

GOVERNOR THOMPSON AND THAT APPOINTMENT.

It is said that Governor Thompson has been offered the important position of Commissioner of Education by the President, but he has declined to accept because he does not wish to surrender the office he now holds, and which was given to him by the people of South Carolina.

We admire Governor Thompson's unselfish patriotism in this connection, but think he is doing himself a wrong while not benefiting the State. If any complications, political or otherwise were to arise from his resignation then he would be doing wrong to resign but there is no probability of any such occurrence.

The Governor's official life from the present time until his successor is inaugurated will be most uneventful. The Lieutenant Governor would quietly succeed him and perform all his duties with entire satisfaction, and the administration would continue without a ripple of trouble.

The office to which it is said the President wished to appoint the Governor is one for which we think him peculiarly fitted. We doubt if a better selection could be made, and we sincerely hope that second thought will induce our Chief Magistrate to change his mind and accept, if the offer is still open, the position above named.

There is another consideration which strengthens the opinion that Governor Thompson should not refuse an offer simply because of his duties as Governor. When he was first nominated four years ago, it was certainly against his inclinations and interests; and now that his second term is almost out and a new deal will in all probability relieve him from official cares, he should not hesitate to accept an offer such as that made in Washington.

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simple reason that the people cannot get together and vote as can the delegates.

In county matters it is different. The people know, by reputation at least, all the candidates; they are personally interested in having county officials whom they like, and in whom they have confidence, and will work and vote for them as earnestly in the second as the first primary.

We think with proper regulations, the primary system is the fairest by which candidates can be nominated for County officers, but for Judicial, Congressional or State nominations it would be a delusion and a snare, mainly from the fact that the machinery for the same would be too cumbersome and expensive, and incidentally—from the latter cause—because the people would not give the attention necessary to so important a matter.

Still, if the people want primaries they ought to have them. If they are willing to give the needed time and money absolutely required for carrying them out properly, no man should say them nay—but we are not at all sure they want them, except for County nominations.

We will outline a plan in our next issue which will combine both the primary and convention plan, and which will eliminate the more objectionable features of both.

HOMICIDE.

Sometime last year the short section of roadway, reaching from Black River crossing to Midway Church, in Clarendon County, was closed; and a new road opened, intersecting the Mayesville road, a mile or two above the church.

Much ill feeling was caused by this, as it lengthened the road in a round trip to Manning some three or four miles, to all who lived below Midway and near to the Manning road, East of Midway. These people were anxious to re-open the section which had been closed, but were perfectly willing that the new road should remain open for the convenience of those who lived North of Midway.

Mr. N. B. Barrow was prominent in urging this arrangement, and much ill feeling was generated thereby.

Last Wednesday evening Messrs. N. B. and W. W. Barrow, father and son, were travelling the road leading from Manning to Midway just after sundown, some five miles from the former place.

When Messrs. Thos. E. Shannon and W. T. Rose overtook them. Each couple were riding in a buggy. As soon as they were near enough to be heard, Rose made use of an offensive expression towards those who favored opening the old road. The Barrows stopped their horse and N. B. turning around in his buggy asked Rose whom he meant and what he said, Rose said that he really didn't know what he said, and then Barrow and Rose both dismounted, and we supposed settled their difficulty.

Shannon then dismounted, at the same time using offensive language towards N. B. Barrow, we suppose. W. W. Barrow then turned around and ordered Shannon to cease using insulting language to his father, and sprang out of the buggy. Shannon advanced, and fired twice, one ball missing and the other piercing his right breast, and ranging obliquely to the left, killing him instantly. Barrow was unarmed.

Shannon retraced his steps to Manning and surrendered to the sheriff.

The above is the substance of the evidence before the Coroner's Jury; and their finding was to the effect that W. W. Barrow came to his death from a gunshot wound from the hands of Thos. E. Shannon.

There are some minor details which we have omitted and which will, when brought out at the final trial, change the drift of the evidence we have reported.

We will add that whiskey, as is usually the case, was a prime factor in determining this terrible tragedy. Our readers can draw their own moral.

What Dr. Woodrow Taught.

The theory of evolution which Dr. Woodrow has been condemned for teaching was substantially explained by that gentleman in an address before the Alumni Association of the Columbia Theological Seminary, May 7th, 1884. In that address Dr. Woodrow said that the origin of a thing may imply either that it came into existence just as it is, or that it passed through a series of changes from a previous state in order to reach its present condition. He found nothing in the Bible which contradicts the belief that God immediately brought into existence each form independently; or that contradicts the belief that, having originated one or a few forms, He caused all others to spring from them in accordance with laws which he ordained and makes operative.

After exhaustively reviewing the scientific records, Dr. Woodrow drew the following conclusions: "In view of all the facts now presented—the way in which animals have succeeded each other, beginning as far back as we can go, and coming down to the present; the series of resemblances which connect them from the lowest to the highest, exhibiting such remarkable unity of plan; the existence of rudimentary organs; the geographical distribution of animals, and the close connection of that distribution now and in the past; in view of all these facts the doctrine of descent with modification, which so perfectly accords with them all, cannot be lightly and contemptuously dismissed. In the enumeration made, I have been careful to state none but well ascertained facts, which any one who wishes to take the time can easily verify. Are not the coincidences such as must almost compel belief of the doctrine, unless it can be proved to be contradictory of other known truth? For my part I cannot but so regard them; and the more fully I become acquainted with the facts of which I have given a faint outline, the more I am inclined to believe that it pleased God, the Almighty Creator, to create present and intermediate past organic forms not immediately and mediately, in accordance with the general plan involved in the hypothesis I have been illustrating. Believing, as I do, that the Scriptures are almost certainly silent on the subject, I find it hard to see how any one could hesitate to prefer the hypothesis of immediate creation to the hypothesis of immediate creation."

