

The State Democratic Convention.

This body according to previous announcement, assembled in Columbia, on Thursday night of the past week, with a full and able representation from all the Districts of the State.

The Convention was then organized by the election of the following permanent officers: President—Hon. A. Burt.

Vice Presidents—A. P. Aldrich, Gen. W. W. Harlow, J. Wagoner, G. Cannon. Secretaries—J. G. Gibbs, James A. Hoyt, W. J. McKerrall, A. C. Davant.

Mr. Burt on being conducted to the chair, made the following address: Gentlemen—I have no language with which to express the emotions which gush up from my heart for your kindness and partiality in calling upon me to preside over your deliberations.

It is an occasion of the deepest interest, and of the gravest importance. To us it involves the issues of life and death. The contest before us is one upon which I trust every gentleman here to night is resolved to enter with the noble and heroic determination to succeed.

Your State has been despoiled of its sovereignty. Your people have been deprived of their liberties, and you enter upon the great work of reconstruction. We must reconstruct the great, proud, noble Carolina of former days.

The following are the electors: For the State at Large—J. P. Thomas, J. D. Kenney.

First District—R. F. Graham, Second District—B. F. Rutledge, Third District—A. C. Haskell, Fourth District—E. C. McClure.

After much discussion the following resolutions were adopted by the Convention. Resolved, That the State Central Executive Committee be authorized to fill all such vacancies as may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the list of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, or take such action as the committee may find proper for the success of the Democratic ticket.

Resolved, That the President of the United States, Andrew Johnson in exercising the power of the high office in rejecting the aggressions of Congress upon the constitutional rights of the States and the people, is entitled to the gratitude of the whole American people, and in behalf of the Democratic party of South Carolina, we tender him our thanks for his patriotic efforts in the regard.

Resolved, That our acknowledgments are due, and are hereby tendered, to all those generous spirits of the North, citizens, soldiers and sailors, who, amid the storm of radical passion and prejudice, have raised their voice in behalf of an insulted and outraged section. Col. Simonton, from the Committee on Resolutions, submitted a scheme of organization as follows:

The Committee on Resolutions to whom were referred sundry resolutions, after grave deliberation, respectfully recommended as a substitute the following scheme for the organization of a Central State Club. They felt satisfied that this scheme will recommend itself to every member of the Convention. It secures organization unity and effectiveness to the action of the party. They earnestly recommend its adoption. In selecting members for this Central Club, they respectfully suggest that none but earnest, active and intelligent delegates be selected, who will pledge themselves to attend each meeting, and will give their strict attention to the duties imposed upon them.

That there shall be a central State Club in this State, to be composed of one or more delegates from each District Central Club. That this Central Club do meet in Columbia, on the Tuesday preceding the 1st Monday in each month. That the Executive Committee be ex officio, members of the State Central Club and that the Executive Committee form rules for the Government of the Central Clubs, subject to the revision of this Club. That the Chairman of the Executive Committee be authorized to call extra meetings of the Club whenever he may think proper; and that ten members exclusive of the Executive Committee, constitute a quorum.

Resolved, That each District be requested to form similar Central District Clubs, to be composed of one or more delegates from each local club in the District, which shall hold regular meetings at the several Court Houses in their respective Districts, on the first Monday of every month. Resolved, That each local club through out the State be requested to hold regular meetings of their clubs, soon after sale day, during the first week of every month.

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Mr. Garlington submitted the following additional resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That in any emergency, which may hereafter arise, involving the necessity of prompt action by the Central Executive Committee, and when it is impracticable for the committee or a quorum thereof to meet the Chairman of said Committee be authorized to take such action as in his judgment, said emergency may require to be afterwards submitted to the approval of the Committee.

Resolved, That five members of said Committee be constituted a quorum to do business. Resolved, That one additional member of said Committee, residing in the city of Columbia be appointed by this Convention.

Under this resolution, Capt. W. B. Stanley was appointed. After two days session. On motion, the Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Judge Aldrich being in the Chair, when the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Convention be returned to the President and Secretaries, for the able and agreeable manner in which they have performed the arduous duties which they have devolved upon them.

The committee then rose, and the resolution was referred to Mr. Burt with a few appropriate remarks by Judge Aldrich.

