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A New Paper for Columbia.

We see from the News and Courier that the Tillman administration is planning for the establishment of a new daily in Columbia.

Recently the Governor in Columbia, over his own name, was told, berated, the "messengers" of the State, without exception, and we are not surprised that he wants one to his liking.

If the administration undertakes to publish an organ in Columbia it will do much good in giving employment to editors and printers. The stockholders in the concern will furnish amusement for the public, while paying the expense of the show.

It would seem to us at this distance that the administration had better do right, and wait for even a modicum of praise from the free and untrammelled newspapers of the State.

An organ may play one or two times very successfully, and their melody may be very grateful to official ears, but an organ to play music is about the poorest kind of an instrument.

The organ which assumes the shape and form of a newspaper, and in some instances may be passed as a newspaper, is a very poor concern, and seldom has an influence worth speaking of.

The Farmer Governor and his associates would place themselves in a more decent attitude before the world, if they would so conduct the business of their various offices as to command public respect and the approval of honest, outspoken and untrammelled newspapers.

Approval won in this way would be worth more than the highest praise of a press which, as a rule, is the tone and temper of whose editorials are directed by the officers themselves who are to be praised.

Of course we take it for granted that the officers of the government, and those seeking political preferment, would own all the stock. We don't believe that any man with sense enough to accumulate money or to hold it, after he had gotten it, would take stock in an organ, expecting to realize a satisfactory return for the investment.

But the organ on the part of the State administration for raise is worthy. That desire may influence them to a proper discharge of their respective duties, and that fair and impartial discharge of official duty would certainly win more or less endorsement from the untrammelled press of the country. While a limited amount of endorsement and praise may not be satisfying to the official heart, yet it will be cheaper and more decent than the self-praise to be had from an organ which they themselves own and print.

They Let No Guilty Man Escape.

The last court was perhaps the best that we have had for twenty years. By this state ment we mean that the Solicitor and the Juries came nearer to the discharge of the full measure of their duty.

Since Democratic reconstruction, and until recently, the Juries were not drawn according to the forms of law, and it is asserted that some of them were drawn for a purpose, but now a different state of affairs exists. The Juries are drawn in accordance with the strict construction of the law, in broad day light, with open doors, and in the presence of witnesses.

Juries which are thus drawn are very apt to do their duty.

Their verdicts were according to the law and the evidence, and the court has meted out punishment in great mercy.

This court gives signs of a healthier sentiment than has existed for twenty years, and the law-abiding citizen may have some hope of protection, while the citizen who goes gunning for a neighbor may have a wholesome fear of having justice dealt out to him.

Heretofore Juries have executed the most wilful and atrocious murders on the ill-famed planet. The rate having been to convict no white man, it seems that in order to be consistent, the Juries have also executed negro murderers.

With a healthy public sentiment, and of her decent petit Juries who are not afraid to pronounce a just judgment, we may expect to have fewer than twenty homicides in a year.

Gentlemen of the Jury: You have discharged your duty, and the country owes you a debt of gratitude. You are not guilty man escape, and we are glad to have the honor and credit of this old country, that murder will hereafter be discontinued by both judges and Juries. When judges cease to grant bail to every murderer, and when Juries convict some of them we may have law and order in Abbeville County.

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We would not preserve our respect and comply with such requests, and as a matter of fact, we do not care whether the name of the Press and Banner appears in any Newspaper Annual.

Neither do we "testify" our circulation at one hundred and two thousand. It is all the same to us. In a year we do not accept \$10 worth of "foreign" advertising, and we do not solicit any of it.

The Summer Clouds.

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"Just think how the balminess of the clouds, the wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge!"

For several evenings lately the lightnings and the clouds have been remarkably beautiful.

People of religious or devout inclinations feel something of gratitude to him whose "right hand spans the earth," and those who had no higher motive than to gratify their own love for the beautiful and the sublime in Nature, realize great pleasure in witnessing the shifting scenes at the close of day, while they watched with increasing interest the clouds which "garlanded the heavens," and which by the ever-recurring electric display, were presented in all their glory and incomprehensibility.

The beauty of the Summer clouds in some instances are not appreciated at their worth. Their suspension and their constant changing form being directed by the Supreme Ruler, the Summer beauty, which should be seen and observed by all.

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The Penitentiary Scandal.

Whether we have succeeded or not, we have tried to give a fair statement of the recent charges, and the denial of their truth, as to the treatment of convicts.

We have no pretensions to shield the penitentiary authorities and we have no motive to gratify in publishing scandalous article in reference to them, and give place to the affair solely because it is of public interest.

We have no doubt that the convicts who went to work on the railroad found it different from a picnic excursion, and we have no doubt that their food was inferior to the fare at a country hotel, neither do we think that the clothing was below the standard of the average day.

We believe, however, that it would have been better for Mr. Tabert to have omitted the certificates of the guards. His own denial of the alleged cruelty was sufficient from that quarter. It is fair to presume that the public are ready to believe that the guard could not have supported the charges, except at the expense of the forfeiture of their place. Another matter: The standard of conduct for a prisoner, which is beyond our control, may be different from the standard which the public may set up.

It seems strange, too, that this charge of cruelty to convicts should come so soon after a comparison of the penitentiary food expense under this government and the former administration.

But it is no quarrel of ours, and we care nothing at all about it one way or the other, except the manifestation of a desire to have the whole truth, and nothing but the whole truth, come to light.

DIED ON THE RAILROAD.

Engineer Williams is Killed by His Own Train.

CHESTER, June 4.—While lying in the shade of a sycamore, which is a good many miles from the railroad, a man named William Williams, who was a brother of Auditor Williams, was killed yesterday afternoon by a train which he was riding on.

