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Branchville News and Gossip.

BY HAROLD.

The Order of the Knights of Honor s progressing finely.

cut from his premises neross main

The footways over the several slop holes between here and the river are in a wretched condition.

Branchville hasn't seen a fresh liers of beef for le, these many days. Where are the butchers?

Mr. D. D. Myers is having his handsome new residence ou main street painted. It is an ornament to the place.

Considerable ditching is being done under the direction of the present Council. A lick with a spate hereabouts is never amiss.

The shad season is over and fisher bream and-any other kind the aug- what was meant for manhind." Yet ler can hook.

Mr. Joseph Tobish, a young man in reserve for use-look benefit. who always did hard work for the Democrats on elections days, has left here for a home in the North. The well wishes of friends attend him.

Mr. Isaac Laryea of Levisvillhas been spending several days here with his brother, Mr. L. W. Loryen, I'e says Branchville is progressive but Lewisville is "more so."

The days are getting long and chose. A couple of pucks of splen- ditte they have should escape out of die hounds are always taken done, their lands. They look always upon angezithe rule is that no one shall the dark side, and can never enjoy never been violated save by our horses that is to come. This is not religion doctor. These hunts afford spendid Religion makes the heart cheerful; "cotton tails."

Branchville into which it his saturale that there are so many poisonous trajesty were to swoop some nifer. Howers and therny branches in his noon, he would find no trouble in honey where he can find it, and passcabbaging a goodly number of his disciples, amongst whom would be ing quietly by the place where it is some old offenders.

gun a few evenings since in his store, often travel on a hard and uneven preparatory to a rabbit hunt, fired it road; but with acheerful spirit, we off accidentally, the load of shot going may walk therein with comfort and completely through the opposite come to the end of our journey in counter, and making a lodgment in the wall beyond. This is what comes of parents allowing children to play with fire-arms.

It is certainly the duty of the Conneil to look after the hygiene of the place; and yet after mins there are several houses here in the heart of the town under which water from one to sixteen inches deep lies for days, thereby engendering typhoid fever and other diseases. Intendant Reeves makes a model officer, but he should appoint a board of sealth with power to abate nui-ances.

South Carolina Oratory

O'Connor not Extreme Enough for the Fenian Organ.

The climate of South Carolina seems to be as favorable for Oratory as that of Italy is reputed to be for Music. The crop is percanial. Nor crops of mere rhetoricians, but of men of thought and purpose. John C. Calhoun was all lagic-"logic on fire," as Gen. Shields says. Of purpit orators Dr. 1 iker of Charleston was the most elequent we have ever heard. It is needless to say anything of the renowned Dr. England, whose fame is known on both sides of the Atlantic. Of all the bishops in the United States to day Bishop Lynch, the successor of Bishop England, is intellectually the head and front.

But to what purpose will this flood of eloquence be poured out? Is it to temple of Fame, or to advance the cause of God and Man? Mr. O'Concould not be induced, under any posoppose anything that he conscientiously believed to be for the common would do knightly service against the aristocracy, is not, we fear, entirely free from the transmels of professional and "society" aristogracy, and, whilst the Democratic party has un questionably wen a valuable nequisition in the man, and whilst we, amongst others, must enjoy his orations as masterly literary treats, we seines. Now for the red breast and time, that he has "given to party an agreeable disappointment may be

A theerful Heart.

___ A merry or cheerful countenance was one of the things which Jeremy Trylor sold his enemies and persecutors could not take away from him. There are some persons who spend their lives in this world as if shut up in a dungeon. Everything is made gloomy and forbidding. They go tedious now, and to beguite the mourning and complaining from day monotony of the afternoons "the to day that they have so little, and boys," necasionally get aparabilit are constantly anxious lest what smeatstanding, a regulation that has the good that is present for the evil sport, one of these a few evenings and when its large and benevolent since resulting in the death of seven principles are exercised, men will be imppy in spite of themselves. The There is a certain store plazza in lindustrious bee does not complain road, but buzzes on, selecting the not. There is enough in this world 1. W. Loryen while handling his if men have the disposition. We

Tired of Politics.