Mr. Burt replied that he received this manifestation of the kindness of the Convention with the liveliest sense of gratitude and that he would consecrate it in his most cherished recollections. The members of the Convention had carved out for themselves a great and glorious work, and they should perform it as men, as heroes, as Carolinians. They should resolve not to rest until the country was free from the Vandal hands which were desecrating their altars and firesides, and until they had reconquered their homes from the stranger.

For one he would make a solemn vow before he left the Hall that never, no never, should his voice become stilled until the country was rescued from the intruder. He never doubted that another section was greatly commended for its enterprise, but it had no more than the Southern people. There was energy, genius and daring enough in the Southern men to accomplish anything, there was life in the old land yet [cheers], and the task set out by the Convention would evoke it. We must not consent to be governed by strangers and Africans. The glorious memories of the past forbid it, and we must rise to the height of the crisis, fall into line with the gallant Democrats, and swear that by that sign we shall yet conquer. This country was discovered by a white man, settled by white men, and by the aid of Heaven it would still be a white man's country. Every white man should be a canvasser, and every family a Democratic Club. If every man would do his duty, victory is as certain in November as the coming of the month itself. Seymour and Blair are our champions, and every man should pledge to support all his energy—all that he has in this world, and all that he hopes to [Great applause.]

On motion, the Convention then adjourned sine die.

Crops in Tennessee. MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, August 3, 1868.

Messrs. Lee & Wilson—Dear Friends: I have intended to return you my sincere thanks long before this, for sending me your paper, which I take much interest in reading every week. But I am sorry to see that our District has had such a prolonged drought, and crops are so sorry. From Col. D. W. Aiken's letter, I should think the wheat and oat crops a complete failure, and also the early corn crops. If the grain crop is a failure, what are you all to do? Will the cotton crop supply meat and bread both? Perhaps you would like to have a statement about the prospects of a crop in this section.

I will take the wheat first, and say that it was fine. I think from my knowledge of this country that the wheat crop would average 9 or 10 bushels per acre. One of my neighbors had 40 acres sowed, and he made 193 bushels. The corn is very fine I think, but the farmers say that it was injured considerably by the little drought we had, but there is plenty of corn in the country, that will make from 30 to 50 bushels per acre; and cotton is really beautiful. I never saw cotton grow as fast as it has done in the past month, in my life. To give you an idea how fast it does grow, I will describe one stalk to which I have given special attention. On the 21st of July I counted the farms or squares and it had 75, of which 6 were nearly grown bolls; and on the 1st of August I counted it again and it had 120 farms. Can Abbeville compete with or beat it. My family has been very healthy. I have been a little puny for the last few days. As I have said before, this country surpasses any that I ever saw, and if political affairs could be satisfactorily settled, then this country would flourish and prosper. I am, very respectfully, Your Friend, T. G.

FOR THE ABBEVILLE PRESS. Matters Then and Now—1839 and 1868.

Mr. Editor: My old friend, Capt. F. P. Robertson, has just handed me a paper containing the following information, which will doubtless be interesting to some of your readers. I suppose that the information contained in the paper is correct, and that it only refers to the white citizens who were then living.

- Widow Jane Allen, 20
B. L. Posey, 11
R. H. Wardlaw, 15
T. C. Perrin, Esq., 11
James Wardlaw, Esq., 3
Jos. J. Wardlaw, 2
J. A. Calhoun, 6
W. C. Black, Esq., 2
Wm. Atkinson, 3
Thomas Wightman, 3
John White, 10
Sam'l G. Giff, 4
Widow Jane Sutherland, 4
James Saulto, 4
Dr. F. Branch, 13
Sam'l Branch, 13
Rev. Geo. W. Moore, 7
Rev. James Moore, 6
James A. Craig, 10
Dr. Isaac Branch, 6
Thomas Jackson, 10
Charles Dandy, 8
Dr. J. P. Livingston, 9
John Taggart, 9
Donald Douglass, 9
John McLaren, 10
J. G. Kingsmore, 8
John Russell, 7
Hutton Douglass, 7
Patricia Alford, 2
James Alston, 5
Johnson Ramey, 12
Moses Taggart, Esq., 2
Sarah Downey, 9
Patrick Noble, 9
Wm. Baker, 8
D. L. Wardlaw, Esq., 9
A. Burt, Esq., 5

This list presents a gloomy picture, as it will be seen that seventeen of the heads of families, named in the list, have "gone to that bourne from whence no traveller returns," to say nothing of the inmates of each family. Of the remaining twenty it cannot be long before the most of us will have taken our exit from this to the realities of another world. The most important question that each of us can ask himself is, "Are we also ready?"

