

FOR THE ADVERTISER.

Division of Edgefield.—No. 11.

The State of South Carolina is at present subdivided into Twenty-nine Judicial, and Forty-four Electoral Districts. The area of the whole State is in round numbers 29,000 square miles, or at least this is the estimate generally adopted by both State and Federal authorities; but Mills, though deemed a pioneer, in his "Statistics of South Carolina," is an author not lightly to be disregarded, and he says that, "from the closest computation made, South Carolina includes 30,213 square miles." Without entering into a useless discussion, as to which of these two estimates is the most correct, I prefer to apply an unerring test for ascertaining the proximate extent at least, of the State at large, as well as the relative area of each District and Parish, to the highest authority, as far as I know, that can possibly be given on the subject. In passing, I would state, that these Returns are accessible to any one who may care to examine them, as they are in the possession of every Magistrate in the country. So that if I am wrong in any of the calculations which I am about to present, the number of revising figures and detecting mistakes will be close at hand.

Previous to 1850, the indulgence of our Legislature permitted Taxes to be paid in one District or Parish, for land situated in another, and as the privilege was often used, it would be unsafe to go further back than that year to get the precise number of acres, for which Taxes were paid in each collector's district. Moreover, as a tax collector might wilfully, or ignorantly, be at fault, and as many other causes might operate to prevent an accurate Return in every District and Parish for the same year, it would perhaps be better to strike an average of the Returns for the three years 1850, '51 and '52, which I have done in the following Table, where the number of acres in each District and Parish is rendered in square miles also. The third column of the Table contains an estimate in square miles of the Fee, or supposed extent of each District and Parish, upon the joint basis of the Tax Collectors' Returns and the estimate of Mills for the State at large, as will be more fully explained hereafter. At present, I invite the readers particular attention to the first and second columns of the Table.

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Our Collector.

MR. M. E. WAGNER is now engaged upon a collecting tour for the "Advertiser." We hope he will be kindly received by our subscribers, and dismissed with "the needful" as precipitately as possible.

Rather Odd.

WE have an apology for the queer arrangement of our paper this week. The first leaf, it will be seen, is a column wider than the second. This is because we are out of the right sized material, having been disappointed by a failure in receiving what we had stipulated for. Week after next, at the farthest, we will resume our wonted proportions.

New Goods arriving.

OUR merchants beginning to receive their Spring supplies of New Goods. Among the rest, our industrious and tasteful dealer in Clothing &c., Mr. LEWIS SCHELTZ, has just refilled his shelves with a splendid assortment direct from New York. To any gentleman, desirous of encasing himself in a really genteel and substantial suit, we say "go to Mr. SCHELTZ."

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WE call attention to the Prospectus of a New Map of our State, which we publish this week. This map seems to have drawn forth general commendation. Several gentlemen of our acquaintance have examined it carefully and express themselves much pleased. We have looked over it several times and have been so well pleased as to subscribe for two copies, one for home and the other for our office. There may be a slight error here and there upon its face; but, as far as a map is concerned, these errors are very rare. It is certainly no Monk-hum-bog, having been gotten up very carefully. The plates were in Columbia, during several sessions of the Legislature, for inspection and correction. We have reason to think it as thoroughly perfected as the nature of the case would admit. And we therefore recommend it to our readers. Every citizen, who can afford it, should have a good map of his own State. The prospectus above alluded to, is unavoidably crowded out this week, but will appear in our next. Rev. W. RICHARDS, the agent for Edgefield, is now in our village, and will satisfy every one in this respect.

Celebration.

OUR Old Fellows and Masons propose to have a great time, in the way of ceremonizing, speecheeving, eating and drinking, on the 21st April next, when the Corner Stone of their new building is to be placed in its niche. More of this anon.

The Race is begun.

ROUSE up, gentlemen of the Ridge! Shake off all apathy, ye solid men of Edgefield! And grid you up your spurs for one effort in the race of progress! Be it known that a hot contest is right upon you. Less than a month's developments may decide whether the Railroad from Columbia to Augusta is to run upon the Ridge of Nature's shaping, or over the barren Sand Hills which characterize the head waters of the Edisto. Be up and a doing, we entreat you! A meeting has been held at a place styled Mt. Ebal, (where upon earth is it?) and the Sand-hillers have declared war against the Ridge route. Gen. QUATTLEBAUM, the resolute of the occasion, intimated as much when he vehemently asserted that if the Sand-hillers would never go for your roundabout project—"need no never-never"—and when he further declared that they would much sooner go for the Wilmington and Manchester continuation. It is evident then, gentlemen of the fertile plains, that you must take care of yourselves or General QUATTLEBAUM and his party will have you surrounded with a vengeance. There's no time for dallying. The opposition are at work already and we doubt not their working with zeal and energy. They have had a barbecue, and the ladies were there! This looks squally. But fear nothing. Call a meeting in accordance with the suggestion of "A CITIZEN," (to whose communication on another column we ask your earnest attention.) Have as much to eat as you need. Get the Edgefield Brass Band to attend. And if you choose have all the ladies present. As our friend of the Carolina Times very judiciously remarks, "let a few spears be sent to the Ridge, and you will be informed upon the subject of railroads." "A plain statement of facts," he adds, "by practical men—men of sound, mature judgment and wise forecast, is all that is needed to cause the dimes and dollars to fairly leap from the obese pockets of our capitalists." Do what you intend to do with a rush. Come up to the scratch at once. Let every man interested do his best. And our word for it, the Sand-hillers will be "no waster" in the race.

Much ado about Nothing.

WE have not been able, as yet, to see any good cause for the flourish of trumpets with which Judge DOUGLAS's Nebraska Bill has greeted by many Southern prints. As we have already said in a previous issue, it is at best but the bare assertion of a plain principle, already guaranteed to us by the Constitution transmitted to our keeping by the founders of the Federal Government. In the opinion of some, it is not meritorious even to this extent. For, as the plain interpretation of the Constitution, it would seem that Southerners equally with Northerners, States and holders equally with Non-holders, should be protected by the arm of Federal power in their rights of property, when emigrating with such property to any territory belonging in common to the States. But by the Nebraska Bill (it is maintained), no such complete advantages are vouchsafed to us, the territorial groups being thereby empowered to prohibit slaves (remember no other single description of property) before they have passed from Federal jurisdiction, before they have passed from Federal jurisdiction, before it might well happen the country over which their prohibitory legislation is to prevail, has even been fairly offered to Southern enterprisers and Southern institutions. Regarded in this light, the provisions of the Bill strike us as being almost conceptibly feeble. They certainly fall far short of the mark, if real justice to the South was intended to be compassed by them.

Mr. Boyce's Speech.

TO the exclusion of other and less useful matter, we have this week given to our readers a full and complete account of Mr. Boyce's speech upon the Tariff question. The people of South Carolina need an occasional review of the exposition of the hideous features of Protection. For, although sound enough upon that branch of politics, it is well that they should now and then be re-instructed therein. The speech we present this week accomplishes this end in an unusually clear and succinct manner. We ask every reader to examine its merits thoroughly.

Curry Academies.

PLEASE turn to the new advertisement in this issue. Our Clerical friends who are in their neighborhood, are being provided with abundant success. We are informed that the Male and Female departments together number near one hundred pupils. The Institution was only opened in January. At this rate, the Curry Seminary bids fair