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Any business connected with the Banner, will be attended to by the Editor, at his office in the rear of the Court House.

AGENTS FOR THE BANNER.

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THIS WEEK'S ISSUE.—Persons of various employments during the past week took a holiday and, in compliance with the invitation to the State, passed it in Charleston in attendance on the festival in honor of the Palmetto Regiment. Among others, our printers availed themselves of the occasion and joined their fellow citizens in honoring that heroic band. Since their return, the indisposition of one prevents the issue of more reading matter than is contained in our sheet of to-day. With this apology to our patrons, we crave their indulgence, with the certainty that their liberality will grant it, on account of the circumstances of the occasion which cause us to request it.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We have on hand several communications which have been necessarily postponed on account of the pressure of more important matter.

COTTON.

The latest report from the Charleston market represents the price of cotton at from 5 1-8 to 6 3-4 cts.

COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

The July No. of this Review is received, commencing the First No. of the 6th volume. The work has been regularly published nearly four years, and with signal success throughout the South and West, the interests and resources of which it points out and faithfully keeps before the public.

MAIL FAILURES.

The mail, due at this place from Charleston on Saturday, the 29th ult., failed to arrive. Whose fault this is we know not. The failures of the mails due from Charleston were, not long since, so frequent, that many complaints were made, and with reason, when it is considered that this is the distributing office of the district. In consequence of this last failure, we shall be for almost a week, from the 27th of July to the 1st August, without letters and papers from Charleston. This is noticed that it may be brought before those whose duty it is to attend to it, and that a similar recurrence, if possible, may not again take place.

We request the Charleston Courier to take notice of this matter, that it may come before the eyes of the proper authorities and receive their attention.

THE COLUMBIA FESTIVAL.

The festival in Columbia on the 26th ult. in honor of the Palmetto Regiment is represented as being a grand affair and well worthy of Columbia, the capital of the state. It was held in the College Campus under the noble elms which adorn the spot, and was attended by the chivalry and beauty of the state. John S. Preston, Esq. delivered an eloquent address, welcoming back the Regiment to their native soil. The Hon. W. C. Preston was President of the day. Thousands flocked to the city and participated in the ceremonies and festivities of the occasion. Many fair ladies were present, and are said to have carried by storm the stout hearts of the gallant Palmettoes.

THE CHARLESTON FESTIVAL.

The failure of the Charleston mail due on the 29th ult. deprives us of a minute account of the festivities of the 28th in that place in honor of the Palmetto Regiment. In general language the visitors to the city inform us that every thing was happily conducted, to the honor of the Palmettoes and the entertainment of thousands of visitors who flocked to the city. Some are of opinion that the number of strangers in the city did not equal that presented on the 4th of July. Still, thousands were present to do honor to the So. Carolina Regiment and to show their appreciation of the conduct of their gallant fellow citizens, when armed and acting as soldiers of the republic.

THE COMPROMISE BILL.

The Compromise bill, brought forward by Mr. Clayton of the Committee on territories, of which Mr. Calhoun was one, and which is intended to set at rest all questions of a Wilmot proviso nature, meets the approbation of the South, and has come before the senate, after having safely passed the eagle scrutiny of Mr. Calhoun.—It is considered as the only thing which can now settle the question, and recognizes the rights of the South more by the principal of non-interference and general silence on the subject of slavery than any

other. The mere fact of a compromise implies a retreat from absolute Southern and constitutional ground, to which the South seems willing to agree, provided it does not, as thus far, practically affect her interests. To all appearance, she is safe on the passage of this bill, and such a measure will show the faithfulness of southern congressmen and the wisdom of their determination that the question of southern rights and equality shall be settled definitely and at once.

GEN. TAYLOR'S ACCEPTANCE.

Gen. Taylor's letter, in which he accepts the nomination of the late whig convention for the presidency, has at last appeared, written in his usual terse style. He cordially accepts the nomination, but with a sincere distrust of his fitness to fulfill the duties of the office, while he will endeavor, in case of his election, so to act as to preserve undiminished the prosperity and reputation of our common country.

FOR THE BANNER.

Mr. Editor.—The late proceedings had in Charleston in relation to the subject that now agitates the people at large call for some remarks however trivial in point of merit they may be. I allude to the late democratic meeting in relation to the nomination of Gen. Taylor for the Presidency, and their determination to support that nomination, a determination for which they can show no reasons, and if any, they necessarily are but slight ones. Gen. Taylor, however deserving he may be of the office, cannot expect to be supported by the South. His principles are in direct opposition to ours, and consequently favor those of the North.

