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THE CHARLESTON Journal of Commerce is authorized to say that the name of Hon. W. D. Porter, of that city, will be presented to the Democratic caucus when a vacancy shall occur in the position of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

The School Amendment.

The Constitutional amendment retaining school moneys in the counties in which they are raised, should be ratified. It was adopted last fall almost unanimously in every county except Edgefield, both parties voting for it.

Fairfield is especially interested in the ratification of this amendment. It offers the only escape, on her part, from loss. The State tax for schools has every year, heretofore, been two mills, besides, in many instances, an additional local tax.

Let us assume that the amendment is not ratified, and the Legislature levies two mills for school purposes. Fairfield would raise about \$7,500, and receive back about \$3,500, a total loss of \$4,000.

Under the operation of the amendment, the \$7,500 will be raised and the entire amount will be kept in the county. Hence the great importance of the change, for in no other way can the present unjust discrimination against Fairfield be removed.

"Not to be Sought Nor Declined."

If there exists an office "not to be sought nor declined," it is that of Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina. Minor political offices are often awarded in return for political services, and custom has sanctioned the solicitation of votes by persons desirous of filling them.

are demanded, it is hardly the thing for any one to push himself forward. The people of the State should seek their ruler. They should not have one already furnished to them.

More especially is this the case with the judiciary. Recent events have shown that the courts are the bulwarks of liberty. They are the authorities of last resort, and from the decision of their most exalted members, the Supreme Court Justices, there can be no appeal.

Are these positions, then, to be solicited? We think not. There should be, in the breast of every honorable and faithful worshipper at the shrine of law, the aspiration that at some future day the judicial ermine may be placed upon his shoulders as the reward of earnest devotion to duty, and labor well performed.

But it is for the people of the State to look calmly around upon her most illustrious jurists, and to select from them the persons they deem most fit to be entrusted with the greatest responsibilities. It is not a every good man who would make a good judge. The head may be wanting. Nor can every learned man make a good judge. The heart may be not right.

We sincerely trust that the Legislature, in choosing an Associate Justice, will not permit any electioneering; but that it will itself seek the man for the position. In filling it, the Legislature cannot aim too high.

THE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

The Casualties Reduced in Number--One Man Drowned and Five Wounded.

The conflicting reports received on Friday night as to the extent of the disaster on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad led to an exaggeration of the actual loss by drowning. There were only sixteen persons on board the train, including the conductor and other employees, when the accident occurred.

Mr. James McLaughlin, of Charlotte, was the only person known to be drowned. His body was recovered yesterday morning from the wreck. He belonged to the firm of McLaughlin & Son, and was buying cotton for his house upon the line of road.

The injured persons are six in number, so far as we can ascertain, and are as follows: Mr. Steele, Rock Hill, leg broken; W. J. Orr, Charlotte, face cut with glass; Hon. R. Y. McAden, Charlotte, scratched in the face; Mr. Bidridge, New York, slightly injured. A Baltimore agent for a cigar establishment had his arm badly bruised, but we did not learn his name.

Others have slight contusions, and all were sufferers to some extent from the watery experience they were compelled to undergo, until assistance reached them.

The break in the railroad is a serious one, and it will require considerable labor to replace the track and the trestle. All of the trestling, including some thirty or forty panels, was swept away, and the track for some distance on each side was drawn out of place by the fish-bar fastenings.

Mr. Bedell, an old and experienced engineer, crossed the trestle about fifteen minutes before the accident took place, and we are informed that his attention was particularly directed to the trestle, which was apparently in good condition. The water was at least four feet below the rails.

Arrangements were made to transfer the mails and passengers last night across the break, and it is expected that the trestle will be replaced, and the regular schedule of trains will be resumed to-morrow.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Judge Cooke pronounces a malicious falsehood the report that District Attorney Northrop had appointed him assistant district attorney. The report was spread to prevent Northrop's confirmation by the United States Senate.

A convention in the interest of the Georgetown and Camden Narrow Gauge Railroad was held in Sumter on the 20th. Full delegations from Kershaw, Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg and Georgetown were present.

A meeting of the citizens of Beaufort, held last week, at which the Hon. Wm. Elliott presided, appointed Messrs. W. H. Lockwood, Thos. W. Willett, Edward F. Bodington, George Dick and George Waterhouse, a committee to wait on Governor Hampton and our senators and representatives in Congress, and urge the establishment of a permanent naval station at Port Royal, as that would be the means of securing the attention of the commercial marine of the world as well as the department of maritime affairs of foreign powers to the remarkable facilities which Port Royal possesses in the depth of water upon the bar at all stages of the tide.

The Radical officials of Williamsburg having failed to qualify, the Democrats in convention have made the following nominations for election: For sheriff, George L. Graham; clerk, J. H. Keels; coroner, F. E. Joye. For Appointment: judge of probate--J. P. Monzon; school commissioner--J. McGraham.