Dr. Woodrow declared that as regards the soul of man, he believed it was immediately created. He recognized the methods of evolution as God's plan of creation, and as such to inspire profound reverence, glory and honor to the Maker and Giver of all Life.

The Chronicle prints this as a matter of information to the public at this time.—Augusta Chronicle.

Prasentment of the Grand Jury.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF SUMTER. COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS, MAY TERM, 1886. To His Honor Judge Colburn Presiding: The Grand Jury hereby respectfully report, that they have carefully considered, passed upon, and returned to the Court all incidents given out by the Solicitor.

That through the Committee created at February Term of Court, at suggestion of His Honor, Judge Presler, during the interval between the February and present term, visited, inspected and examined the Poor House and appurtenances, and so far as they could discover or ascertain, found nothing worthy of special notice or mention.

That with the aid of an Expert, the said Committee visited, inspected and examined each and all of the County Offices, Offices, Books, Records, Vouchers, &c., belonging to the respective Offices; giving special attention to the bonds of County Officers, and after an examination as thorough as was necessary to fully satisfy them, they were highly gratified to find every office, and Books, and Papers of each Office without an exception neatly, properly and correctly kept; and we deem it but justice to the County Officials, and due to the people of our County, to say, that as far as we have been able to ascertain, or have reason to believe, the County Officials, are, and have been, as faithful and efficient in the discharge of their respective duties as Officers can well be.

We regard all the Bonds of the County Officers good, and sufficient, beyond a reasonable doubt.

In general terms, and few words, the Grand Jury are pleased to be able to report the financial condition of the County as good.

The County Board of Commissioners by unforeseen emergencies, fell behind last fiscal year a little over \$1,000, (which is but regretted,) but provision has been made by the Legislature to meet said deficiency.

The School Commissioner reports an annually increasing surplus County School fund, amounting at this time to over \$5,000, and the public Schools in an improved and progressive condition.

All of the Trial Justices, except two, one of whom wrote that he was sick, and the other recently appointed, met the Grand Jury, with their Books, and we found their Books neatly and properly kept, and as far as we could discover, correct, the amounts of their fees and receipts corresponding with Treasurer's accounts.

The Foreman of Grand Jury had a conference with the Board of County Commissioners to-day, in reference to minor matters, pertaining to the Poor House, Jail, and recommendations in late Presentation, which renders it unnecessary to refer to said minor matters in this Presentation.

The Grand Jury are prepared to recommend a change in the Trial Justice system and the Poor House system, but as nothing can be accomplished before the October Term, they have thought proper to defer recommendations until next Term; desiring by this notice to signify thoughts at a discussion on the subject, which may better prepare us to recommend the change.

The Grand Jury sorely regret the shameful necessity of presenting to your Honorable Court, the following named persons of our County for living in open adultery—with witnesses in each case, to wit: 1st.—Hall Lint on (col'd preacher), with Alice Vassar, (white).

Witnesses—Robert Addison Toney, Jeffery Addison Toney, Elit. Anderson, colored. R. H. Prescott, A. S. Beasley, Kirwin Wells, white.

2d.—Wm. Mc-C skill white, with two Phillips' women, white.

Witnesses—Jesse McLeod, Tyre Reynolds, Gabriel Jones, Josubia Marsh, Press Floyd.

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FUNERAL NOTICE.

The relatives, friends and acquaintances of Col. James D. Blanding and family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services of Mrs. JAMES D. BLANDING, at the Presbyterian Church, on Wednesday, the 2nd instant, at eleven o'clock, A. M.

NOMINATION.

The undersigned respectfully present Col. W. D. SCARBOROUGH to the voters of Sumter County, as experienced and trustworthy, and competent to represent them, and hereby nominate him for the State Senate. NEIGHBORS.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SUMTER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION.

THE LOT-HOLDERS in the Sumter Cemetery are notified that the annual meeting for the election of President and Trustees, will take place on Monday, the 14th June, inst., at the office of the Trial Justice, at 5 o'clock P. M. A good attendance is earnestly solicited. J. B. ROACH, President, J. W. DARGAN, Sec'y and Treas., June 1.

SUMTER ECLECTIC COLLEGE WILL OPEN 1ST MONDAY IN SEPT.

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NOTICE.

Managers of Election. COUNCIL CHAMBER, SUMTER, S. C., May 20, 1886. THE FOLLOWING named citizens are hereby appointed Managers of "Special Election" ordered to be held in and for Town of Sumter, on Tuesday 8th June, proximo, viz: Wm. Yeaslow, Jno. H. Eberhart and M. B. Fields. By order of Council. MARION MOISE, Clerk and Treasurer. May 25, 1886.

The State of South Carolina. COUNTY OF SUMTER. By T. W. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHERBAS, S. B. JENKINS, of said County and State, has made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of THOS. D. JENKINS, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all singular and the kindred and creditors of the said Thos. D. Jenkins, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter C. H. on the 8th day of June, 1886, 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 25th day of May, Anno Domini, 1886. T. V. WALSH, L. S. J. Judge of Probate.

State of South Carolina, SUMTER COUNTY, IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

By T. W. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. WHERBAS, THOS. H. REMBERT, of said County and State, has made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and Effects of Mrs. MARTHA E. REMBERT, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all singular and the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Martha E. Rembert, dec'd, late of said County and State, dec'd, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter C. H., on June 8th, 1886, 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.

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