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☞ Subscribers and others, indebted to us, are urgently requested to send us the amount of their indebtedness immediately.

THE friends of HENRY S. CASON, respectfully announce him a candidate for reelection for Tax Collector of Abbeville District, at the next election.

Nov. 14, '63, 49, tf

RAGS WANTED AT HODGES' DEPOT.

The undersigned will pay the highest CASH PRICE, for *Clean Linnen and Cotton* RAGS delivered at his shop, at Hodge's Depot.

JNO. L. CLARK,

Hodges a Depot, S. C.

RAGS! RAGS!!

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE will be paid for CLEAN LINEN AND COTTON RAGS in any quantity.

JAMES BARNES,

Lowndesville, S. C., Aug 4, 1863.

FOR SALE.

The Subscriber has on hand, for sale a large quantity of BROWN AND STRIPED SHIRTING, and a large Lot of FINE CHEWING TOBACCO.

JOHN McBRYDE.

August 25, '63, 16.—tf

GREENVILLE AND COLUMBIA R. R. COMPANY.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE,

UP TRAIN LEAVE

Columbia	7.30 a. m.
Alston	9 24 "
Newberry	11 08 "
Ninety Six	1.16 p. m.
Greenwood	2.18 "
Abbeville	1.55 "
Cokesbury	3.00 "
Belton	4.54 "
Williamston	5.12 "

ARRIVE

Greenville	6.30 "

DOWN TRAIN LEAVE

Greenville	4 45 a. m
Williamston	6.04 "
Belton	6.58 "
Abbeville	7.45 "
Cokesbury	8 53 "
Greenwood	9.35 "
Ninety Six	10.18 "
Newberry	12.45 p. m.
Alston	2.32 "

ARRIVE

Columbia	4 15 "

To commence on MONDAY 16th inst.

Feb. 20, 1863, 41,

NOTICE.

HAVING bought the Interest of Dr. I. BRANCH, in the

Book and Drug Store,

will, as far as the limited means will allow, owing to the war, keep such Stock as has always been kept. All orders must be addressed to me.

CASH

ing the System all over the Confederacy, it ust attend Orders, as I do not intend to have book of Credit.

EDWIN PARKER.

Feb 13, 1863 41tf

CHRONICLE & SENTINEL.

PUBLISHED

DAILY AND WEEKLY,

TERMS:

DAILY PUBLISHED MORNING AND EVENING.

ONE YEAR $20,00
SIX MONTHS 10,00
THREE MONTHS 5,00

TRI-WEEKLY:

ONE YEAR $12.00
SIX MONTHS 6.00
THREE MONTHS 3,00

WEEKLY. A. MAMMOTH SHEET:

ONE YEAR 4.00

ALWAYS IN ADVANCE.

ALL PAPERS STOPPED AT THE END OF THE TIME PAID FOR NOT PREVIOUSLY RENEWED.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the firm of M. T. & J. T. Owen, by note or account, are earnestly requested to settle the same at the earliest possible convenience, those having demands against the firm will please present them.

JOHN T. OWEN,
Surviving partner.

August 19, 1863, 15—tf

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
ABBEVILLE DISTRICT.
In Equity.

Wm. Crowther and James Crowther vs. John Crowther and others } Bill for Partition

It appearing to my satisfaction that John Crowther and Alexander Bowen, defendants in the above stated case, reside beyond the limits of this State, on motion by Burt and Calhoun Comp Sol., Ordered that said defendants do appear and plead answer or demur to said Bill of complaint within three months from the publication hereof, or the same will be taken *Pro Confesso* against them.

WM. H. PARKER, C. E. A. D.

Commissioner's Office
July 27, 1863. } 12—3m

BOTTLES AND VIALS

BEING much wanted, I will buy any that may be brought to me. They must be CLEAN

EDWIN PARKER.

Feb 19, 1863 41tf

RAGS! RAGS!!

THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE will be paid for CLEAN LINEN AND COTTON RAGS in any quantity.

H. W. LAWSON,

March 30, '63, 48. tf

NOTICE.

