

GIVE THE MILITIA JUSTICE.

The Abbeville jail is being carefully guarded every night by a force of militia to prevent the rescue of Ferguson, the white man who recently murdered a clerk.

We copy the above from the Greenville News, and do so because it contains an inaccuracy that ought to be corrected. The Abbeville jail is not being guarded by a force of militia.

We are sure the Greenville News will do the "militia" the justice to correct its article as to them. The duty was far from pleasant or agreeable, and they do not care to have in addition to that charge put upon them of having been hired for the service.

K. O. P. H.

The mutual plan of Life Insurance has almost driven what are known as the Old Line Companies out of the business in this section of the State. The mutual plan is simply that, instead of the insured paying an annual assessment upon a certain sum, he is only called upon to pay upon the death of a member.

DAVIS AND SHERMAN.

We publish on the outside of this issue a debate in the Senate on a resolution by Senator Hawley to print an "Historical" document prepared by General Sherman. Some months since the last named worthy in a public speech made serious charges against Jefferson Davis.

Southern Senators were right to hurl back into the teeth of their opponents their vile and false language. If Jefferson Davis was a traitor then every man who served in the Confederate army was a traitor, and every hiltack that covers a dead Confederate covers a traitor.

It is true as was said for him, "Millions love him still." For he is to them the representative of principles for which they staked and lost all they held dear, and losing would not forget, but hold always true however, the arbitrament of the sword may have decided the practicability of their enforcement.

"FITCH, NOT FULTON."

It is now claimed that twenty years before Fulton ran his steamboat on the Hudson river a man named Fitch had run one on the Delaware; and so it goes. This age doubts and disbelieves everything. It is the fashion to affect to disbelieve that Geo. Washington ever cut the cherry tree, or that William Tell shot the apple off the head of his son.

THE C. C. G. & C. R. R.

A rumor to the effect that Mr. Schofield, the financial agent in Europe of the Carolina, Cumberland Gap and Chicago Railroad, had succeeded in selling three or four million dollars worth of the bonds of the road, has been floating around lately, and has awakened the hope that was almost dead in the hearts of the friends of the enterprise.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"The South is often censured for its ready submission to the memorable electoral crime of 1876; but had all the interests of home, of property, of peace and self-respect appealed to the North as they appealed to the South, when the State Governments of South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana trembled in the balance of fraud, there would have been quite as prompt submission to a fraudulent Presidential title north of the Potomac as there was south of its historic banks.

These words are from a letter written from Columbia by Col. A. K. McClure to his journal the Philadelphia Times when the Democrats of the North and West were demanding Tilden's nomination this last summer with an almost practical unanimity, the Democrats of this section were abusing him for having as they asserted given up the Presidency after he had been elected. We said in reply to this that it little became us of the South to denounce, for as Colonel McClure says, the Democratic State Governments of "South Carolina, Florida and Louisiana trembled in the balance of fraud," and a conflict would have been their destruction.

The Hon. J. E. Boggs, of Pickens, was in Abbeville on last Thursday, on business before Judge Cotthran at Chambers. Mr. Boggs is a member of the House from Pickens, and though young, is one of its strongest members. He is a clear and forcible speaker, and is a man of sound judgment and sense.

Schuyler Colfax, who was Vice-President during Grant's first term, died very suddenly at Mankato, Minn., on January 13.

It is probable that the North Carolina Legislature will pass the bill creating six new Judicial Circuits. It finds that the increase of population and business makes it a necessity.

It is necessary to create some new Circuits in South Carolina, and it will probably be done before next winter.

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The Lunacy Law.

You having kindly called my attention to an article in the Newberry Observer on the recent Act regulating the admission of lunatics to the Asylum, I would make the following explanation of the justice and necessity of said law.

For several years the appropriations to this institution have constituted a large proportion of the expenses of the State. Since '77 the State has expended about two hundred thousand dollars on the two hundred and eighty-beddings of the Asylum, and from seventy to ninety thousand dollars annually for the maintenance of its inmates, and yet it is doubtful whether the present capacity of the buildings is sufficient for the patients who may be admitted in 1885.

