at the North was recently made to pay \$20 and costs, for marrying a boy in his teens to a little boarding school miss under eighteen years of age.

GEORGE WARREN was elected on the 9th inst., Sheriff of Colleton District.

The Publisher of the Southern Rights Advocate at Anderson C. H., gives notice that he will shortly issue his paper tri-weekly.

The Court of Appeals of New York has decided that the trustees of any Catholic church may assign all their property, in perpetuity, to the control of Bishop Hughes and his successors in office, unless there is a special law against it.

ALEX. TARDY, one of the oldest and most esteemed citizens of Mobile, died on the 4th inst., in that city, at the age of eighty years.

The 11th anniversary of the birthday of THOMAS PAINE is to be celebrated in Boston on the 30th inst.

The citizens of Windham county, Connecticut, are about to erect a monument to the memory of the gallant old General Putnam.

Col. O. H. THORP died in Macon Georgia, in the 8th inst. and Mr. E. B. WEBB, one of the oldest merchants, of that city, on the 11th inst.

SHIMON LEBLANC, Esq., died on the 1st inst., in the Parish of Iberville, La., aged seventy-six years.

The first really hard frost of the season in New Orleans, was experienced last Sunday night.

Mr. BUCHANAN, our Minister to England, is engaged in negotiating the purchase of an island in the Mediterranean sea, from the Porte, to be used as a United States Naval depot.

Mules in large quantities are leaving Missouri for the South.

The Senate of Virginia has adopted a resolution proposing to award a premium to the officers of the best conducted railroads in the State, with reference to speed and to punctual connections of the mails and travel.

The Hon. Mr. MULLENBERG, a member of Congress from Pennsylvania died in Washington last week. This is the second death in that body since the present session commenced.

Mr. BOYCE stopped further proceedings on the subject by remarking "that these difficulties necessarily followed, from the fact that the population of that section of country were composed entirely of freemen." [Laughter.] Gentleman from the South were conservative. If they could help their western friends in this matter, they would gladly do so; but at present they could only offer them their sympathy.

A merchant examining a hoghead of hardware, on comparing it with the invoice found it all right, except a hammer less than the invoice. "Oh I don't be troubled honey," said the Irish porter, "sure the nagur took it out to open the hoghead with."

Testimonial to S. S. SOLOMONS.

According to previous notice a meeting of the operatives on the Western end of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad was held in the Court House on Tuesday Evening last. The committee appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for presentation to Mr. S. S. SOLOMONS in commemoration of the esteem and regard in which he was held by those who had served under him, during the term of his office as assistant Engineer on the Wilmington and Manchester road, offered to the meeting a massive silver pitcher bearing the following inscription:

PRESENTED TO S. S. SOLOMONS On the West end of the W. & M. R. R. By the operatives in his employ, Jan. 10, 1854.

Ex visione sed memoria carna. Mr. L. L. FRASER, jr., on behalf of the operatives made the presentation as follows:

Mr. SOLOMONS: The object, sir, which has assembled us together this evening is of a most touching and interesting character. It forms one of those bright spots in our existence which occasionally dots memory's checkered page, to which in after years the heart will turn with mingled emotions of pride and pleasure.

We are not here for the purpose of heralding forth the conqueror's triumphs, or to pronounce eulogistic encomiums upon Statesmen and Patriots for deeds which excite our wonder and admiration; but to witness an exhibition of those kindlier and more generous feelings of our nature which ever nestle nearest the heart and which it is highly honorable to cultivate and praiseworthy to imitate. I stand, before you, sir, the representative of a body of your fellow citizens, whose good esteem you should be proud to have won—to perform, in their behalf, a most pleasing duty.

The universal family of man, being bound together by ties of a peculiarly interesting and endearing nature, constitute a mass of wisdom, feeling and passion which it is truly strange to contemplate. In this social organization, certain high and responsible duties are required at the hands of every man, which it is justly esteemed, highly proper to discharge, even with due deference to the opinions of others; but when their performance elicits the admiration and esteem of many and secures the confidence of all—this, is truly accomplishing one of the highest and noblest objects of our existence.

We cannot but recur on this occasion to some of those circumstances of doubt and difficulty which loomed up before the imagination, in the incipient stages of one of the greatest public enterprises which has ever contributed to advance the interest and prosperity, not only of Sumter District, but of the entire State. The recollection of those events still linger in our memory; but we are proud to know, that whatever of mortification might have been connected with them, is all forgotten in the glories of that triumph which has so rightly crowned the wisdom, prudence, and energy of those who planned and prosecuted that noble scheme of public improvement—I may say, to its ultimate completion.

While we stand in the midst of all the comforts, enjoyments and blessings which have been showered down upon us in such rich profusion, by an enterprise, over which, you, sir, for years past have exercised a most important control. We can look back, with an air of complacent pride, upon the "Paper Projects" the "magnificent failures" and the "chimerical schemes" of by-gone days.

The spirit of the age is onward—civilization is upon the march—every thing is urging forward to some glorious result, and he is indeed devoid of wisdom and prudence who would essay for a single moment, either in his individual or social capacity to stand in the progress of the Chief Worker in this magnificent system—Steam.