Application will be made, at the next Session of our State Legislature, for the renewal of the Charter to Incorporate Little Mountain Church —old School Presbyterian.

July 14, '63—3m

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I hereby constitute JOHN TAGGART my lawful Agent to transact all business for me as Surviving partner of Davis & Crews, and have placed the Notes and Accounts in his hands for collection. He is also authorized to make settlements for me individually, and for the firm, receive and receipt for the same.

Those indebted to the firm of DAVIS & CREWS will please make payment, and those having claims will present them to Mr. Taggart for payment.

T. B CREWS,
Surviving Partner.

Abbeville C. H. S. C.
Sept. 12, 1863, 20. } 3m

EXCHANGE NOTICE NO. 7.

RICHMOND, VA., Oct. 16, 1863.

THE following Confederate officers and men are hereby declared duly exchanged:

I. All officers and men captured and paroled at any time previous to the first of September, 1863. This section, however, is not intended to include any officers or men captured at Vicksburg, July 4, 1863, except such as were declared exchanged by Exchange Notice No. 6, September 12, 1863, or are specifically named in this notice. But it does embrace all deliveries made at City Point or other place before September 1, 1863, and with the limitation above named, all captures at Port Hudson or any other place, where the parties were released on parole.

II. The Staffs of Generals Pemberton Stevenson, Bowen, Moore, Barton, S. D. Lee, Cummings, Harris and Baldwin, and of Colonels Reynolds, Cockerel and Dockery, the officers and men belonging to the Engineer Corps and Sappers and Miners, and the 4th and 46 Mississippi Regiments, all captured at Vicksburg, July 4, 1863

III. The General officers captured at Vicksburg, July 4, 1863, were declared exchanged July 13, 1863.

ROBERT OULD,
Agent of Exchange.

Oct. 25, 1863, 26, 6t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
ABBEVILLE DISTRICT.
In Equity.

Stephen W. Willis and wife and others vs. James Banks and wife and others } Bill for Partition

It appearing to our satisfaction that Dr. S. G. N. Ferguson and Francis his wife, Wm Harmon, Pickens Harmon and Mary Harmon, defendants in the above stated case, reside beyond the limits of this State. On motion by Burt and Calhoun Comp sols ordered that said defendants do appear and plead, answer or demur to said Bill within three months from the publication hereof or the same will be taken *Pro Confesso* against them.

WM. H. PARKER, C. E. A. D.

Commissioner's Office
July 21, 1863 } 12—3m

In the Matter of the Real Estate of Mary McCartney Dec'd.

SOUTH CAROLINA ABBEVILLE DISTRICT.

Thos. Lanier and wife, Eliza and Jane McCartney, applicants

vs.

James McCartney *et al.*

It appearing to my satisfaction that James McCartney, William McCartney, John McDonald and Catharine his wife, Emma McCartney Minor child of John McCartney, dec'd., the children of Mary Alexander, deceased, defendants, reside without this State; It is therefore ordered that they do appear, and object to the division or sale of the real Estate of Mary McCartney dec'd, on or before the twenty seventh day of November next, or their consent to the same will be entered of Record.

WILLIAM HILL,
Ordinary Abbeville District.

August 27, '63, 18.—tf

EXECUTOR'S SALE.

BY Virtue of an order from W. F. Durisoe, Ordinary for Edgefield District, we will proceed to sell at the late residence of D. P. SELF, deceased, on TUESDAY, the 1st day of December next

THREE TRACTS OF LAND,

Which belonged to the deceased at the time of his death, viz:

THE HOMESTEAD adjoining lands of Dr. Joseph H. Jennings, George Banks and others, containing Three Hundred Acres, more or less.

THE FIRQUIN TRACT adjoining lands of Jefferson Sturkey, Mrs. Holloway and others, containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres, more or less.

THE BROWN TRACT adjoining lands of John Dean, John Brown and others, containing Three Hundred Acres, more or less.

