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May Day.

The first day of May, this year, afforded to the town of Orangeburg more excitement and amusement than any other single day since the war.

There were at least 2,000 spectators on the ground that morning to witness the Tournament, which owing to the exertions of the "Herald," Captain Jefford's was a very brilliant affair indeed.

The knights were at the Old Parade Ground at 9 o'clock and after an experimental piece of music for the benefit of the horses, and a short experimental ride for the benefit of manoeuvring the knights on the field, the column moved off in single file for the field of contest.

In their march the knights underwent a pretty sharp shower of rain, which without injuring the appearance of either the gallant knights or their fair ladies who witnessed the subsequent trial of skill, served the very essential purpose of laying all dust, there by adding very much to the enjoyment of the day's sport.

The Herald announced their arrival upon the ground at 10 1/2 o'clock, and by direction of the Judges having previously traversed the whole length of the field, the knights were formed in front of the Judges stand, whence the rules were read them by Col. A. D. Frederick.

They were re-formed at the lower end of the field, and the contest opened—each knight being allowed to ride over the ground at a gallop as a trial trip. This took a quarter of an hour.

Twenty-five knights rode, each knight in his turn coming forward at the sound of the bugle and all taking their first ride before any took their second, and as with second and third ride, the knights returning by way of the Judges' stand where were received such rings as they had taken, which alone they were allowed to count.

The whole tournament was over by 3 1/2 o'clock, and there was nothing in the way of accident to mar the pleasure of the day. "White Star" lost his lance at the third post, and "Black Plume" also by the bolting of his horse. "Who Cares" was unseated by the slipping of his saddle as the horse bolted.

The regular contest, a statement of which we make, resulted in tie of "Greenwood," "Fox Hunter," "Lost Cause," "Berwick," and "Black Knight," for first prize of knighthood—"Greenwood," and "Dorchester" for time prize—"Richard I," and "Charleston" for tin cup.

S D Dantzer, St. Mathew's, Appomattox, 6 rings, time 17 1/2 sec.

Dr M G Salley, Orangeburg, Greenwood, 7 rings, time 15 1/2 sec.

Dan'l Zimmerman, Fort Motte, Lang Syne, 3 rings, time 16 1/2 sec.

D F Mooror, George's, Indianfield, time 17 1/2 sec.

John Robinson, Rowes Pump, Richard I, 0 rings, time 18 1/2.

J B O Botterson, Orangeburg, Yellow Plume, 1 ring, 21 sec.

H W C Petsch, George's, Black Plume 2 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

N M Salley, Edisto Fork, Southern Cross, 3 rings, 17 sec.

Charles Culler, St. Mathew's, Fox Hunter, 8 rings, 18 sec.

P G Cannon, Orangeburg, Lost Cause, 7 rings, 18 1/2 sec.

A A Browning, Summerville, Who Cares, 4 rings, 19 sec.

J B Albergotti, Orangeburg, Starry Cross, 3 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

A M Salley, Orangeburg, Old Palmetto, 2 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

D R Gillison, Forto Motte, Red Gauntlet 8 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

Dr F W Dantzer Vance's Ferry, Vancoes Ferry, 5 rings, 19 sec.

Dr B Legare, Orangeburg, Berwick, 7 rings, 16 1/2 sec.

John J Salley, Edisto Fork, White Star, 4 rings, 10 1/2 sec. This knight had

his lance jerked from him by the last ring on his third run, and was ruled.

Willie Stokes, Orangeburg, Frederick II, 3 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

H H Riggs, Charleston, Charleston, 0 rings, 19 1/2 sec.

G L Salley, Edisto Fork, Edisto, 4 rings, 17 sec.

R E Avinger, Santee, Santee, 5 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

J W Patrick, Orangeburg, Duke of Wellington, 3 rings, 17 1/2 sec.

J G Vose, Orangeburg, Dorchester, 4 rings, 15 1/2 sec.

D M Elkins, Georges, Black Knight, 7 rings, 18 1/2 sec.

James S Heyward, Orangeburg, Beaufort, 1 ring 18 1/2.

The conduct of "Charleston" on this occasion was the only thing that occurred to mar the universal pleasure of the day. The serious distaste to his position which the Knight of "Charleston," Mr. H. H. Riggs, exhibited was extremely amusing and the rich ingenuity which he exhibited in filling the decision of the Judge—earned for him the sobriquet of the tin foil knight. He got himself and his companions ruled out by the vote of his companions in lance, on the ground, that no rings was not a less number than one ring. This act of the knights brought forward "Yellow Plume" and "Beaufort" as contestants for the tin cup.

