

THE NEWBERRY HERALD.

[From the Journal of Commerce.]
Transfer Taxes and Freight Discriminations Against Charleston.

To the Editor of the Journal of Commerce:

In the minds of many of the merchants of this city there is great necessity for changes in several matters touching business.

1st. A union freight depot near the water, so that vessels can load and unload directly out and in the freight depot, would save the unnecessary expense of forwarding. The expense of transfer under the present system, alone is quite enough to drive from Charleston such trade as that which has the advantage of importing over competing lines. It has been remarked that the Enterprise Railroad was a great addition to the trade of Charleston in facilitating through freight at low rates. The road, if the road beds are kept in order, as a passenger road, is certainly an improvement. But freight such as is now carried by the Enterprise Railroad can be carried for ten per cent. less by wagon, and if our streets are kept only in reasonably good order, such contract would be a desirable one. A union freight depot along the water front, so that vessels can load and unload through freight, or other freight, if it is desired, direct out and in the depot, would enable us to compete with Port Royal, Savannah and Wilmington, and also bring back to us from Alabama, Georgia, part of North Carolina, and the upper portion of South Carolina, the business now diverted—the trade for heavy goods such as bagging, ties, phosphate, salt, syrups, and raw sugars and molasses.

2nd. We should do away with the habit of discriminating freight arrangements. This assuredly is killing the goose that lays the golden egg. We are positively driving our very best trade from us, and building other markets in opposition. Fully two-thirds of the very best trade above Columbia has already left Charleston. And, as to the extent our cotton business suffers in consequence of high rates of freight from Anderson and thereabouts, the enclosed letter will explain to you. Will you explain, and in that way convince the officers of the South Carolina Railroad, agents of steamers, factors and merchants, that in the past the commerce of Charleston has been injured, and consequently their own business through heavy freight charges and discrimination in freight on goods from Charleston.

It is high time that something should be done. In a few months we can look for the trade to open. What should and could be done without delay, is to remove the discrimination in rates of freight on such goods as are shipped from Charleston to the interior of our State, and also without the least delay, reduce rates of freight on cotton, especially from the upper portion of our State. This little change alone will work wonders for Charleston; and why is it that the South Carolina Railroad works so persistently against the interests of this city?

CHARLESTON.

"I have the promise of lots of cotton here but we must certainly do something on freight. Can't you get the merchants to hold a meeting and work on the railroads? If something is not done, we will lose 25,000 bales of cotton and any quantity of trade. With low freights we can regain all of this trade."

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE IN SESSION.—GREENVILLE, August 16.—The Judiciary Committee of the Legislature met here last Monday, and are working like beavers. Messrs. Aldrich, Hemphill, Orr, Shepard and others are here. It is, I think, full. They consider a plan of lower courts, the working of the roads and some bills. They will recommend the abolition of Trial Justices, and the establishment of county circuit courts, a judge well qualified, with a salary of some \$1,500 or \$2,000, who will reside at the county seat, but will have courts at different parts over the county, and they propose to make these county courts self-sustaining, and thus get rid of the dreadful trouble and expense of the Trial Justice's courts. They will recommend, as regards the roads, that convict labor of every kind be utilized to work county roads and build bridges, &c.—*Correspondence News and Courier.*

SOLETTI MAGNIFICENT.—For its steel engraving the Electric for September contains a fine portrait of the famous musical composer, Richard Wagner. Accompanying this engraving is an admirable analytical and biographical article on Wagner and his music by the Rev. H. R. Haves, one of the most competent of living musical critics and an enthusiastic admirer of Wagner's music-drama. This portrait and article are alone worth the price of the number.

Among the other literary contents are, "Driving Light Waves," by Richard A. Proctor, B.A., F.R.S.; "Round the World in a Yacht," by Thomas Brumby, M.P., Part I.; "German Schools," by Walter Perry; "An Apology for Idlers," by "Life and Times of Thomas Becket," by James Anthony Froude; "My Peculiarities," a poem, by Henry S. Leigh; "The Story of the Prisoner," by Lady Verney; "A Feather," "Notes on the Geographical Distribution of Animals," by W. F. Kirby, naturalist; additional chapters on "Young Musgraves," by Mrs. O. Platt; "Modern Diplomacy," "Japanese Miniature Odes," "Cap-A-New England Days," "Dresden China and its Manufacture," "Misses, Saxons," "Vital Force," and "The Melancholy Ocean." These, together with the copious Editorial Notes on home and foreign literature, science, and art, make up a number various enough in its interest to meet the requirements of all classes of readers, and not too exacting for the season when the most conscientious reader is willing to seek mental recreation.

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THE SOUTHERN MEDICAL JOURNAL, for August, contains two pieces of music, which are worthy of special notice. The first is a beautiful song, by George W. Perry, entitled "I'll Speak to You Gladly Again," an answer to the popular "Speak, only Speak," and the second is "Burlesque Polka," 16 pages, in full. The latter is a very clever and original composition, and is an interesting exposure of the "Implications in Selling Pianos and Organs," which is so unblushingly practiced by certain classes of dealers. It is a splendid three-cent stamp for a specimen copy of the Journal and for your self, a valuable and cheap magazine it really is. Published by Ludkin & Bates, Savannah, Ga.

