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ABOUT COTTON.

Figures are not generally interesting, but sometimes it is well to look into them to a certain extent at least.

Some time ago the Easley Messenger was sold to the People's Publishing Company and the paper was moved to Pickens Court House and called the People's Journal.

Rev. Sam Jones got in a fight with the Mayor of Palestine, Texas, last week, and his brother Charlie Jones was tried at Cartersville, Ga., for killing a negro several months ago.

An interesting article may be found in another column on the servant question. Many of our housekeepers are oftentimes very much puzzled over this question.

We reproduce this week from the News and Courier the first of a series of articles on the money question and national banks by C. W. Smith.

We have received from the National Economist a "Hand Book of Facts and Alliance Information," which contains a lot of valuable information.

The late unpleasantness with the Indians around Pine Ridge Agency has cost the Government \$2,000,000.

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FROM THE WEST.

A Descendant of the Scotch-Irish Settlers of Newberry Has a Pleasant Word for the State.

POMARIA, February 7, 1891.

To the Editor of the Herald and News:—I enclose herewith Mr. D. C. Kyle, Washington, Iowa, which I will thank you to publish in your paper.

During the month of December past I received a letter from Mr. Kyle, addressing the Secretary of our State, asking for certain information respecting the resources of our State.

I am more pleased to present this letter through our county papers, from the fact that Mr. Kyle's mother is a native of our county, whose relatives have had long sight of this relative at length in the far West.

It occurs to me that with some effort on the part of the State officials, as well as by personal endeavor, much good might be accomplished in turning the tide of immigration westward of our country, and induce those who are already in the West to leave a vigorous climate and come southward, where farming is more remunerative to the agriculturist if properly practiced, with industry and economy.

I started out merely to enclose the letter, but I find myself occupying too much space. Yours very truly, THOS. W. HOLLOWAY.

THE LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Iowa, Jan. 10, '91. Mr. Thos. W. Holloway, Sec. Agr. Society, Pomaria, Newberry Co., S. C.

Dear Sir:—Your esteemed favor of 31st December received, also three printed public documents. But they are not, for which I am very much obliged, as you have exceeded my request. I have read some in the large one descriptive of the condition and resources of South Carolina, and it is of great interest. It seems to have been prepared with a great deal of care, and is pretty full and exhaustive on the subject.

I do not know when I have seen a sketch of any other State so well prepared this one at hand. You people down there have much greater matters to settle and work out, socially and politically, than we have up here, where our populations are more homogeneous, but you are doing well, and we all wish you success in your efforts, until it may be some of our nearer political aims, desire to report strite in the Southern States. But they have been ranging for the last twenty-four hours. Stock men are apprehensive of severe losses of range cattle. No west-bound trains reached Cheyenne yesterday over the Union Pacific or the Great Northern.

OMAHA, February 9.—Specials to the Bee show a number of losses in the blizzard of January 12, 1888, prevailed here on Saturday night until Monday. Traveling was almost impossible. No casualties are yet reported. The stock that was out has not yet perished.

THE BLOCKADE IN COLORADO. DENVER, Col., February 9.—No Rock Island or Burlington trains have entered Denver for twenty-four hours. The outgoing Union Pacific train is held here.

VICTIMS OF THE BLIZZARD. RAPID CITY, S. D., February 9.—The blizzard wore itself out during the night, and with fine weather and the arrival of ranchers and stages from outlying points, reports of its casualties are coming in. A man and woman, supposed to be a school teacher and a driver, who started for Elk Creek at 10 P. M. on Friday, were found four miles from the city frozen to death. All the roads are blocked. Few people ventured abroad on Saturday and Sunday, and the two bodies found are probably the only deaths. No loss of stock yet reported.

A RESPIRE FOR TAXPAYERS. Until February 18 Fifteen per Cent. Penalty Will Attach to Taxes not Paid.

[Special to News and Courier.] COLUMBIA, Feb. 6.—An opinion of importance to all the taxpayers of the State is to be given by Chief Clerk Norton in the office of the comptroller general, who asked the judgment of Assistant Attorney General Townsend on the importance of the law. It is understood that a great effort is now being made to collect delinquent taxes.

TOPEKA, Kas., February 7.—W. F. Rightmeyer, who was chosen secretary of the National Citizens' Industrial Alliance, has issued a call for a national conference of reformers, to meet in Cincinnati on May 19, 1891, to adopt a platform and make such arrangements for the coming year. Representation is limited to the national and State officers of each Alliance, assembly and association, ten delegates from each county or district organization of such bodies, and one editor and business manager of each reform paper belonging to the Reform Press Association. This call is in direct opposition to the wishes of J. D. Holden, of Emporia, president of the National Citizens' Alliance, formed at Topeka, Kas.

