

FAR FETCHED.

The News and Courier takes the position that Lt. Gov. Sheppard ought not to engage in the defense of the persons charged with lynching Culbreath because it is within the range of possibility that he may be called upon hereafter to pass upon their applications for pardon. Some of our contemporaries who love to prate of the laxity of the administration of law may say this is far fetched and tell our city friend that catching must precede hanging.

Seriously, we don't think the position of the News and Courier is correct. The law does not prohibit the Lt. Governor from practicing law. His salary does not enable him to give up his profession. This doctrine if enforced, would amount to prohibiting distinguished lawyers from aspiring to the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor, as it is in the range of possibility that they might be called to pass upon the application for pardon of some one they had previously defended. It would not be contended, we take it, that Mr. Sheppard should cease to defend any accused person. This case stands on the same footing as any other. It is not to be tried by different rules and laws. The same presumption of innocence shelters and protects these accused persons that is thrown around all those accused of crime till their guilt is proved. They are entitled to be heard by counsel of their own choice. Moreover we do not think it is right to assume that if called to the Governor's chair the Lt. Governor would be influenced in deciding upon an application for pardon by anything other than the strength of the papers submitted for his consideration.

The News and Courier goes so far as to express the opinion that Senator Butler ought not to appear for the defense in this case, because his position will have influence with the jury. The jury is sworn to decide the case upon the law and the evidence. If they are not capable of doing that without being influenced by extrinsic circumstances they are unfit to sit as jurors. It is true that some are so influenced. But it would be so whether or not the counsel were a distinguished and eloquent and popular advocate and held no official position.

We do not see that Senator Butler and Lieut. Governor Sheppard violate the dignity of their offices by defending these men.

DEATH OF COL. LATIMER.

Not only the community in which he lived, but Abbeville County, has suffered a serious loss in the death of Col. James M. Latimer. He died suddenly at his home at Lowndesville on Thursday, 15th inst.

As was said of him in our presence, he was a tower of strength to the section in which he lived. He had lived a life of so much usefulness, so full of good deeds and charity, so pure and blameless that it was natural that he should bear the respect and confidence and affection of all his neighbors and friends.

He was, almost it may be said the father of the Savannah Valley Railroad. He gave it impulse and shape, and labored unceasingly for its welfare, spending his time and his talents and means for it. For some years he was President of it, but in all capacities he was its firm advocate and friend. It is peculiarly sad that just as it is nearing its completion and he had the prospect of seeing and enjoying the early fruition of his hopes, that he should be called away.

Few men were better prepared to die than he. Truly he walked with God; and however suddenly the dread messenger came, he found him ready to journey with him upon that "bourne whence no traveller e'er returns." Many a heart that remembers him with love and gratitude will say softly and truly, rest thou in peace.

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

Tomorrow Aiken will vote on the question of subscription to the above named rail road. If the vote be against subscription we confess frankly that we see no prospect of the early beginning of the work. If Aiken votes against subscription, it may be possible that Montmorenci can secure a subscription sufficiently large to authorize the commencement of work. But there is no doubt that if the vote be adverse, the road will have received a very severe blow.

If however Aiken casts her vote in favor of the subscription we believe that arrangements can and will be made for the very early beginning of work. We copy an extract from the News and Courier that shows that all faith in the enterprise is not yet dead.

A. W. Shaw, better known as Josh Billings, is dead. An English writer spoke of him as that American humorist whose humor is spoiled by his affection of bad spelling.

We are in receipt of an interesting copy of the proceeding of the State Medical Association.

That excellent paper the Orangeburg Times and Democrat will be enlarged to an eight page paper about 1st of January. It is now one of the largest, as it is one of the best and most influential weekly papers in the State.

Court of Sessions.

Court convened last Monday at 10 a. m. Judge W. H. Wallace presiding.