It has been avowed that he is a southern man, and that he is a large slaveholder; and it has also been said that his services to the country entitle him to the office. No man gives him more credit, than myself for the services he has rendered our country, but why should that reason be the means of elevating him to the chief magistracy? Gen. Taylor has done a great deal, but others have performed equally as much. Look back to the public life of Gen. Cass, and mark its course. You will perceive the benefit that has accrued to the country from him; besides in the latter we find a staunch Democrat. All his principles tend to show it; they coincide with ours as near as possible. It is impossible for one man's principles to conform to those of every other, without varying in some degree. Gen. Taylor, it is true, is a slaveholder; but how easy is it to dispossess himself at any moment of such property, as it is very readily converted. May he not, if elected, immediately dispose of such slaves and invest the proceeds in some of the northern states in property more available, and of a nature that cannot be injured by the great question now at stake? Suppose such to be the case, what interest will he have in the institutions of the South, and what difference will it make to him, if slavery should be abolished? All his letters, both public and private, show that his principles are northern, in other words, that he is a thorough whig. For those, if for none others, however much we may admire him for his gallant conduct as a soldier and respect him as a man of integrity and unblemished character, we cannot, with justice to ourselves and to posterity, sacrifice our principles, our interests, and our institutions, to personal friendship.

The whigs at the next session of Congress are expected to have a small majority. What disadvantages, therefore, will we not labor under, if the question of slavery is brought forward, of which there is no doubt? Gen. Taylor has repeatedly implied that he will not exert that power, which he alone will have at command,—I mean the right of vetoing. The South, then, if he is elected, is at his mercy. Therefore, if they value their institutions, and desire a Democrat to fill the presidential chair in 1849, let them stand up to the motto, PRINCIPLES NOT MEN." The South needs a true Democrat and withal a statesman to fill the presidential chair during the ensuing term. No man is more worthy of that office, and in whom they can without distrust repose more confidence than LEWIS CASS, for all that can be said to the contrary by a few so called democrats, who are influenced by the blustering and rallery of some ambitious demagogues, who have everything to gain and nothing to lose in the event of his defeat,—an event that is as improbable as that the moon and stars are one object, if the South will only unite as in 1843, and again put the whigs at successful defiance. "Fugit irrevocabile tempus." Therefore, let the South rally around the Democratic standard before it is too late, and success is certain.

JEFFERSON.

CELEBRATION OF THE 4TH JULY, SANTEE, CLARENDON. The 72d Anniversary of American Independence was celebrated by a large and respectable number of both sexes at Woods Grove, a shady retreat near the Clarendon Post office, on Tuesday, the 4th. At 12 o'clock, a procession was formed by the Marshal of the day Capt. RICHARD HAYNSWORTH to escort the Reader and Orator to the stand.—The Declaration of Independence was then read in an elegant and impressive manner

by J. L. PALMETTO, Jr., after which an oration characterized by great beauty of conception, gracefulness of diction, and correctness of sentiment, was then delivered by Capt. EDWARD B. DAVIS.

The orator had drunk deep of the waters of the revolution—he portrayed in vivid colors the privations and hardships endured by the early settlers of our country—he exhibited the causes that drove the pilgrims to the shores of the new world—that they brought the principles of liberty with them—the magna charta won at Runnymede from King John—he was peculiarly felicitous in his remarks upon the unjust and ruinous policy of the mother country to her colonies—he spoke appropriately of the "father of his country" giving proofs of his heroism, specimens of his generalship and instances of his patriotism—that justified his being called "first in peace and first in war". He spoke of the general diffusion of liberal principles throughout the old world, of the dawn of a brighter and better day for them—and as all proceeding from the example set them by us—the example of a great and united people testing successfully the capacity of man for self-government. He spoke of the great march of our country to wealth, power and greatness as being unprecedented in the annals of history, and the great obligations we were under to HIM who in the plenitude of his benevolence not only encompasses nations and people around with his mercy but "tempers the wind to the shorn lamb." He spoke of the unprecedented victories in the valley of Mexico and the revealing of the "b'hoys in the halls of the Montezumas." The topics touched upon were handled with much ability, but time and space will prevent our commenting fully upon them; but we would be doing injustice to the young orator were we to neglect to speak of the rich and classic language with which he poured out his thoughts—it was from the "pure well of English undefiled." We will say this, that we would be as delighted to reach Captain DAVIS' oration in print, as we were gratified hearing it.

