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ORANGEBURG, S. C., MARCH 7, 1879.

The Test Oath.

The practicability of repealing the test oath, which has for some time been agitating Congress, seems to be something of an anomaly in legislation; and is not only a matter of contention between the two parties, but serves to keep inflamed sectional hatred and party animosities, which should by this time be discarded from politics.

If the mere fact of a man being a Confederate during the late war, and giving aid and comfort to a cause which he believed to be just and right, is to exclude him from the right of being a juror, the very same reasoning ought to exclude him from a Federal office like that held by Postmaster-General Key, who was a Confederate soldier. The staunchest Confederate, who used every possible means to secure the success of the South, if elected, may be President of the United States, or a member of Congress, or a judge even of the Supreme Court, yet cannot be a juror because he dare not take the test oath. To be consistent, it appears to us, such enactments, which brought forth the test oath into existence, ought to be based upon principle, applicable to every office and excluding from every right or none. If it be an anomaly and not intended as a principle, then it is a disgrace to the nation and an insult to her citizens. Such an irregular act can neither protect a single right of a citizen nor prohibit a wrong, and ought to be taken from the statute books; because the only purpose it can serve is to keep in memory the wrongs that one section suffers at the hands of another, and thus postpone, indefinitely, that return to order and peace which the country so much needs.

Indeed there can be no permanent reconciliation so long as there is a single law which shuts out one part of our citizens from a right that another portion enjoys. The people of the North and West are slow in learning that whilst the people of the South are disposed to be loyal to the government of the United States and will make every effort to defend her honor and to advance her interest; yet the memories of the past are as fresh and dear to her citizens now, as in the days when they were actually engaged in defending their constitutional rights against the aggressions of the North. No enactment, however exclusive in its application, can ever make them repent of the noble part they played in the defense of a cause they believed to not only right but eminently just.

The Veto.

The Chinese bill, which was introduced by California and rushed through Congress restricting the importation of Chinamen to fifteen by any vessel, has been vetoed by President Hayes on the ground that it was a violation of a treaty made with China. This whole matter has the appearance of political trickery, gotten up to subvert electioneering purposes. Whether this eastern element brings to bear an evil influence on society or whether it is an incubus upon the labor system of our Western country, are questions which might very well be contrasted with the effects upon society and the labor system of the South of our negro element. Civilization here was certainly endangered by giving to four millions of ignorant negroes all the privileges of the government, and the danger cannot be more threatening to the West from the 150,000 Chinamen, who belong to a higher type than the African. If absolute citizenship was necessary for the elevation of the negro, it cannot be less for the Chinaman. In the presence, at the South of so many free negroes was required to make labor honorable, progressive and productive, the presence of an

equal number of Chinese at the West cannot be less required. Indeed this summary way of disposing of the Chinamen by bill is but opening the door for a similar disposition of the negro, should he become a democratic element of power. The recent article of Mr. Blaine in the North American Review has a meaning.

Congress.

Our National Legislature adjourned at noon on the 4th instant, after a long, and at times, a boisterous session. Many bills of importance became laws, and many of equal moment fell short, among them the legislative and appropriation bills; the first, because the Democrats burdened it with a clause repealing the juror's test oath and the law relating to supervisors of elections; and the latter, because the Republicans attached an amendment authorizing the presence of armed soldiers at the polls, on the day of election. The next Congress will have a Democratic majority in both the Senate and House of Representatives, which will doubtless make a settlement of these differences to the entire satisfaction of the whole country.

The river and harbor bill, which passed and is signed by the President, gives \$200,000 for the improvement of Charleston harbor, and provides for the survey of the two Pee-Dee Rivers, the Santee, Wateree, Congaree and the Broad. This much to the benefit of South Carolina, is due to the influence of her Democratic members. We trust that the time is not far distant when the liberal aid of the national government will make our State what she ought and deserves to be, the equal of any commonwealth in the Union.

D. T. Corbin, Again.

This Radical carpet-bagger, who claimed to have been elected Senator to represent the State of South Carolina in the United States Congress and who has been hanging around the Senate chamber for the last two years as a contestant for a seat which Gen. M. C. Butler has occupied since November 1877, comes up before the public, we hope, for the last time. Corbin does not present himself in the usual character of a Radical, or of a United States Senator, but as a kind of semi-beggar at the door of the Senate. He is not exorbitant in his demands, but like the modern beggar he is persistent; and he is not unreasonable in his memorial, but after the fashion of the old State House petitioners, he wants only his actual expenses paid. Corbin says these amount to somewhere between \$11,000 and \$12,000, but considering the hard times, he would only ask to be paid the very reasonable sum of \$10,000 for little less than two years' personal expenses. Some of the Senators could not see it in this light, but the humane Republicans did; and after two ill-timed efforts to reduce the amount were made and failed, the Senate voted to donate D. T. Corbin the moderate sum of \$10,000. Well, it is a happy riddance even at that price.

Hon. Jefferson Davis.