His Honor did not charge the grand jury but simply stated to them that no doubt they had been fully charged. He requested them to take the bills handed them and to pass upon them as they had done heretofore. The following petit jurors were excused; E. W. Harper, Vincent Griffin, John H. Jones, H. A. Tennant, W. R. Bailey, G. M. Mattison.

Four persons failed to answer to their names. His Honor instructed the Clerk to issue a rule against them to show cause at 10 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, why they should not be ruled for contempt of Court.

The jury was completed from the five mile box as follows: H. T. Wardlaw, J. C. Douglas, A. W. Smith, W. S. Cottrhan, H. H. Hill, Charles S. White, J. M. Giles, Samuel Wilson, G. A. Douglas, H. D. Reese, A. J. Woodhurst, H. R. Wilson, T. P. Quarles, John A. Brooks, N. P. Milford, Thomas Mann.

The first case tried was an appeal from Trial Justice Court. The defendant, Jack Andrews had refused to work the roads and put in the excuse that he had worked six extra days on the road during the two previous years and that he thought he had a justifiable excuse for refusing to work. His Honor sustained the Trial Justice. Hemphill & Calhoun for defendant.

William Wright was next put upon his trial charged with disposing of property upon which a lien existed. He was represented by Messrs. Graydon & Graydon. The jury found William guilty.

George H. Yarborough was put upon his trial charged with disposing of property upon which there was a lien. Mr. E. B. Gary for defendant. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty.

TRUE BILLS.

The grand jury found the following true bills: George H. Yarborough, disposing of goods under lien without consent of license; William Wright disposing of property upon which a lien existed; Alfred Childs, larceny from the field; William L. Woods, murderer.

All day Tuesday was taken up in drawing the jury in the Ferguson case. Eight jurors were sworn and the panel was exhausted. Twenty jurors were drawn and pending their arrival the Court adjourned till 9-30 a. m., to-day.

The following jurors were sworn: T. C. Jennings, W. R. Powell; Jerry Bacon, colored; A. O. Grant, R. E. Henderson, Samuel H. Wilson, K. L. Clinkscaler, R. W. Hester.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

October Term of Court For Abbeville County.

To his Honor Judge Wallace:

We have examined all the bills given to us by the solicitor and returned them to court.

We have examined the Trial Justices books and find thirteen of the number uniformly and properly kept and two not so and two not returned to us.

Trial Justices J. F. Hodges and W. N. Ransom are reported to us for malfeasance in office and drunkenness. The witnesses to sustain these charges we give to the solicitor.

We have examined the Jail and the Poorhouse and public offices and find them in their usual good order.

The public roads are being put in good condition, except the road from Bradley's mill to the Cedar Springs line, which has not been worked this year.

The C. & G. R. R. Company do not give proper accommodation for ladies in a reception room at their depot at Greenwood and Ninety-Six and no platform at Greenwood for boarding the train.

We deeply regret the illicit traffic in ardent spirits by druggists, (so called,) the low state of public morals, the cheap estimate put upon human life, the inefficiency of our legal and penal system to protect Society and punish crime.

With thanks to your Honor and officers of the Court we beg to be discharged.

Oct. 20th, 1885. J. H. OLDHAM, Foreman.

The Synod of South Carolina meets in Chester this week. Mr. R. H. Wardlaw goes as a delegate from the Abbeville church, while Mr. W. A. Templeton goes as commissioner to Bethel Presbytery, in order, if possible to get that body to consent for the Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson to accept the call extended to him from the Abbeville church.

This town needs one or two reservoirs on the public square in case of fire. We are almost defenseless from the devouring element. Such a precaution will reduce rates of insurance also. These reservoirs could be arranged to catch the rain water and the waste from the public wells.

J. Marion Latimer, Sr.

The town of Lowndesville and vicinity were greatly shocked by the sudden death of its most prominent and useful citizen, Mr. J. Marion Latimer, Sr., who died suddenly of heart disease about 8 o'clock, Thursday morning, October 15th. Mr. Latimer arose and breakfasted in the morning referred to, apparently in usual health. Soon after eating breakfast he walked out into his yard, giving direction to some hands in his employ about their work for the day; and returning to the house sat down and in a short time fell from his chair, and died within a few moments.

