# IS THE PARTY A FAILURE?

In another column will be found a very sensible article under the above caption, copied from the News and Courier, and written by a gentleman from Chester. The writer evinces considerable knowledge of political, economy, and proves himself to be a deep thinker.

His most sensible observations are concerning the primary elections, in which he raises the question, if their scope is not being too widely extended. We believe this is true. Primary elections do very well for counties,-but it is even a question with some if their day of usefulness in this respect has not passed-but when you extend them so as to include State and Congressional officers, the scheme does not seem at all practicable. To sift it down, it is the old story of "giving an ell and taking an inch." In all reason, we would like to know, what more voice, the people as a whole, would like to have in the nomination of these officers? They elect the men who go to the conventions and it is their own fault, if they send those who do not truly representathem. Is not the hue and cry being now raised quite a reflection on those we have hitherto sent to represent us in the nominating convention? Yet who will dare charge these gentlemen,-we refer particularly now to the delegates sent from rings and political tricksters. Several of them come directly from the people, and were unknown in the political circles of the state having never held office or been present in a convention outside the limits of their native county. Strange influence the air of conventions outside of Abbeville must exert on delegates!

Again, is there one instance on record where a man was nominated for office, in direct opposition to the wish of the people? Was the Hon. D. Wvatt Aiken a man whom the people objected to? Was Solicitor Orr the marked man? Which one of our State offiers is objectionable to the masses of our people? It cannot be the Governor, for they claim him pre-eminently as the choice of the people. Is it farmer Lipscomb? Why he is the very man that the farmers claim, and they are in a majority in this State. Lieut. Governor Sheppard rose by degrees to his present position and so did the Comptroller-General. We have never heard any objection to the State Treasurer, nor to the Adjutant and Inspector-Generals. The titled to have one representative on the State ticket?

Who then is the man the political ag-

itators are aming at?

Who is it, that is raising this commotion anyhow? Is it the people, or a office, in a political upheaval?

Haven't the people all the power they want? Haven't they all the power they can use practically? What more do they want, or what more do they need? We confess we fail to see.

# THE GENERAL ASSEMALY.

This, the highest Court of the Presbyterian curch met in Augusta, on last Thursday.

Rev. J. H. Bryson, D. D. was elected Moderator. Dr. Bryson is well known resting place of our loved ones. in portions of this county having been a student for a number of years at University of South Carolina, and at tending Presbytery. There is preachone time was paster of the Frst Presby- ing in the Baptist Church only once a terian church, of Columbia, S. C. We month (2nd Sunday) therefore there was have no doubt he will make an excell- no preaching in that church last Sunent presiding officer. The most momentous question that will come up before the Assembly will be that of Evo- cin; and are ready and willing, day and lution. It will not apply directly. however, to Dr. Woodrow as the General Assembly has only been naked to give a deliverance on the sometimes won't go. Give them a little subject. Its decision will be awaited time and they will be there certain.

The editors of the MESSENGER are under many obligations to William P. Calboun Esq., for getting out the week's issue for them in their absence. Mr. Calhoun is a graceful writer and we have no doubt our readers recognized his facile pen in the editorial and local week. column of last week.

Rev. Wallace W. Duncan, of Spartanburg, has been made a Bishop of the made a capital representative. Methodist Church South. We congratulate Mr. Duncan on receiving the served honor, and also the Church at arge upon securing so competent and ntelligent a Bishop.

#### JUDGE J. S. COTHRAN.

The friends of this gentleman are urging him to become a candidate for Congress. We know of no one who would make a more desirable representative for the Third District and though we have no assurances from him, that he desires or will take the position if tendered to him, we know that he is patriotic enough to serve in any position where the people will put him. They desire him to be their Congressman, and we do not believe he will refuse. Able, intelligent, just, and pure, a ready speaker and a logical debator, he is the very man for the position and the people of this District will honor themselves, by sending him to Congress.