At three o'clock the company sat down to a sumptuous dinner and after the cloths were removed, the following toasts were drunk (with Pages port), WM. MAZYCK DAVIS acting as President and Dr. McCauley, as Vice President.

REGULAR TOASTS.

1. The day we celebrate: Whilst the Santee continues to bear the tributes of the mountain to the ocean, the 4th July shall be remembered, and the glory of this day shall stimulate the breast and nerve the arm of unborn freemen. 2. The Governor of the State: Worthy of the high and honorable station he occupies. Under his administration peace has reigned within our borders—prosperity has hovered over our institutions. 3. John Caldwell Calhoun: By his inexorable will, proud self-reliance, and over-mastering intellect he has successfully breasted the storm of federal encroachment and rolled back with his herculean arm the fearful waves of monopoly and protection which once threatened to engulf our country. To him are we indebted for advocacy, maintenance and successful establishment of those great principles of which we are now reaping the full fruition. 4. Andrew Pickens Butler: His high character, spotless integrity and eminent ability, enlist our fullest admiration; whilst his zeal, energy and devotion to the rights and interest of the south, justify us in calling him her stern and uncompromising defender. 5. Gen. Zack Taylor: The genius which planned and the talents which accomplished the victory at Buena Vista belonged to no ordinary man. It is the brightest laurel in the chaplet of Taylor and entwreath his name with a halo of unfading glory. May he be called by his grateful countrymen to preside over the destinies of that nation whose honor he has so gloriously maintained on the field of battle. 6. Gen. Winfield Scott: The brightest page of American history will be the record of his victories in the valley of Mexico; they have acquired for him the most resplendent and enduring fame, whilst they verify that obloquy is a necessary ingredient of true glory, and that calumny and detraction are essential parts of triumph. 7. Palmetto Regiment: The brilliant achievements of this gallant regiment have reflected a halo of glory upon our State. Let us prove ourselves sensible to their deeds, and let the recollection of their noble sacrifices and patriotic devotions be cherished by every genuine Carolinian. 8. The "Emerald Isle": The mother of many noble and gallant spirits. But none have evinced more disinterested patriotism or more gallantry in leading an army to victory than Gen. James Shields. 9. The Federal Constitution: Let us revere it as an embodiment of the principles best calculated to promote the interest and happiness of mankind: May it ever be administered in the spirit which controlled its first formation. 10. The Union: Purchased by the blood and sealed by the martyrdom of our sires; let us cling to it, and cherish it as the greatest boon and richest legacy we can bequeath to our children. 11. The Heroes of the Revolution: They calmly slumber beneath a soil consecrated by their blood. History has done them justice, a nation has embalmed their memories. "How securely sleep the brave who sink to rest. With all their country's wishes blest." 12. Washington: Language cannot do him justice—eulogy cannot exalt. To be called the "father of his country" is paenagric enough. 13. The Ladies: The last and most perfect work of that great architect of whom Scotia's "peasant poet" has beautifully sung— "His prudence hand, He tried on man, And then he made the lassies O."

VOLUNTEER TOASTS.

By H. D. Bethune.—The Palmetto Regiment: The glory acquired by this gallant regiment is the common patrimony of the State; let her not prove herself unworthy of such an inheritance by not providing for the widows and orphans of the fallen. By Joseph Howell.—The stars and stripes: The emblem of our nationality. It was first unfurled to the breeze in the gloomy days of '76. It now waves from ocean to ocean, and seems likely to extend from pole to isthmus. By T. Burgess.—Gen. James Shields: Son of the Emerald Isle; worthy of the first presidential chair in his native country. By Squire Wm. F. Ervin.—The memory of Andrew Jackson: The hero of New Orleans, he gave the lust blow in the late war and humbled the pride of our adversaries.

By Wm. R. Burgess.—Lt. C. S. Mellen: May the citizens of Sumter bear in mind his bravery and patriotism, and look upon him as one who has defended valiantly the rights of his country.

By Thos. W. Briggs.—Gen. Zachary Taylor: Like "death on the pale horse" he rode through the battle fields of Mexico on his white steed, dealing destruction to the foe; but his warrior hand though red with blood, was ever extended to support the drooping head and sustain the feeble spirit,—he was a "brother to his soldiers", and his monument is in their hearts.

By W. W. Benbow.—Gen. Scott: The hero of a "hundred battles"; he has destroyed and dispersed an army of thirty thousand men; he has entered the proud capital of the "Aztecs", and planted the victorious ensign of his country, the unconquered "stars and stripes" upon the highest point of her far famed palace.