Mr. Latimer has been identified with this community for a long period of time, nearly half a century and has also been known throughout the county and State as a prominent citizen, energetic and successful in business and zealous and useful in the church. Many who have known him during his long and successful career will be saddened to hear of his sudden and unexpected death; and those who have been most intimately associated with him and felt the influence of his genial nature, always expressing itself in polite and courteous manners, and listened to his words of wise and prudent counsel, will find it hard to realize that he is dead.

Mr. Latimer was born in this County about two and half miles north of the present site of Due West. His father Dr. James M. Latimer moved to this State from Maryland, with his mother and settled first on Broadmouth Creek in this County. In the year 1801 he was married to Miss Catherine Kay and moved to the neighborhood of the present site of Due West, where his son J. M. Latimer, who was one of a large family most of whom have died before him, was born December 27th 1814.

On the 26th of September, 1833, in the 19th year of his age, he was married to Miss Mahala Young, daughter of Mr. Wm. Young, who lived a few miles east of Shiloh Church in this County. He settled in this neighborhood and remained four or five years until about the year 1838, when he and his father-in-law, Mr. Young bought land in the Fork, between Rocky and Savannah rivers, about three miles west of Lowndesville, and moved thither with their families.

In 1854 Mr. Latimer moved to Lowndesville and has resided there and at his plantation since that time. As a planter he was quite successful. His exertions in this direction were characterized by energy, perseverance, and progressiveness, and resulted in the accumulation of property. His business integrity and capacity were well known. This will be readily inferred from the fact that when quite a young man he was appointed trustee of the large estate of Mr. John Oliver. This estate amounted to more than \$100,000.00 and was successfully managed by him for a number of years.

Mr. Latimer has always shown great interest in public matters that looked to the building up and improvement of his county. He was largely instrumental in procuring the charter for the S. V. R. R., and was for six years President of the company. Those only who have been well acquainted with the progress of this important enterprise, know of the difficulties that he overcame and the obstacles that he surmounted in his efforts to afford rail road communication to the Savannah side of Abbeville County. When the prospects of the Road were dark and gloomy, when its enemies openly exulted over its apparent downfall, and its friends in despair were ready to give it up, he persevered. Oftentimes it seemed that the enterprise depended entirely on his will and energy, and its present favorable condition is looked upon by all as a monument to his business capacity and indomitable will. The motive that inspired him to undergo such arduous labors for the advancement of this enterprise, was the good of the community. He expressed himself as not expecting to derive financial benefit from the completion of the Road, and the sad event of his death has happened in accordance with his expectations. His disinterestedness is further shown by the fact, that he received no compensation for his labor, while his private business was suffering from lack of his attention.

During the present year Mr. Latimer had given much time and attention, and contributed liberally to the building of the new Methodist Church at Lowndesville. In this, as in others kindred enterprises in the community, his prudence, judgment, and material assistance, were considered necessary to success; and were given by him without reason. It seems a strange coincidence that he should have died so soon after the completion of these two public enterprises, to which he has given so much time during the latter years of his life.

As a friend and counsellor Mr. Latimer had few equals. A large family connection, and a large circle of friends, looked to him as their leader and adviser. He was frequently consulted for advice in business and personal matters; and to those in distress or laboring under difficulties, he was always ready to lend a helping hand, or give prudent counsel. His natural sagacity and singularly correct insight into human nature, made him peculiarly fitted for giving advice to others, and his polite and courteous manner inspired confidence and prevented giving offense.

There are many living to-day who have reason to revere his memory for the wise counsel given them.

Mr. Latimer's advantages for education during his youth were limited, but during his long life he acquired a large fund of information that, made him a pleasant and agreeable conversationalist.

