

Irby's Convention.

The Register has usually been reasonably fair, but when that paper makes a statement which seems to excuse an inexcusable act of partisanship, we are surprised. A few days ago, that paper said:

"The Democratic party of the State is pledged to a Constitutional convention, and it is not the business of the State Democratic executive committee to have tickets against the convention printed if they do not want a convention. It is their business to look after their own interests, and not to interfere with the fair play, and honest men, under all circumstances, despise a little mean thing, and it will be very surprising to us if the better element of the Tillman ranks do not resent the apparent effort to take advantage of anybody. Good Tillman men in this county love fair play, and would not win by a trick. The act in itself is not worthy of men who claim to be fair in dealing with their brethren."

"The Democratic party is pledged to a Constitutional Convention."

The Joint Resolution submits the question "to the qualified voters of the State," and not to the Democratic party.

The Democratic party is not pledged to order the Convention. If so, why did not the Joint Resolution refer the question to that party, instead of to "the qualified voters?"

But suppose the question had been left entirely to the Democratic party, (and from which election all Republicans and Independents would be excluded,) it was certainly as much the duty of the executive committee to furnish ballots for those Democrats who were opposed to the Convention as it was to furnish ballots for those favoring the Convention.

But we commend the honesty of the Register in announcing the unfair purpose on the part of the executive committee in time to give fair minded citizens an opportunity, not only to resent the proposed trick, but to provide tickets whereby a full and fair vote may be taken on the question of calling a needless \$100,000 Convention to be paid for with five cents apiece.

The evident purpose of the executive committee not to seek a full and fair expression of the people has been discovered in time to prevent any snap judgment in favor of those who presume to dictate to intelligent and decent white people how they shall vote.

In Radical days the recently emancipated negroes received orders from Columbia as to how they should vote, and their tickets were prepared for them, and they would vote no other, but we hardly think that intelligent white men of Abbeville county are going to submit to the dictation that was practiced on the negroes twenty years ago.

The Press and Banner believes that there is no public demand for a Convention, and we are of the opinion that the farmers of this State are not going to do so foolish a thing as the ordering of a Convention would be. But whether they order it or not they will express their own opinion, and will not go to the polls like parrots.

We believe the people of Abbeville are disposed to do a little of their own thinking on the Irby Convention and we believe with exception of those who must, as a matter of course, will express their disapproval of not only the costly convention, but of the method which has been adopted by the politicians to secure it.

The people of Abbeville have been enthusiastic Tillman men, and have steadily voted for the men and measures which met their approval, and will continue to do so, but they are now, and have always been jealous of their personal rights. When the excitement ran highest, and when reason seemed deserted, they never forgot their personal liberty. When it was attempted to tell them what they must do, they manfully and indignantly resented the effort to usurp their right, and we believe they will resent any unfair effort to secure the Irby Convention.

Now, when reason has been enthroned, and when Mr. Irby has not given a single reason for calling his Convention, we hardly think he will find a majority of the liberty-loving free white men of Abbeville county either willing to do his bidding, or willing to endorse methods which will do no doubt seem to the more intelligent citizen as reprehensible. Any attempt on the part of partizan officers to interfere with the ballot ought to be, and will be, resented.

Will the People Vote for Irby's Convention?

Heretofore, when the will of the people was respected, and when measures for the public welfare were suggested, they stood together firmly and patriotically. They carried every man to the Legislature. They elected their own men to the Legislature. The Legislature enacted wholesome and beneficial laws. New Judges sat on the Bench, and Reformers filled all the offices. All these things were gained because of the best participation of the people. But now, when the people are to vote on a Constitutional Convention, the leaders distrust the merits of the Irby Convention, and fear the people. Desperate and frantic efforts are made to solidify the people on the worse than doubtful Convention scheme, and the requisite number of tickets are not furnished to secure a fair vote. The Tillman men have stood together on principle. Will they now be ordered to stand together in support of a costly and ruinous measure, for which there is no need.

The Money Question.

Many persons seem to believe that it is the scarcity of money that affects the price of cotton. This cannot be so. The price of money, like the price of cotton is regulated by supply and demand. If cotton is cheap, other things are cheap. Money itself is cheap, as is evidenced by the reduced rate of interest. Twenty years ago the State of South Carolina paid seven per cent. on her bonds. Twenty years ago money commanded twelve or fifteen per cent. Now the State bonds bear four and a half per cent. interest. Private individuals can borrow money at from seven to ten per cent.

Shameless Partisanship.

Columbia Evening Journal. If the constitutional convention is defeated it will be because those who assume to be its sponsors resort to methods and make appeals which self-respecting people are forced to resent. The movement for an improved constitution is for one for progress but the Tillmanite statement of the Irby order would do a disservice to the cause of shameless partisanship and prejudice.

