

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 26.—Affairs in this locality, especially those of a political nature, begin to be of interest.

The recent Democratic Convention, so-called, which assembled here, has borne fruit. Whether it is of the Dead Sea order or not, remains to be tested. Upon the Republican platform, to the extent of conceding qualified suffrage to the colored man, clubs have been organized in many localities in every one of the twenty-four Districts represented in that Convention, and the work still goes on. A very considerable number of the respectable colored men of Columbia have likewise formed a Democratic club, and similar organizations exist in other localities. The members know each other by a peculiar sign and pass-word, and it is designed to give each one on joining, a handsome certificate, stating the fact, and recommending him to the consideration of the community.

The Executive Democratic Central Committee are working like beavers. Colonel Thomas has editorial charge of the local paper, and stirs the political fire incessantly and well.

Facts, statistics and opinions are gathered and forwarded to Washington, to strengthen, if possible, the protest made in person by the committee during their late visit to the capital. It cannot be said that material benefit has accrued to ourselves as the result of this visit, but the gentlemen composing the committee are satisfied that they have done the public special service, in laying our cause before so august a tribunal as Thaddeus Stevens and his reconstruction cabal, and in directing the attention of the press of the North to our unhappy affairs.

General Wade Hampton will undoubtedly be selected as one of the delegates to attend the National Democratic Convention, which assembles in New York on the 4th of July. I am unable to mention with certainty the name of any other person. The representation of South Carolina in that Convention by gentlemen of too great an eminence—especially a greatness attained by their hearty identification with our cause during the war—however much it may satisfy ourselves, will, it is feared, do more harm than good.

A distinguished New Yorker, who was in this city but two or three days ago, and who is likewise a delegate to the National Convention, expressed the hope that those comparatively unknown at the North would be sent thither, in preference to the famous men whom we delight to honor, but who on that occasion would become the target of vituperation, and by taking an active part in deliberations, actually become a thorn in the side of the Democratic party. There are many who believe we should refrain from seeking any alliance of the sort, until the platform has been framed by the North and West.

Local affairs are interesting outside of the city only as they indicate the sentiments of the Republicans. The Democratic candidate for Mayor is Colonel J. P. Thomas. The "Vox Populi" have nominated Major John Alexander, "a bonnie Scotchman," and a most estimable citizen. It is believed that, notwithstanding his services for the Confederacy during the war, a majority of the Republicans will sustain him. In like manner, the Republicans will sustain Major D. B. Miller, the present efficient Clerk of the Court. The tyranny of public opinion hounds him because he has allowed his name to be used by "the niggers" as a candidate. Yet Major Miller carried the first company from Columbia into active service, and is a cripple for life from wounds received. His record on the Southern side of the house is as good as that of many of his fellows; while on the Republican side, it seems to have been his misfortune to have acted in such good faith towards the colored people, as to secure their respect and support.

Dr. Neagle, the Comptroller, Cardozo, the Secretary of State, R. J. K. Jilison, the Superintendent of Education, DeLarge, the Senator, and others, officers elect, have gathered here, and are making arrangements to pitch their tents. T. J. Robertson is said to keep "open house," and is the kindest and "perilous" man in the whole country to every individual that owns a vote likely to be cast for him as a candidate for United States Senator. He is as keen as a briar, and has his friends at work all over the State, winning, dining, &c., the new members. The general impression here is that Sawyer will be his worst antagonist, but that if Robertson is elected, Rutland, of Fairfield, a candidate of about 250 pounds avoirdupois, will, in his disappointment, trip him up and roll on him. The contest is a very active one. Lieutenant-Colonel Willard is declared to be a candidate for the Superior Court, and Moses will undoubtedly be among the supremes. The Speaker of the House will probably be F. J. Moses, Jr., the Inspector-General.

The Senate will, of course, be presided over by Lieutenant-Governor Lemuel Boozer. There is a suspicion that D. H. Chamberlain, the Attorney-General, will open for litigation some of the many cases of

contract based on Confederate currency, and so create a financial revolution; but much will depend on the character of the surroundings. In short, the devil is to pay, and there is a very large cauldron of pitch hot.

The Legislature will not be convened by General Canby until ten days after the signing of the ratification bill by President Johnson, or its passage over his veto by the House.

PRESTO.

IMMIGRANTS AT NEWBERRY.—The first batch of any considerable number of German immigrants, says the Newberry Herald, of the 27th inst., arrived here on Wednesday last, under the care of the Rev. T. S. Boineat, the energetic, persevering and working President of our Immigration Society—about twenty-two in number, stout, rosy-cheeked, intelligent-looking men, women and children. Their arrival was an occasion of great interest to the community, and when viewed as the forerunner of a large and continued influx, we cannot but feel gratified at the prospect before us—an increase of white population, greater prosperity, enhanced value of property and more abundant products.

