

The Phosphate Fight.

For some time past the Press of the State has been combatting rather severely the Phosphate Companies in their alleged "combination monopoly" to keep up the prices of their fertilizers while cotton and everything else has gone down so low. These companies have at last heeded the clamor and made an explanation. They claim that they have reduced the price of their phosphates \$2 on the ton. That it is true that they claim 500 lbs. of cotton now instead of 467 lbs. as last year for a ton of the fertilizer, but that farmers forget that the reason of this is that cotton is lower now and it takes more of it to pay for the fertilizer. That the farmer has all the chances of gain, as he has the option at the end of the year of paying for his fertilizer in money if cotton is high and thus making his profits, or of paying for it in cotton, if cotton is low, and thus saving the loss; while they are obliged if cotton only brings 50c a pound, to pay only 500 lbs. for the pound fertilizer and thus bear a heavy loss.

This statement looks plausible and may be correct, especially in reference to the "cotton option," but we think that the money price of the fertilizer is too high. With bacon reduced to 3 to 5 cts. per lb., coffee to 12 1/2 cts., corn to 40 cts. per bushel and peas to 50 cts., and all other provisions in proportion, why should our commercial fertilizers keep up to \$40 and \$50 per ton?

It should be remembered that combination on one side will beget combination on the other and somebody might get hurt in the fight. Let the price of the fertilizer be put down to the lowest figure possible.

The Outlook for 1880.

To win in 1880 will require all the sagacity, forbearance and unity that the Democrats can muster.

Republican leaders of the Blaine school have long seen that the keeping alive of sectional animosities and the preventing of any friendly alliances between the North and South is the only hope of their party.

On this chord they are playing with marvellous success. With pharisaical hypocrisy they prate about peace, but they don't want the war ever to end, because, with the establishment of true harmony and good feeling between the sections, comes the downfall of their dominion. Their battle cry is "a solid North" against "a solid South," and every straw is used for its verification.

Although possessed of neither brains nor character, that child of fortune, Ulysses S. Grant, is taken up as the most effective embodiment of this war-like sentiment, and as the recognized leader of the Northern armies, is expected to solidify the North. Every thing points to him just now as the standard-bearer of the Republicans in the coming Presidential contest.

Under these circumstances what should be the Democratic tactics?

In our opinion a continuation of that spirit of moderation and broad statesmanship which will break down the charge of sectionalism on the part of the South, and show that if the South is solid, it is solid for constitutional liberty and not for sectional aggrandizement.

In this connection we regret to see the quarrels which are going on between Northern and Southern Democrats in Congress which are giving so much encouragement to our political opponents.

Democratic principles are broad and national and not sectional. As a proof of this we only have to refer to the war, which while it arrayed the sections against each other, the Democratic party was as broad as the nation, and was found on both sides. It is therefore not sectional, and any

tendency to make it so will result in our ruin. The South cannot elect a President alone. If therefore we alienate our Northern allies we consign ourselves to the certainty of all the horrors of Grantism.

By wisdom, concession and unity in the last National Democratic Convention which nominated Tilden, we carried four Northern States and, although cheated out of it, elected our candidate.

Why abandon this policy? Does any Southern aspirant crave the emoluments of the Presidential berth?

Can we afford to allow such paltry considerations of private gain, or individual ambition to stand in the way of the establishment of Constitutional liberty?

We trow not. Let who may, enjoy these honors; but give us, as a people, the material blessings of free government and equal rights.

In furtherance of this object let us select as our standard-bearer that man whose name and character will be a living denial of every charge of sectionalism, and will restore the party to its true national reputation.

Sweep at Home.

In a recent discussion in the Legislature of New Jersey, it was developed that sliding valves were used to facilitate the stuffing of ballot-boxes. This is ahead of anything in the South. The Teller Committee had better turn their labors in this direction.

Deaths.

We regret to learn that Mr. James Johnson, of the First, who was taken sick while in attendance upon the last Court, and compelled to return to his home, died on last Friday of pneumonia.

We are also pained to receive the intelligence that Mr. N. P. Jefecoat, a most estimable citizen of Lexington County, died on Wednesday, of the same disease.

Again we are called upon to note the arrival, on Friday, of the remains of Mr. Eugene Glover, a son of the late L. C. Glover, former Clerk of Court. He was pursuing his studies in the up country at the time of his death. Although a mute, Mr. Glover was a young man of intelligence, and gave every promise of a useful future. The funeral services were performed at the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Elizabeth, Staley, an old inhabitant of this County, died on Monday and was buried on Wednesday at the Presbyterian grave yard. She was an old lady and highly esteemed for her excellent qualities. Her funeral took place at the Methodist Church, where a large number of her friends gathered to pay the last respect to her memory.