By Dr. McCauley.—Hon. J. L. Manning: The ability of his mind is only surpassed by the kindness of his heart. Clarendon can with the pride of the "mother of the Gracchi" point him out as one of her jewels.

By John W. Ridgeway.—The Union as it is, without increase, without diminution, we should neither enlarge nor surrender it.

By the Committee.—The orator of the day, his address has evinced learning, patriotism and ability, we congratulate him upon the able manner in which he has acquitted himself.—This was replied to in a very appropriate manner by the orator of the day, and he in turn gave the following:

Lt. J. Willis Canteley of the Palmettoes:—The warm and sincere friend—the true and firm patriot. In his death society has lost an ornament and our country a brave and accomplished soldier: may his memory ever live in the affections of his countrymen.

By John P. June.—May the time soon arrive when we may beat our swords into ploughshares and our spears into pruning hooks and pursue the "ways of pleasantness and the paths of peace."

By W. A. Colclough.—The Declaration of Independence: A beacon to guide the faithful and a terror to tyrants.

By Dr. John I. Ingram.—The 4th July:—The birthday of liberty's nation, may we never cease to celebrate it while patriotism has a shrine or virtue a follower.

By James Blair Hilton.—Gen. Z. Taylor: With pledges or no pledges, we feel satisfied that he will decide ably, honestly, and fearlessly, all questions that may constitutionally come before him as President. He has chosen his political position; may it prove as impregnable as his military one was at Buena Vista.

By Moses M. Benbow.—Hon. J. A. Woodward: Our distinguished Representative in Congress; we desire a continuance of his services.

The committee of arrangements being desirous to manifest their appreciation of the "offly courage and noble conduct of Lt. C. S. Mellen in sustaining so nobly the honor of the country, and the chivalric character of the State in the memorable battles in Mexico, had extended a letter of invitation to him, to which he replied, lamenting that professional business prevented his attending, but gave the following sentiment:

The Committee of Arrangements—Your conduct upon the present and all former occasions, prove conclusively your love of liberty and attachment to country, and that you have minds to plan and hands to execute all preparations necessary for celebrating the great anniversary of our Independence.

By the President of the Day.—The memory of Lt. J. W. Canteley: He obeyed the first summons of his country's call to arms—and a more gallant spirit or a braver soldier never went forth to battle. Though it was not his lot to live to wear the laurels he had so valiantly won, yet he has left an enduring fame and undying name—may my son make just such a man.

By the Vice President.—The memory of M. J. M. Murphy: Though no monumental marble or sculptured urn marks the spot where he lies, his remains, his manly virtues and noble traits of head and heart are enshrined in the memory of friends.

With this sentiment the company dispersed—no incident occurring to mar the pleasantry of the occasion. It had been the "feast of reason and the flow of soul", mirth and hilarity had prevailed and moments fled on downy wings, and the evening shades and the glowing west but too soon proclaimed the speed of winged day, and the hour (in these misanthropic regions) to retire.

The Charleston Mercury and Evening News will please copy, and oblige THE COMMITTEE.

IN HONOR OF THE PALMETTO VOLUNTEERS.

A dinner will be given at Sumterville on Thursday the 17th August next, in honor of Company A, of the Palmetto Regiment.

His Excellency the Governor and suite, the Lt. Governor, the Field and Staff officers of the Palmetto Regiment, the Captain, Officers and Privates of Company A, and the Captains, officers and privates of the different companies composing the Palmetto Regiment, and the citizens of Sumter and the adjacent Districts, and of the State generally, are invited to attend. The Sumter Rifle Company, Clarendon and Clarendon Troop, are also invited to join and take part in the festivities of the day.

The ladies are particularly invited to be present, for whose accommodation every preparation will be made.

SAML. R. CHANDLER, MONTGOMERY MOSES, JAMES M. NELSON, JOHN D. ASHMORE, JOHN BALLARD.

Com. of Invitation.

Sumterville, July 24, 1848.

The Charleston, Columbia and Camden papers will please copy.

ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR 17TH AUGUST.