W. F. Veronee is now prepared to send a first-class machinist in any part of the country to any kind of machinery work. He has also other bargains in dry goods ready made clothing, men and boys hats, carpets and rugs, blankets and flannels. R. M. Haddon & Co. have nearly doubled their shoe stock.

Looks Like Peace.

The element which has heretofore given signs of resistance to the laws and constituted authorities of this State seem to be yielding, and it begins to look like peace would be restored to this people.

The authorities of various towns which heretofore refused to obedience to the dispensary law are now giving assurance that the law will be enforced in their respective municipalities.

The Supreme Court of the State has maintained the constitutionality of the law in every particular.

The Governor, while enforcing the law with more vigor than ever, is doing so with a little friction as is consistent with duty.

The people everywhere have seen the wholesome benefits to be derived from the law, and public sentiment now, more than ever, sustains the law.

The opponents of Tillman are beginning to realize the fact it is useless to resist the law which is backed by popular sentiment and which is enforced by a determined Executive officer.

The lawless element, when not sustained by public sentiment, must sooner or later yield obedience to the peace officers.

While every man, who is considerate of his fellow-man, must sympathize with the dealers in liquor who have lost money and business profits because of the change in the whiskey law of the State, yet the public morals demanded the change; and the public welfare must take precedence. Be it said to their credit, however, that, as a rule, no class of anti-Tillmanites have yielded more obedience to the law than they have. In Abbeville, for instance, the dealers have acted honorably, and have given obedience to the law which they despised, and have recognized the authority of the Governor for whom they had no love.

With few exceptions, the law in this county, from the first, has had the support of the temperance people, who really desired to see the traffic in liquor curtailed.

The blindest class of Tillman, and the most ardent prohibitionist cannot fail to see the beneficial effects of the change from the saloon to the dispensary system. We have prohibition for fourteen hours every day. The dispensary is never opened on Sunday. The habit of treating has been abolished. Drunkenness has been diminished, and the recruiting station for the army of drunkards has been closed. While nobody is foolish enough to believe that the great army of drunkards can be made temperate and sober, yet well-meaning people rejoice in the fact that temptation to the drink habit and drunkenness in a large measure, has been removed. When the drunkards of to-day shall have passed away, the number of drunkards and men who squander their substance for drink will be greatly reduced. With the doing away of the habit of treating the cultivation of the taste for liquor will cease.

When the people become more educated in temperance, the dispensary sales of liquor will be further discouraged. The price will be increased. The hours for keeping the establishments open will be reduced, and such other safeguards as may be deemed necessary will be thrown around the public morals.

LOWNESVILLE LOCALS.

Pretty Girls Hunting 'Possum—Negro Killed—Reward—School—Oysters, Etc.

Lownesville, S. C., Oct. 20th, 1894. We are now passing through a very pleasant but dry spell of weather. The farmers are being gathered early and late, and much is being sold, at the lowest figures for years and years. Miss Emma Clinkscale left a few days ago, for Macon, Ga., where she will attend school during next term.

Miss Blanche Jones who has been with friends in Atlanta for some time stopped over here last Friday to see Mrs. J. B. Franks and other friends.

Last week Mr. S. Andrews, of Greenwood, was in town for a day or two. Mr. E. W. Brown, of Anderson, was in town on business last Thursday.

Mrs. A. A. Henry and her little babe, came into Abbeville on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Price, near Abbeville, came up last Saturday and were the guests of Mrs. E. L. McComb.

Master David McCollough, and his sister Miss Lucia McCollough, of Greenville, spent several days, the last of last week with the family of their cousin Mr. S. E. Epps.

Mrs. Mary Tennant went to Abbeville, last Thursday.

Mr. Jas. Giles and Miss Mary McCollough, were united in marriage, Tuesday by Rev. J. D. Croft.

Miss Marie Sadler who has spent sometime with the family of her uncle Mr. B. C. Kay, went to Anderson Thursday.

Rev. Hugh McComb passed through here Friday en route to his work at Willington.

Mr. A. L. Lattimer, Mrs. O. H. Horton, and Messrs. G. W. W. Hardin, D. L. Anderson, and J. W. Harlan, were present at the oyster supper given on Friday night, for the benefit of their church, and they were much pleased with the result, having taken about four dollars.

A western fever has broken out, at and around Barren Station. There are said to be, about one hundred who have had it bad. Several Railroad Magnates from Atlanta and other points, many of the above mentioned afflicted ones, held a conference to see if cheap transportation rates to the West, could be agreed upon. From what I can learn no definite arrangements were effected, this by no means cured the disease.

Our High School trustees have secured the services of Prof. T. O. Kirkpatrick, of Hones Path, who will begin the exercises of said school Monday week, 29th of this month.