Electrical influences are the lightning Agents that convey intelligence from one quarter of the globe to the other with the rapidity of thought. They furnish abundant food for speculative ingenuity and excite the most sluggish mind to an activity of operation to which the world for eighteen centuries past has furnished no species of a parallel; but whatever good may result from the employment of these agents—yet steam—is at last the great stay and bulwark of human progress.

Could we but have a panoramic view of the untold treasures of wealth, which under its astonishing power, are now ploughing the bosoms of our waters and whirling over the face of our country towards every imaginable point of the compass—we would stand lost in wonder and admiration. Under such influences as these our country is already justly styled America the Great; but the glorious destiny which awaits her in the future has never yet crossed the imagination of any man. The power of mind over matter has never yet been known—nor will it ever be ascertained—until all created material things are subjected to its control.

It must be a pleasing task indeed, sir, for you to contemplate these magnificent results and feel that you are identified with the schemes which are hastening their final fulfillment, in connection with those who have placed me here to do honor to a faithful public officer and a highly esteemed and respected superior.

We turn from the scene just presented to your view, to the one in which we are now acting, with feelings of delight. The one excites our admiration the other brings into active exercise the warmest and most exalting traits of human character.

Entrusted as you have been with the performance of a most delicate duty, you have discharged its requisitions with a zeal and fidelity rarely to be seen, and accomplished the desirable object of securing to yourself the love and esteem of those over whom you have exercised a business control. This is a result truly worthy of the man and the gentleman.

You have been promoted, sir, to an office of still higher responsibility, and as you are soon to leave us for the purpose of exercising your talents and energy in another sphere, the operatives on the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road, who have been under your immediate supervision have unanimously determined to express to you and to the public that high esteem in which they hold you not only as a faithful public officer; but as the courteous gentleman and sincere friend. Other praise needs no man. I need scarcely tell you, sir, that the deep regret which they feel in parting with you is only soothed by the knowledge of the fact, that your interest calls you to another scene of action, and in pursuing that interest you are following the path to prosperity and honor.

I am instructed sir, in their behalf, to tender you this present, having inscribed upon it the motto "Ex visione sed memoria carna," as a small but substantial testimonial of their high appreciation of your many exalted public and social virtues.

My position, sir, warrants me in speaking not only for those who I have the honor specially to represent, but for the community at large. And it must excite the proudest feelings in your bosom to know that your universally courteous bearing and gentlemanly conduct has won the esteem of this entire community and secured their unlimited confidence. And believing, sir, that whatever triumphs are the reward of talent, industry, and energy are within your reach. We wish you God speed, in the pathway of prosperity, honor and renown.

After receiving the Pitcher Mr. SOLOMONS replied: Mr. FRASER: The emotions gentlemen which this occasion inspires, renders it impossible for me to use language sufficiently expressive of my gratitude. I feel the honor too deeply to properly thank you, and can only hope that you will give me credit for a just, a thorough appreciation of the general impulse which prompts this presentation. It needed no outward testimonials to assure me of your esteem. The uniform kindness that has marked your conduct towards me—the alacrity and fidelity which you have always manifested in the discharge of your duties, and the cheerfulness with which you have submitted to the privations incident to your occupations furnish me, sufficient guarantee that my efforts to fix and retain your respect and has not been unsuccessful.—And here let me add that much of the credit, attributed to my own management is due to your own prompt and ready discharge of your duties. That and bearing his enlisted your admiration and called forth this gratifying expression of it, is a matter of which I am truly proud and it will ever be a source of gratulation to me to know that a rigid and often trying scenes the anxieties and perplexities inseparable from our hazardous life, I find clustered around me your sincere wishes for my future welfare and prosperity.

I except your token with mingled feelings of pride and pleasure, regarding it as a trophy more honorable than fame or wealth could bestow as an illuminated page in my history. It will serve to remind me that the apparent coldness of this world is but a mask hiding from view the flowers by which our path through life is hedged.

To you, sir, I must return my thanks for the handsome manner in which you have performed the duty assigned you. You have indeed added to the obligation.

In conclusion, gentlemen, allow me to assure you that the regrets you express are reciprocated and that in whatever position I may hereafter be placed I shall never forget my friends on the Wilmington and Manchester Railroads.

What do the Physicians Say? Listen to the testimony of an eminent physician favoring Dr. Lane's Vermifuge, which is now universally acknowledged to be the best in use; even members of the medical faculty who are so often opposed to the use of patent medicines, cannot withhold their approval of this invaluable remedy. J. L. Starbuck, Ohio, Jan. 8, 1849.

I have used Dr. Lane's Worm Specific in my private practice and am prepared to say that the unparalleled success with which I have pursued its use, both for children and adults, induces me to say the most in its favor of any specific or patent medicine ever before brought to my notice. The mode of administration, the easiness of the dose, and the certainty of its efficacious effects, give it in my opinion, a decided advantage over any other medicine of the kind before the public.

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