

The Recent Terrible Affair at Washington. On last Sunday afternoon, in the most aristocratic...

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W. A. LEE, Editor. Individuals, like nations, fail in nothing which they boldly attempt, when sustained by virtuous purpose...

Terms—Two Dollars a Year, in Advance. ABBEVILLE C. H. FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1859. Court Calendar. WESTERN CIRCUIT—SPRING TERM, 1859.

Our Court. The Spring term of our Court is now in Session, his Honor Judge Whittier presiding, with his usual courtesy and urbanity.

After an impressive charge from his Honor the Grand Jury, proceeded to consider the bills submitted, involving cases of libel, bastardy, unlawfully whipping a slave, unlawfully setting fire to the woods, and exhuming a dead body...

Clubbing with Magazines. The example of several of our contemporaries of the press, suggests the propriety of reminding our readers, that we are prepared to furnish our paper in connection with the popular monthlies of the season at reduced rates.

Gen. Bonham will please except our thanks for parts 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Message and Documents, also for a copy of the Congressional Globe.

Personal Liberty Bill. A special committee of the Legislature of New York, has reported a personal Liberty Bill, nullifying the Fugitive Slave Law, and providing that no person in the State shall be considered property, or subject to sale, or be deprived of liberty without due process of law...

It is difficult says the Journal of Commerce, to characterize such a movement in fitting terms, but as its effect, if passed into a law, must be to bring on, sooner or later, a conflict between the States and the United States authorities...

A Nullification Bill. It will be seen that a bill has been reported in the Assembly with the title of a bill for the protection of the rights and liberties of the citizens of the State of New York. It is otherwise termed a Personal Liberty Bill...

The Issue Docket presents quite a formidable number of cases—fully enough we suppose to give employment to the Court during the week. To guard against abuses under the late law allowing jurors mileage, his Honor required each juror before receiving his ticket, to state on oath in open Court, the distance of his residence from the Courthouse.

Codification of the Statutes. A writer in the Charleston Mercury in the following communication, again brings to the public notice the delay in carrying out the promise of the present act of the Assembly for the Codification of four Statutes.

Mr. Editor: At the last session of our Legislature an act was passed where the Court of Errors was empowered and required to appoint Commissioners for the proper revision and codification of the Laws of South Carolina. Nothing is said in the act, it is true, as to the time when this appointment shall be made...

In the year 1822 or '23, there was a resolution introduced into the Legislature, by whom I have forgotten, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to report a bill, that committee to inquire and report on the expediency and practicality of codifying the statute law, when Mr. John S. Grimes, ex-Chief Justice, submitted a most elaborate report...

Land Sales at the West. The new States are hardly prepared at the present time to pay two millions of dollars into the National Treasury for the government lands about to be thrown into market.

The Crisis in Mexico. Our latest advices from Vera Cruz, says the Herald, show that on that line of operations a crisis is approaching for the constitutional government. Miramon is marching to attack its stronghold, and if he possesses the means for shelling the city for a short time he may gain possession of Vera Cruz...

It is stated that a portion of the Anglo-French fleet is to be sent from Vera Cruz to Tampico, to exercise upon the subordinate constitutional government, there the same power of coercion which was exercised on the subordinate government of President Juarez...

Birth Place of Andrew Jackson. In reply to a paragraph from the National Intelligencer, which has been frequently copied recently, to the effect that General Walkup has established that Gen. Jackson was born in Mecklenburg County, N. C., at the house of George McCamie, and near to South Carolina line, the Lancaster Ledger conclusively says...

Health of the Postmaster General. During last night, Postmaster General Brown was in an exceedingly critical condition. This morning, however, there was a marked improvement in his case, although not sufficient to allay apprehensions.

MARKETS. ANNEVILLE, March 9, 1859. Cotton.—Our market the past week, in consequence of inclement weather, has been rather inactive.

CHARLESTON, March 8, 1859. Cotton.—Sales of cotton to-day 2,000 bales. Market advancing. AUGUSTA, March 8, 1859. Cotton.—Sales of cotton to-day 4,000 bales. Market firm.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8, 1859. Cotton.—Sales of cotton on Saturday and Monday 19,000 bales. The steamer's news cannot be credited.

CONSIGNEES. The following persons have freight in the Depot at Abbeville: H. S. Kerr, J. Pratt, Dr. J. R. L. Robertson, E. Ward, H. A. Jones, W. H. Stone, B. Jordan, E. E. Traper, Mrs. E. M. Du Pre, E. J. Taylor, E. Turner, J. Freeman, C. H. Haskell, H. T. Tustin, J. McBrayne, J. L. Dawson, J. T. Barnes, J. A. Norwood, W. M. Highty.