Mr. J. G. Hunkeler returned from Greenwood last Saturday quite sick, has been in bed in ever since, is somewhat better at this writing.

A new departure—Some young gentlemen accompanied by some young ladies, above mentioned, went to look at old fashioned 'possum hunt, and caught one or two of the night prowlers.

Sometime ago, Laos Martin, (colored) living in Elbert county, Ga., wanting to put another darkey out of the way, went to his house at night, armed with a horse and mules, made a signal, when the object of his wrath came out, shot and killed him, Laos, of course disappeared, and a few nights ago, Messrs. D. L. Anderson, and J. W. Harlan, caught him here. There was a reward of \$150 for him, \$100 of which was offered by the Governor. This amount they are not willing to give. The gentlemen are indebted to a colored man here, for the information which led to his capture and will share the amount.

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Convicted of Murder.

Jack Bladon, white, one of the whiskey constables in Spartanburg, shot and killed Henry Palmer, negro, several months ago. The evidence was that the negro was running when he was shot through the head.

Judge Frazer charged the jury that the offense with which Palmer was charged at the time Bladon went to arrest him was a misdemeanor; that Bladon had a right to use any force sufficient to overcome such resistance as might be offered by Palmer, but that if Bladon shot Palmer while the latter was seeking to escape by flight, he was guilty of murder in the first degree.

The jury retired to their room at 5 o'clock and at 11:15 returned a verdict of guilty, with recommendation to mercy.

The Press and Banner believes that it is a little out of the usual course to convict anybody for shooting a negro in the back. The stranger part, however, is that Bladon was a constable. But he was not a plain every day constable. He was a whiskey constable. Whiskey constables must learn to be careful.

It was the first appearance of the Walter L. Main's Grandest and Best Show, and the performance was equal if not better than any circus that has ever been here, the Barnum Show not excepted.—The Chief, Sandusky, Ohio, June 1.

Abbeville, Wednesday, Oct. 31st.

Sale of Land!

Real Estate of Ann Wilson, Deceased.

AS ATTORNEYS, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder, on the premises, the real estate of ANN WILSON, deceased, on WEDNESDAY, October 31, 1894,

consisting of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN (107) Acres, more or less, bounded by lands of John William Clinkscale, William McAdams and Addison Carville, Jr.

THE PERSONAL PROPERTY will be sold on the same day.

L. R. WILSON, W. W. WILSON, Attorneys.

Oct. 18, 1894, 2t

The State of South Carolina.

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. PROBATE COURT.

In the Matter of the Estate of J. W. Lattimer, Deceased.

Petition for Settlement and Discharge.

THEOPHILUS BAKER as Administrator for said Estate having applied for settlement and discharge.

IT IS ORDERED, That Thursday, the 22nd day of November, next be fixed for granting the relief prayed for.

J. FULLER LYON, Judge Probate Court. Oct. 18, 1894, 4t

Master's Sale.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Farmers Bank of Abbeville against W. A. Cobb—Foreclosure.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on SALEDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1894, within the legal hours of sale the following described property, situate in said State and County, to wit: "All that tract or parcel of land, in Greenwood township, containing

Sixty (60) Acres,

more or less, bounded by lands of Frank Keller, W. J. Arnold, Thos. Cobb and others,—and also personal property—

One Cream Horse "Button."

TERMS OF SALE—CASH. J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 10, 1894, 3t

Master's Sale.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Cyrus H. McCormick against James Cothran, Jr., et al.—Foreclosure.

BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on SALEDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1894, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in the town of McCormick in said State and County, to wit: All those tracts or parcels of land, described as lots number five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten and the northerly one-half of lot number eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of Block "M" together with all the alley lying between the above mentioned lots, as shown by the original plat of said town of McCormick recorded in Deed Book 5, page 799.

Also, an undivided half of lot No. eleven (11) and the easterly fourteen (14) feet of lot twelve (12) in Block "L" according to the above mentioned plat.

Also, an undivided half of lot fourteen (14) in Block (10) ten, according to the plan of Nettie F. McCormick's first addition to said town of McCormick, recorded in Book 13, p. 185.

Also, a certain tract of land in said County known as the Burdshaw land, containing

One Hundred and Seven and One-Half (107 1-2) Acres,

more or less, bounded by lands of Catledge Weeks, Berry Outz, estate of J. C. Bell and James Cothran, Sr.

Also, that tract or parcel of land known as the WIDEMAN MILL TRACT containing

One Hundred and Thirty (130) Acres,

more or less, and bounded by lands of Daniel Holder, Nettie F. McCormick, Cartledge Weeks and James Cothran, Sr.

TERMS OF SALE—One half cash, balance on a credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises. Purchaser to pay for papers.