Under the title of the "Steam Bird," Mr. J. K. Symthes, of Paddington, England, barrister at law, proposes to introduce a "flying steam engine," fitted with wings, flapped by the action of steam. Liquid fuel is to be used, and seats are attached for one or two passengers.

COLUMBIA MARKET.

Report for Week ending Friday, May 29. PHOENIX OFFICE, COLUMBIA, S. C., MAY 30. There has been very little doing in cotton during the past week, the sales only reaching 42 bales, as follows: 2 at 28; 15 at 27; 12 at 26; 10 at 25; 3 at 23.

All other articles of country produce are in good demand, with a fair supply in the market.

The following buying rates of South Carolina Bank Notes, is prepared by Gregg, Palmer & Co., Brokers:

Bank of Camden	20
Bank of Charleston	19
Bank of Chester	6
Bank of Georgetown	5
Bank of Newberry	30
Bank of South Carolina	8
Bank of State of South Carolina, [old.]	6
Bank of State of South Carolina, [new.]	1
Bank of Hamburg	10
Commercial Bank	1
Exchange Bank	8
Planters' Bank	4
Farmers and Exchange Bank	1
State Bank	1
Union Bank	70
South-Western Railroad Bank, [old.]	23
People's	35
Planters and Mechanics	16
Merchants'	4

Wholesale Prices Current.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY THE COLUMBIA BOARD OF TRADE.

APPLES—Per bushel	1 25 @ 1 50
BAGGING—Cunny, per yard	25
BAGGING—Dundee	30
BALE ROPE—Manilla, per lb.	25 @ 30
BALE ROPE—N.Y. or West	15 @ 16
BUTTER—Northern, per lb.	60 @ 70
BUTTER—Country	35 @ 40
BACON—Hams, per lb.	25 @ 28
BACON—Sides	19 @ 20
BACON—Shoulders	17 @ 18
BRICKS—Per 1,000	9 00 @ 12 00
CANDLES—Sperm, per lb.	37 @ 45
CANDLES—Adamantine	22 @ 23
CANDLES—Tallow	18 @ 20
COTTON YARN—Per bunch	1 70 @ 1 90
COTTON—Strict Middling, per lb.	29 @ 30
COTTON—Middling	28 @ 29
COTTON—Low Middling	27 @ 28
COTTON—Good Ordinary	26 @ 27
COTTON—Ordinary	25 @ 26
CHEESE—English Dairy, per lb.	19 @ 20
CHEESE—Factory	19 @ 20
COFFEE—Rio, per lb.	23 @ 27
COFFEE—Laguayra	28 @ 30
COFFEE—Java	40 @ 45
FLOUR—Country, per bbl.	14 00 @ 14 50
GRAIN—Corn, per bushel	1 30 @ 1 40
GRAIN—Wheat	1 65 @ 2 00
GRAIN—Oats	90 @ 1 10
GRAIN—Peas	1 30 @ 1 40
HAY—Northern, per cwt.	12 @ 18
HAY—Eastern	8
HIDES—Dry, per lb.	12 @ 18
HIDES—Green	8
INDIGO—Carolina	1 00 @ 1 25
LARD—Per lb.	20 @ 25
LUMBER—Boards, per 100 ft.	1 50
LUMBER—Scantling	1 50
LUMBER—Shingles, per 1,000	2 75
LIME—Per bbl.	2 70 @ 2 80
MOLASSES—Cuba, per gallon	53 @ 60
MOLASSES—New Orleans	1 00 @ 1 25
MOLASSES—Sugar House	75 @ 1 25
NAILS—Per keg	6 50 @ 8 00
ONIONS—Per bushel	62 @ 60
OIL—Kerosene, per gallon	55 @ 60
OIL—Machinery	75 @ 80
POTATOES—Irish, per bushel	1 75 @ 2 00
POTATOES—Sweet	75 @ 80
RICE—Carolina, per lb.	9 @ 11
RICE—East India	11
SPECIE—Gold	1 40 @ 1 45
SPECIE—Silver	1 30 @ 1 35
SHOT—Per bag	23 50
SALT—Liverpool, per sack	2 50 @ 2 75
SOAP—Per lb.	9 @ 12
SPIRITS—Alcohol, per gallon	6 00
SPIRITS—Brandy	4 00 @ 12 00
SPIRITS—Holland Gin	5 00 @ 7 00
SPIRITS—American	3 50 @ 4 00
SPIRITS—Jamaica Rum	6 00 @ 7 00
SPIRITS—N.E.	3 50 @ 3 75
SPIRITS—Bourbon Whiskey	3 50 @ 4 50
SPIRITS—Monongahela	3 75 @ 4 00
SPIRITS—Rectified	2 50 @ 2 75
SUGAR—Crushed, per lb.	19 @ 20
SUGAR—Powdered	19 @ 20
SUGAR—Brown	12 @ 17
STARCH—Per lb.	10 @ 12
TEA—Green	1 00 @ 1 25
TEA—Black	1 00 @ 1 25
TOBACCO—Chewing, per lb.	50 @ 1 25
TOBACCO—Smoking	50 @ 1 00
VINEGAR—Wine, per gallon	70 @ 75
VINEGAR—Cider	50 @ 60
VINEGAR—French	1 25 @ 1 50
WINE—Champagne, per basket	25 @ 30
WINE—Port, per gallon	3 00 @ 5 00
WINE—Sherry	3 50 @ 6 00
WINE—Madeira	3 50 @ 6 00
MEATS—Pork, per lb.	15
MEATS—Beef	8 @ 12
MEATS—Mutton	12 @ 14
POULTRY—Turkeys, per pair	12 @ 15
POULTRY—Ducks	30 @ 35
POULTRY—Chickens	30 @ 35
POULTRY—Geese	30 @ 35

