

Wednesday Morning, June 27, 1866.

As stated in the last issue the present size is the best that we can do or give our patrons under the circumstances. Some few have asked if we cannot do better, print a larger sheet, &c. We answer no, unfortunately, not just now, but in the course of a short time we will fully satisfy them, we trust in all these respects. All we ask is a charitable forbearance, and not to look for impossibilities. We are working hard to gratify them, and before very long we think there will be no reason to complain. On the other hand, the sympathy and good wishes of the large majority is fully appreciated and gratefully remembered.

Thanks are tendered to our town subscribers for their liberal and hearty response to the call of last week, in aiding us by the renewal of their subscriptions. As a general thing, all whom we called upon cheerfully did so, while many new additions were made to our list. A few were out of the way, and therefore were not called upon, but we will look them up soon; in the meantime we will not be offended if they look us up in furtherance of this object. New subscriptions will also be received.

We are beginning to hear too from our friends in the country, and it affords us gratification to thus learn that we are not forgotten. New names are coming in from old friends, while the renewals are many. Thanks friends, old and new; the tide is rising, and the Herald will soon float clear of the sank bank on which it is now stuck. A few good, strong pulls, with the help of this friendly tide, and our craft is in deep water once more.

A GOOD IDEA.—The ladies are proverbially happy in their ideas, and their conclusions are invariably good. They have a truly felicitous knack of doing things. We know of no better way when one is in any kind of trouble or doubt, than to fly at once to them. If there is the least glimmer of hope they are sure to point it out, and that quickly. Talking to a number of charming young ladies one day last week, about the fire, misfortune, loss of office, etc., and the chance of building up, they at once proposed themselves as our agents in procuring new cash subscribers. Their success is certain. The plan proposed is an admirable one—it is that no gentleman be admitted into their circle until he signify his readiness to subscribe to the Herald. As a test of qualification he must subscribe or be shut out from the pale of their smiles and influence. Now, if many of our young friends adopt the plan so happily proposed, the Herald will soon ride upon the top-most wave. To all such it shall be our happy duty to hunt them up good, obedient, loving husbands, that we may in some small measure, repay them for their great kindness and help.

Messrs. Rutledge & Ostendorff we are happy to see, and also to inform the public, now occupy the store on Mollohon Row, formerly that of Williams & Ferguson, and present to view a choice and well selected lot of family groceries, comprising every article in that line. These goods are all fresh being but lately purchased and received. We cheerfully recommend them to the public.

MEETINGS FOR SALE-DAY.—Meetings have been held in many districts of this State, called together for the purpose of getting the public voice as to the serious question now pending—the action of our Judges in regard to the Stay Law. From all quarters a general reprobation is heard. Shall we not have a meeting also? It is suggested that our citizens come prepared on Sale-day to express their views in public meeting, and that at an appropriate hour notice be given and they be invited into the Court House.

On the same day, bear it in mind a meeting is called for another purpose—that of organizing a regular district police. This is a matter of the utmost importance and should not be overlooked. Mischiefs stalk abroad, and steps must be taken to check it, or the consequences none can tell.

A meeting was held in the Court House on Friday afternoon last for the purpose of organizing a police company. After a few preliminaries, resolutions were offered, and a company of 40 men organized, with the following efficient officers, Y. J. Pope, Esq., Captain; Mr. T. M. Paysinger, 1st Lieutenant, and Mr. Thos. Moorman, Orderly Sergeant. This is a move in the right direction, and we hope that each man will feel the proper zeal in this matter, and do a duty so highly necessary without reluctance. Let there be no shirking. Since the meeting many others have voluntarily added their names to the company roll.

We are permitted to make the following extracts from a private letter by Rev. Dr. Thomas, at present in Canton, Mississippi, to his daughter. He says the crops in the whole South-western country are worse than they were ever known at this season of the year, there are very few even in New Orleans who think there will be a million bales made this year. This country is as bad or worse off than any I have seen, much of the cotton not yet touched, and a great deal ploughed up, and the land planted in corn. Many of the planters have dismissed their freedmen, because of having no stands of cotton.