### Lowndesville Locals.

Mr. T. T. Hill, the photographer is now in town and has fixed up a "shanty' and is prepared to furnish the "counterfeit presentment" to all applicants, in unlimited numbers. What a time for the belles and beaux exchanging "pretties." We know how it is ourself, having been all along there.

A few days since Mr. John Hall, of Laurens County, was here wanting to buy a house and lot. He did not make a trade then, but no doubt will, and then will n.ove over.

Mrs. Marion Latimer spent a few days in our midst week before last, visiting relatives and friends. She has been making her home at Anderson, Courthouse, since the death of Mr. Latimer

Since my last we have had rain upon ain, here a great deal, and there a great deal. Almost every bridge upon Rocky River, in this county, has been either swept away or damaged beyond repair. That river was higher it has been since 1822. The damage to the corn and cotton crops is immense, but even this dark cloud has a silver lining. The Fall oats having been almost totally destroy-Abbeaille county,-being influenced by ed, the farmers sowed largely this Spring. Those oats are now heading, and our late rains which were so destructive in some respects will greatly increase the planters chances for pulling

The rains were cold for the season. Fires were again enjoyable. There is an old adage of which we were reminded priate addresses and read select read-"A fog in March, a frost in May." There was a fog on the 16th of March. The frost did not quite come to time. It was quite cold the 17th and 18th. We had a fog the 29th of March. I will not risk my reputation as "weather prophet" by predicting a frost, of a corresponding date, this mouth.

Work upon our railroad was suspended last Monday, to gratify the wish of the hands for a holiday. In speaking of the railroad I am reminded of an arbitration a few days since. A widow lady near this place felt that she had been damaged by the railroad wagon trains passing over her crops. She, through her agent appealed to Mr. Wadley, general manager. He agreed to leave it to three disinterested men to assess the damages, After thorough inspection, and mature deliberation, the referees awarded to her the munificent sum of

A good many of our folks were much disappointed last Sunday. Information land and crop by the recent hard building is a trade, as is house building, but here the Associated land and crop by the recent hard gip making the thoratory only lowered Attorney-General, is the only man from had been received that the Associated rains. Hard Laber creek is reported bridge builders ought to be given the a church at Mt. Carmel, were to have it bridge and Winterseat bridge were swept dedicated on that day, by Dr. W. M. Grier. Our people having a very high opinion of the Doctor's ability as a preacher, made arrangements for an excursion upon the railroad to that place on that day, but at the last moment word was received that the dedication had few sore-heads, who hope to ride into been postponed. Now this writer would ask, are railroad excursions on Sunday commendable, even though they be to enable those taking passage, to hear the expounding of the Word of God, by celebrated Divines? At the risk of being considered fogyish, I answer no.

A committee has been appointed to look after the Methodist grave yard situated where old Symrna once stood, preachers in the Associate Reformed nearly two miles from town. As we understand it this committee will have the guest of General P. H. Bradley during general supervision of the grave yard the meeting at Ordar Springs. and will at once have it cleaned off, and Major J. L. White reports that his enclosed with a neat and substantial land was washed up hill by the hard wall or fence. This is as it should be, rain. How is that for high? We cannot be too careful of the last

No preaching in any of our churches last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Auld of the Erskine College. He is the brother of Methodist Church filled an appointment the wife of Prof. E. L. Patton, of the at the Ridge Church. Rev. T. C. Ligon of

> Drs. Speer & Henry have entered into a copartnership for the practice of medinight, to respond to calls. We advise those expecting to get sick not to do so in too great a hurry, as Dr. Speer's horse is a slow one, and Henry's horse

# Due West Dots.

Too much rain.

Bottom land washed.

Spring outs are enjoying the rains. Rev. O. Y. Bonner preached a carital sermon for Rov. W. L. Pressley Sabbath

Capt. Bonham seems to be having a good time North.

We are sorry Col. Aiken has withdrawn from public service. He has

We welcome "Troupe" from Lowndesville to the columns of the MESSEN-GER. He represents a fine section of the county and is a good writer.