Now came the most interesting part of the proceeding. The trial to determine to whom the prizes must be awarded. In this "Greenwood", was master of the field, he took 3 to "Black Knight's" 2, "Berwick's" 1, and "Fox Hunter's" and "Lost Cause" none. Competition for the tin cup came next and "Beaufort" taking no rings was ruled out in favor of "Yellow Plume" one.

Then followed the trial of horsemanship, which consisted of leaping the hurdle. For this there were two prizes the first of which was awarded to "Old Palmetto" and the other to "Berwick," making two prizes for this gallant knight.

The knights being now summoned to the Judges' stand and formed in front, the interesting ceremony of presenting the prizes to the several knights were carried out in pleasant and appropriate style by the various Judges to whom that duty was assigned.

LIST OF PRIZES. 1st prize, saddle; 2nd prize, silver cup; 3rd prize, bridle, bit, and spurs; 4th prize, saddle cloth, from Chappau & Hefron; 5th prize, silver cup, from Mantou & Co., Quackenbush, Estell & Co., Wagner & Monsee, Jeffords & Co., Steffens, Werner & Ducker; 6th prize, bridle and bit, from Chappau & Hefron; 7th prize, tin cup.

The Knight of Greenwood chose as Queen of May, Miss Felicia Robinson. The Black Knight chose as first maid of honor, Miss Laura Berry. The Knight of Berwick chose as second maid of honor, Miss Bessy Goodwyn.

The Tournament came to a close, and all were made happy by the great success that attended the efforts of the young people to rejuvenate the community. In the evening there was a Ball given at which were present about 250 persons. It did credit to the occasion, and everybody enjoyed themselves till the wee hours of morning.

The Nominations. It is somewhat amusing to read the startling effect that the judicious selections of the Liberal Republicans have had upon the Radical wing of the party. Some think, of course, that Greeley is of very small weight and others are so taken back that they hope to gain time to recover themselves for the onset by throwing badinage at the Democrats. That the nomination is a very powerful one nobody can deny—nor could they have chosen two men who are more calculated to induce that spirit of concession on the part of the Southern white men which is to work that harmony of purpose not only to the good of the national but also domestic politics. There is no man North or South who can say aught against Greeley's unswerving honesty of purpose and the masterly courage with which he "goes for" dishonesty or tyranny no matter how high the circle in which he may see it. No man North can doubt his Republicanism, and no man South has aught to say against him who was fearless in his onset, honest in his victory, and our friend in adversity against tyranny. B. Gratz Brown is, if possible, an equally good selection, a man who, in these times of high party spirit, has ever fought against the usurpation and centralization of government, even if it was under the banner of Republicanism. We do not say that we prefer these men to good Southern Democrats whom we can

not get. But we infinitely prefer either of them to Northern Democrats. We would regret beyond measure any attempt to put in a Southern man, and we think Greeley second only to Schurz who is ineligible and we hope with us.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., May 6th, 1872.

Messrs. Editors:—I am in receipt of a communication from Col. D. Wyatt Aiken, one of the editors of the Rural Carolinian, informing me that he is now making an agricultural tour over the State in the interest of the Society and his paper; that he has addressed many fine audiences thus far, and is anxious to appear again before the people of Orangeburg, and will address them on the subject of Agriculture, on Wednesday, the 22d inst., at 11 o'clock, a. m., and then daily go to such points of the county as may be desirable and convenient for him to reach.

It is unnecessary to say to those who have heard Col. Aiken that they will be richly repaid for any trouble and inconvenience incurred in the effort to hear him again, and especially upon so important a subject to the people of this section as that of agriculture, and it is therefore earnestly hoped that all will come to hear him.

He also desires the presence of the ladies, as he has much to say to them too.

Respectfully, A. D. FREDERICK.

Orangeburg County.

In the General Sessions.

May Term, A. D., 1872.

The Grand Jury of the said county, now in attendance upon this honorable court, ask leave respectfully to report as follows:

1. We have examined the county jail, and find it generally in good condition; but find one room very unclean and offensive. We find very few prisoners in confinement, which is a fact upon which we congratulate the county at large. We find that the jailor is a very old man, and deem him incompetent for his position.

