THE PEOPLE

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For Superintendent of Education. H. S. THOMPSON. For Comptroller-General, JOHNSON HAGOOD. For Adjutant and Inspector-Genera

E. W. MOISE. For State Treasurer, S. L. LEAPHART. For Attorney-General, LEROY F. YOUMANS. For Congress, GEORGE D. TILMAN, The Commune.

The questions which have hitherto divided the people of the great Western Republic have Leen chiefly political. From the first foundation of the Federal Government to the termination of the late civil war the country has been agitated by contentions arising from conflicting constructions of the Federal Compact. The line of departure was marked and pronounced at the very inception of the national life, in the differe ences between the Hamiltonian and Jeffersonian interpretation of State and Federal relations. Many of those ques tions are now dead issues. The sovereignty of the States as distinct from national autonomy has ceased to operate as a disturbing element, and its advocates have been silenced by the thunder of canuon and musketry. The tariff question which was but a carollary of the other has also become a thing of the past, and so completely has the Democratic party abandoned their once cherished doctrine of opposition to subsidies for internal improvements, that it is now no longer a question in Congrees how best to restrain the lavish expenditure of the national government upon public works, but simply a scramble between the various sections, which shall attract or capture the greatest share of Federal bounty. In this contest the South comes in, of course, for the poor rela

We are now about to effer upon a new chapter of national existence, involving serious and difficult problems. The issues are of a social character and their determination will go further to test the stability of our institutions than the settlement of any theory merely political. The Roman Republic withstood the shocks caused by the efforts of the various orders to bring about an equilibrium between the senatorial rank the Equitis and the Plebs but fell a last before the disorganizing struggle o a faction, turbulent; indolent; debauched ing in their own corruption and being will be that the votes cast will scarcely throats. Any one wishing to succee I and capricious commune.

tions share of the inheritance.

We see the same danger looming up in the crowded population of the North We see the gulf fast widening there between capital and labor-we see antago nisms between employer and employee assuming year by year a more exasperated aspect. We see a large and aggressive element of northern society, supplemented by the active and unscrupulous fragments of the bloody commune broken to pieces against the head of the vast military shields of Europe already raising its Lydia Lend in traces unious, eventuating in riot, bloodshed and rapine: We see, that, notwithstanding their suppression and the puishment of some of the ringlenders, these disorderly masses, inspired by the diabelical teachings of red republicanism, are fast arraying themselves under unscrus pulous demagogues and to-day assuming the plausible name of the National Party, are endeavoring to obtain a controlling influence in State and Federal politics. The conservation of the people may in the end triumph, but we cannot help ex, pressing our fears that a dangerous and eventful crisis is fast approaching in our national existence and that it behooves every true patriot to buckle on his arnior for the struggle which is likely to send with more unerring certainty to

### Bachelors vs. Widowers

Governor Hampton says that no more bachelors should be sent to General Assembly. Now we generally agree with the Governor, but think that in this case his views are somewhat influenced by selfishness. On behalf of the bachelors we beg to assure his Excellency authoritatively that they have no idea of courting widows. Old maids ty and they leave the widows to the tenofficers of high rank.

## A Good Suggestion.

It has been suggested to us that the several precinct clubs meet on the 25th inst., to vote upon the primary election under the cotrol of the clab officers or special committee until the first of June As a full expression of the popular will is desired we heartily approve the sug gestion and hope it will be generally

THE circulation of our paper is in creasing rapidly. We propose to fill it columns with instructive articles and not with cheap advertisements from wild cat mercantile houses and medical harlatans.

n the Edisto this week. Capt. I. S Bamberg, Gen. F. M. Bamberg and Col Counts are to be his chaperons we are hopeful that he will catch a "rock."

A FEW days ago Governor Hampton received a letter from a colored Democrat in Illinois, who on account of per to remove to South Carolina-a free will please make o note or this.

WE have no room for "Cheap John's" advertisement and never expect to have He is referred to second class papers, in which he can probably be accom-

## Plea for the Convention System.

deed of the United States, we find the put in tune. democratic party invested with the suauguration of a period of peace and prosperity throughout our borders. The band of robbers and plunderers, just and discriminating public and living in constant fear that the hand of and meet out to them more summary, if less severe, punishment. Most of our officials, all over the State, are men of our own choosing and of known integrity and ability, taken from the democratic ranks and placed in their official stations, by force of party organization and a consistent course of conduct. Indeed it may truthfully be said that we have the entire machinery of government in our hands and that political situation in the State.

party to-day is: Shall the party adopt any measure which will in the slightest bazard this vantage ground? Should this question be answered in the negative, then we are to determine whether the adoption of the primary election system throughout the State and es-

There can be but one answer by all cannot afford to hazard our vantage property by the bloody disciples of the basing his propositions upon the respective merits of convention system and the primary speculative theories whose advocates of conventions by the bloody disciples of the bloody disc

