THE PEOPLE.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1878.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Imports and Exports.

Petroleum cures hog cholera.

Our nice little man is an ap-Prentiss.

The new Courthouse will be 44 by 70 feet.

The Azor sails for Liberia in a few days.

Gently does it, old gentleman, gently does it.

McEvoy has been respited until the 19th inst.

The dam of Col. Duncan's mill was broken on Sunday night.

Diaz is to be recognized by our Government as President of Mexico.

Upwards of 600 liens have been filed in the Clerk's office up to date.

Kershaw expects to raise $200,000 worth of turpentine this year.

John V. Hogan was killed near Blythewood by his step-son Wm. Boyle.

The Methodist District Conference meets at Allendale on the 18th instant.

Up to the 1st instant 37,684 tons of fertilizers had been shipped from Charleston.

Col. John C. Davant, of Allendale, spent Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in Barnwell.

Ex-Judge P. L. Wiggin has been appointed by Judge Bryan as United States Commissioner.

George M. Lawton, brother of Gen. A. R. Lawton, was found dead near Allendale last week.

Gen. C. W. Fields, of Georgia, was elected door-keeper of the House of Representatives.

The Penitentiary birds are feeding on a spring diet of a little bread and an abundance of water.

The Fairfield county convention endorsed Hampton and determined to make nominations by primary elections.

The artesian well at Charleston is a success. It furnishes 240 gallons of water from the suggestive depth of 1,878 feet.

Revs. Messrs. Lindsay and Bradford occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church on Sunday, to the great pleasure of their friends.

The Marion county convention refuses to make nominations by primary elections, preferring to adhere to the convention system.

Dr. Todd informs us that mad dogs are numerous in the neighborhood of Allendale. Read the remedy for hydrophobia on our first page!

In a free fight on Mr. L. B. Toole's place, near Williston, on Sunday last, Henry Jacobs was shot and seriously wounded by Austin Duncan—all colored.

Messrs. Alsop and Bullock are doing a *growing* business at Robbins. They employ some forty-five hands in manufacturing staves and shingles.

G. W. M. Williams, Esq., of Midway, James C. Brown, Esq., of Millets, Rev. J. J. Getsinger, of Bamberg, and Dr. B. J. Quattlebaum, of Williston, were in town this week, all looking happy and busy.

In the base ball match at Elko the Red Stars were victorious—thanks to their longer training. They will meet foemen worthy of their skill in an Augusta club, which plays with them at Williston on the 6th of May.

The new Aiken Baptist Church was dedicated on the 31st ult. It is built upon the spot where the church stood which was burned by the Hausman-Porthman murderers. Rev. Lucius Cuthbert preached the dedicatory sermon.

Lt. Col. Davant informs us that Barnwell county has now twenty-nine full companies of militia—fifteen cavalry and fourteen infantry companies. Trot out your counties, brother editors.

London Brown blew his first bugle-blast since his pardon, on Thursday last. Its music is as cheerful and comforting as ever, and contains in its tones presage of success for the party London followed to the victory of '76.

Ladies must not read this: Economy suggests three twenty-five cents 'Economy suggests three twenty-five cents a bug, or three for church. Ten cents a bug, or three for 25 Matins as valuable auxiliaries to the ladies have succeeded "mum" scalds "Hue" pur-—Indianapolis Sentinel.

The Bamberg Democratic Club reorganized on the 6th inst. by electing the following officers: President, A. C. Dibble; vice presidents, M. J. Rice, Dr. A. H. Johnson; recording secretary, W. F. Patrick; corresponding secretary, J. D. Copeland; treasurer, Henry Hartzog. The club favors primary elections.

Barnwell will brighten up when work commences on the new county buildings. We understand that Messrs. Terriberry & Brickle, the enterprising contractors of Bamberg, and Mr. J. W. Woodward, of Rosemary, will probably put in bids. Other things being equal we hope that the contract will be awarded to home folks. The County Commissioners will have the plans on exhibition next week.

Our Village Saddened.

As the sun sank 'neath the western sky of last Saturday, 6th of April, 1878, a concourse, full with emotions of friendship and sympathy, gathered around an open grave in the village church-yard at the Baptist Church, following the body of Dr. JOSEPH ALLEN DUNCAN, now motionless, silent. There was now stilled a heart whose impulses of kindness had throbbed yet true when fickle fortune's smiles were chased by relentless reverses. As, from the setting sun, across this waiting tomb, back toward the east went gliding rays of brightness, through the memories of the thick attending group of all classes and ages were flitting acts of benevolence and charity which scattered along the pathway of a life so early closed.

Born 28th of February, 1833, and reared in the community to which he was devoted, after the best academic advantages afforded here, he pursued in the University of Virginia a course of studies preparatory for his chosen profession of medicine, which he completed at the Nashville, Tennessee, Medical College on his twenty-first birthday. Soon he returned to the scenes of his boyhood and continued in the practice here until the bugle blast pierced the tranquility of the village. When war demanded his services he was commissioned an assistant surgeon and assigned to duty in one of the crowded hospitals near Richmond. The war over, and his fortune impaired, he addressed himself to his profession with great satisfaction to his friends and credit to himself, until his own failing health forbade activity. Still the physician—or more the ministering friend—of the poor, his threshold was ever the familiar crossing of the destitute to lay their troubles and supply their need.