J. C. McKewn, an active and promising youth, is the next victim of the grim messenger. He was a young man in the vigor of youth, and was sick but one week before his death. He was a member of the Hook and Ladder Company where he made many friends by his sterling social qualities, and faithfulness in the discharge of duty as a fireman.

Revs. O. A. Darby and Manning Brown performed his funeral services at the Methodist Church on Monday, where his many friends and his comrades of the Fire Department assembled in sadness to pay him the last testimonials of respect. Thus one by one the young and the old are dropping off on the road-side of life, and we are forcibly and daily reminded of the realities of that eternity which will sooner or later become the portion of each one of us who survive.

Nathaniel Lodge.

The following list of officers of the above Lodge No. 45, I. O. G. T., elected on the 27th, has been furnished us for publication:

- Rev. A. Middleton, W C T.
F M Melette, W V T.
L Dickson, W V S.
Isreal Hook, W F S.
J Sanders, W F T.
W M Johnson, W Chaplain.
A Goldson, W M.
A Myers, W J G.
J W Corbitt, W O G.
M Crum, W A S.
R Gibson, W D M.
Hester Brown, W R S.
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For the Orangeburg Times. Election in Branchville—A Shooting Encounter.

BRANCHVILLE, S. C. Feb. 4, 1879.

Editor Orangeburg Times:

Quite an exciting election was held here yesterday for Intendant and Wardens. The Hon. W. H. Reedish was urged for the first position by a number of his friends, but declined to enter the field, as the color question was a part of the contest, which he deprecated with many other good citizens.

Mr. John C. Reeves headed the Democratic and Mr. E. T. R. Smoak the Republican ticket. The fight was a very warm one indeed, a number of whites having openly espoused Smoak's side. At the close of the poll there were some fifty-odd votes in the box in excess of the poll list, which were drawn out according to law. This time the election was declared by the managers. Mr. Reeves and his ticket got in by a handsome majority. A notice of protest, however, was served upon the board of managers, and a judicial investigation may be the outcome of this day's work.

No one knows how the excess of votes got into the box, and certain it is, that all law-abiding citizens deplore such exhibition of disregard for the purity of our elective system. Where it will end, no one knows. It is an fungus growth which has taken root in our body politic, and may yet prove a very Upastree to our civilization unless frowned down and discountenanced by honorable men. A man may be excused for disregarding his obligations for society now and again when prompted to do so by the law of self-preservation, but there is no palliation of excuse for a total abandonment of one's self to wrongdoing. This I say without reference to any individual or party. The evil seems to be general in its nature, and the caustic should be applied generally.

Last night a personal encounter took place between Mr. A. F. H. Dukes and Mr. John W. Fairy, in which the former was shot twice in the right hand, and the latter three times, once in each thigh and once near the groin. Dr. Geissart was called to Mr. Dukes and Dr. Ott to Mr. Fairy.

The affair is much to be deplored, as both gentlemen are well known, and have large and respectable family connections in our County. And yet such encounters may be looked for where personalities are indulged in at our elections. One word brings on another until reason is dethroned and passion beat on revenge, takes her comely place and urges its victim with amazing recklessness to the commission of deeds he would blush to contemplate in his calmer moments. Mr. Editor, whether are we drifting? Yours,

SICUT ANTE.

Cigars.

The Orangeburg favorite cigar. The best ever offered in the market. Go at once and try them at Dr. J. G. Wannamaker's.

MARRIED—On the 2d February 1879, at the Residence of the Bride's Father by the Rev. R. J. Edwards, F. M. Stroman to Miss Emma Shuler, All of Orangeburg County.

MARRIED—On the 2d February 1879, at the Residence of Mr. W. H. Joyner, by the Rev. J. M. Herlong, Mr. J. B. Joyner to Miss Idella Spires, All of Orangeburg County.

Obituary.

DIED in Orangeburg County, S. C., an Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cox, age seventeen months. To the afflicted parents there comes the consoling recollection, that little Sue is not dead, but sweetly sleeping in the arms of Jesus.

The fairest flowers that bloom on earth, Must wither and decay, The frost of death the petals touch, And then they pass away.

MOLLIE.

The State of South Carolina, ORANGEBURG COUNTY.

BY C. B. GLOVER, ESQUIRE, PROBATE JUDGE. WHEREAS, C. D. Blume, of Orangeburg County, hath made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Gideon Blume, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and Creditors of the said Gideon Blume, late of Orangeburg County, deceased, that they be and appear, before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Orangeburg, C. H., on 21st February next, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my Hand, this 6th day of February Anno Domini 1879.

C. B. GLOVER, Judge of Probate, Orangeburg County, Feb 7.

TO ARRIVE Saturday, February, 15th, A no. her Car Load of Extra Fine HORSES. B. F. SLATER.

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