Until the test has been made the result democrats. unheard of difficulties-we rescued our State from .ruin and disgrace and placed her upon the high road to hapthese officers, from our noble Governor down were selected by a number of delegates chosen by the people, assembled in convention. Will any one pretend to say that a more satisfactory ed by a direct vote of the people? I who do not give general satisfaction. GOVERNOR HAMPTON goes a fishing isfled everybody? Are there not always be? Will not the dissatisfied tion altogether. number be increased by the primary election system from the fact that there will be a much larger number taking a direct hand in the selection of candidates? All having their particular friends that they desire to see advanced into position, will greatly insecution in Lincoln's State, is anxious crease the number of candidates for hope our people will consider well be- 1876, moved with him to Calhoun county preferment and elements to be harmo-State. The wavers of the bloody shirt nized. A much greater division among the members of the party as to the peculiar fitness of favorites for position and the defeated candidates and their friends after an excited canvass and election (primary) will create a much larger and more stubborn body of malcontents than could possibly occur in convention where fewer names would be brought forward and excited can vassing and electioneering avoided EDITOR THE PEOPLE: As the result Unity and harmony are what we should many respects, one of the most mo- liewer the strings that are out of tune mentous and extraordinary known to the smaller the number of discordant

preme and unchallenged control of system is the only way in which to arthe civil affairs of the State. Thein- rive at the true voice of the people and that it is thoroughly democratic. Here experience again teaches us that it is in the fewest number of instances that which under the guise of legislation the entire vote of any community is preyed upon the vitals of the body taken. I suppose that the campaign tion shall be balloted for. This impopolitic until there was scarcely life of 1876 was the first time in the Listoenough left in us to assert our righth, ry of this State in which it was done exposed and put to flight. Some of It is only when such momentous and them brought under the arm of a pu- extraordinary issues as were then inrifled and reinstated law, and are now | volved in the result that the populace reaping their just reward. Others, put can be moved en masse. No such isto shame and confusion under the sues are or can be involved in the rewithering gaze of an indignant public, sult of primary elections, and the conare hiding and skulking away putrify- sequence, as past experience proves. consumed by the penetrating rays of a be more than a molety of the total rote of the party. Moved by no vital interest many will stay at home and attend justice will be knocking at their doors their avocations and leave it to a few of their neighbors (who possibly have axes to grind) to go to the polls and select the candidates. Under this state of affairs, what prettier field do the wire-pullers and tricksters want? By a combination with a few large clubs and their affiliated adjuncts (which is much easier made by designand office-seekers by appealing to the general mass than to a few well sethe democratic party is master of the lected out of the whole) any one or any ticket may be put in the field. Where Now the question for the democratic such combinations are made there the clique will see to it that a full vote is pelled, while in those districts where no such bargains are made and the people lulled to sleep by the delusive opiate of primary elections, are dreaming of the "peoples' choice ticket," will half of them stay at home and leave pecially in our county, will tend to that the nominations to be made by their neighbors and only awake when they true patriots to the query put. We this man was left out and that man king nominations. The plan by deleground. Experience teaches us that could not have deceived thinking men. our safety consists in laying our foun- gone in by hoodwinking and soft-soapaxed, then uniting ourselves in one in the ring," will be surprised on the common mass apan the foundation, counting of the ballots to find the off. who manipulate the local clubs and cemented regether by our common in- ces monopolized by one section and secure delegates favorable to them. folly to leave that interest unsecured mind. Certainly these objections look to be nominated would have been to

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can be pronounced either good or bad. announced by any organized body of remote for many voters, who have to

unless the circumstances, conditions than a majority of the whole vote cast were cast, our ofull Democratic and surroundings are exactly alike in can nominate. Anything less would strength. every instance. It there is to be a be worse than folly, and there may be single factor in the experiment to be [and likely will) so many candidates made different from those on which we that not one will receive a majority candidates in the Democratic party. rely as having proven our theory, then vote. Then what? Another election? All this party are permitted to vote there is no certainty whatever, that Tire the people out with them until None but Radicals are excluded from and school girls are their special proper- the result will be the same. The best, when the general election comes on the polls, for all Democrats can join in fact the only way, to judge of the they will be disgusted with thewhole the clubs and vote. The result among der mercies of the widowers and State future is by a comparison with the thing and then not have an acceptable the Democratic condidates is what it past. In reviewing the past what does | ticket, for there will be a smaller and | would have been at a general election. it teach us? That under the most ad- smaller vote cast as the elections are They stand relatively as they would verse circumstances - surrounded with repeated and thus favor the rings and have then stood, for the primary is combinations in their schemes. Do held only a short time before the regyou say that the repeated elections plar election, that the canvass may be can be avoided by the executive come thorough and the vote regarded as piness and prosperity. Our own cho- mittee only sending back the second fixed. The benefit is this, that withplan, and that the polls, be kept open, sen officials executing, with a firm yet time twice as many names as are reeven hand, the purified law. All of quired to fill the offices vacant? Who the regular election might have been gave the executive committee such a defeated, while the primary plts the power? The candidates all have equal strongest against the Radical candibays no right to curtail any one's Democratic vote. Have the candichances. The lowest candidate in the dates defeated at the primary cause set of officials, taken as a whole, all race might have such a revolution in to complain? They, ought rather to over the State, could have been select. his favor between elections as would rejoice, for the result shows that they put him at the head at the next. Such venture to say that the attempt would a thing is not enpossible nor improbahave proven disastrous. It is true ble and every one has a right to these of other good Democrats, The plan that there are some few of the officials chances. If A aunounces himself, what is a good one and should be generally right has the executive committee to adopted. Was ever anything done in which the say he shall only be allowed one whole public were interested that sat- chance? No restriction can be put upon the candidates in this particular ways malcontents? Will there not al- and it might possibly defeat a nomina-

If A is afraid of Mr. B he will bring out half dezen of B's friends and so split up the vote as to defeat B and A with his combination comes in all right.