For nearly two years the prey of nervous prostration, his system has been wasting away as the sands from the hour-glass—and so went out his vitality, fainter and yet fainter, until the pangs of mortality were lost upon the brink of boundless peace. Disease and care had traced themselves deep upon his face and frame amid sad changes; but, as mortality glimpsed the bright forever, and the first rays sped through the portals, upon his brow was no wrinkle of care, in his eye no restless anxiety, on his countenance longer no twinge of suffering—all peace, bright reflection through that tomb, radiant upon the spirit's casket, lighted up that face which Life's journey told, and shone there in renewed youth and the fixed glow of brightest eve.

A FRIEND.

Fact and Otherwise.

—The new shade hat is called the "Harvest."

—Good Friday 19th inst. Easter Sunday, 21st.

—To cure dull times—apply an advertisement to the afflicted part.

—Drink does not drown care, but waters it and makes it grow faster.

—Sweep first before your own door, ere you sweep before your neighbor's.

—"Ballaveuses" is the name of a new woman fixen. Wonder if Sallyuses one?

—An honest man is the noblest work of God, but He must be still at work on him.

—With the spring hats are shown the ever pretty Derby and the English walking hat.

—Now that short skirts are coming into fashion, what will the ladies carry in their hands?

—Let there be a full attendance on Saturday, at the meeting of the Barnwell township democratic club.

—Last Saturday was the day left by March for April to use in throwing sand in our eyes, and right well the work was done.

—A man with a trade dollar feels as if he had a full moon in his pocket.—N. Y. Herald. And a newspaper man who has only five nickels feels like he had the last quarter.

—"Will you be kind enough to give the name of 'he with the lavender pants?'" No, we won't. We may be large enough to fight—but that is no reason why we should have any particular fancy for the sport.

—A gentleman passing the public offices the other day noticed what he considered an improvement in the way of inside blinds, but upon close inspection, it was found that the official, or clerk, was quietly taking his ease with his feet elevated upon the window sill.

—Frank Mixson sends the following, with a request that we publish: "I am not mad at the allusion made last week to my personal charms, but really think common justice demands that the editors of the two local papers should be allowed to enter the race." Now, you will perceive, that friend Mixson desires, from the selection of his opponents, a "unanimous" thing of it, thereby carrying out his original plan of monopoly in these matters.

—He was a professional tramp. He came quietly into town on Friday last; took several small drinks and at night repeated a few verses of Shakspeare to Nick Williams, told the marshal "good night, sweetheart," and with the bright American moon smiling down upon him laid his manly form upon the tender grass to rest. After making a hasty toilet Saturday morning he proceeded to the market, where he amused himself until the marshal arrived and relieved the bell.

OUR BLACKVILLE LETTER.

Phosphates and Farmers—County Conventions or Primary Elections—That is the Question.

Business of all kind is very dull just now, with the one notable exception of activity among the farmers. They are busy hauling away ton after ton of phosphates. I am much afraid that next fall will not see a bale of cotton returned for each ton. The small-grain crop, however, is reported from all sections as in a fine condition and possibly our worthy farmers will learn by experience that other crops, or at least a diversity of crops, pay better than adhering so closely to the dethroned old king. Experience, however, is said to be a dear teacher, but in my own case, I have found a pretty school-marm equally as dear, and much more pleasant.

The other trades and professions, therefore, have to resort to other means than their business to pass away the idle hours of the now fast lengthening days, and what more natural, in view of the coming campaign, than that they should turn their attention to the discussion of the various political issues that are likely to arise and have already arisen, for our solution. These issues are all, or nearly so, of a local character. When I say "local," I mean confined to the county, as it is universally conceded that as far as the State is concerned all are agreed. But when the county affairs are discussed, we find "many men of many minds." The manner of nominating the ticket is aired in every possible light. In the case of primary elections vs. county conventions numerous witnesses on both sides are put upon the stand and examined and cross-examined until all the facts and many of the fictions are brought out. Then we have the case summed up by exhaustive and elaborate arguments, pro and con, by the voluntary advocates of the respective sides. The case is then submitted without a charge and always results in the jury (the public) making a mistrial, being about evenly divided. We are, therefore, left where we started and do not know which will give the most universal satisfaction. There is one thing, though, that is certain. Our party lacks unity. The most serious issues we have to meet arise amongst ourselves. Division, dissension and wrangling within our own lines are death. Our triumph both in the beginning and in the end will be in bringing about a perfect harmony and unity of action in our ranks, so as to go into the campaign with solid and unbroken columns. This is the alpha and omega of the campaign of 1878, so far as it relates to our county politics. The system of primary elections has its advantages and disadvantages. It is the same with county conventions. I cannot undertake to discuss the merits or demerits of either here; but the way to decide which, if either, is the best plan to pursue, is to consider which is calculated most certainly to bring about the result desired—universal satisfaction within the party. I am in favor of that plan which will satisfy the whole party and unite us as one man—that course which will coalesce and fuse all discordant elements within the party ranks so as to form one harmonious whole. I may be wrong, but I am inclined to think that this can most effectually be done in convention. Let the clubs send men as delegates who are fully posted as to the views of the people in the precincts they represent, and when in convention let the various questions be fairly and fully and dispassionately discussed with a view to the general good of the party. The feeling from every section will then be known and if all are true to the party and we work together as a band of brothers, as we should, selfish interests and local prejudices will melt away and be dissolved by mutual concessions which every true patriot will be more than willing to make for the common good. In no other way can the wishes of the whole people be so well and generally known, if the delegates to the convention will only talk and let them be known. At first view it would appear that the primary election system would better accomplish this result, but upon looking into its various features, I am disposed to think otherwise. I shall give my views on that subject in a future letter.