Also, all the personal Estate of said deceased, consisting of

Forty-One Likely Negroes,
FIFTEEN HEAD OF MULES AND HORSES,
STOCK OF CATTLE AND SHEEP,
FAT AND STOCK HOGS
LOT OF WHEAT AND OATS,
CORN AND FODDER,
ONE LOT OF COTTEN,

Two Wagons, one Ox Cart, Buggy and Harness,

Blacksmith and Plantation Tools,

And many other articles too tedious to mention.

TERMS.—All sums of and under Twenty Dollars cash, and all sums above Twenty on a credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale.

S. S. FREEMAN,
JOSEPH H. JENNINGS,
Ex'ors.

Oct. 26, 1863, 27,—4t

NOTICE.

War Tax Collection (2d) Saluda District.

I will visit (I. V.) the following places, for the purpose of collecting the Confederate War Tax according to Assessment viz:

Callaham's, Thursday, 22 Oct;
Due West, Friday 23 Oct;
Donaldsville, Saturday 24th Oct;
Cokesbury, Monday and Tuesday, 26 and 27th Oct;
Greenwood Wednesday and Thursday 28 and 29th Oct
Ninety-Six, Friday and Saturday, 30 and 31st Oct;
Abbeville, C. H., November 2 (Sale Day.)

Tax payers will please be prompt in their attendance, as a delay of 30 day's will subject them to 10 per cent. additional tax.

GEO. ALLEN,
Collector for Saluda District.

Oct. 6, 1863, 23—tf

LICENSED AUCTIONEER.

The undersigned having taken out Confederate Licenses, respectfully informs the public generally that he is ready at all times to serve them in his professional capacity.

Address, F. P. ROBERTSON,
Diamond Hill, S. C. Nov. 2, 1863, 27. tf

IMPORTANT SALE

Will be sold at the late residence of Sarah Wideman, Dec'd, Abbeville District, on the Barksdale Ferry road, 10 miles from Savannah river on *Tuesday* 1st of December next, the following property of the deceased:

The Tract of Land consisting of 1648 acres more or less adjacent to lands of Sibert, Patterson, Horn, and McCain; said plantation is well adapted to the production of grain and Cotton —an excellent Dwelling and all necessary buildings—a handsome and healthy location and embracing a large quantity of woodland.

Also,

Household and Kitchen Furniture, 2,500 bushels Corn, Wheat, Oats, Cotton baled, Cotton seed, Mules, Horses, Cattle, Stock and fat Hogs, Sheep, Gins, Thresher, Fans, Wagons, Carriages, and all farming implements incident to a well regulated farm.

Terms accomodating.

J. H. WIDEMAN, Ex'r.

Charleston S. C., Nov. 10, 1863. 29, 4t

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Abbeville Dirtrict—In Equity.

WM. S, SMITH, vs. JAMES B. McCREADY, and others

Bill for sale of Slaves and Land.

Pursuant to order of Court, I will sell, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., on saleday in December next (7) the plantation on which Wm. S. Smith, resides near Cokesbury in two tracts. One containing about 250 acres more or less and the other about 130 acres more or less, and bounded by lands of Dr Newton Sims, Polly Lomax, Robert Y. Jones and others.

Terms a credit of 2, 3 and 4 years, interest to be paid annually. Purchasers to give Bonds with two good sureties and mortgage to secure the purchase money, pay costs in cash and pay for papers.

WM. H. PARKER, C. E. A. D.

Commissioner's Office, Nov 11, 1863, 28. 4t

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Abbeville District—In Equity.

LLIE H. AGNEW vs. MARY ANNA AGNEW AND OTHERS.

Bill for Partition.

Pursuant to order of Court, I will sell, at Public outcry, at Abbeville Court House, on Saleday in December next (7) the Real Estate of Dr. Enoch Agnew, deceased, about 4 miles from Hodges' Depot, on G & C. R. R. and 5 miles from Cokesbury, containing 41 Acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of Marshall Sharp, Green Riley and others.

On the Tract is a Comfortable Dwelling House with Eight Rooms and all necessary Out Buildings and fine Fruit Orchard—about half the Tract is forest land. The location is said to be a good one for a Physician.