I suppose another census will have to be taken during the coming year, and I trust the same party may be appointed to take it who has kept so faithfully a record of the one in 1839.

Legislature.

The proceedings of the so-called Legislature, during the past week, have been as usual without interest. The election for Circuit Judges was to have come off on yesterday, but we have not yet heard the result. We learn that our distinguished representative, the Hon. James Martin, is a prominent candidate for one of the places, but with what success, we are unable to say. If profound legal attainments, and a long and varied experience at the bar, be necessary qualifications, he is sure of rejection.

We append the following summary of proceedings during the week: August 6.—House.—The Committee on the Lunatic Asylum made a report on the condition of that institution, saying that it was found by the committee to be in perfect trim; that all the patients were well treated and cared for, and that its financial condition was better than at any previous time since the close of the war.

The committee spoke in the highest terms of praise of the Superintendent, Dr. Parker, and recommended that the Governor be advised to retain his services. The bill authorizing the Governor to negotiate a loan of \$125,000, was passed by a vote of 91 yeas to 8 nays. The Democrats all voting nay.

Senate.—Nothing important was done to-day, except the passage of the bill to establish the State Constabulary force and notice of a bill to repeal the Act creating the Bureau of Immigration. August 7.—The Legislature accomplished nothing of general interest, yesterday, beyond the introduction of a bill from the Military Committee to organize the militia in this State, which was made the special order for Monday next. The bill provides that for temporary purposes the militia shall consist of a volunteer force of 12,000 men, to be distributed amongst the several Counties of the State, according to their population, and of such arms of the service as the Governor may prescribe. This force is to be designated as the National Guard, and is to consist of men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five; but any person who shall have served therein seven years, is thereafter exempted. The Governor, however, may call upon the whole arms-bearing population of the State to take the field in case of an emergency.

August 8.—Nothing of consequence transpired. House.—Aug. 10.—The bill regulating the tenure of offices and appointments was passed with an amendment to section 179, to wit: That County or State Officers elected at the April or June elections of the present year, are required to file bonds and qualify for and enter upon the duties

of office, not later than 20 days from the passage of this act.

SENATE.—A resolution was adopted, instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to report whether or not the Comptroller General shall instruct Sheriffs to continue the sale and purchase of lands sold for taxes by order of General Cony.

A communication was received from the Governor, announcing that he had approved the Act to authorize the Governor to negotiate a loan of \$125,000.

A bill to provide for the poor indigent Counties was read the first time. It authorizes the County Commissioners of Henry, Williamsburg, Lexington and Orangeburg, where there are no County Poor Houses, to buy tracts of land and establish for the poor; and the Commissioners in the other Counties to make all such arrangements and provisions for the maintenance and care of the poor, as they may deem necessary.

House.—August 11.—The Committee on Education reported a bill to provide for the temporary organization of the Educational Department of this State; which was read the first time, and ordered for consideration to-morrow. The bill provides that the State Superintendent of Education shall hold office for four years, and receive a salary of \$2,500 per annum. He shall have his office in Columbia, and shall digest all reports of the various School Commissioners, including the enumerations of population, school-houses, &c.

The Committee of Ways and Means reported unfavorably on a bill to repeal the capitation tax. The report was ordered to lie on the table and the bill was read the first time, and ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on the Penitentiary made a report on the condition of that institution, embracing many details of which the public are richly familiar. It covered, however, some complaints about harsh treatment to prisoners, such as tying up by the thumbs, blind-folding and then causing them to run over obstacles placed in their way, &c. The general arrangements of the Penitentiary in reference to hygiene, dieting and labor were, however, warmly commended. The committee recommended a re-organization, contemplating the appointment of a Board of Five Commissioners, who should elect an Architect, Superintendent and Engineer, all to be performed by one officer, the employment of a paid guard, under regulations such as obtain in the United States army, &c.

The report was re-committed, with instructions to the committee to report by bill.

SENATE.—A resolution, requesting Theodore Starke, keeper of the State House, to report what amount of the appropriation of \$2,500 made for fitting up the Hall for the Legislature, &c., was unexpended, was passed.

Also, a resolution instructing the Clerk of the Senate to prepare a roll, with a view to the payment of the per diem and mileage, to date, of the officers and members of the Senate.