Williams was lying under the car reading, when a colored man, not knowing he was there, pulled the car over him, and he was killed by the wheels over his leg, severing it near the hip joint, and stopping his first time to leave the engine, and the train was not stopped until the wounded man's first request was for a pistol to end his misery.

An engine was sent to this place for Dr. S. W. Hays, but as he was out of town Dr. M. Marion was found and taken down. Dr. Hays followed as soon as he returned. The patient died at 7 o'clock, and was buried in great pain. The scene of the accident was eight miles from this point.

Williams was a young man and very popular here, where he lived for a considerable length of time.

Raleigh News and Observer.

News was received here yesterday morning of the death of a man named Williams, a well-known and popular Raleigh boy.

It is stated that yesterday afternoon a construction train upon which Mr. Williams was employed side-tracked at Sandy Creek to take the passenger train to Sandy.

As the train was about to start the regular train was due to pass, and the construction train was expected to stand there some time.

Mr. Williams was standing on the track and the train and sat down upon the track between two cars. During the walk it was reported that Mr. Williams was between the cars.

Mr. Williams was removed to Chester (where he had been) and died in about three hours from the time of the accident.

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THE PENITENTIARY PEOPLE.

CONFLICTING STATEMENTS IN REFERENCE TO THEIR COMFORT, CLEANLINESS, CLOTHING AND FOOD.

A Nice Wrangle on Which We Can Look With Perfect Indifference--We Present the Testimony on Both Sides, and Only Hope That the Truth May be Known.

Serious Charges Against the Management of Convicts.

Waterman and Southern.

Mr. R. H. Baker came as far as Sumter to see the superintendent of convicts, who have been working at the construction camp of the C. S. & N. Railroad for some months.

The line is now only within a very short distance of Bennettsville and during high water in the river, the water is so shallow that it is necessary for the State to carry on the earth work.

The State requires pay at the rate of \$125 per day for every convict who does not work or are idle, therefore it does not pay the company to retain them if they are not doing any work.

Having for some time past been engaged in returning them to the Penitentiary, the superintendent of convicts, who are being held at the construction camp, are being held at the construction camp, and are being held at the construction camp.

A silly animosity, against the State, has induced the superintendent of convicts to publish in the columns of this paper and have it published in another, the report of the superintendent of convicts, who are being held at the construction camp, and are being held at the construction camp.

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We want all the light on this matter which we can get, and we are glad to hear from the superintendent of convicts, and from others who may have any information to give.

Meanwhile we assure the Penitentiary people that we will not be influenced by any one who is not a man of sense and integrity, and that we are not in the least degree influenced by any one who is not a man of sense and integrity.

We are informed on the best authority that for months past the best and coarsest corn bread and very mean bacon, without any occasional delicacy, was served to the convicts.

The superintendent of convicts, who are being held at the construction camp, and are being held at the construction camp, and are being held at the construction camp.

I hereby certify that I visited the A. C. L. depot on Tuesday while the squad of convicts was being quartered there, and that I saw the convicts in a ragged and filthy condition.

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When we, Dr. Jarman and I, reached the camp the convicts complained of having been in the camp for several days and were too weak to work, which was corroborated by both captain and guards as well as our former fellow-prisoners.

The first time I visited the camp after Tabert's departure was on Monday, June 1st. The convicts were in a ragged and filthy condition.

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IN GREENWOOD'S GATES.

"Mack" Writes an Interesting Essay From the Busy Mats of a Busy City.

GREENWOOD, S. C., June 8, 1891. Having been notified by Mr. Wilson that my services are required to buy rice for the convicts at the city, and that we must come to his rescue, I have once more proceeded to report the doings and sayings of the people of Greenwood.

To the people of Greenwood let me say now, if you hope to see anything which would interest and please the public do not get so excited and blame the correspondent for not writing it up. We are not yet disappointed.

Among other important matters that have not heretofore been mentioned, the convicts of the City Bank. A few weeks ago it would be generally known that a new bank would be organized here, and that the stock would be sold at fifty cents per share.

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A Second Thought.

Look over your morning paper and you receive the impression that the world is filled with crime and disaster. You lay it aside with a feeling almost of despair.

But you were abroad all day yesterday, treading mile of streets and mingling with thousands of people, and you saw no crime committed. You did see, however, enough of duty done, of kindly helpfulness, of cheerful self-sacrifice in time, convenience and service, to have filled a column of newspapers with the recital of them.

Here are columns of the papers filled for weeks with the doings of one woman who is said to have poisoned her husband. Well, you know of some wife whose daily self-sacrifice for a helpless husband would furnish materials of noble heroism for a volume but such devotion is so common as to pass without comment. Wifely fidelity is news, and there is a deep, hopeful, reassuring meaning in it. It would be a bad world if it had to be raked all over every day to find good deeds sufficient to fill a newspaper.—Christian Standard.

A Quaint Statement.

A number of homely people were talking of "Temptation." That part which Satan takes in the believer's temptations came into discussion. Many good things were uttered. A quaint old pilgrim was appealed to. The old man rose, and said:

"Well, my friends, you ask what I think to be the best way to deal with Satan. Well, if you take the old pilgrim's advice, you'll never parley with 'em. He ain't wise, for if he had a bin, he'd be stopped in heaven; but he's very artful, and he's had a pretty long spell here, six thousand years in study'n' the weak points of human nature. And so sure as you begin to parley with 'em, he'll outwit you, and throw you. I'll tell you what I've done with him these many years—I never spoke to 'em at all, but just as soon as he comes to me I'll introduce him to his betters."