Our attention has been called by the Court to the recent escapes of prisoners from jail. In our opinion, there certainly has been gross negligence and carelessness in the keeping of the prisoners in confinement. We recommend that such measures be taken, as will secure the safe keeping of prisoners in custody.

2. We have visited the county offices and in the discharge of our duty, we have examined their general condition. We find the Sheriff's office well kept and apparently in good order. The office of the Judge of Probate we find in very good condition. The books of the office were courteously opened to our free inspection, and as far as our examination went, they appear to be in perfect order. The same good order and keeping was apparent in the office of the Clerk of the Court.

3. As to the School Commissioner's Office we say again that many of the teachers employed are totally incompetent. We censure and rebuke them up to the people as the blameful cause of this evil and injury to the cause of education. We earnestly recommend that whatever steps can be taken by this Court to remedy this evil, be taken at once.

4. Our experience in the County Commissioners' Office was rather remarkable. The conduct of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners was rude, violent, and unbecoming a gentleman, and was very disrespectful, and in gross contempt of this Court and of the Grand Jury in the discharge of their duties. We recommend that he be attached forthwith for his said rude and contemptuous behavior. We were led to think that there was something very wrong in this behavior of the Chairman of the Board, and from the fact of this official's presenting to us "GENERAL" Whipper as his spokesman and attorney.

We found in connection with this office a county order or draft which was issued by the Board of County Commissioners to "John Evans Britton," dated January 5th, 1872, for the payment of one thousand dollars, for which we could find no voucher filed in the office of the said County Commissioners, and which could not be satisfactorily explained to the Grand Jury. It appears that E. T. R. Smoke had an account against the County and that it was a part of the money due to Smoke that was given to Britton, by means of the above order. We append the testimony of E. T. R. Smoke, relating to this transaction, and incorporate the same in this our report, as well as the testimony of Jas. Van Tassel, which were taken before the Grand Jury, and present

the Board of County Commissioners for indictment.

We would the Treasurers' and Auditor's Offices in proper condition.

Upon our own information, as members of the Grand Jury, we are cognizant of a certain offence which was committed in this county, where no steps were taken to punish the offenders, and in this way vindicate the cause of Public Justice, and protect the interests of the community.

At Rowe's Pump, in April of the present year, a heavy larceny of corn was perpetrated by John Odom and Trim Meyers; and the facts were well known to Wm. DeHay, who took no steps to bring the parties to punishment.

In the simple discharge of our duty as Grand Jurors, we present the said John Odom and Trim Meyers and Wm. DeHay for indictment.

We, the Grand Jury of the county, would earnestly and respectfully protest against the easy way in which Rules which are issued in obedience to our reports, have previously been discharged, and the offending parties never brought to trial.

We submit most respectfully that our presentment of parties for indictment becomes a farce and a mockery, unless the parties whom we thus bring before the Court, are made to absolve themselves from all blame, upon a public trial, or are punished for their misconduct.

As to the Poor House, we find it in good condition, but that it is some distance to water, and the woman in charge says she requires assistance in the discharge of her duties.

All of this report is respectfully presented. We have been actuated by no personal feelings, but by a simple, pure and earnest desire to do our duty, with single eye to the public interests, and impressed with our duty to our fellow creatures.

(Sign'd) GEO. D. SELLERS, Foreman.

Hon. Niles G. Parker, State Treasurer, is building a fine stable in the rear of his new dwelling on Assembly street.—Columbia Union.

And yet "This office is not in funds," and the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum are on the verge of starvation, and of the \$300,000 appropriated for school purposes, there is not a cent in the treasury.

PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY.—As might naturally have been expected, this new secret society of farmers is making rapid progress in the South. It is felt to meet the want nowhere, perhaps, so urgent as here, of union and co-operation among the tillers of the soil; while offering, at the same time, social advantages which add four-fold to its value and attractiveness.

In Mississippi, a State Grange of this order has been organized under the most favorable auspices, and with that popular leader, General Vaughn, as Master. The first substantial Grange in South Carolina was organized in this city last summer, under the name of Ashley Grange, No. 1, with Mr. A. B. Rose, as Master, and William Uffordhardt as Secretary. There are now ten working Granges in the State, and several others in the process of organization, and we learn that Colonel D. Wyatt Aiken, Worthy Deputy at Large for the Southern States, purposes, during the coming summer and autumn, to canvass the whole State in the interest of the order and of agricultural progress generally.