The person who wrote to Capt. Paysinger, anonymously, is earnestly requested to call upon that gentleman personally and give him an interview. If he has the public good and interest at heart he will certainly do so; it is of vital importance that he should. It is promised that the utmost secrecy will be maintained. Call upon him by all means and give the desired information.

Mr. De Fontaine of the Columbia Carolinian will please accept our warmest thanks for his earnest expression of sympathy, and also for the kind offer to loan us material from his excellent office. Mr. T. B. Crews of the Laurens Herald also places us under obligation by a like kind offer. Such kindnesses come with a sense of refreshing.

THE PRAIRIES BECOMING FORESTS.—Western papers assert that what were vast treeless prairies in Illinois twelve years ago are now covered with a dense growth of thrifty young forest trees, comprising various species of oak, hickory, cotton-wood, ash, &c.

BALTIMORE, June 22.—A meeting of the friends of the President's reconstruction policy was held last night at Monument Square. Governor Swan presided and spoke, together with other prominent Maryland conservatives.

News Items.

It may be some consolation to those here who are suffering from the heat to know that it is intensely hot elsewhere? exchanges generally say so.

An attempt at rape was made by a negro on the person of Mrs. Frank Dent on Saturday last, in Columbia. The cries of her little daughter gave the alarm, when the villain fled, but was afterwards arrested. Hanging is too good for the scoundrel.

Two horse thieves have been arrested in Charlotte, N. C., by name Wm. Blizzard and Charles Medlin.

The Charleston News is luxuriating upon watermelons, grown on Roddins Island, Wando River. We are not quite as far along as that, and can only boast of having seen a bloom or two.

The Enterprise and Mountaineer of Greenville have each had a bag of new flour laid upon their tables. The first as yet that we have noticed. No doubt Newberry is not behind in new flour, and our office having been destroyed is the reason why a sample has not been left with the Herald.

Harvesting is progressing in Alabama. Wheat crop average. Corn prospect good.

WASHINGTON, June 25.—In the Senate, a joint resolution was passed, providing for an official history of the rebellion, and authorizing the Secretary of war to appoint some competent person to write it, at a salary not exceeding \$2,500 per year. The tax bill was considered, and various amendments offered and adopted.

FREEDMAN KILLED.—We understand that on Sunday last, at the Methodist Church at Springhill, a freedman was shot by Mr. Charles Britton, from the effects of which shooting he died in a very short time after.

On Monday last Mr. Britton presented himself to Captain M. Boyce, then commanding the garrison at this place, and told him that he was ready to have the matter inquired into, and a decision made therein, to which Captain Boyce replied that he did not consider that the case was one which called for any action on his part, and that he thought that Mr. Britton was amenable alone to a civil court.—Sumter News.

It is rumored at St. Albans that a demand has been made on this Government by the Canadian authorities for the extradition of Generals Sweeney, Speer, O'Neill, and the other Fenian officers. Two thousand volunteers had returned to Montreal up to Monday night. It is rumored there that the Fenian prisoners will be hanged. An immense open air meeting in favor of repealing the neutrality laws was held at Troy, New York, on Monday evening.

If there is anything in the "war and rumors of war" theory, the world has never been nearer a collapse than at present. Here are the Fenians fighting the Kanucks; there the Mexicans are fighting Max and the Imperialists. A little farther down on the map the Peruvians are fighting the Spaniards, with Chili to help. Then just over the way, Paraguay is fighting Brazil and the Argentine Confederation. All Europe is getting ready for a big fight. The Russians are fighting the Bokharras, the Chinese are fighting the Mongolians and the Tartars, and Congress are fighting "all they know how" against Andy Johnson.

While a working party was engaged a few days ago, in disintering the Federal dead who fell in the battle of Resaca, they discovered a body which excited attention from the smallness of the feet. On examination, it was found to be that of a woman who had been killed by a bullet through the head. The grave was marked "Charles Johnson; private, Sixth Missouri Volunteers.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Jefferson Davis and family are living pleasantly at Fortress Monroe. They are well supplied with everything needful.

The famous Mexican Chief Cortina is dead. Our Charleston mail failed yesterday.