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Auction Sales

Medical and Literary Works, &c. BY M. W. BYLLEWOOD.

THIS (Saturday) MORNING, at 10 o'clock, I will sell, at my auction room, a fine assorted LIBRARY, consisting in part, viz: Works on Obstetrics, Midwifery, Women and their Children, Human Physiology, Cyclopaedia, Practical Medicine and Surgery, Watson's, Wood's and Dickson's Practices, Eruptive Fevers, Dropsies, Gout, Thoracic and Abdominal Viscera; Lawrence and Littell on Eye; Bankington—Commentaries; Greek and French Works, and many others. These works are well kept and finely bound.

Feather Beds, Mattresses, Cooking Stove, and very many other articles worthy attention. Terms cash on delivery. May 30

Horse Power for Sale.

THE undersigned will offer for sale, on MONDAY, June 3, at W. T. Walter's auction room, to secure freight and expenses on same, one of Felton's superior HORSE POWERS. Terms cash.

R. H. WALTON, General Agent G. & C. R. B.

May 18

Columbia Typographical Union. THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING of this Union will be held THIS (Saturday) EVENING, at 8 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested. By order of the President, JAMES T. WELLS, Secretary.

WOOD'S REAPER.

I AM ready to CUT WHEAT for any one that may apply. The machine can be seen in operation THIS DAY, at my Farm, in Cotton Town, where all necessary information can be furnished. May 30

J. M. CRAWFORD.

Independent Fire Engine Company.

THE members of this Company will appear at the Engine House, THIS AFTERNOON, at 5 o'clock precisely, for exercise. By order of the President, G. T. BERG, Secretary.

NOTICE.

THE Stockholders of the Broad River Bridge will meet on SATURDAY, the 6th of June next, at Bearden & Copeland's, in Columbia, for the purpose of taking into consideration the importance of rebuilding the bridge.

JOHN H. COUNTS, President Company.

STATE BONDS, STATE STOCK.

WANTED.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA BONDS, (old or new.) State of South Carolina Stock, Greenville and Columbia Railroad Bonds, (first mortgage), Charleston Gas Company Stock, South Carolina Railroad Stock, Bank Bills of all kinds. HIGHEST MARKET PRICE paid for the above by

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PEABODY SCHOOL FUND.

THE Committee appointed by the City Council to receive and disburse the Peabody Education Fund for Columbia having fully organized, announce that they are prepared to receive applications from those who desire to be EMPLOYED as TEACHERS by the Committee. All applications must be made in writing, to the Chairman, accompanied with one or more testimonials.

The following rules are to be observed: The teachers are to find their own pupils, from those white children whose parents or guardians are not able to educate them, and for whom no other provision is made.

No teacher to undertake to teach more than thirty pupils without assistance.

Each teacher is to keep a strict account of the attendance of pupils, carefully noting progress, conduct, etc., and make a monthly report, including numbers, to the Committee—a month to consist of twenty days' teaching.

Teachers to be paid monthly, at rates ranging from one to two dollars per pupil per month.

All the schools patronized by this Committee to be open to a monthly visit from a member of the same, or such persons as they may approve. WM. MARTIN, Chairman Committee Peabody Fund.

May 30

THE front part of our

Store having been damaged

by the recent storm, we will

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New styles of Boys' Straw

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ONE of the best constructed PORTABLE BURR STONE MILLS, about 1,200 lbs. weight—suitable for wheat or corn, and will grind from fifteen to twenty bushels of corn per hour. Apply to JAMES HUNTER, Columbia, S. C.

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