The Legislature has made several efforts to enact such laws as would reduce the number of inmates and thus curtail the expense. Bills have been introduced and changed the mode of admission, and requiring each county to pay for the maintenance of her lunatics, but these bills were defeated. Acts have been passed requiring County Commissioners, Auditor and Treasurer to report all lunatics able to pay for their entire or partial maintenance; also an Act requiring County Commissioners to remove such inmates as the Superintendent and Receivers believed were not proper subjects for the beneficiary care of the institution.

The Superintendent in his last report recommends that some change be made in the Lunacy Law. The Governor in his message directs attention to this suggestion, and the Lieutenant-Governor referred that part of the Governor's message to the Committee on "Charitable Institutions" of which I have the honor to be Chairman, under the circumstances I prepared and introduced the Bill to which the Newberry physicians object. I regret that objection comes from one distinguished source. I have often remarked that Newberry had a corps of physicians equal if not superior to any village in the State. Many of them are my warm personal friends, yet I must think that they are in error as to this Act.

Was there a necessity for this Act? The Superintendent in his last report says, "many are maintained at the expense of the State, who are not fit subjects of its charity; many paralytics, simple epileptics, natural imbeciles, persons helpless from old age and imbecility, and in short all those who are troublesome at home are sent to the Asylum. Many of them are subjects of charity but their proper place is not in the Asylum."

The Superintendent further correctly says, that he is not to blame for this class of patients being in the Asylum but that "the chief responsibility rests with the physicians of the State." In justice to the medical profession, he says, "I have never known an instance where a certificate was signed from an improper motive but he imputes to hasty examination and a certain carelessness arising from a want of appreciation on the part of examining physicians."

Dr. Griffin has directed the removal, during the past year, of fifty inmates of the Asylum who were not proper wards of this noble institution's charity. Again, at the recent session of the Legislature, Dr. Pope, a prominent physician and distinguished member of the House of Representatives and one of the strongest opponents of this Act, introduced a resolution to appoint a special commission to examine and report such inmates as should be removed from the wards of the Asylum. Then, with Dr. Griffin's report; with the great difference in number of inmates from the several Counties, ranging from 3 to 113; with the Superintendent directing the removal of fifty in the past year; with Dr. Pope's effort to pass a resolution appointing a special commission to determine what others should be removed; with the admission of 238 during the past year; with the fact that there were many inmates in the Asylum at an expense to the State of over \$250 per year, per capita, who could with detriment to the patient, his family or community be supported at their respective homes or in their County Asms. Louises at six or seven dollars per month, was there not a necessity for some law to restrict or prevent the past indiscriminate admission of inmates?

The bitterest opponent of the law will not question, but what physicians are responsible for the class of patients in the Asylum. Neither a Probate Judge, County Commissioner, Magistrate or Circuit Judge can assign (ordinarily) a person to the Asylum without a certificate from two physicians. Then is it not right to make the physician responsible?

The complaint is that the law is an unjust restriction upon the medical profession. Such equality was not the intent and purpose of the inducer of the Bill, nor do I think the letter of the Act justifies such an inference. What does the Act require? That physicians give certificates of lunacy under oath. Do they not do the same thing in giving evidence at a coroner's court, or as experts? However, we are not wedded to the oath, as we regard the ordinary certificate of honor equally as binding. The spirit of the Act is simply to make the physician more careful in his examination, and to specify a class of patients to whom he shall not give certificates, and to authorize a penalty if he gives such certificates. The penalty is left to the discretion of the Court, and it is not presumable that an indictment would be made or a penalty imposed upon a physician who had made an unintentional error in diagnosis, but only against those who willfully or through ignorance, violating the law. It is said that often a physician cannot know that a lunatic is violent or dangerous except through others. Very true; and the physician could very properly state in his certificate that he forms his opinion of the violence of a patient from such facts as he learns from others. Then I must confess that I fail to see any danger to conscientious, intelligent physicians, in the Act, or any reflection upon the medical profession.

There are two other changes in the Law. One pertains to the admission of imbeciles and epileptics; the other imposes a penalty upon County Commissioners for violating Section 1555 of Revised Statute. Against these I have heard no complaint.

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