EVERY THURSDAY AT NEWBERRY, S. C.

THE NAMES OF THE COUNTIES.

The Lords' Proprietors and Revolutionary Characters Honored Most-The Great-

est Carolinian Forgotton.

[From the News and Courier.] "What's in a name?" asks the wiseacre; nothing, thought the Archduke John of Austria, who renounced his dignities in order that he might marry the woman he loved, and became plain Johann Orth, the ship captain, and probably perished miserably while trying to round Cape Horn; everything, thought the rich widow Hammersley, of New York, who sold herself to a titled debauchee in order to become

Duchess of Marlborough and the mistress of Blenheim Castle. Considerations of neither love nor money have much to do with the names of political of geographical subdivisions. First settlers especially are, as a rule, either adventurers or exiles, political and religious. The former have left their country for their coun try's good and the hearts of the latter to the last turn lovingly to their "ain countree. It may not be without in terest to consider the probable origin of the names of thethirty-five counties of South Carolina; "unless," as the

and for such I have not written these lines or taken these pains." Mr. John P. Thomas, Jr., is his scholarly essay on the formation of judicial and political subdivisions in South Carolina shows that one of the first measures required of Governer Moreton in 1682 was the division of the inhabited portion of the province into three counties. Berkeley, embracing Charleston, extended from Sewee on the north to Stone Creek on the south; beyond this to the northward was Craven County, and to the southward Colleton, all extending within the land to the distance of thirty-five miles from the seacoast. Shortly afterwards Carteret County was added to the number; but, when John Lord Cartaret became Earl of Granville, about 1708, that section became known as Grainville County. It would be instructive to follow Mr. Thomas as he shows how these four original counties were subdivided into parishes, townships, districts or precincts, election districts and judicial districts, but the limits of this article will not permit a brief historical retrospect and it must suffice to give a brief notice of the nomenclature of the thirty-five counties gradually four counties of the 16th century. En passant, it will be noticed as remarkable that while Governor Moreton in 1682 had more land than he could make counties of, Governor Tillman com-

for county-hood. The sources from which the names of the counties were drawn seem to have been first, the Lord's Proprietors; second, distinguished Revolutionary characters; third, gentlemen or families of a later day, and fourth, from the freak of fancy of the first settlers, or from the geographical position or physical advantages of the territory. "Simms' Geography of South Carolina," (1842,) and a number of individuals have been freely consulted in the preparation of this list, which makes

the constitutional quota of square miles

Abbeville is supposed to have been so French emigrants in 1764. Aiken is said to have been so named

in honor to Governor William Aiken, who, as a director of the South Carolina Railway, considersection.

Anderson-After Gen. Robert Anderson, a prominent partisan soldier of the Revolution.

Barnwell-After the Barnwell family, distinguished in the civil and military history of the State for two centuries. Beaufort-After Henry, the Duke of

Berkeley-After two of the Lords Pro-

Sir William Berkeley, Kent. Charleston-After Charles II. Chester-Settled in part by emigrants

from Chester County, Pa., who obey him, to reward his assistants and gave the name of the old home to to perform his commandments constithe new. Chesterfield-Settled, like Chester, in

part by emigrants from Pennsylvania. Said to derive its name from the famous Earl of Chesterfield.

Clarendon-After Edward, Earl of Clarendon, Lord High Chancel-Proprietors.

Colleton-After Sir John Colleton, one

of the Lords Proprietors. Darlington-Name "probably derived from that of Col. Darlington, a favorite leader in the war of the

Revolution." Edgefield-Name "presumed to be derived from its geographical position on the edge of the State and adjoining the State of Georgia."

Florence-After the town of the same name, which is said to have been called after Florence, daughter of

Gen. W. W. Harllee. Fairfield-Probably from its natural attractions. Lord Cornwallis said

of Fairfield in 1780: "I can conceive of no fairer region, taking into consideration its fertile soil, beautiful valleys and glorious highlands."

Georgetown - Probably, after King George I.

Greenville-"The face of the country, verdant and picturesque, is supof the name."

Hampton - After Wade Hampton, South Carolina, 1876.

of the Revolution.

who settled Camden (Pine Tree) and forgotten the examples of the men

Lancaster-Settled in part by emigrants from Lancaster County, Pa., who so named their new home. Laurens-So named in honor to Henry Laurens, the Revolutionary pa-

Lexington-"The present name of the Where is the sense of endeavoring to county was a tribute to the people of Lexington in Massachusetts." Marion-Named after Gen. Francis Marion, some of whose most re-

borders of the present county. Marlborough—Supposed to have been so named in honor of the Duke of Marlborough.

Newberry-Probably so called after a captain of that name of Sumter's State troops. Judge O'Neall prefered to believe the name to have been suggested! by the beautiful appearance of the country "pretty as a new berry."

Orangeburg-So named after the Prince of Orange, whose former subjects first settled the county.

Oconee-So named after the Occonies (Brown's Vipers.) a minor tribe of the Cherokees, who formerly lived in that section. ickens-After Gen. Andrew Pickens

the distinguished partisan soldier. Richland-"Its name is supposed,"says Simms,-"to have been given in compliment to its rich soil." Possibly called after a plantation of the same name belonging to the Taylor family.

Sumter-After Gen. Thomas Sumter, old English chronieler quaintly says: of the war of the Revolution. "We would be strangers in our own land and foreigners in our own city; Spartanburg-So named after "The Spartan Company," an independent organization which, under Capt. Roebuck, distinguished itself

> in the war of the Revolution. Union-After Union Church, on Brown Creek, four miles from the present

Williamsburg-Settled in the main by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, who were ardently devoted to William III, King of England.

York-Settled in part by emigrants from York County, Pa., brought the name with them.