The United States Senate has been guilty of another of its little acts in attempting to degrade the President of the late Confederacy by excluding him from the pension list of the Mexican veterans. Not a soldier of that war perhaps did more for its success and ultimate results than Mr. Davis. Yet occupying the position he does as the representative man of the late Confederacy, he would not have received a pension if voted to him, and the Senate knew this. As an act of spite this vote has no parallel, but as an act with a double meaning it is simply contemptible; one to degrade Mr. Davis and the other to insult the South. Mr. Davis' career is already a part of the history of this country, but as great as his fame may be, such acts to make him a martyr, will but increase it and the love his people bear him.

Death of Rev. Lucius Bellinger.

This veteran of the Cross preached his last sermon in the Methodist Church in Bamberg last Sunday week. Soon after service he was taken sick and died at Gen. Bamberg's Thursday night. Mr. Bellinger belonged to an old and honored family in South Carolina, and has accomplished, no doubt, as a minister, as much good as any other one man in the State. He has received the sobriquet of "war horse," "war preacher," "wandering Arab," &c., was author of a book entitled "Stray Leaves," which bears the impress of his eccentric talent. He was universally known and respected throughout this State as well as Georgia, Alabama and Florida. We clip the foregoing from the Bamberg Sentinel of last week's issue, as an item of general interest to the people throughout our

county. There is scarcely a man, woman or child who did not know the subject of this notice. The Rev. Lucius Bellinger was a welcome guest in every household, and his memory to-day is as much loved by our people as that of any minister who ever preached the gospel from our pulpits. This affection is not confined to Methodist people only, but is equally entertained by the membership of every Christian church, and the out-world as well. And when the great day of reckoning shall come and the servants of the Lord shall be rewarded for the faithful discharge of duty and the improvement of talents given, none will wear a brighter crown than that which shall adorn the brow of this Christian saint.

Communicated.

Burns was charitable when he saw the vile insect creeping on a hat-ribbon, and wrote:

"Wad the zitt, the ciffle zle us, To see our siffers as others see us."

Zach Chandler and Senator Hoar blinded by a partial bigotry need to be reminded that the "nuclear thing sticks as close" to their senatorial drapery. What if Jeff. Davis did lead an almost forlorn hope at the head of "invincible Mississippians"? What if he did do more to place Washington in a state of security against foreign attack than any other Secretary? What if he did avow unification, which "was the legal remedy for national emergencies on Constitutional rights"? What if his "principle of manhood and genius was given to first principles"? Nothing. The "just" are ostracised as often by a ridiculous idea, as for a faithful patriotism. The pure are as often banished for loyalty, as unappreciated for a glaring superiority. Policy, fanaticism, rancor, and new departures, while pretending to hold to right, blindly, ruthlessly destroy it, and set up a fraud in its stead. In the miserable trade against Mr. Davis' receiving a pension for services in the Mexican war, they repudiate and spit upon the conquest of that country, as it is well known that the South furnished with its scanty population three to one of the "fighters." General Shields hailed the "Palmetto flag as the first ensign that waved on the walls of Mexico. Scott, Taylor, Lee, Beauregard and Johnston all fought to be kicked by Hoar and Chandler. Mr. Davis has asked no favors of these blatant demagogues. He would consider it a libel on his record to be peered with these harlequins. He claims no affinity with their principles, and would be as distinctly separate from them as a "Thiers from a Marat. What Mr. Davis did was for the best, and to his best. He came forward at the call of his people, their chosen leaders, with their full sympathy, for weal or woe. To question his motives, is to ridicule the foresight of the South in choosing him as president. To impugn his actions is to be base and ingrate. Mr. Davis is to-day the landmark of the principles that were engulphed in 1865. He is the survivor of what Lee and Jackson died for, and had he been called to the sword, rather than the chair, his grave would have been lauded as theirs with a soldier's fame. He belongs not to the day of Chandler and Hoar. Yet, unlike Marius, he does not sit moodily amid the ruins, but by every gracious word urges his people to be loyal to the powers that be. Had Mr. Davis with truckling knee cringed as a few did, and kissed the hand that struck down his country, he might have had a foreign mission as a sop of favor. But he was true. True to the principles which Milton quoted of the immortal parliament, when he said "Resistance to tyrants is obedience to God." True, he dared to do the right, a right which their Supreme Court shrunk from disputing. Twice he was before their for-treason, and twice they disposed of the travesty by feigned magnanimity. Let Messrs. Hoar and Chandler read Irving's Washington, and write him down a rebel. Jeff. Davis was just such an one.

Floral Fair.