TERMS.—A Credit of Twelve months with interest from day of sale. Purchaser to give Bond with two good sureties, pay costs in Cash and pay for papers, or Cash if preferred.

WM H. PARKER, C.E.A.D.

Commissioner's Office,
Nov 11, 1863 } 27 t.ls

☞ Columbia *Guardian* insert *once a week for three weeks*

WAR TAX ASSESSMENT

Of all Neat Cattle, Horses and Mules, not used in Cultivation, and Asses, owned by each person in the Savannah Regiment, and of the gross proceeds of the sales of Beef Cattle, since the 24th April to the 1st November, of the present year.

I will be at the following places at the times specified below, viz:

Warrenton, Monday, Nov. 16;
Trible's, Tuesday, Nov. 17;
Lowndesville, Wednesday Thursday and Friday, Nov. 18th 19th and 20;
Speed's, Saturday, Nov. 21;
Bradley's, Monday, Nov. 23;
Calhoun's Mills, Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 24th and 25;
Bordeaux, Thursday, Nov 26;
Talbert's, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27th and 28;
Cothran's, Monday Nov. 30;
White Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 1;
Cedar Springs Wednesday Dec. 2;
Abbeville C. H., Thursday Friday and Saturday, Dec. 3d 4th and 5;

Tax Payers will please be punctual in attendance at the places and times mentioned. EVERY MAN (*if he only has one Milch Cow*) is required to report to me as above. All who fail to report the number of Cattle owned by them, or in their care, within the time above mentioned, I will be required to enforce the penalty.

J. A TALMADGE,
Assessor 1st Collection District.

Abbeville C. H., Nov. 2, 1863, 27 tf

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Abbeville District—In Equity.

Margaret I. Lythgoe, vs. Meta A. Lythgoe and others.

Bill for Partition &c.

Pursuant to order of Court, I will sell, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., on saleday in December next (7) the Real Estate of Col. A. J. Lythgoe dec'd, in Abbeville Village, containing 19 acres more or less and bounded by lands of Estate of Col. A. M. Smith, W. J Smith, and B Hughes On the lot is a comfortable Cottage Dwelling House with six rooms and other necessary improvements sufficient woodland for firewood.

Terms Credit of twelve months Interest from date Purchaser to give Bond with two good sureties, pay cost in Cash and pay for titles

Commissioner's Office, Nov. 11, 1863. 4t

W. H. PARKER, C. E. A. D.

Guardian publish Weekly, for three weeks.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Abbeville District—In Equity.

JAMES M. HOPKINS, and WIFE vs. Wm. CROWTHER and WIFE and others.

Bill for Partition &c.

Pursuant to order of Court, I will sell, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., on saleday in December next (7) the Real Estate of John A. Burton dec'd, on Johnsons Creek, containing 642 acres more or less and bounded by lands of James Carwile, Robert Tucker, David Callahan, and others as follows:

The Home Tract, 273 acres more or less.
The Haddon Tract, 209 acres more or less.
The Barmore Tract, 160 acres more or less.

Terms—Cash, Purchaser to pay for papers.

WM. H. PARKER, C. E. A. D.

Commissioner's Office, Nov. 11. 1863. 28 4t

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Abbeville District—In Equity.

WM. CROWTHER and ANOTHER vs. JOHN CROWTHER and others.

Bill for Partition.

Pursuant to order of Court I will sell, at public outcry, at Abbeville C. H., on saleday in December next (7) the Real Estate of James Crowther dec'd, on Johnson's Creek, bounded by lands of Conrad Wakefield, Michael McGhee and others as follows:

1. The Old Place, 100 acres more or less.
2. The Knight Place, 152 acres more or less
3. The Home place, 181 65-100 acres more or less.

Terms One half cash; the balance on credit of one year with interest from day of sale.

Purchasers to give Bonds with two good sureties and pay for papers.

WM. H. PARKER C. E. A. D.

Commissioner's Office, Nov. 11, 1863. 28 4t

BUCEPHALUS,

The fine Arabian Stallion will stand until the Spring Season, at Samuel Robinson's place, 24 miles from Abbeville C. H.