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SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

Major W. A. Williams, of Greenville, Killed by J. E. Williams in a Dispute Over a Game of Cards.

[Special to the News and Courier.] GREENVILLE, February 7.—Major W. A. Williams, well known as a "Jack" Williams, one of the most prominent citizens of this city, was shot through the heart and killed by James E. Williams at a few minutes after 12 o'clock this morning.

Major Williams was playing a game of cards in a private room opposite the Mansion House. They disputed over the game and Major Williams drew his knife, J. E. Williams said that he would fight on the table and said: "Then I'll fight you on the table." Major Williams, sullenly pulling off his coat, and just as he had it on the table and turned to face his opponent, J. E. Williams suddenly drew his revolver and shot him. Major Williams fell forward on his face and was found a few minutes later dead. The murderer escaped and has not been captured. He is the same man who was in a serious cutting affair at Spartanburg some time ago, in which a man named Taylor was cut all to pieces.

Major Williams was the son-in-law of Judge Hudson, and was a well-known member of the Greenville Athletic and Y. M. C. A. He was a member of the L. G. League, and was prominent in military circles. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight of Pythias. The tragedy was an awful shock to the community, and thousands of kind words of sympathy and condolence will be received with sadness. The coroner's inquest was held to-day, and the verdict of the jury was that the murder was felonious.

M. Simmons was arrested to-night as an accessory after the fact. He is charged with aiding the murderer to escape, but denies the charge. He will probably furnish bond.

STREET OF MAJOR WILLIAMS. Wm. A. Williams, the dead man, was born December 14, 1857, in Abbeville county, near Ninety-Six, his father being Dr. Wm. A. Williams, and his mother Mrs. Mary Williams. He was educated in this city and all the other inhabitants and many young ones remember him as a boy. He attended a hotel here and was also a student at the military schools at York and West Point. He was afterwards studied law with the late James P. Moore and attended the Columbia Law School at Washington. He was admitted to the bar when very young, and engaged in private practice here, being unusually successful for a young man.

His military training made him prominent in military circles and he commanded the Butler Guards at the Yorkville military school. He was first lieutenant of the company. He was captain of the Greenville Guards for a time.

In public life he had a promising future before him. His popularity in the lower House of Representatives for this State, and he was only defeated for the Senate by a small plurality. For a number of years his city attorney had been a member of the public and private positions of honor and trust.

He was a Royal Arch Mason and a member of Blue Ridge Lodge, Knights of Pythias, having held high positions in both. He was also a member of the district deputy of the Knights of Pythias.

He was married to Miss Willie C. Hudson, daughter of Judge Hudson, February 23, 1881. His widow and two small sons survive him.

THE SLAYER. The slayer is well known in this city and county. He was at one time porter of the Greenville Hotel, and was a member of the Greenville Athletic and Y. M. C. A. He was a member of the L. G. League, and was prominent in military circles. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight of Pythias.

Chief of Police Kennedy, through relations of Major Williams, has offered a reward of \$200 for the delivery to him of J. E. Williams. A description of Williams accompanies the reward. The amount of the reward will be increased by other relatives and by the governor.

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IS IT A BIT AT THE THIRD PARTY. Cleveland Casts the Ohio Democracy Against Following False Lights and Usurp Paths.

SPRINGFIELD, O., February 10.—At last night's meeting of the Jeffersonian Club President Mayor Barnett read the following letter in response to an invitation to attend the club's annual banquet in April:

Dear Sir:—You need have no doubt that it will give me great pleasure to attend the banquet of the Jeffersonian Club on the 24th of April. I will, next, and if my presence would add in the least to the Democratic enthusiasm which I am sure will pervade the occasion, such consideration would greatly honor me. I have kept at the banquet of accepting the invitation you courteously send me.

The Democracy of Ohio are deserving of the utmost regard of their party friends everywhere on account of their steadfastness in their creed and loyalty. This reflection adds to my perplexity, as I see unsurmountable obstacles in the way of my meeting those who will gather at your banquet. I have, therefore, declined to accept of the invitation, and I am sure that my fellow Democrats will sympathize with me in this course.

THE REFORMERS AT WORK. A Convention of the Third Party Alliance Politicians to be Held in Cincinnati on May 19.

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