

## OUR COLUMBIA LETTER.

THE APPOINTMENT OF CAPT. MELTON, A "LILY WHITE."

The War Talk in The Capital City—Governor Filerbe's Plans.

Columbia, S. C. March 19th.

The whole state has been interested in the appointment of Lawson D Melton as United States Marshall. Mr. Melton is a representative of the faction that has tried so long to make Republicanism less of an offense to the white men of the state, and which has been termed the "lily white" faction as opposed to the "black and tan," or the old timers—the relics of 1876. Heretofore the president has ignored the "lily whites" in his distribution of patronage and that faction was likely to starve to death. The faithful were just about to stampede back to the Democratic party, which with all its strictness is so big as to be good natured and disposed to forgive and forget. So these erring sons of Carolina were about to put on sackcloth and ashes and sit before the doors of the house upon which they had turned their back. Had they been readmitted there is no doubt but that the sackcloth and ashes would have soon been discarded and they would have been asking for the purple robes of office and demanding that the fatted calves be killed for their return.

Thus appointment made and—present change—stock in the "Lily White" faction is beginning to mount up and the faint-hearted are taking strength and scattering back to their tents beyond the outer wall. How much the Lake City affair has had to do with this appointment no one can positively say, but it is thought that the administration is beginning to realize that the South is a white man's country as well as the North, and that politics is unwhole some for negroes in this section. At all events we may expect to see the "Lily White" ranks filling up with some of the dissatisfied politicians from the Democratic ranks, which are really so large that every man can't be a colonel or a major, and some have to carry the guns and knapsacks of the high privates. The Republicans promise to make it lively for us in the next election. There really is no telling what fun there is ahead, but there certainly will be a large and varied assortment of sports in the political arena in the coming summer.

The war talk continues to be of an exciting nature, but so far it has not visibly affected business and the extension of improvements and enterprises along the coast. It looks like every body is ready to fight, and every body is fully confident of the strength and ability of the Federal government to amply protect its coast line. There is, however, little probability of a war.

The war spirit in Spain is not surprising for the people of the old world cannot realize the immensity of the United States or its power. The people of Spain especially are ignorant and have an idea that they are the greatest people on the earth. They know nothing except what the government permits them to learn, but later indications seem to be to the effect that a slight glimmer of the truth is dawning upon the government of Spain and there is a great deal less of blunder than formerly. Spain is really about two thirds the size of Texas, has a population of about 18,000,000 and can only prepare itself for further war through liberal contributions of rich and patriotic citizens, of whom there are many eager to help the government, both at home and abroad. Yet with all her combined resources Spain cannot raise so much money as the business men of Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania,

New Jersey and Ohio. As secretary Herbert has expressed it, one fight might settle the question. The people of the United States have always been ready for war and the government has always opposed it until yielding to popular pressure the nation has asserted her rights by declaring war.

Governor Ellerbe has said that he is ready to command the South Carolina troops in the event of war, but the chances are that he will not be called on to expose his person to display patriotism. It is not at all unlikely that the improbability of war has prompted many brave soldiers to offer the nation their services, while many others are really itching for a fight, and it does look like people have to go to war every generation or two to work off their accumulated steam.

HARTWELL M. AYER

McGEE—HODGE.

[Continued from first page] formed by Rev. R. C. Boulware, and the party passed down the other aisle.

At the conclusion of the marriage, the invited guests went over to the hospitable home of the officiating clergyman where a sumptuous wedding-supper was served in the most approved manner. After spending some time at Mr Boulware's a few friends of the couple repaired to the home of the newly-wedded couple, where two or three hours were very pleasantly spent. Mr and Mrs. McGee have the best wishes of their many friends on their matrimonial journey of life. The day after the marriage the bridal couple left for a wedding tour.

### CONCLUSION OF THE INQUEST

[Continued from first page] was anyone present who knew any thing about the killing before the jury retired. No one replied and the jury then retired and found the following verdict, after the usual legal form:

"That the said Frazier B Baker came to his death on the night of Feb. 21, 1898, from gunshot wounds fired by parties unknown to the jury."

The same verdict was brought in the case of the little infant.

There was a great deal of interest manifested throughout the inquest and everybody is glad that it is at last over. There was a shadow over the entire community until the verdict was rendered, but that now effectually removes any suspicion as to the people of Lake City having had anything at all to do with the killing. The coroner's jury was altogether an unusually intelligent one and the members thereof made every effort to ferret out the mystery. Had there been the slightest clue as to who perpetrated the deed it would have been followed up to the end. The coroner adjourned the inquest for over three weeks so as to allow the fullest examination by the postal authorities. In addition to the United States authorities being at work upon the case, the State officers were unusually vigilant in the matter, and



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no stone was left unturned that would have thrown any light upon the subject. The people of the town are to be congratulated that the investigation showed that they not only did not have any connection with the killing of Baker, but that they do not even know who composed the mob for had they even known that the investigation would have shown it.