Bucephalus is 16 hands and 4 inch high, well built, fine limbs, and splendid action.—

Nov. 7, 1863. 28. tf

40 LIKELY NEGROES WANTED.

The subscriber wants to purchase 40 LIKELY NEGROES, for which the highest market price will be given.

Address, S. D. [illegible]
Greenwood S. C.

Nov. 5, 1863, 27. 4t.

"DEGENERATE YANKEES."—We saw the expression "degenerate" applied to the Yankees in an exchange the other day. Now, we hold it as impossible for a Yankee to degenerate as for a born idiot to make a fool of himself. The Yankee is already as low as he can get. If he wishes to get lower, he must dig for it.—*Rich. Dispatch.*

The Mobile *Register* states, on the authority of a special dispatch, that Dr. Peters, who killed Gen. Van Dorn, was captured a few days since on his plantation upon the Mississippi river, where he was engaged in selling wood to the Yankees. The doctor, we learn, is now under arrest at Meridian, Mississippi.

STRAYED

From the Subscriber 2 small Steers, one Red the other Red and White Spotted.

$25 Reward will be paid to any person securing the above cattle for me.

JOHN T OWEN.

Abbeville, Nov. 11, 1863—28 tf

BONDS, BONDS.

All persons holding my Receipts for Bonds, to the 31st of July will please return their Receipts, and get their Bonds. My engagements are such that I can not be at Abbeville on Saleday.

Please send your Receipts at once, Six per cent. Bonds still supplied.

J BAILEY,
Agent.

Greenwood, Nov. 15, 1863, 29, 2t

WAR TAX.

2d Collection District.

I will meet the Tax Payers for the purpose of making the Assessment upon Neat Cattle, and Horses not used in Agriculture, at the following times and places, viz:—

Cokesbury, November 18th and 19;
Greenwood, November 23d, 24th and 25;
Ninety-Six, November 26th and 27;
Woodville, November 28;
Callahams, November 30;
Smithville, December 2;
White Hall, December 3;
Abbeville C. H., December 7;
Donaldsville, December 9th and 10;
Due West, December 11th and 12;

Persons failing to make returns before 15th December must expect to be Double Taxed. Come fully prepared as I cannot have time to make your calculations.

WESLEY A. BLACK,
Assessor 2d Collection District.

Nov 16 1863, 29, tf

SALE OF SEVENTY ACRES OF LAND.

By order of the Ordinary for Abbeville, I will sell by public auction on saleday in December next, Seventy acres of Land more or less being the Real Estate of Mrs. Mary McCartney dec'd, situated in Abbeville District, adjoining lands of W. Joel Smith, some six or seven miles South of Abbeville C. H.

Terms 12 months credit, purchaser giving Bond to the Ordinary and a mortgage of the premises if deemed necessary, and pay the costs in cash.

ROBERT JONES, S. A. D.

Nov. 12, 1863, 29, 3t

Sale of a House and Lot in the Corporation of Abbeville Village.

By order of the Ordinary for Abbeville, I will sell by public outcry at the Court House door, on saleday in December next, that House and lot of land containing One and three fourth acres more or less, being the Real Estate of the late Dewit Jones dec'd.

Purchaser to give bond, and a mortgage of the premises to the Ordinary, if deemed necessary, to secure the payment of the purchase money, and pay the costs in cash.

ROBERT JONES, S. A. D.

Nov. 12, 1863, 29, 3t

PUBLIC SALE.

By permission of the Ordinary of Abbeville District, we will sell by public auction on Friday the 4th December next, at the late residence of Jonathan B. Adamson dec'd, near Indian Hill, the following property belonging to the Estate of said dec'd, namely, likely Negroes, Milch Cattle, Horses, some good stock Hogs, Cotton in Bale, and in seed, and other property not now mentioned, including some Household and Kitchen Furniture.

Purchasers can have the privilege of paying cash, or giving a note bearing interest.