Drugs, Books AND FANCY ARTICLES. THE Subscribers have recently received large additions to their Stock of BOOKS, DRUGS and FANCY ARTICLES, &c.

NOTICE. THE Subscriber would respectfully notify those who intend ordering ROSES and PLANTS from me, to leave their orders with me at the Residence of THOS. C. PERRINS, Esq., before the 17th inst.

Administrator's Sale. BY permission of the Ordinary of Abbeville the late residence of ROBERT SMITH, Esq., on TUESDAY, THE 22D MARCH, All of the personal property of said deceased, consisting of Ten Negroes, (Mostly young) Mules, Horses, Cows, Pigs, Bacon, Cotton Seed, Lard, Plantation Tools, Two Wagons, Cows, Hogs, household and Kitchen Furniture, and other property too tedious to mention.

CARRIAGES AND WAGONS. THE Subscribers having had the misfortune to lose, by the fire of the 29th January, the STEAM MILL and MACHINERY connected with their COACH FACTORY in Greenville, take this method of apprising their friends and patrons that they will continue business as heretofore, without change in their Firm or abatement of their exertions to please.

They Have on Hands, and are constantly finishing, all the varieties of Carriages, Buggies AND WAGONS Ever made by them, to which they invite the attention of purchasers.

SOUTH CAROLINA. ABBEVILLE DISTRICT.—IN EQUITY. Brook, Armstrong & Co., vs. B. V. Posey, Henson & Posey, et al. Bill to set aside assignment of assets.

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Cotton Statement. The receipts of cotton in Charleston for the past week were, by railroads 8,008 bales; by water and wagon 806 bales—total 8,814 bales—corresponding week last year 15,632 bales.

The exports from Charleston for the same time were, for foreign ports 9,322 bales; coastwise 4,333 bales—making the total exports of the week 13,655 bales, and leaving on hand a stock of 69,425 bales, inclusive of 13,599 bales on ship-board not cleared, against a stock of 62,920 bales, and 14,040 bales on ship-board same time last year.

The total receipts at all the ports during the past week amounted to 85,336 bales, against 119,253 bales, received during the same period last year. The total receipts at all the ports since the 1st of September, amount to 2,935,117 bales, against 1,984,950 up to the same date last year, showing an increase this year of 950,167 bales.

The exports to Great Britain up to the latest date, amounts to 988,158 showing an increase on the exports to that country last year of 292,374 bales. The shipments to Northern ports show an increase of 386,462 bales from the shipments of last year.

We direct attention to the advertisement of Messrs. GOWER, COX, MARKLEY & CO., of Greenville C. H., the well known Coach and Carriage makers. Their establishment is one of the finest and most extensive in the South, and has borne off many prizes at the annual fairs in Columbia and Charleston.

Messrs. BRANCH, ALLEN & EDWARDS have lately received large additions to their very extensive stock. They keep constantly on hand a large assortment of Books, Drugs, Chemicals and fancy articles, and are constantly receiving fresh supplies.

The Report of the Grand Jury. We will publish in our next issue the Report of the Grand Jury, made at the present term. The Jail, Courthouse and Public Offices, they find in good condition generally.

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The Mexican Sketches. We commend to the attention of our readers the continuation of the Incidents of the Mexican war to be found on our first page. The writer with his heroic comarals in arms has surmounted the burning sands and pestilential vapors of the vomito region—the terra caliente, and his graphic pen finds full scope in sketching the lovely scenery of the terra templata—the orange groves of Jalapa, and the thousand objects of attraction which refreshed the spirits of the volunteer on that memorable march.

Speculation at the West. A Western forwarding merchant, who has come down to the sea coast to inform himself of the prospects for produce this spring, sends back a word of caution to the Detroit Tribune, as follows: "On arriving at New York, I found out a thing or two that will be of interest to many at the West."

Latest News. Death of Postmaster-General.—WASHINGTON, March 8, 1859.—Postmaster-General Brown is dead.

Later from Mexico. By an arrival here yesterday, we have dates from Tampico up to the 26th ult. Jurez had taken the field and gone to Vera Cruz, fully prepared to resist any attack. The Liberals were carrying on the war spiritedly, and had captured Espasa, at Agua Calientes.

Washington, March 8. The Senate ratified the Cass-Illero Treaty, with amendments. Those who have not yet presented claims against New Granada, may have time to do so before Granada should act finally on the subject.

Extra-Session of Congress. Opinions are divided as to the necessity for an extra session of Congress. All the appropriation bills have become laws except the postage and post route bills.

Revolutionary Claims. By the annexed abstract of Congressional proceedings says the Bulletin, it appears that the Appropriation Bill upon which was tacked an item to pay to the several States interest upon the amounts disbursed during the war of 1812-15, was completely stripped of its amendments.

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