At the inquest last Saturday, District Attorney Abail Lathrop, postoffice inspector Bulla and solicitor John S Wilson were present, and took part in the examination of the witnesses put upon the stand that day. After looking over the town Mr. Lathrop is said to have remarked that, from the report heretofore published concerning the affair, he could not understand how such a deed could have been committed and the citizens of the town not know about it, but now, after personally inspecting the ground he can readily see that it was not only possible but very probable that no one living in Lake City could have known anything about the killing at the time, owing to the great distance intervening between the postoffice and the town

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J. J. EADY, Clerk of board.

### Judicial Sale. By The Sheriff.

The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.

In The Court Of Common Pleas.

J. S. FELDER and C. L. FELDER, Ex and Executrix of the Est of PAUL S. FELDER, vs. MARY MAXWELL, et al.

In obedience to an order of the court to me directed in the above stated case I will sell on the first Monday in April 1898 before the court house door in Kingstree within the legal hours for making public sales for cash all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying, being and situate in the county of Williamsburg and state of South Carolina containing one hundred and fifty (150) acres more or less and bounded as follows: On the north by lands of I. V. Bardin on the east by lands of R. H. Kellehan on the south by lands of Oliver and on the west by lands of Charley Brown being the tract of land conveyed to Samuel Maxwell by R. H. Kellehan on Dec. 15th 1892.

Purchaser to pay for papers. J. D. DANIEL, Sheriff.

### Judicial Sale. By The Sheriff.

The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.

In The Court Of Common Pleas.

SAMUEL M. NENSEN, vs. JOE BENJAMIN MCCLAM.

Judgment for Foreclosure.

In obedience to an order of the court to me directed in the above stated case I will sell on the first Monday in April 1898 before the court house door in Kingstree within the legal hours of sale for cash all that certain tract of land situate in Williamsburg county State of South Carolina containing sixty seven (67) acres more or less bounded on the north by lands of Joe Shaw on the East by lands of Sam Chandler on the South by lands of Dick Dukes and on the west by lands formerly of the Est. Harper. Purchaser to pay for papers. J. D. DANIEL, Sheriff.

### Judicial Sale. By The Sheriff.

The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.

In The Court Of Common Pleas.

J. G. LIFRAGE, vs. ROSETTA JONES.

Judgment For Foreclosure.

In obedience to an order of the court to me directed in the above stated case I will sell on the first Monday in April 1898 before the court house door in Kingstree within the legal hours for making public sale, for cash all that certain tract of land situate in the county of Williamsburg and State of South Carolina containing two hundred and ten acres more or less and bounded north by lands of the est. of Hudson, east by lands of R. A. McCollough, south by lands of R. A. McCollough and est. John Henry and on the west by lands of W. D. Bryan and the Colclough land. Purchaser to pay for papers. J. D. DANIEL, Sheriff.

### Judicial Sale. By The Sheriff.

The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.

In The Court Of Common Pleas.

W. D. McCLARY, vs. JOHN WASHINGTON.

Judgment for Foreclosure.

In obedience to an order of the court to me directed in the above stated case I will sell on the first Monday in April 1898 before the court house door in Kingstree within the legal hours for making public sales to the highest bidder for cash all that tract of land situate in the county of Williamsburg and state of South Carolina butting and bounding north by lands of Robert A. McCollough south by lands of Calvin Fason, west by lands of Mose Fluit, being a part of what is known as Nelson land on Ox Swamp said to contain one hundred (100) acres. Purchaser to pay for papers. J. D. DANIEL, Sheriff.

### Judicial Sale. By The Sheriff.

The State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG.

In The Court Of Common Pleas.

H. KAMINSKI & Co., vs. J. G. EADY & Co., et al.

In obedience to an order of the court to me directed in the above stated case I will sell on the first Monday in April 1898 before the court house door in Kingstree within the legal hours for making public sales to the highest bidder all those two certain tracts or parcels of land lying being and situate in the county of Williamsburg and State of South Carolina containing respectively sixty five (65) acres and one thousand and seventy three (1073) acres marked A. B. on a plat made by H. E. Eaddy, surveyor dated Jan. 27th 1892 and hereto annexed the butting and boundaries shape and form of said tract will more fully and larger appear by reference to said plat which is hereby made a part of this description. And I will also sell the following personal property at the store of the defendants John G. Eaddy & Co. at Johnsonville S. C. in said county on Wednesday the 6th day of April 1897:

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