If our clubs in selecting their delegates will only be careful to leave out all political tramps—those fellows who are constantly revolving on a loose pivot with an expectant eye on every office that happens to be in need of an incubent. This is the element that always stirs up the community and causes the political wheel to screech upon the axle. They talk of bolts and independent movements in the most condemnatory style, and yet it is the very atmosphere which surrounds them which breeds such rumors. There will be no independent movement in our county, but the tramps must not be rewarded with the bestowal of an office for charity's sake, for fear of a more dire calamity overtaking us. These political tramps are an incubus on the body politic and if they are taught that they cannot ride it to death and are at once and for all made to dismount, then the ticket put in the field will be a free-will offering of the people, and everything like independent movement be put to flight forever by the bright rays of light springing from the general satisfaction.

BRUNSON.

Red Oak.

At the last meeting of the Red Oak Democratic Club, vice-president Gantt rose and said:

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

Having seen with regret that some have had the assurance to make attacks upon the policy of Governor Wade Hampton, who seems to us to have been a special gift of Providence to a distressed people, to steer them through the political troubles of the last two years, and before this meeting adjourns I think it due to him that we pass the following resolutions.

Resolved, 1 That the Red Oak Democratic Club of Barnwell county, do fully indorse the policy of Governor Hampton since his inauguration, and adopt as theirs, the language of the poet who sung—

Hampton is the man for us,
Brave, and good, and true and just.
In him we still will put our trust,
And Hampton shall be governor.

2 That as none are perfect, no not one, and as it is human to err, Hampton's errors (if he has made any) were only human, and that in view of the great good he has done—

Be to his faults a little blind
And to his virtues wondrous kind.

The resolutions were passed and ordered to be printed.

W. H. DUNCAN, President.
W. WALLACE HARLEY, Secretary.

The Williston Democratic club will meet at Williston on Saturday, the 24th inst., at 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which meets on Tuesday in May. Every member is requested to attend.

JOHN W. HOLMES, President.
G. A. PHILLIPS, Secretary.

The NEWS and COURIER of the 9th, says: Ex-Governor Franklin J. Moses, Jr., of South Carolina, was arrested on Broadway last night, and locked up. He is charged with having forged the name of J. Woodruff to a note for $316, and passing the note upon James Allan. Moses will be taken to Charleston in a few days.

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AN INGRATE.—The prison smell is hardly off the garments of L. Cass Carpenter, whom Gov. Hampton pardoned at the solicitation of his wife and many good citizens of this State, before we find him in Washington city slandering and vilifying the good people of South Carolina. Tried, found guilty and sentenced for his many crimes against the people of South Carolina by a republican judge, a republican jury, republican witnesses testifying against him, we wondered as we looked upon the cowardly sneak as he stood shivering in the prisoner's dock if he was worthy of the magnanimity of Gov. Hampton. We doubted it then, only to realize it now.

NOTICE.

The undersigned will apply to the Judge of Probate for Barnwell county, on Tuesday, 7th day of May, 1878, for final discharge as guardian of Henrietta E., Wayne H., Elliott A., Walter S., and Ida A. Eaves.

MRS. E. E. BISHOP.

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NOTICE.

The undersigned gives notice that he will apply to the Judge of Probate for Barnwell county on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m., for a final discharge as administrator of Charles Beck.

apr4-td CALEB KILLINGSWORTH.

NOTICE.

The undersigned gives notice that he will apply to the Judge of Probate for Barnwell county, on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1878, at 11 o'clock a. m., for a final discharge as administrator of James E. Harley.

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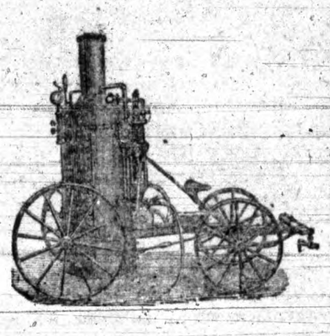

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