

*The Easley Messenger.*

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**SHALL THEY SCARE US?**

Last week the weak remnant of the Republican Party of this State met to take counsel with each other in Columbia. About one hundred and twenty-five whites and blacks met in the hall of the House of Representatives there to discuss the political situation and to adopt such measures as they deemed would be conducive to their interests and that of the National Republican Party. J. Hendrix McLane, the defeated candidate for Governor, who ran upon the Greenback ticket two years ago, was present, and desired the co-operation of the Republican Party with that of the Greenbackers in some of their nominations.

Chairman Miller called the convention to order and W. J. Whipper, colored, of Beaufort, was elected temporary chairman. He was the first presiding officer over the Republican Party sixteen years ago. But what were palmy days to them then, are not such now. They are but to stand aside and witness, perhaps forever, the almost complete overthrow of that power that reversed the natural order of things and made the white man subject to the black. Their howls will be all in vain, so far as carrying the grand old State, that has been redeemed from the hands of corruption and plunder. They may nominate a State ticket, but in this day they cannot win. They have put up one, but doubtless some are ready to claim that they meant to make no fight by it. Be that as it may the following are the nominations for State Officers: For Governor D. T. Corbin, of Charleston, Massachusetts or Vermont; Lieut. Governor, D. A. Straker, of Richland; Adj. and Inspector General, C. J. Stolbrand, of Richland; Treasurer, C. C. McCoy, of Chester; Secretary of State, R. S. Smith, colored, of Charleston; Sup't. Education, Rev. Joshua E. Wilson, of Darlington; Att'y-General, S. W. Melton, of Richland; Comptroller General, E. J. Sawyer, of Marlboro. E. M. Brayton was elected Chairman of State Executive Committee. It is thought that Mr. Corbin will not make the race for Governor, and the fight, if any is made by the others, will be a weak one.

In conversation with Mr. H. B. Hendrix, a delegate from Pickens county to the convention, he tells us that Mr. McLane, and who is a candidate for Congress from the

first district, desires Mr. Jeremiah Loope of Pickens, to run for Congress in the third district. But we heard it remarked that Mr. Loope had more sense than to do that. So notwithstanding the would-be ruler, McLane, our district will remain undisturbed by party elements in the Congressional race during this campaign. So with your desires regarding us, Mr. McLane, you may now take a back seat.

**THE ENTERPRISE OF "THE NEWS AND COURIER."**

On Tuesday morning last that paper well known as "The News and Courier," and among the most reputable of America, came to us in an enlarged form, bearing upon its face great enterprise and progress. It is keeping pace with the "Atlanta Constitution," having procured also a Hoe Web Perfecting, Type revolving Press and folding Machine, which cost the company over \$36,000. No doubt it is worth a trip to Charleston to see the operation of this great machine. It cuts, prints, pastes, folds and delivers from 1200 to 1500 papers per hour. The paper was something fine prior to the great change, and now that this improvement is made, it will be among the cheapest investments a man can make for himself in the field of newspaper literature in South Carolina.

THE PRESIDENT has appointed Post Master Gen. Gresham, Secretary of the Treasury, in place of Secretary Folger, who died in September. Frank Hatton has been promoted to the position of Post Master General.

[For the Messenger.]

STEWART, S. C., SEPT. 18th.

EDITOR OF MESSENGER: We have Messengers of different kinds; good, bad and indifferent. Then we have general messengers which carry messages of different kinds. We have a little MESSENGER which visits our homes, of that kind, and though it is small, yet it is faithful and punctual. Though it is small it reminds me of a large lady's husband, who, being teased about her very small husband, said: "Valuable goods are always done up in small parcels."

Now, as I have never seen any messages from the "backwood" portion of our County, I thought I would send a little message to the MESSENGER, and perhaps it would be kind enough to carry it into homes that it would interest.

A goodly portion of our Township is composed of that delight-

ful country commonly known as "Pea Ridge," and it seemed to be man-despised and God-forsaken, but it seems so no more, for it is opening up fast.

This year we have had more rain, more dry weather, more cold and hot weather, more storms, cyclones, &c., than usual. In fact, our township is a regular "Hurricane." Therefore, our crops are not wonderfully good this year, yet in spite of the bad crops, the spirit of improvement is abroad in the land. Our friend, James E. B., has improved his mills, adding a first-class flouring department. Our genial friend, "Cull" P., having purchased the interest of Mr. M., in their joint mill, says that in the near future, his old "mule-headed" Saw will have to give place to a first-class "circular," and also intends adding a fine flouring department.

Even Uncle Johnnie S., has caught the fever. His quaint old-timed, moss-covered mill would be the delight of an artist or poet, but though it seems almost a desecration the old with its picturesqueness, must give way to the new, with its usefulness; therefore, Uncle J. is going to renovate his mill and gin.

In the store line we have Jerry P., with his store, gin and Government distillery in a central location. Below, one mile, Elijah B. has just opened a store. Two miles above Tyra F. has another, and four miles above, on Crow Creek, Billie M. intends opening one soon. And could one see the improvement in churches they would hardly call this section the "God-forsaken." At Prater's Creek they have a neat comfortable building erected. At Four Mile they intend building. The new Church building at Keowee (Crow Creek Church), under the skillful and energetic management of the contractor, friend Jimmie, is rapidly approaching completion (getting ready for the "Sociation.") At Hurricane Schoolhouse they intend building the Mile Creek Church. And, just here, while we are at Hurricane School, I would like, ere I conclude to say something about the School Examination, which some of us had the pleasure of witnessing, yesterday. The patrons of this school were fortunate to secure the services of one of the charming daughters of our esteemed friend, Rev. John T. Lewis,—Miss Essie. I would say, that the examination showed that the patrons had made a wise choice, for they secured not a teacher simply in name, but in reality. The examination, which occupied the forenoon, showed a thoroughness of training that was hard to equal. The examination finished, there came from the lips of Miss Lewis

a sound that is ever welcome to a set of tired, hungry school children, and often welcome to older ones, and that was "Dinner." The schoolhouse was soon cleared and groups were gathered in the grove. Several of us visitors had the pleasure of partaking of the "good things that cheer the inner man," which were so bountifully supplied by Mrs. D., and Mrs. B. After an hour passed pleasantly, we returned to the schoolhouse to hear recitations which were well spoken. Rev. G. W. Singleton then delivered an address on education, which was good and to the point. Rev. O. L. Durant followed in his pleasing style with an address mainly for the children, which was well received, judging from the happy smiles and joyous laughter. The examination then closed with a song and benediction.

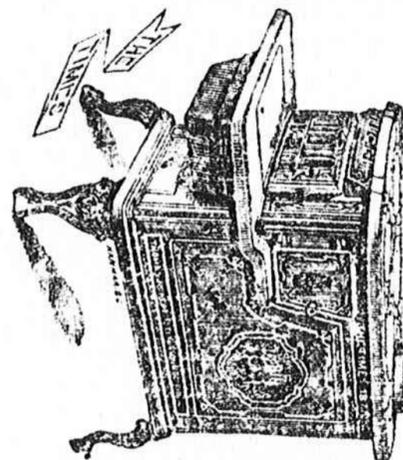
I would like to have spoken more fully of the exercises, but space would not permit. It suffices to say that it was one of those days of quiet enjoyment, and peaceful happiness, which like the oasis in the desert is calm, useful and pleasant, while all around is a barren waste, so such happy days make us forget that the world is full of sorrow and care. But if any has followed my rambling thus far they are tired of a

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