It was perhaps as a christian man that Mr. Latimer was most widely and favorably known. He was brought up under the influences of the Baptist Church, but about the year 1840 joined the Methodist Church at Smvrna. Very soon after joining the church he was placed in official position. His deep piety, remarkable personal experience, and zeal, soon made him the leading spirit in the Smvrna Society; and during his long career as a mem-

ber of the church, extending through a period of 45 years, he maintained his position of usefulness and prominence. He was always found ready to contribute of his means for religious purposes.

He often represented his society in the District and Annual Conferences. His funeral services were held in Smvrna Church, Rev. M. L. Banks, pastor, officiating. Mr. Banks preached an appropriate sermon from 1 Cor., 15 ch., 56 and 57 verses, and concluded with an eulogy of the deceased that was sad and effecting.

All seemed impressed with the solemnity of the occasion, and the long procession that followed his remains to the grave, showed the affection and esteem in which his memory is held. Lowndesville, Oct. 19, 1885. F.

Master's Sales.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Thos. K. Jackson and W. T. McDonald against Ellen Z. Gosset, et al.—Partition

BY VIRTUE of an order made in the above stated case by Hon. J. S. Cottrhan, Judge Eighth Circuit and dated Dec 8th, 1884, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday November 2nd, 1885, being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county, being the Real Estate of Thos. Jackson and Ann R. Jackson, deceased, to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land known as tract No. 1 or the Homestead, containing ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of D. M. Wardlaw, tract No 2, John Able, and others, and by the Snake road. Also that tract or parcel of land, known as tract No 2, containing

ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of D. M. Wardlaw, H. D. Wilson, tract No 1, and Snake Road. Also, that tract or parcel of land known as tract No 3, or the Humphrey Jackson tract containing

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, and bounded by lands of John Able, McNeil, and tract No 4, and the Snake Road. Also, that tract or parcel of land known as tract No 4, or the Mill tract, containing

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by the Snake Road, tract No 3, and McWilliams land and J. D. Neel.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on credit twelve months secured by bond and mortgage with interest from day of sale. Will let to purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master Oct 7, 1885, 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

A. J. Salinas & Son against Richey & Miller.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case, dated April 18th, 1885, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday, November 2d, 1885, being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county to wit:

ONE HOUSE AND LOT,

in the village of Hodges, the property of Jno. M. Miller, the lot composed of three small parcels, containing in all about

TWENTY-TWO ACRES,

bounded by lands J. A. Ellis, L. R. Dantzer, and by the Columbia & Greenville Railroad. Also One House in the village of Hodges the property of William B. Richey containing

ONE AND ONE HALF ACRES,

more or less, and bounded by lands of John M. Miller, and by the Columbia and Greenville Railroad. Also One House and Lot known as the Koon place, and the property of Richey & Miller, containing

THIRTY-SEVEN ACRES,

more or less and bounded by lands of J. L. Anderson, Walter Anderson and A. M. Agnew and by the Columbia and Greenville Railroad.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 7, '85. 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

William Caldwell against James C. Caldwell and others.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case and dated October 27th, 1885, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday, November 2d, being Saleday, the following described property situate in the said State and county, being of the Real Estate of W. B. Caldwell, deceased, to wit: All that parcel or lot of land, located in the town of Cokesbury, containing

TWENTY-SIX ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of B. Z. Herndon and others as known as the Homestead. Also that tract or parcel of land, located near Cokesbury containing

FIFTY-NINE ACRES,

more or less, and bounded by land of W. C. Norwood, and others.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 7, '85. 4t

Notice to Creditors.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Mary A. Hunter et al against Samuel A. Link et al.—Partition.

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Court of Common Pleas made in the above stated case and dated June 11th, 1885, I hereby give notice to the creditors of Emily Link, deceased to present and prove their claims before me on or before the second day of November, 1885, in order that the claims so proven may be paid out of the proceeds of sale of the real estate of said Emily Link to be sold on said day by me for partition.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 7th 1885, 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Pelzer, Rodgers & Co., against A. M. Agnew.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case and dated April 21st, 1885, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville Court house, S. C., on Monday, November 2nd, 1885, being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property situate in said State and county to wit:

All that tract or parcel of land, containing ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of M. B. McGhee, R. L. Stensel and others.