It is but another illustration of the truth of the trite saying that "a prophet is not without honor save in his own country"; but it would surprise a stranger and should mortify a South Carolinian in glancing over this county roll to note the absence of the name of the greatest of Carolinians. It is gratifying to know that a bill was before the Legislature at its last session and will doubtless become law during the present State Administration forming the County of Calhoun, with the flourishing town of St. Matthews as its county seat. Little men spring up and have their day and then pass away and are forgotten, as they should be, Unless the Alliances purchases Agriformed in the course of time from those but it will be a sad day for this State cultural hall, the two institutions will when Calhoun ceases to be "a name to conjure by." Ten counties and seventeen towns, villages and postoffices in other of the United States bear that honored name, which will shine all the brighter when time shall have dissiplains that the framers of Charleston pated the mists of prejudice; when the County in 1882 had to go to sea to get Blaines and Quays, who have risen to the surface "like drowned bodies buoyant by putrification," shall only be remembered with detestation, and when the political principles of the founders of the Republic shall again bear sway

in this Union of indestructible States THE NEW NAMES OF TO-DAY.

[Greenville News.] Our excellent contemporary, the News and Courier, gives us a valuable history of the names of the counties of this State and suggests that the next county formed should be named "Calhoun." We confess to some surprise no pretensions to entire accuracy, but at this untimely suggestion. Calhoun is probably the most correct yet publis out of date and fashion. He had ideas regarding personal and political conduct which later day statesmannamed, after a town in France, by ship, endorsed by a popular vote, repudiates. We have practically turned our backs upon all he loved and represented. The school of the time teaches that to obtain honor and place our young men must abandon the methods ably advanced the interests of that and purposes of Calhoun. This is the day of practical politics-of swaps more or less even according to the respective strength and acuteness of the swappers, of arrangements by which power obtained by any sacrifice of truth or any violence against decency which may be necessary shall be used to distribute the honors and salaries of the State where they will do the most good. Beaufort, Lord Palatine of the Sentiment is to have no more place among us. Gratitude is to be banished from our hearts as a weakness unbeprietors, John, Lord Berkeley, and coming a live people. Past services are to be forgotten and present capacity

and character are to be ignored. To

set up a boss and follow, worship and

tute the whole duty of the South Carolinian, according to the theories now It is, therefore, entirely out of place for us to do any honor to Calhoun. Calhoun is dead and can be of no use to the great movement, just as Hampton is old and has refused to bend his lor of England; one of the Lords sturdy back in humble genuflections before the movement and its boss. Let Calhoun's memory be thrust aside. A few of us may continue to remember the one and honor the other because we cannot avoid it; but we should do so humbly and quietly to avoid conflicts with fashionable doctrine and offence to the high powers that be. We are old fogies. Our sentiments of gratitude for great service, of love for pure life and character, of reverence for splendid deeds do not harmonize with the era of brilliant and dashing and practical young statesmanship (so-

called.) Let us abandon the idea of having a "Calhoun" county and when the new county is formed-which should be with the purpose of sending a legislative delegation chosen by the administration-let us call it "Ben Tillman." To harmonize our county names with our action we should change "Hampton" County to "Irby" and in place of Laurens we should have "Shell." Marion County might appropriately be posed to have led to the adoption named "Thomas" in honor of the energetic and yet unplaced but hopeful statesman of Sumter, and Sumter itself, General C. S. A., and Governer of being called after an individual whose service was done-some years back Horry -After Gen. Horry, of the war migh appropriately be called Tolbert or ounty, Suchanan.

we used to call great and thrown contempt upon all the qualities that caused them to be esteemed by our deluded forefathers. Why should we longer persist in the mockery of keeping their names alive? We are breaking all

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preserve our history?

our records, despising all our traditions.

[Columbia Record, 15th.] The Farmer's All:ance is now certain to make Columbia its headquarters for the State, and the time is not far distant when the all-powerful Alliance will invade the city. The establishment of the bank and the State Exchange will now be effected at an early

The Rev. J. A. Sligh, of Newberry who is one of the strongest members of the Alliance and is a member of the committee having charge of the bank and the removal of the State Exchange. arrived in the city last night. He was seen and some interesting information

obtained. Mr. Sligh, when questioned about the bank, said that it was to be estab-

lished in the next fortnight. On the 28th instant a meeting of the stockholders of the State Alliance, one from each county in the State, will be held in this city and then the bank will be established. The officers are to be elected also. As soon after that as possible its doors will be opened for business.

Mr. Sligh, continuing, said that everything was in readiness for the opening. The various county Alliances and sub-Alliances were now busy raising money for the bank, and they were all meeting with great success and getting good sums. Thus the bank would start with a full supply of

In regard to the proposed removal of the State Alliance Exchange, Mr. Sligh said it would not be removed from Greenville to this city until after the bank was established, although it was intended to remove it during the month of January. Inasmuch as the exchange and bank are . o be run in one building, using the same officers, the committee had decided to hold the removal until the latter was established ready for business.

Mr. Sligh said it was hardly probable that the Agricultural hall would be purchased. The State Exchange had no money wherewith to purchase but the State Alliance may buy it for them. The committee desired to secure a more central location, so that more convenience in the conduct of the business could be secured. certainly be located further up the

A Little Nonsense

A small boy is not necessarily impe cunious because he is strapped.-Pitts burg Chronicle.

The Rev. Sam Small is about to open a campaign in Pennsylvania. Small results are expected .- New York World. "My time has come!" exclaimed the young lady who had just received her watch from the jeweller's .- Yonkers

The Court-"Would you believe this man on oath?"

Paddy O'Rally-"Not unless he swore he wor lyn' yer honor.'-Life. Snapper-They say Grover Cleveland isn't so fat as he was.

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