We have, upon various occasions. endeavored to impress upon the Republicans the fact that the negroes are growing tired of the just they have been misled to play in politics. At a meeting of negrous in Philadelphia the other day, ex-Congressman Cain, of South Carolina, boldly announced that his race desired to be let alone in future-supplementing in this respect, the recent remarks of Frederick Douglass. "Let us alone to take our chances," he said, "just as you do with other people," and he advised colored mento drop politics and give attention to their mental improvement. At the same meeting another negro named Tauner called attention to the fact that there is a general disposition, more prevalent at the North than at the South to refuse work to the negro. The blacks he said, are everywhere told at the North, "you may s and by my side at the ballot box, but not at the loom, the furnace, or the work-bench," and he might have added, not in office. The colored men are opening their eyes to the inwardness of Republicanism .- Atlanta Constitution.

A War Against Whiskey.

The annual meeting of the Grand And now South Carolina apana her | Lodge of Good Templars, which has eloquent mouth once again in the just adjourned, has instituted a moveperson of M. P. O'Connor, on the floor ment which is destined to create a scoundrels escape punishment altoof Congress, whose brilliant speeches profound sensation in this State. The

- when his tongue is once let loose - | u nanimity with which the resolution will make musical the hals of the was adopted calling a Convention of National Legislature and recall the all Temperance organizations in silver trumpets of a generation gone | South Carolina, to meet in Columbia, to consider the best measure of advancing the common cause, shows that the members of the Convention. Mr. J. D. Rhoads has had a ditch win a niche for the orator in the representing a very respectable element of the community in all parts of the State, feel that the time for comnor is an honorable gentleman. He bined and earnest action against the evils of intemperance has arrived, and sible circumstances, ever to stoop to that they are determined to push the anything mean or dispicable, or to war against whiskey. There is no doubt that the indiscriminate consump tion of ardent spirits in this Commongood; but Mr. O'Conner, while he wealth, as elsewhere, is the cause of great and growing social evils. in elent pretentions of a hereditary Whether our Temperance friends will adopt the best method of combatting the ills of which they justly complain, remains to be seen .- News and Cour-

To Young Men.

men have taken in their nets and enunot belp regretting, at the same ing elegant advise to young mon who "depend on father" for their support, and take no interest in business, but are regular drones in the hive subsisting on that which is carned by others:

'Come, off with your coat, clinch the saw, the plow-handles, the are, the spade-anything that will enable you to stir your blood. Fly around and tear your jacket rather than be the recipient of the old gentleman's bounty. Sooner than play the dandy at dad's expense, hire yourself out to some potato patch, let yourselfout to stop holes, or watch the bars, and when you think yourself entitled to a resting spell, do it on your, own hook. Get up in the morning, turn around at least twice before breakfast, help the old gentleman, give him now and then a lift in business, learn how to take the lead, and not depend upon forever being led, and you have no idea how the discipline will benefit you. Do this, and, our word for it, you will seem to breathe a new atmosphere, possess a new frame, tread a new destiny, and you may begin to aspire to manhood." state

A Sweet Temper. General En

No trait of character is more varuable in a woman than the possession of a sweet temper. It is like the flowers that spring up in our path. way, reviving and cheering us, IIoms can never be made happy without it. Let a man go home at night, wearied and worn out by the toils of the day, and how soothing is a word dictated by a good disposition. It is sunshine falling upon the heart, Ho is happy and the cares of life ara lorgotten. A sweet temper has a soothing influence over the minds of the whole family. Where it is found in the wife and mother, you observe kindness and love predominating over the natural feelings of a bad heart. Smiles, kind words, and looks characterize the children, and peace and love have their dwelling place there. Study then, to acquire and retain a sweet temper. It is more valuable than gold, and captivates more than beauty, and to the close of life retains all its powers.

Governor Simpson has issued pirdons for F. L. Cardozo and Robert Smalls. The reason for extending clemency to these men is not given. To plain people it will appear to be a great abuse of the pardoning power. These men were not guilty of political offenses, neither were they observa persons, who had committed crimss more through ignorance than design. They are both men of intelligence and both have held high office -Cardozo having been Treasurer of the State and Smalls a member of Congress. They were convicted aften fair trials and to pardon them is to mock justice. The poor man who stea's a hog or a sheep must serve his term of imprisonment, while these lofty

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