R. W. LITES, adm'r
M. M. ADMISON, adm'x.

Nov. 16, 1863. 29. 2t

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Abbeville District—In Equity.

STEPHEN W. WILLIS and WIFE, and others vs. JAMES BANKS and WIFE, and others

Bill for Partition.

Pursuant to order of Court, I will sell, at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., on saleday in December next (7) the Real Estate of Thos. Harmon dec'd, lying on Savannah and Little Rivers, containing seven hundred acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of Wm. Harmon, Frederick Edmonds, James Banks and others.

Terms a credit of 1 and 2 years, interest from day of sale.

Purchaser to give Bond with two good sureties, pay costs in cash and pay for papers.

WM. H PARKER, C. E. A. D.

Commissioner's Office, Nov. 11, 1863, 28 4t.

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SLAVE LABOR FOR THE COAST-DIVISION NO. 1.

I. THE Commissioners of the Roads and the Town authorities of the judicial Districts of Pickens, Greenville, Spartanburg, Anderson, Union York, Chester, Laurens, Abbeville and Newberry are required forthwith to summon all persons in possession of slaves liable to Road duty within the limits of their authority, to deliver one-fourth of their slaves liable to Road duty at the Railroad Depots nearest the owners' residence, on WEDNESDAY, 16th December prox., in time for the down morning trains, for thirty day's labor on the fortifications.

II. The Commissioners of Roads and the Town authorities aforesaid will also impress and deliver at the Depots at the same time, one-fourth of all male free negroes between the ages of sixteen and fifty, within the limits of their authority, to be forwarded for the same term of labor.

III. The aggregate of the calls made on this Division including the present call, is four months' labor of one-fourth the Road hands—in pursuance, there, of the terms of the Acts of the Legislature, the Commissioners of the Roads and the Town authorities will only require of the several slaveholders such an amount of labor as will, when added to that already furnished make a each owner's quota i. e., one fourth of their Road hands for four months.

IV. The inconsistency of calling for hands for *thirty days* which are detailed *sixty days*, is a matter beyond my control. The Act requires me to call for a term of service of thirty days, while the negroes can only be discharged by orders of the General Commanding.

V. Persons to whom it will be at all convenient to contribute labor in advance under this call are earnestly requested to do so; the law secures them of full credit for it on future calls, which will come probably at a less opportune season.

VI. Owners are advised to furnish their slaves with rations to last to Charleston.

VII. The Agents sent out to receive the negroes are prohibited from furnishing substitutes.

WM. M. SHANNON,
Agent State South Carolina.

Camden, S. C., Nov. 12, 1863.

Columbia Guardian and Herald will publish the above once a week in daily and tri-weekly for four weeks, and forward accounts in the Division Quartermaster's office for payment.

THE SEA SHELL.

Sadly the murmur stealing
Through the dim windings of the mazy shell,
Seemeth some ocean mystery concealing
Within its cell.

And ever sadly breathing,
As with the tone of far-off waves at play,
That dreamy murmur through the sea shell breathing
Ne'er dies away.

It is no faint replying,
Of far off melodies of wind and wave,
No echo of the ocean billow, sighing
Through gem-let cave.

It is no dim returning
Of sounds that through the dim sea caverns swell
But some love ocean spirits sad complaining
Within that sell.

"Where are the waters flowing'
Thus breathes that ever wailing spirits tone,
"Where are the bright gem in their beauty glowing"
In cavern lone.

"I languish for the ocean,
I pine to view the billow's heaving crest
I miss the music of its dream-like motion,
That lulled to rest.

Where are the bright waves playing,
Where sleeps the cavern's still and gem-lit gloom,
For there I know sweet tones, yet sad are straying
They call me home."

In vain thy plaintive sighing,
Some ocean sprite thy home is far away,
No ocean music givith sweet replying
Unto thy lay.

Far off the waves are gleaming,
Thy sisters deck with pearls their tresses fair,
And gem-light through the ocean caves is streaming
Thou art not there

How like art thou sad spirit
To many a one, the lone ones of the earth
Who in the beauty of their souls inherit,
A purer birth.