The Committee on Education reported a bill, similar to that introduced by Tomlinson, in the House in reference to the temporary organization of the Educational Department of the State, which was read the first time.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Charleston was reported with an amendment, authorizing the Mayor to discharge any member of the police when, in his judgment, it was necessary.

The bill to declare the manner by which the lands or the right of way over the lands of persons or corporations, may be taken for construction and uses of railways, and other works of internal improvements, was read a third time and passed.

CROPS IN NORTH CAROLINA.—The editor of the North Carolina Argus writes: "We have had fine rains since our last, and crops are truly promising. A gentleman told me yesterday, who had just returned from a trip through the region of country between this county (Anson) and the Catawba River, that he never saw such a prospect for a good supply of corn. He would not be surprised, he said, to see corn bring only fifty cents per bushel after the crop is gathered."

WASHINGTON, August 12.—Special Mexican advices intimate that the State of Vera Cruz is in rebellion. The leaders are influential. Fifty delegates of the National Journeymen Tailors' Union visited the President to-day. The interview was pleasant and characteristic, without political allusions.

The distillery regulations cover ten pages, and direct that no still shall run until the regulations are complied with. The new law requires five different stamps to a barrel of spirits.

The recent rains in Virginia are estimated to have been worth many millions of dollars to the State. They saved the corn crop.

J. PEARCE. CHAS. PEARCE. J. J. PEARCE & SON, COTTON FACTORS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, JACKSON ST., AUGUSTA, GEORGIA.

ROBEY, ROPE AND FAMILY SUPPLIES WAREHOUSE. N. B. M. EDWARD YARBOROUGH, of Abbeville District, S. C., has recently returned with us, will devote his personal services to the interest of his friends.

GRANGE OF SCHEDULE ON THE Greenville and Columbia Railroad. ON and after WEDNESDAY, the 12th instant, Passenger Trains will run daily, Sunday excepted, connecting with Night Train on South Carolina and Charlotte and South Carolina Railroads, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Station, Time. Includes Greenville, Anderson, Abbeville, Newberry, Columbia, Pendleton, Walhalla, and other stations with departure and arrival times.

PUBLIC SALE!

THE subscriber will offer at public sale, on the premises, on the FIRST MONDAY in September next, the plantation formerly owned by J. Y. L. Partlow, in Edgefield District, known as the

"MILL TRACT" Mill, Stock and Supplies

ON THE PLACE, WITH THE CROP. Miss Belle Partlow. Edgefield Advertiser and Laurensville Herald please copy and send bill to this office. July 31, 1868, 16, 5t

BARNES' MILL ON ROCKY RIVER.

THE subscriber would announce to his patrons, and the public generally, that his well-known Mill on Rocky River has been recently thoroughly over-hauled and repaired, and is now in excellent condition for grinding. With three good runners, and superior bolting-cloths, smut machine, and other appliances, he is able to grind promptly, and at the same time to guarantee satisfaction in the yield. With abundance of water, he can grind day and night, and thus relieve his patrons from any fear of disappointment. He will be constantly at the mill, and will give his personal attention to the grinding of all grain, with which he may be entrusted. Thankful for past patronage, he can appeal to his old friends with the assurance of being able to merit it continuance.

JAS. T. BARNES. July 17, 1868, 13, 3m

DENTAL NOTICE.

HAVING made arrangements to open an OFFICE at ABBEVILLE C. H., in connection with my Office at Greenwood, I will be at Abbeville from the 1st to the 14th of each month, and at Greenwood from the 15th to the last of the month. My Office at Abbeville is over the Store of Mr. THOS. EARL. I propose to meet full Upper and Lower SETS OF TEETH for \$25 each. Partial Sets in proportion to the above figures. Teeth extracted WITHOUT PAIN. I guarantee entire satisfaction. Terms strictly cash. Respectfully, G. W. KELLEY. May 8, 1868, 5, 1t

NEW SUPPLY OF Miles' Shoes.

For Ladies and Gentlemen. ALSO, EXTRA SIZES BROGANS, AND WOMAN'S SHOES, AT QUARLES & THOMSON'S. July 22 88 1t

IN BANKRUPTCY. IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

In the matter of J. FLETCHER HODGES, } In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt. To whom it may concern: THE undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of J. FLETCHER HODGES, of Horry District, in the District of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, within said District, who have been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition, by the District Court of said District, dated at Abbeville C. H., S. C., the eighth day of August, A. D. 1868.

JAMES A. BEACK, Assignee.