Editors Orangeburg Democrat:

"Breathes there a man whose soul is so dead that never to himself he said, 'I am an admirer of flowers. If there be such a one and he a bachelor, young or old, unmarried, then would I advise all ladies to avoid him. I see by the action of the Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association that they are all lovers of flowers, and consequently they have decided to hold a Floral Fair some time in May next. I know also that our ladies of Orangeburg county are ladies of taste, and are admirers of flowers, taking delight in their cultivation. I believe there is nothing so elevating and refining to the mind as their culture. I have had the pleasure of attending two floral exhibitions held by the Orangeburg Agricultural and Mechanical Association, at each of which I was really delighted. These exhibitions exceeded my most sanguine expectations. I have seen more and greater varieties, in large cities, but I never have seen finer or more beautiful flowers than were exhibited in Orangeburg. I think I can speak for our ladies in saying that they will respond to the action of the gentlemen Directors, and will by their taste and culture excel in variety and beauty all former exhibitions.

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Editors Orangeburg Democrat:

Knowing that you take great interest in all that pertains to the advancement and prosperity of Agriculture in our county, and that you are always ready to aid with your valuable paper every object that is calculated to add to its material prosperity, I hand you the enclosed letter for publication if you think proper. The letter speaks for itself. Much has been said by our farmers about the low price of cotton. The question continually arises, can we make cotton at 8 cents per pound? What can we plant that will pay us better? These are important questions to be answered and each farmer will answer them according to his own individual stand point. I hold that we can make cotton at 8 cents per pound provided we do not make it the exclusive crop. Mr. Legare as he writes thinks Jute will pay better than cotton. With our climate, soil and seasons we can produce nearly everything we need for home consumption and the farmer, if he is prudent and economical and not in debt, can live with but little cash outlay during the year. Then let us diversify our crops, make everything we can for home consumption, let us use economy, never buy on credit, if we can avoid it. Credit means paying from 20 to 50 per cent above cash prices; it makes the farmer a slave to his creditor; it binds him hand and foot, and will, if he continues it, eventually end in his ruin. Pay as you go, should be the motto of every farmer. Let them carry it out fully, and with frugality and industry I hold they will soon become the happiest and most independent people as a class, on God's green earth. Respectfully,

W. F. BARTON.

Contract Work!

I respectfully inform my friends and the public that I am prepared to contract to do Carpenter's Work of any kind, cheaper than other contractors in Orangeburg County. Work solicited, and satisfaction guaranteed. March 7-3mos. J. R. TUCKER.

The State of South Carolina.

ORANGEBURG COUNTY.

By C. B. GLOVER, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, L. F. GLOVER hath made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of SOPHIA A. GLOVER, deceased; and as I am therefore to cite and administer all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said SOPHIA A. GLOVER, 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 the 7th of March next, after the 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 1st day of March, Anno Domini 1879.

MARCH 7-2 Judge of Probate O. C.

STILL THEY COME!

I take pleasure in informing my friends and the public generally that I will receive another CARLOAD OF HORSES!

HORSES! HORSES!

SUNDAY, MARCH 9.

B. FRANK SLATER.

March 7

APPEAL TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ORANGEBURG AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE Directors earnestly appeal to you as a Shareholder of the Orangeburg Agricultural and Mechanical Association to aid them in making the proposed Floral Fair to be held in May next, and the Annual Fair successful, financially and otherwise; this can be done if EACH Shareholder would invest himself in preparing and exhibiting articles, and in urging their neighbors and friends to do likewise; to come himself and bring his family with him. If this is done your Directors feel sanguine that in a short time your property will be relieved of debt. We hope therefore our appeal to you will not be in vain. Let each one therefore go to work, and work honestly and faithfully for the success of our Fairs. This done we do not fear the result.

W. F. BARTON, President.

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Sentenced to be Hung.

The Columbia Register says: "At the spring term of the Sessions Court for Laurens County, commencing last Thursday, after a trial lasting three days, Alfred McNeinch was convicted of murder and sentence of death pronounced by Judge Aldrich. The Laurens Herald contains a three column report of the evidence. The doomed man, it appears, became involved in an altercation in a bar-room on some trivial matter with W. O. Kilgore, the person who was killed, a general melee ensued, pistols were drawn and one life ended by a bullet and another to terminate on the scaffold. A sad affair and a terrible warning to our young men to abstain from carrying deadly weapons about their persons and from the still more dangerous habit of frequenting public houses where no possible good can result to them, and where the fiery liquid which takes away their judgment and inflames their worst passions oftentimes causes them in mad frenzy to wreak not only their own happiness but that of many others in no way responsible for their rash acts."

Obituary.

Departed this life in Orangeburg County, S. C., on the 20th February, 1879, in her 65th year, Mrs. Eliza E. L. Ball, wife of Albert Ball, deceased, after a protracted illness of ninety-five days. She bore her suffering with great cheerfulness and Christian resignation, knowing that her Saviour endured in love so much for her. Often she said, "I loved Jesus, is it not enough?" As a mother she was devoted to her children, and equally so to her grandchildren; and her death creates a void in their hearts that can never be filled. But whilst those hearts have almost been crushed under the double bereavement of both father and mother within the short space of three months, we must not without hope, for we have the assurance that all is well.

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Elocution is taught in each grade. Miss Mackay has charge of the girls. Students may enter at any time during the term, and are charged only from date of entrance.

Boys and girls are prepared for the Sophomore Class in any College or for a successful business life.

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