A friend has sent us the annual report of the Georgia Railroad and Banking the day.

Company of Augusta. It's resources amount to eight million and fire hundred thousand. It's board of directors are very able.

Mr. W. P. Calhoun filled the editorial chair of the MESSENGER ably last week. On our first acquaintance with Mr. Calhoun in Judge Sitton's court here we formed a favorable impression. It has not been dissipated since.

A "Rain-bow party" is the latest thing gotten up. The ladies dress in toilets representing the colors of the rain-bow. The handkerchiefs of these ladies with their distinct colors are put up and sold at enormous figures. The beaux bidling high against each other. Can't due West have a rain-bow party.

The Baptist church is being thorough ly remodeled. The ceiling will be arch shaped. The tower will be commanding and the building an elegant one

The News and Courier complains that "The Charleston Club is too honest to steal a base." It is evident that her opponents are stealing the games.

The new soda fountains are arriving and commencing to operate. Messrs. J. F. Miller & Co. opened up Saturday. Dr. E. H. Edwards will open his new one next week.

The young infant of Mr. J. E. Todd was buried last week. It rained so incessantly that they could not bury it for two days.

Dr. Grier leaves for Hamilton, Ohio, next Wednesday as a delegate from the Associate Reformed Church to the United Presbyterian Assembly. expect to hear of the Doctor doing like Alex. Stevens hen, "spreading" him-

The Widemans play the Donalds club the last of this week. Troy and Augusta play 17th June.

The examinations in the Theoligical Seminary occurs next Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Lowry Wilson of Ab-beville, C. H., preaches the annual sermon Wednesday night.

Rev. W. L. Pressly started to Generostie Friday. He found all the bridges gone on Rocky River and had to return

We are sorry to say that at this writwho has been very sick is no better.

Due West never fails to observe Memorial day. Prof. Hood is the standing chairman. On the last occasion Prof. Hood and Dr. Grier made appro-

### Bradley Bits.

Mr. Widley and family have returned from Troy and are spending some time with Mr. D. W. Jay. Mr. Blum, of Troy was in town on

l'hursday, with a nice lot of beef. The Associate Reformed Presbyterans held quite interesting meetings at

Cedar Springs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. D. W. Jay lost one of his farm horses Thursday. He says he will

either have to buy another or supplement with an ox. Farmers are requested to meet here

on Saturday evening May 29th, for the purpose of organizing a farmers club. Business on a boom but money mighty

Farmers report great damage done to away. County . Commissioners will please take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Mr. J. W. Wideman, who has been in Florida for some time returned home last week and will remain here until fall. He is favorably impressed with his new home. Mr. Wideman says he that has come to our notice for some killed five hundred birds at two shots and it was not a very good day for killing birds either.

Dr. Phillips of Jefferson county, Ga. who is considered one of the best Presbyterian denomination was the

Dr. L. W. Sheppard of Troy was in town on Wednesday. Several trestles on the G. L. & S.

railroad were swept away by the recent freshet. Trains have been unable to pass up to Saturday morning. The train giong to Augusta Friday

morning was unable to cross Savannah River, consequently we had no mail on that day. Mr. P. H. Bradley Jr. our efficient

depot agent says he has "quit the drive." We are unable to say what is the trouble perhaps Mr. Bradley will

Judge E. W. Watson has a brand new top buggy. Bradley can boast of a large a num-

ber of young bachelors. It must surely be the young ladies' fault. As I am sure it is not their's, what say you young maidens?

Troy has received a challenge from Augusta hase ball club. Game will take place at Troy on Wednesday, June "Do it up" for them boys, I know

Mrs. G. C. Bradley who has been spending some time with relatives in Greenville returned to Troy on Monday

Miss Jennie McCaslan of Troy, paid Ninety-Six a short visit last week. Troy will soon have a telegraph

Mr. J. S. Jay, proprietor of the Troy hotel wears a fine gold watch. Children's Day will be observed in the Baptist church at Troy on the 5th. Sunday, other Sunday schools will take part in the exercises. Recitation by Sunday school scholars and addresses by distinguished men, will be the order of

MORE ANON.