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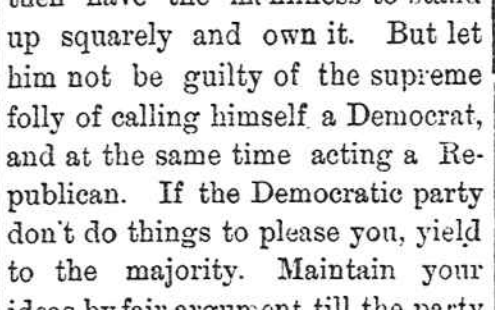
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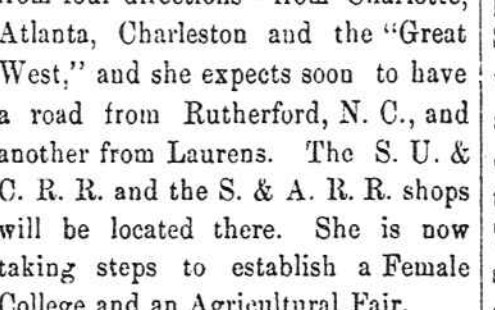
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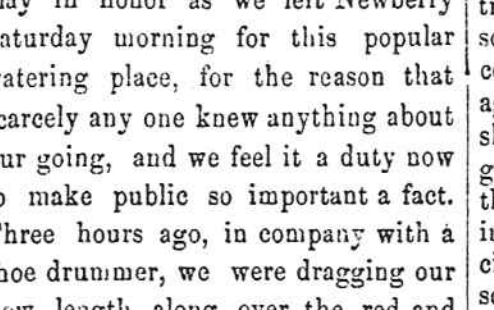
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We hear much of the conservative element and the radical element and other elements in politics. There is no end of clap-trap and blarney in these expressions. One says the conservative element should control in politics. It is true, if properly understood. There ought to be conservatism in politics, as in everything else, if it is of the right kind. But what is meant by the "conservative element" as commonly used? It means that element of the voting population that will not be bound down to any particular line of conduct, or to any set of men. That sounds independent and manly; but it is merely a disguise to hide evil designs. When you hear a man talking about his conservatism in politics, watch him. He is fishing for office. He is pandering to both parties, expecting to get the Republican vote and the vote of those unwary Democrats who can be caught with chaff.

There are only two political parties in this State or County—the Republican and the Democrat. The line is distinctly drawn between them. You must stand on one side of the line or the other—you can't stand on both sides. If you don't act with the Democratic party you are a Republican, and all your fine talk about the "conservative element" and Hampton and his pledges, don't amount to anything. Let a man choose his party, and then have the manliness to stand up squarely and own it. But let him not be guilty of the supreme folly of calling himself a Democrat, and at the same time acting a Republican. If the Democratic party don't do things to please you, yield to the majority. Maintain your ideas by fair argument till the party decides on its line of conduct. Then it is your imperative duty to abide by that decision. Only in this way can the party prevent "splits" and consequent defeat.

To the Grangers of Newberry County.

Newberry County ought to have a permanent Agricultural Association. It would give dignity to the County, and would be a constant source of pleasure and benefit to its citizens. The farmers, organized as they are by means of the Granges, can establish such an association. Won't they do it? Let somebody make the first move. Agitate the subject. Anderson, Abbeville, Union and other counties have annual fairs, some of them almost equal to the State Fair. Newberry has the facilities for making a County Fair a perfect success, and we would like to see it done before another year rolls round.

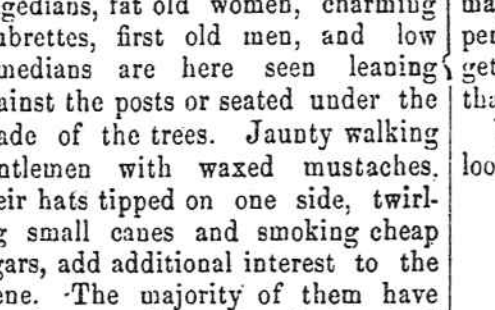
Union County will have its "Third Annual Fair" the 6th, 7th and 8th of November. The citizens of Newberry, Spartanburg, York, Laurens and Chester are invited to attend as exhibitors, as well as visitors.

The fall session of the Williamson Female College has opened with 79 pupils, 85 being boarders. The sessions are divided into four sections, of five weeks each. The 2nd section begins September 3d.

Committees have been appointed by the Governor to investigate the indebtedness of the following counties: Aiken, Barnwell, Charleston, Clarendon, Edgefield, Georgetown, Marion, Marlboro, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, Williamsburg and York—fourteen in all.

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The article copied from the *Journal of Commerce* in another column may be read with profit by our people. It will teach them some very important lessons. The first is that the trade of the up-country is being driven from Charleston, our own seaport, by excessive freight charges, and that Charleston must therefore decline, and is even now declining, in business prosperity