They who forever yearning
Pine for the glory of their far off home,
Unto its half veiled beauty sadly turning
From earthly gloom.

Whose tones forever swelling
Pour forth the melody of burning hought
From the sweet music of that far off dwelling,
An echo caught.

Like *thine* the restless sighing
Like *thine* the melody their spirits own,
No kindred music to their own replying.
No answering tone.

They dream, they dream forever,
They live in visions beautiful and vain
And vain the spirits passionate endeavor,
To break their chain.

Yet *thou* lone child of ocean,
May it never more behold thy ocean foam,
While *they* shall rest from each wild sad emotion,
And find their home.

A GIRL WORTH HAGING.—One of our fair country women, the daughter of a rich and independent farmer of Rockingham, was married the other day to a gentleman who may congratulate himself upon having secured a prize worth having. She was what we would call "an independent girl," sure enough. Her bridal outfit was all made with her own hands, from her beautiful straw hat, down to the handsome gaiters upon her feet! Her own delicate hands spun and wove the material of which her wedding dress and traveling cloak were made; so that she had nothing upon her person when she was married which was not made by herself. Nor was she compelled by necessity or poverty to make this exhibition of her independence. She did it for the purpose of showing to the world how independent Southern girls are. If this noble girl were not wedded we should be tempted to publish her name in this connection, so that our bachelor readers might see who of our girls are most to be desired. If she were yet single, and we were to publish her name, her pa's house would be at once thronged with gallant gentlemen seeking the hand of a woman of such priceless value.—*Rockingham Register.*

THE CONDITION OF THE NEGROES IN THE SOUTH.—"An Englishwoman, who has lived nearly thirty years in the South," calls the attention of a London paper to the following statement: "There were imported into the British West Indies 5,000,000 negro slaves, and when they were manumitted there were 800,000. Into the Southern States 400,000 were imported, and there were, before the war, 4,000,000. This decrease in the former and increase in the latter are strong facts; the climatic influence is on the side of the West Indies; there must then have been a very different treatment, and the views of the anti-slavery party, probably, based upon their own experience, is false as to ours. Again, accurate research give the number of white communicants in the Southern States at 1,550,000—one in three of the adult population. Of the colored people —500,000—one in four of their adults. Surely the blessing of God must be with such a state of things."

There was an explosion at the Egypt Coal Mines in Chatham county, on Tuesday of last week, killing six persons and doing serious damage to the works. This mine supplies all the foundries in the State with coal, and it is said it will be some months before they can operate again. Meantime the foundries will have to be supplied from some other quarter.—*Rad. Progress.*

Jeff. Davis lately ordered Gen. Bragg not to shoot so many of his men. We wish somebody would order him not to shoot so many of ours.—*Louisville Journal.*

CONGRESS.—The next session of the Confederate Congress will commence on the first Monday in December next. The present Congress will expire the 22d of February, 1864, at which time the new Senators and Representatives will take their seats.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS OF WAR.

The Yankee papers are loud and furious just now in their denunciation of the Confederate authorities for alleged maltreatment of the prisoners of war. We have replied, remarks to the Richmond Whig, as far as we thought proper to their groundless complaints and slanderous charges. The question is not one for argument with them, and it makes but little difference whether they are pleased or not with the treatment received by these captives. We advert to the subject for the purpose of putting on record, in perpetual memory, evidence of the character and conduct of those who thus rail against the Confederate authorities. Here is a narrative embracing specifications which it would have been easy to disprove if they were false, but which, though published some months ago, remain without disproof or even denial that we have ever seen or heard of. It is the account of a member of Bragg's army, furnished to the Memphis Appeal, of his experience in the Yankee prison at Alton, Illinois:

The Alton penitentiary was, some three or four years ago, condemmed by the State authorities as totally unfit for criminals even. Yet thirteen hundred officers and privates, two hundred of which had the small pox, were confined in the basement, five feet below the ground, almost shut off from daylight, sunshine and air—stone floor covered with water trickling from the walls on either side, and mid winter as it was, the only provision for fire was a small stove to eight men. The berths were after the fashion of horse stalls, one above the other, with a passage so narrow as barely to admit of one person passing at a time—and soon there was an average of more than every other berth occupied by some unfortune Confederate with the small pox —and as fast as they died, others from St. Louis prisons supplied their places. During January the average of deaths reached for a time eight, and eventually thirteen per day; and in February the mortality became so great, and burying Confederates became such a tax to the government and so lucrative to the undertaker, that the commander of the prison advertised in one of the Alton papers, "Proposals for burying the Confederates will be received and let to the lowest bidder." This same enterprising undertaker was detected by one of our number, who suspected him, and privately marked one of the coffins, in the work of "Yankee swindling," by closing the coffin in the "dead room," and on arriving at the cemetery would dump the corps into the grave, and return the same coffin for another subject, until nine had thus been buried, and he of course receiving pay for nine coffins, when he really supplied but one.

The quantity of rations supplied us was insufficient to meet the requirements of the well, and altogether unfit for the sick. Well men would go the sweepings of the prison dining room and gather up scraps of bread and meat and eat them with a perfect relish; and of the sick, those of them that were fortune enough to recover supplied by their fellow prisoners with rats which they killed and prepared with their own hands.

No record of the dead was kept until February. One of the officers of my room wrote to General Curtis, commanding at St. Louis, requesting that inasmuch as the small pox was raging to such an extent, would he not order that we might be sent to some other prison.—His reply was, that "under the circumstances, he would advise immediate vaccination." During the prevalence of small pox, besides pneumonia, erysipelas and diptheria, the scoundrels would propose to release any who would take the oath. Believing it to be between the oath and death, they availed themselves of the contemptible proposition.

AN OBITUARY AS IS AN OBITUARY.—*Mr. Editor*: Jem banks, we are sorry tu stait, has deseized. He departed this life last monday. Jem was generally considered a good feller. He died at the age of 38 years old. He went 4th without ary struggle; and sich is life. Tu Day we are as pepper grass—mity smart—tu Morrer we are cut down like a cowcumber of the ground. Jem kept nice store, which his wife now wates on. His purchaws wos numerous to be hold. Menny is the thing we bot at his growcery, and we are happy to state to the admirin world, that he never cheated, speshully in the wate of mackrel which was nice and smelt sweet, and his survivin wife is the same wa.—We never new him to put sand in sugar, tho he had a big sand bar in front of his hous; nur water in his Lickers, tho the Tennessee River run past his dore. Piece to his remanes.

POETRY.

he died in his bed,
a great big buk he red;
a prayer he lowly sed
then turned over of 2 to bed
and durned if he didn't die—ded!

He leaves a wife, 8 children, a cow, 4 horses, a growcery store and other quadrupeds to morn his loss—but in the spa len did langwidge of the poit, his loss is there eternal gane.

ARREST OF GEN. BICKLEY.—George W. L. Bickley, supposed to be the originator of the order of the Knights of the Golden Circle, but who declared that, while of the same name, he was only the nephew of the original Gen. Bickley, was arrested a few days since at New Albany, Indiana. His portfolio contains letters from parties in Memphis, Lynchburg, New York and other points, directed to Gen. Bickley, as "Major General" of the order. Also, a copy of the "Degree Book" of the order of Knights of the Golden Circle; and a card, on which is printed an explanation of the signs, grips, &c., of the order; another card, on which is printed in red and blue the Confederate flag, with the letters "K. G. C." on each bar, the name of "Gen. George Bickley" being printed on the top.

The following good rules have been laid down by a philosopher—

To prevent getting away—don't fight.

To stand high with the ladies—never visit them.

A smoky chimney may be cured by keeping fire from it.

If you awe your landlord—board it out with him.

BOURBON STORY.—A paragraph is going the rounds of the press, stating that Mr. B. F. Adams, of Georgia, has lost fifteen negroes from among his stock. Mr. Adams says it is a libel on the [illegible] he looks upon it as so [illegible] that he intends to extend its circulation.