PAINING AND TRIMMING! DON'T FORGET

Drop Black and White COFFERS, of all sizes, and

J. J. CUNNINGHAM BEGS LEAVE TO INFORM HIS FRIENDS AND THE PUBLIC, THAT HE HAS RETIRED FROM THE ADVERTISING COLUMNS OF THE "PRESS," AND CAN BE FOUND AT NO. 2 WHITE'S BLOCK. August 8, 1868, 16, 1t

WOOL CARDS! McBee Mills.

OUR Carding Machines are in first rate order, and under the control of that well known and competent manager, Mr. T. Y. BRIDGES, who will use every care to prevent unnecessary waste and to insure complete satisfaction. Our facilities are such that we can afford to do the work on the MOST LIBERAL TERMS, and we can safely promise to turn out promptly. Excellent Rolls. If the Grease is furnished to us, (say one pound of Grease to eight pounds of Wool,) we will Card Plain Wool at TEN CENTS A POUND. A small advance on this rate will be charged Mixed Wool or for Cotton and Wool together. Wool will be taken from and delivered at Greenville C. H. free of charge for transportation.

The following named gentlemen will act as Agents for us in forwarding Wool, to whom payment may be made: D. R. SONNLEY, Abbeville, H. M. CLARK, Cokesbury, W. P. ANDERSON, Greenwood, COL. S. DONALD, Donalds, J. J. SHIRLEY, Horry Falls, T. C. LIPSCOMB, New Market, F. CASON, Ninety Six.

MILLINERY!

LADIES are respectfully informed that I have opened this day a fresh supply of the Latest Style of HATS, BONNETS, FLOWERS, FROSTED NETTING, RIBBONS, LACES, Which I am offering at VERY LOW rates. Call early and procure bargains. Jeanette Schwarz.

GRADY & HATHORN. MILL NOTICE.

WOULD respectfully inform their friends and customers that they have plenty of water, and that their Mill is now in THOROUGH REPAIR. For Grinding WHEAT, With a GOOD MILL, and an ABUNDANCE OF WATER, they will be able to GRIND PROMPTLY. For all who may favor them with their grain, we thank you for the very liberal patronage heretofore given the Mill, they hope by attention to business and strict integrity, to merit a continuance of the custom of their friends. Aug 12, 1868, 41-1t

LISTER BROS' FRESH BONE Super-Phosphate of Lime

Is now before the public. Let the Planter give it a FAIR and IMPARTIAL TRIAL, and communicate the results to us. We make no claim to being "public benefactors," but we do claim our article to be GENUINE BONE MANURE. And nothing else, and therefore just what the Agriculturist wants. "To give the plant food, and improve the soil." We remain yours truly, LISTER BROTHERS, 159 FRONT-ST., NEW YORK.

LIVRY STABLE AT ABBEVILLE C. H.

ON the corner of Washington street, will be found, SAMUEL HOISEN, SINGLE and DOUBLE BUGGIES, with or without DRIVERS, at moderate rates. J. N. BELCHER, Agent. Aug 5 40 3m

Gullet's Patent Steel Brush

COTTON GIN. COTTON ginned on this Gin and in Charles ton last season at one to two cents per pound more than the same class of cotton ginned on the ordinary Gins of the country. This statement is certified by twenty-five of the principal Factors and Brokers in Charleston place. Six dollars per Saw for each city acceptance. Send for a circular. G. GRAVELLE, No. 52 East Bay, south of old F. O. C. C. BRINLEY'S PATENT PLOUGHS, and a full Stock of Hardware and Agricultural Implements, for sale low, wholesale and retail. July 15 87 5m

G. STOEPER, WATCHMAKER.

Corner of Broad and Jackson Streets, (Under Globe Hotel.) AUGUSTA, GA. THE greatest care devoted to the repairs of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry. All kinds of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Specimens of Glasses sold. Persons at attention paid to the repairing of Watches. June 26, 1868, 10-6m

IGNATZ BILLER, MERCHANT TAILOR.

Shirt Manufacturer, and Dealer in Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, No. 84 Jackson Street, Augusta, Ga. (Under Globe Hotel) REPAIRING and Cleaning done promptly, and satisfaction guaranteed. June 26, 1868 10-3m

METALLIC CASES! SEAL & SIGN

HAVE just received a new supply of Metallic Cases. ALSO ON HAND, Drop Black and White COFFERS, of all sizes, and