Also that tract or parcel of land containing

FIFTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of J. N. Alexander, Mrs. Sharp and others.

Also, that tract or parcel of land known as the Home Place, containing

FIVE HUNDRED AND FOUR ACRES.

more or less, and bounded by lands of Nancy Sharp, M. B. McGhee and others.

Also, that tract or parcel of land, known as the Smith tract, containing

FIFTY-SEVEN ACRES

more or less, and bounded by lands of B. C. Hart, W. H. Moore and others.

Also, that tract or parcel of land known as the Swain tract, containing

TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIVE ACRES.

more or less, bounded by lands of M. B. McGhee, Susan Riley and others.

Also, the Anderson Tract containing

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of T. Y. Martin, Wm. Martin and others.

Also, all that tract known as the Agnew tract containing

ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE ACRES.

more or less, bounded by lands of S. C. Merriam, M. B. McGhee and others.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half Cash, balance on credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, the credit portion to be secured by bond of the purchaser in each instance and mortgage of the premises sold. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct 7, 1885 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

In Re Elizabeth K. Conner defendant in dower.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case and dated June 11th, 1885, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday November 2nd, 1885 being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and County, being of the Real Estate of A. P. Conner deceased to wit: All that tract or parcel of land known as the Kennedy Tract containing

FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of John Lyon, Bradley and Morrah, Mrs Mary Watson, J. L. Drennon and others.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct 7, '85. 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Arthur Parker against Edward F. Parker, as administrator, and others.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case and dated September 28, 1885, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday, Nov. 2d, 1885, being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county being of the Real Estate of Dr. Edwin Parker, deceased, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land in the town of Abbeville, which Dr. Edwin Parker resided at the time of his death, situated on Church street and containing

TWO ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of Mrs. Kerr, Lewis Parker and Trinity church.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash balance on credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct 7, '85 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Robertson, Taylor & Co., against William H. Arnold.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case and dated October 31, 1884, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday, November 2d, being Saleday within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate in said State containing

FOUR ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of M. A. Cason, T. J. Ellis and G. M. Hodges.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash balance on credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises, with liberty to purchaser to anticipate the second payment. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct 7, '85 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Alfred Gray against Solomon McBrady.—Partition.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case by the Court of Common Pleas, June Term, 1885, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday, November 2d, 1885, being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and County to wit: All that tract or parcel of land known as the Norris Tract, being part of the estate of John Harris Gray, deceased upon waters of Little River, and containing

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO ACRES.

more or less and bounded by lands of the estate of T. W. Thomas, Mrs. Jane O. Gray and others.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 7, '85. 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Ellis G. Graydon against John McLaue.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale made in the above stated case and dated June 11, 1885, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday November 2, 1885 being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and County, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, on McLenner branch waters of Curtail creek, containing

SEVENTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of James J. Devlin, Leroy Purdy, Jonathan Jordan and others.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash, purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 7, '85. 4t.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ABBEVILLE COUNTY, Court of Common Pleas.

Hugh R. Wilson and others against James A. Reid and others.

By virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case by the Court of Common Pleas on the 6th day of October, 1885, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Monday November 2d, 1885, being Saleday, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property situate in said State and County, being of the real estate of Mrs. E. A. Reid, deceased, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, known as the Homestead and containing

FOUR HUNDRED AND THIRTY-TWO ACRES,

more or less, bounded by land formerly of Mrs Mary Wilson, deceased, Estate of Thomas Crawford, deceased, Estate of Henry W. Winn, deceased and others. The said land to be divided into two or more tracts, plats of which will be exhibited on day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance in twelve months with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 7, '85. 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE, Court of Common Pleas.

Orville T. Calhoun against Mary E. Brown.—Foreclosure.