J. C. KLUGH, Master. Oct. 10, 1894, 3t

Roll of Teachers.

ALL TEACHERS IN THE PUBLIC Schools, situated in the town of McCormick, are requested to sign the roll of teachers and classify themselves on or before

October 31, 1894. School Commissioner. W. T. MILFORD.

J. S. COTHRAN L. W. PERRIN

—T. P. COTHRAN—

COTHRAN, PERRIN & COTHRAN

Attorneys at Law.

Abbeville, S. C.

J. D. Kerr

THE FURNITURE DEALER,

Again to the front, announcing to the people of Abbeville County that being unable to get his new store completed before Oct. 15, will still offer unheard of bargains in

FURNITURE

in the ware room of Mess. P Rosenberg & Co.

P. S. Our Catalogue will be out Nov. 1st, and will be sent to any one on application. Yours Truly,

J. D. Kerr.

White Brothers

Have now on sale the Largest and most Attractive stock of

STRICTLY HIGH CLASS MERCHANDISE

They have ever offered, and the price lower than ever known before.

The Public is cordially invited to inspect the many bargains to be had in all lines of Goods. While our entire stock is complete, varied and large, there are two lines to which especial attention should be called! We refer to

Dress Goods for the Ladies

AND Ready Made Clothing for the Gentlemen.

All the Ladies of the County are respectfully invited to come and look at our stock of DRESS GOODS. Do not buy a dress until you have seen them. You can buy a Worsted Dress at any price from 10 Cts. to \$1.25 a yard. We have all the most desirable shades and in Fabrics of almost every kind. We have a line of Sackings, Suitings and Covert Cloths which are hard to beat. Do not fail to see them. So great is the variety and extent of our stock of LADIES' BLACK DRESS GOODS that we defy competition. If a Lady wants a dress of any kind, Black or Colored and will only look at our stock, we are satisfied we can please her.

Ready Made Clothing,

All we have to say is, let every man come and see for himself. We have such bargains in Suits of Clothing as we have never offered before. Look at our SUITS for \$7.00 and \$8.00 former price \$10.00; see our SUITS for \$10.00 and \$11.00, former price \$15.00. These are only samples of the great difference in prices prevailing now and formerly. Come ONE, Come ALL, and satisfaction is guaranteed as to material, style, fit and price.

CARPETS AND RUGS,

to be found in the up-country. Any one in need of anything in this line would do well to see them.

CROCKERY and FANCY CHINA. :-

We have a fine and beautiful collection of JAPANESE WAITERS.

We are thoroughly equipped for doing a large business, and if our friends and customers and the trading public generally, will only call on us, we can easily prove to them that we will give them as much for their money as they can get anywhere.

WHITE BROTHERS.

DEALERS IN

All Kinds of Staple and Fancy Groceries. :-

The Best Assortments of "Green Groceries" Always on Hand.

Our Specialties: Fruits and Confectioneries.

— IN THIS LINE WE ARE HEADQUARTERS, AS WE KEEP THE LARGEST AND BEST ASSORTMENT OF —

French and American Candies, Fruits of Every Kind, and From "Every Climate." Call and See for Yourself.

Teas and Coffees. We carry Old Government Java and Fanny Rio's, but our own roasted "Java Blend" beats them all, and trumps over all other grades of Roasted Coffees. Our large Enterprise Mill will grind it to suit all customers. Try the "Java Blend" and you will buy no other brand.

Canned Goods. In this department you will find an Immense Stock, and a variety that would reflect credit upon any Retail City Store. We defy competition from any quarter, as to variety, quality and price.

Our Buggy and Carriage Repository. Has been remodeled and enlarged, and is now filled with a complete assortment of Buggies, Carriages, Phaetons, and Road Carts, with a select line of Lap Robes, Umbrellas and Whips. Can suit any one in style, Quality and Price.

Harness! Harness! In all Grades! At all Prices! and in all Styles! Will compete in Quality and Price with any Competitor.

Our Sales and Feed Stable. None better equipped in the State. Stylish turnouts furnished day or night with polite, careful and attentive drivers. Saddle and Harness Horses, and any kind of Vehicle you wish furnished upon short notice and at prices to suit all.

Our Sales Stable. In this we keep the Best Stock of Broad Mares, Mules and Horses, at such prices as always guarantee a Sale.

Coal! Coal! Wood! Wood! From these Yards you can be supplied on Short Notice, with any kind of Coal, and trumps over all other grades of Pine Wood. Come as near filling your bill and supplying your Summary. REMEMBER the Old and Reliable Firm of A. M. Hill & Sons can be as near filling your bill and supplying your Summary, where you will find polite and attentive Salesmen, ready and willing to serve you.

A Valuable Plantation to RENT.

ABOUT THREE HUNDRED ACRES fine Farming