[Charleston Courier.

In pursuance of an act passed at the last session of the Legislature, providing for the sending, to their respective counties, of the harmless imbeciles in the Lunatic Asylum, an instalment of thirteen arrived in this city yesterday. They will have to be cared for by the county, or their friends, if they have any capable of rendering them assistance.—Charleston Courier.

The anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto, was celebrated in Galveston by a grand firemen's parade and military turnout, which was a brilliant affair, of which the boys are proud and "everybody is happy."

A few days ago a man entered an insurance office in Buffalo, and, tossing a paper on the counter, said to the clerk, "That's run out, and I want to get it renewed." As the clerk unfolded the document a broad grin spread over his face, and he inquired, "Are you sure that this has run out?" "Yes," said the man, "my wife told me it run out yesterday morning," whereupon the clerk handed back to him his—marriage certificate.

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LOCAL.

F. P. BEARD, Associate Editor.

JOB WORK—neatly executed at this office.

HAVE your cards and circulars printed at this office.

Messrs. Griffin & Hoffman, advertising agents, Baltimore, Md., are our authorized agents to receive and contract for advertisements in the Times.

It is thought the Court of General Sessions will not be in session longer than to-morrow.

The Elliott Hook & Ladder Company will make its monthly parade to-morrow evening.

The trial of George W. Sturgeon comes off to-day.

Mr. E. B. Seabrook, we learn, is boarding at Ben Loyd's (colored).

Since writi g the above, we understand he has removed to the more commodious apartments of Sheriff Biggs.

"Office-seekers" are very numerous, about "Rogues' Row." We saw an unusually large crowd there yesterday.

An active and intelligent lad can find steady employment at "the art preservative," by applying at this office to-day.

The "little unpleasantness" on Court House Square, yesterday, did not cause any blood to be shed, nor did we see any pop-guns "flying in the air."

Call and see the specimens of feryotypes on exhibition at Blume's Gallery, and you cannot fail to give the artist a sitting.

The rush still continues at the cheap store of Messrs. Bull, Scovill & Pike. A crowded store is the great feature which will finally crown them with the greatest success.

Don't delay; but hunt up all the cow pea you can find on the place, and bring them to Mr. E. Ezekiel. He will pay the highest market price for them. See his card.

DON'T "WAIT FOR THE WAGON"—Messrs. Wm. M. Sain & Co., are prepared to furnish parties with as fine a turn-out as can be desired. "This" is always at hand, and we have a horse and vehicle ready for you in an awfully short time.

By referring to our advertising columns, our readers will see that Mr. J. P. Harley has consistently on hand a full line of Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes, and a choice stock of well selected Groceries, which it would be well to examine.

SALES DAY.—But few persons were in town on the county on Monday last. There were no sales of real estate, and but very little of any kind. The farmers, who came in on business, as soon as they had transacted their business, returned home to push the plow, and take down the hoe that "Old Uncle Ned" had hung up.

We regret to learn that County Treasurer, Greene, was suddenly attacked with an affection of the head while attending to his official duties about 12 o'clock yesterday. We are glad to know that he is improving.

COURT IN SESSION.—The Court of General Sessions convened on Monday last, at 10 o'clock. Nothing was done in the forenoon, save the organization of the Court. The following is a summary of the proceedings:

FIRST DAY.—State v. George Green Washington and George Brown, larceny, case struck off.

State v. Henry Chee-coborough, burglary and larceny, continued.

State v. Wesley Washington and Josh Mitchell, burglary and larceny, case struck off.

State vs. Capers Green, grand larceny, continued.

State vs. Frances King and Wm. Pauling, King "guilty"; Pauling, "not guilty."

Toney Sistrunk, assault and battery, guilty of assault.

SECOND DAY.—State v. Edmund Staley, burglary and larceny, case continued.

State v. Isaac Jackson, forgery, case continued.

State v. Dan'l Jelfcoat, malicious trespass, guilty.

The Christian Neighbor, of Columbia, says: "A letter from Rev. J. H. C. McKinney, dated Orangeburg, S. C., April 15, came to hand just nine days after."

The first motion for the examination of a colored applicant to the bar, that it has been, our fortune to witness, was made yesterday, by Mr. A. B. Knowlton, in behalf of an aspirant who claims to have read law under Mr. Knowlton.