The Charleston municipal convention on the 20th nominated the following ticket: For mayor, W. W. Sale. For aldermen: 1st ward, J. F. Redding, J. Adger Smythe; 2nd ward, W. H. Jones, R. G. Chisolm; 3rd ward, Patrick Walsh, R. S. Cathcart, Blake L. White; 4th ward, F. J. Pelzer, E. F. Sweegan, E. Willis, A. Stemmerman, C. H. Holloway (colored); 5th ward, B. Bollman, W. E. Holmes; 6th ward, B. A. Muckenfuss, J. Bennett Bissell; 7th ward, J. C. Brandt; 8th ward, C. B. Sigwald.

The qualified electors of township No. 10, Fairfield county, a proposition to alter the Fence Law, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of this State, approved June 7th, 1877, it is hereby ordered that an election be held in said township, on Tuesday the 11th day of December next.

MARRIED, November 7th, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Pettigrew, by the Rev. W. W. Mills, MR. THOMAS CARTER and MISS NANNIE A. MURPHY, all of Fairfield.

HYMENEAL.

MARRIED, in the Baptist church at Anderson, S. C., on the 21st of October, 1877, WM. H. LYLES, of Columbia S. C., and MIRIAM M. SLOAN, of Anderson, S. C.

MARRIED, on the 21st inst., MR. A. C. LYLES, of Fairfield, to MRS. WILLEY, of Union county.

NEW FABLE

Winter Goods.

J. F. McMaster & Co.

A large and complete assortment of Fall and Winter Goods, just received. Prints, Longcloths, Sea Island Homespuns, Osnaburgs, Drillings, Plain Homespuns, Cotton and Woolen Flannels.

One of the finest lots of Clothing we have ever received. Boots, Shoes and Hats of all the latest styles.

No Enjoyment Without Health. Of all the property we own in the world, that which demands the greatest care is our own bodies.

I have used "Simmons' Hepatic Compound" for the past two years in my family, and consider it one of the best Patent Family Medicines I have ever used, and believe it to be all that is claimed for it.

Fence Law Election.

FOR the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of township No. 10, Fairfield county, a proposition to alter the Fence Law, in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of this State, approved June 7th, 1877, it is hereby ordered that an election be held in said township, on Tuesday the 11th day of December next.

In the Court of Probate.

To Minnie Lyles, Mattie Smith, William Smith, Davis Lyles, Victoria Lyles, Frank Lyles, William Lyles, Charlotte E. Ederington, Frances H. McKeown, John T. McKeown, Dollie B. Ederington, Eugenia Ederington, Henry M. Ederington, Barilla R. Ederington, Francis H. Ederington, Carolina J. Ederington, May C. Ederington, Precious N. Wall, Joseph B. Wall and Winn Smith, Greeting:

YOU are hereby required to appear at the Court of Probate, to be holden at Fairfield Court House, for Fairfield County, on the twenty-fourth day of January, A. D. 1878, to show cause, if any you can, why the real estate of Lucy Ederington deceased, described in the petition of Mary A. Lyles, filed in my office, should not be divided or sold, allotting to each of the heirs at law of the said Lucy Ederington, deceased, the share of said real estate to which he or she may be entitled under the laws of said State in such case made and provided.

Given under my hand and seal this ninth day of November, A. D. 1877. O. R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate, Fairfield County.

To the defendants, Minnie Lyles, Mattie Smith, William Smith, Davis Lyles, Victoria Lyles, Frank Lyles, William Lyles, Charlotte E. Ederington, Frances H. McKeown, John T. McKeown, Dollie B. Ederington, Eugenia Ederington, Henry M. Ederington, Barilla R. Ederington, Francis H. Ederington, Carolina J. Ederington, May C. Ederington, Precious N. Wall, Joseph B. Wall and Winn Smith.

Take notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Judge of Probate for Fairfield county, at Winnsboro, in the State of South Carolina, on the ninth day of November, A. D. 1877.

GAILLARD & REYNOLDS, Petitioner's Attorneys, nov 13-14law6w Winnsboro, S. C.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY virtue of sundry executions to me directed, I will offer for sale before the court-house door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in December next, with in the legal hours of sale, for cash, the following described property, to wit:

Three bales cotton and eight and a half bushels corn, levied upon as the property of Preston Smith at the suit of W. R. Doty & Co.

One bale cotton and small lot of seed cotton, levied on as the property of Henry Helton and Ab. Mitchell, at the suit of W. R. Doty & Co.

20 bushels corn, 500 bundles fodder, 1000 pounds seed cotton, 200 pounds lint cotton, 100 bushels cotton seed, all more or less, the property of Benjamin ... at the suit of Henry Helton and T. E. Coleman.

One bale cotton, 40 bushels of corn, 1000 pounds of fodder, all more or less, the property of Bessie Gooding, at the suit of Rufus Cloud.

Sheriff's Office, S. W. GREE, Winnsboro, S. C., November 17 1877. nov 23-14x2

Mount Zion Collegiate Institute

THE fall session of this well known Institute began on Monday, August 27th. The course of instruction embraces Mathematics, the Classics, Science and the usual English branches. Special attention will be paid to elocution, reading, spelling and writing.

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NOTICE. NOTICE is given to all whom it may concern that David R. Coleman, guardian of Charles F. Coleman, will apply to the Judge of Probate, at Winnsboro, S. C., on the 30th day of November next, for a final discharge. O. R. THOMPSON, J. P. F. C. oct 30-1m