But I see no end to the difficulties in our way if we adopt the system, and it is useless to multiply them, and only fore they go into this new thing.

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The Objections met in Detail-The Experience of Oconce

siderable opposition is manifested in tached herself to a church, she was made different portions of the State to pri- willing in the day of God's power to commit It has been shown that a primary election is death to convention manthe history of South Carolina, and in- notes and the easier the instrument is ipulation, and it requires far greater sagacity and stength to control a ma-Again. It is said that the primary fority of the people than to manage a majority in a convention. The objection that the primary system would lead to interminable elections is met by the provision that at the scend election only, the two highest candidates for any office at the first elec-

> ses two elections as the extreme limit. The alleged crime of catting off the weaker candidates by the primary system is not near so outrageous as the slaying of the strongest candidates before a convention by bringing in an dark horse. The primary election suffers no one to "lie low" until the deceased, these are therefore to cite candidates have cut each other's must put his best foot foremost from the beginning, in order to be one of the highest two, between whom the be held at Barnwell Courthouse on Monpeople are to choose.

The objection to the novelty of this dangerous innovation is unged by those who are unaware that the primary system has been adopted in many States as the "dernier ressort" for preserving the purity of the party. In Fairfield, # number of the best citizens who refused previously to enter ing and smooth-tongued politicians the clubs now declare that all scruples are removed by the adoption of the primary system. They are willing to trust the judgment of a majority of the Democrats, but they would not COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLILA tie to the action of a convention.

As to the objection to the pledge, an organization is not worth having unless it can wield its members into a solid body. Otherwise no one would waste time in seeking a nomination from it.

Walhalla Courier: With us prima ry elections have worked admirably, and have cured the evils complained hear the hue and cry raised because of under the delegate system of maput in. Some scheming trickster that gates is objectionable. It is not Democratic. The neminees are almost always the choice of a few leading minds, dation sure and deep and when it is ing the "hoi pollor" communities, not or of a combination formed by the friends of the two or three candidates ensue. Nothing we feel assured, will terest; and that it would be childlike the eardidates nil moved by a common It became edious to our people and centralization and perhaps a military by every precautionary measure. That possible and plausible to me. There be defeated. It had about come to despotism than a dangerous combination man alone is successful who could are arguments on the other side, but this pass, and we cannot say without against social order and the rights of the cost before he caters upon any en. The experiment has not been made to reason. In the then and in the now property by the bloody disciples of the terprise. His calculations are close, test the question and prove which re-existing State of things nominations

walk to attend. " In the eight town-Is unknown. It will not do to saythat Again, it may be that election after ships of this county we now have it has been tried there and yonder and election may have to be held before a twenty-eight clubs, and at our last worked well. That proves nothing ticket can be nominated. Nothing less primary nearly two thousand votes

> Who cen object to this plan? It is merely a trial of the strength of the out the primary all the Democrats at rights and the executive committee date and prevents a division of the would have been defeated anyway. and perhaps also worked the defeat.

While Emperor William, of Russia, was returning from a drive with the Grand Duchess of Baden on the 11th lost, a tin-smith by the name of Emil Henreid Max floedel attempted to assassinate him. The Emperor escaped unburt-the tin-smith is in jail,

#### OBITUARY.

SALLIE EVE JENKINS Was born in Orangeburg, S. C., July 22nd, 1854, married Mr. Mc Traw, of North Carolina, December 26th, Alabama; where she died Uetcher 24th. 1877; leaving an infant son three weeks old; whom grace enabled her to leave simply to the care of Him who even numbers the hairs of our head. She was the youngest daughter of Dr. James Jenkins, deceased, and grand daughter of Rev. James Jenkins, who at the time of his death was one of the oldest ministers in the South Carolina Conference, Al-Winnsborro News and Herald ! Con- though the subject of this notice had not atmary elections; but the offections her soul to Him, and said to a friend who urged are not based on good grounds. prayed with her, that she felt that her sind were forgiven. She prayed that her loved ones who were far away from her should meet her in Heaven. Loving brothers and sisters, be comforted; she has gone to rest. Bereaved mother, your pet is gathered to the fold of the great Shepherd. Remember she asked you al. to meet her there. Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parnwell, May 15th 1873. Orangeburg paper pfease copy.

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South Carolina---- Barnwell Conn v.

IN THE PROBATE COURT. Whereas, Susannah Hall has made suit to me to grant her let ers of administration on the estate of Benjaman Halt, and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Benjaman Little deceased, that they be and apday, the 27th day of May, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any they have, why said administration should not be

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