If anything further was necessary to consummate the position of disesteem into which Mr. E. Baynard Seabrook has persistently forced himself before the Orangeburg public, this young claimant for Radical leadership furnished it, last evening, by his conduct in open court; where, in spite of the greatest forbearance, Judge Graham was forced to send him to jail, for contempt of Court.

He was accompanied in his attack, by J. Felder Meyers, another exponent of radicalism, w. o. we understand, was extremely insulting to the Grand Jury, who recommended an indictment against him.

He says that he suffers under "Democratic persecution," and is "determined to see it out to the bitter end." What this may point to we know not; unless it

be that an investigation of the rumored forgery, to which we have heretofore alluded, is distasteful to him. More on this subject, next week.

Scarlet Fever and Meningitis are prevailing in Columbia. There were eight deaths reported Monday. It is confined to the lower classes of colored people.

LIST OF LETTERS REMAINING IN ORANGEBURG POSTOFFICE TO MAY 8, 1872.

B—Mr. Joel P. Bowman, Mr. James Brown.

F—Josh Fleury.

J—L. G. Jnahnet.

P—Mr. P. A. M. Patrick.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised.

F DeMars, P. M.

A LOVER'S ADVENTURE.—A Lafayette (Ind.) lover seated himself on a barrel turned on its side, while serenading his heart's mistress. In his ecstasy he rolled the barrel over, slammed his guitar against the shutter in his efforts to regain his balance, and disappeared in the chert. The bubbling cry of the troupe swimmer in his agony, brought out the entire family, including the bull dog, in various brief and picturesque costumes, ranging all the way from an elaborate robe de nuit and curl papers worn by the innocent cause of it all, to a simple, yet serviceable collar, ornamented with spigets, worn by the bull dog. P. S.—He was fished out.

A ROMANCE.—A Boston woman, who had long been given up for dead by all who were dear to her, lately appeared, "the ghost of her former self" to those who had thought never to see her again. She told a story of strange and horrible suffering. More than a score of years ago she had sailed, a young girl of 18, with her missionary husband for "India's dark strand." The vessel was wrecked on the Arabian coast and all on board perished save her husband and herself. He was preserved only to fall a victim to Arab cruelty, and she to Arab slavery. While her beauty lasted she was the favorite wife of the most powerful chief in the South Arabian desert, but when that waned she fell from her "had eminence" and was transferred to the barem of an inferior sheik. And so she lived, prayed or death, but not daring to die, till banished from one barbarian to another, a Boston lady in whose veins flowed the purest Puritan blood, found herself the wife of an Arabian water-carrier. From his power, an American traveller freed her and provided her with the means to reach home.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM MEXICO. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19, 1847.

MR. JOHN G. BOWMAN: DEAR SIR:—We have received news from the city of Mexico up to the 20th of November. The news of the arrest of Gen. Worth, Pillow, and Col. Duncan by order of Gen. Scott, is confirmed. The charges against the officers appear to be contempt for the Commanding Chief, and the practice of letter writing and puffing Gen. Twiggs was to have left Mexico with the train on the 3d inst; but in consequence of the arrest of General Worth, his presence would be necessary in the Capitol. The officers of his division have given Gen. Twiggs a splendid dinner.

The English government has protested against a forced loan from the English resident in Mexico. There are four papers published in the English language in Mexico. The Order of the Sons of Temperance has been instituted in the city of Mexico. It is called the "Walter Child's Division No. 1, S. of T." and their address has been published. Gen. Herrera was very ill at the last account. Mazatlan has been taken possession of by the Americans.

Santa Anna's partizans are endeavoring to subvert the government under Annays. Several vessels of our Navy had entered the port of Guaymas, and took possession after an hour of bombardment.

Gen. Tom Thumb's gallant equipage paraded the streets on yesterday in fine style, to the no little amusement of all who witnessed it. He holds his levee every day and evening at the Washington Armory Hall, where thousands of ladies and gentlemen visit him to witness his performances.

Our Cotton Market is quite animated, and 12,000 bales of cotton have been sold in the last two days. Quotations: Ordinary, 64 to 64 1/2 cts.; Middling, 64 to 64 1/2 cts. Sugar, common to choice, 3 to 5 cts. Coffee 6 to 6 1/2. Corn, 50 to 55 cts. per Bushel; Flour, \$5 to 5.50 per bbl. Rice, 4 to 5 cents per lb.

Yours Respectfully, ROUGH AND READY.