Ninety-Six News.

May 24th.

Rain, rain, rain and rain again, water nough for a private flood, and considerable the damage done. The farmer found nis upland in the bottoms and his bottoms floating gently down the creek or river without even saying farewell and he makes the discovery that his crop has to be replanted. The county commissioners found out that there is not near money enough in the treasury to rebuild all the bridges which became victims of the fierce element. Still build they must and in consequence feel depressed and uneasy. The average farmer counts on his fingers that the taxes may be doubled and no one else left but him to settle the bill. A had beginning this year after lossing all our grain crop by the severity of last

The upper and lower bridges over Wilson Creek are gone and destroyed. We hear that Mr. J. N. King has the lower bridge in contract for rebuilding.

When a body travels he can tell a gent many pecular tales. Our friend J. H. Kinard our valuable furniture and coffin dealer, travelled in good compsny to the river, the border stream of county. Mr. Kinard is a great sport, knows all about it, but to watch the fish and the boat at the same time was too much. Either his mental or his physical apparatus became unbalanced. I don't know, not to know, therefore who should know -anyway he lost his balance and found that the river was really deeper than he had expected, colder too, but not as wet perhaps And as the elements hate the work of man, the treacherous waves took away his best hat, his pride. We hope Mr. Kinard did not damage the water by concussion as my friends living there are very particular how their stream is treated.

The last township battle for the A. G. & W. narrow guage railroad was ing fought on Saturday last 22nd instant in Cooper township, Edgefield county. 1 am glad to say the last ditch has been am glad to say the last ditch has been taken. The majority for subscription to the road was ninety-six. It was a hard fought battle but the proverbial luck of this little road did not fail us in this last the property of Mrs. S. A Glover to satisfy the aforesaid Executions and the costs. TERMS—Cash. ing, Saturday 22nd, Miss E. McQuerns this little road did not fail us in this last emergency. I feel safe in saying that the road will be graded from Cokesbury to Augusta by August 15th.

> If you wish to see a real artist in the art of trimming and decorating hats, go to the emporium of fashion of Mrs. Mattie Osborne & Beacham on the public square.

Our already mentioned scientific mechanic, J. Nick Johnson astonished us John M. Pruitt against W. C. Griffin, Agent again with his latest work, a machine driven by electricity. Although this motive power is not new and well first ever made in South Carolina. The machine is in operation in the show window of Mr. Thomas Duckett our learned watch and silversmith. The design of the machine is original and certainly astonished our scientific citi-

We heard more wise suggestions on the streets about "how to build a bridge preperly" since the destructive rain, than we have heard all our life. Every body turned out, it seems a first rate bridge builder. Only one remark we heard is worth repeating: "Bridge bridge builders ought to be given the We endorse the last sentence. jobs" Nevertheless it looks to us as if any citizen is qualified to build a bridge and can get a contract if he is the lowest Mr. James H. Wideman lost some though he may not be able to state the forty head of sheep by the recent difference between a bridge and a churn though he may not be able to state the VASMER.

# The Protection of Inventors.

One of the most interesting charities time is the one organized, and soon to be in full operation. by a number of ladies, representing most of our states, for the protection and promotion of inventors. It is the purpose of this association to cover this charity in all its completeness by taking out the patents and supplying the necessary drawings and models free of all charge, thus enabling the inventor to reap the benefit from his genius that it deserves, and not allowing the whole interest, no matter how valuable the patent, to be absorbed by some shark for the sake of the few dollars necessary to secure it from the government. This is, indeed, a noble charity, and one that has too long been neglected, and we are glad to see that it is indorsed by the best names in our country's history. If ever a class needed help it is that of inventors, and so far they have been neglected.