The Marshal appointed by the committee of this District to make arrangements for the reception of Company A, of the Palmetto Regiment, respectfully inform their fellow citizens that the following Order will be observed on the 17th day of August next. The procession will form on the Main

street, the right resting place of the Palmetto Regiment, at 10 o'clock A. M. in the following order:

- A Marshal, Music, Clarendon and Clarendon Troop (of foot), Sumter Rifles, Governor and suite, Revolutionary Soldiers, Marshal—Palmetto Regiment—Marshal, Members of the State Legislature, Invited Guests, Committee of Arrangements, The Rev'd. Clergy, Town Council, Cold Water Army and Officers, Citizens Generally, A Marshal.

When the procession arrives at the stand, it will be halted. The ranks of the military escort will be opened. The Governor and suite and Revolutionary Soldiers will be conducted to the stand. The Palmetto Regiment will advance under the direction of the Marshals and take position in front of the stand, where it will be received by the President of the day, by whom the officiating Clergyman will be introduced, after which the oration will be delivered by S. MAYNANT, Esq.

The Marshals will be designated by cocked hats, and swords, wearing a scarf and sash.

- S. R. CHANDLER, J. C. RICHARD, F. M. MELLETT, L. H. DINKINS, S. WATSON, Marshals.

NOTICE.

A BALL will be given in honor of the returned VOLUNTEERS in Sumterville, on Wednesday, the 16th August inst.

MANAGERS.

- SENIOR: Hon. F. I. Moses, Hon. J. L. Manning, Col. Wm. Nettles, Maj. J. Ballard, J. W. Brownfield, Esq., T. J. Dinkins, Esq. JUNIOR: S. Mayrant, Esq., Dr. J. C. Haynsworth, Cpt. E. M. Anderson, Dr. J. S. Bossard, D. M. Herford, Esq., R. M. Dyson, Esq. Tickets for the Ball can be had by applying to T. J. Dinkins and Dr. J. C. Haynsworth. Price of tickets \$3. 1st. Aug. 1848. 40 3t

NOTICE.

The Committee of Arrangements to furnish a Dinner to the VOLUNTEERS will meet at Sumterville, on the 2nd Monday in August, 1848. Business of importance is before the Committee.

T. J. DINKINS, Chm'n.

J. C. HAYNSWORTH, Sec'y. 1st Aug. 40 2t

THE SUMTER RIFLEMEN

Will parade on 17th August next, at 9 o'clock, A. M., by order of the Captain. J. W. DARGAN, O. S. Aug. 7. 40 2t

\$25 REWARD.

RUNAWAY from the undersigned in Newton county, Georgia, about the first of last January, my negro boy WILLIAM, of dark complexion, about 18 years old. I bought him about eighteen months ago, at the Ordinary's sale of the estate of John Pitts. Said boy when last heard of was on Rafting creek, in Sumter, and is doubtless in said District at this time. I will give the above reward for his apprehension and delivery to the Jailor of Sumter. THOS. F. JONES. Aug. 2, 1848. 40 4t

A CARD.

The subscriber will be in Washington City during the month of August, and will make arrangements by which he may procure in the shortest time and at least expense, the Warrants for 100 acres of Land, or in lieu thereof Government Scrip for \$100 00 due each member, or the heirs-at-law of each deceased member of Company A, Palmetto Regiment. He will be happy upon his return in September to further these claims and with no charges on his part. JAMES D. BLANDING. July 21, 1848. 39 4t

SEED! SEED!

Just received and for sale at the Old Drug Store, a few Turnip and Cabbage seeds. J. J. MILLER, Druggist, Sumterville, S. C.

TO HIRE.

The subscriber keeps constantly on hand to HIRE a BAROUCH, single horse Buggy and Sulkey and Horses; all of which can be obtained low for Cash. JOHN CHINA. July 26, 1848. 39 2m

STRAYED

From the residence of the subscriber on Saturday evening, 15th inst., a young sorrel MARE MULE about seven or eight years old, and supposed to be making her way towards Camden for North Carolina.—Any communication respecting her will be thankfully received, by addressing the subscriber through Friendship P. O.; and all expenses attending her will be paid by R. C. DOLLARD. 17 July 1848. 20 4t

BLACK AND GUN SMITH.

We, the undersigned, inform our friends, neighbors, and the public, that we still continue carrying on the above business in Fulton, one mile from Mr. J. Dyson's Factory on the public river road. We also return our grateful acknowledgments for the liberal support we have had for eighteen months, and solicit a continuance of their patronage.—The subscribers also inform their friends and the public, that they are in want of a black boy as an apprentice to learn the Black Smith's Business, and would be glad to obtain one immediately. S. C. DESCHAMPS, L. H. G. DESCHAMPS. July 12, 1848. 37 3m