Many of the inventions to which we are most indebted for our comfort and the advancement of civilization have been of no benefit to the inventors. Some have died in misery, leaving their families destitute, whose inventions to-day are rolling up millions for those who took advantage of a starving man or woman, and got posession of their invention for the advance of a few dollars necessary to secure the patent. Such an enterprise should surely have the help it calls for. Miss Florida Cuningham, of this city, has been invited to go on to New York, where the association has its headquarters, and act as secre-

A list of the patrons and subscribers will shortly be published. This association has been endowed with two patents that promise to be of value to the fund .- Washington Republican.

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### SHERIFF'S SALE.

A. Brofman & Co., Hill Bro's, and others, against Mrs. S. A. Glover.—Sundry Executions.

BY virtue of Sundry Executions to me directed, in the above stated case, I will sell to the highest bidder, at Public auction, within in the legal hours of sale, at Abbeville Courthouse, on Monday, the seventh day of June, A. D. 1886, the following described property to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the county of Abbeville, South Carolina, and containing

TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE ACRES.

costs. TERMS-Cash.

J. F. C. DUPRE, Sheriff Abb. Co. S. C. May 15; 1886.

Master's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF ABBRUILLE.

Court of Common Pleas.

et al.-Foreclosure. By virtue of an order of sale made in the motive power is not new and well known, still we think it is the first seen in Abbeville county and may assert the day in June, 1886, within the legal hours of sale, the following described propety, situate in said State and County to wit: All that in said State and County to wit: All that tract or parcel of land containing Lots and Houses Fifty by One Hundred Feet, in the town Bradley, and — acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of D. W. Jay, Mrs. V. Thomas and P. H. Bradley.

Terms of Sale—One-fourth cash, balance of proceeds of sale payable Jan. 1, 1887, with

of proceeds of sale payable Jan. 1, 1887, with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises, the purchaser to insure the property and assign the policy to the Master. Purchaser to pay the Master for all papers and recording.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. May 11, '86, 4t.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, ABBEVILLE COULTY. Court Common Pleas

Ex parte, Hessie A. Beacham, Petitioner-Application for Homestead.

Notice is hereby given to all persons con-cerned, that Mrs. Hessie A. Beacham has ap-plied to me to have the Homestead exemp-tions allowed by law set off to her in her real

tions allowed by law set off to her in her real and personal property.

Dated April the 5th. 1886 and published once a week for four weeks in the Abbeville MESSENGER. J. C. KLUGH,

April, 5 1886-4t

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# State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS,

Ida P. William and Rebecca D. Johnson VS.

Lula A. Power, Fannie L. Haddon et al, defendants. Copy Summons for Relief.

Complaint not Served.

To the Defendants : Lula A. Power, Fannie L. Haddon, M. F Johnson, F. E. Johnson, Lena Johnson, Joseph L. Johnson, Isabella Raysor, Sallie Taylor, Rebecca Scott, Lucy Linton, India T. Johnson, Mollie Johnson, Julia Johnson, Rebecca Johnson, Mattie Johnson, Mollie Johnson, Jonhson Bowie, William Bowie, LeRoy Bowie, John Bowie, Theodore Bowie, and Cor-

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, of which a copy is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Court for Abbeville county, and to serve copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to wit, the the partition of the land of Amanda Johnson deceased.

Dated April 27th A. D. 1886

L. S. M. G. ZEIGLER,
C. C. P.

J. FULLER LYON, Plaintiff's Attorney. To the absent Defondarts;

Isabella Raysor, Sallie Taylor, Rebecca Scott, Lucy Linton, India T. Johnson, Mellie Johnson, Julia Johnson Rebecca Johnson, Mattie Jo nson, Mollie Johnson, Johnson Bowie, William Bowie, LeRoy Bowie, John Bowie, Theodore Bowie and Cornelia Bowie TAKE NOTICE that the summens in this action of which the above is a copy, together with the complaint, has this day been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said County.

J. FULLER LYON, Plaintiffs' Attorney. April 26, 1886. 61.

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