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County, Ala.

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We are informed that on the night of the 5th a party of negroes who called themselves Ku-Klux, went to the premises of Col. J. M. Lee, and demanded the keys of that gentleman's residence of the colored woman who had the custody of them. She persistently refused to deliver them, and the party then broke into several out-houses. Some of them were recognized, and have been arrested.

A gentleman recently from Warsaw, reports planters in that vicinity busily at work. He says those who were not overflooded are in rather worse condition than those who were. The latter are replanting as the water recedes, and are getting good "stands;" while the former have poor stands, and the cotton is slow in recovering from the effects of the excessive rains. Similar reports are received from other sections of the county.

One of the objects of interest exhibited at the recent Mobile Fair, was an old war-horse that had served in the State Artillery during the late war. Originally from Sumter county, he entered the service at an early day and bore his part in the battles of Shiloh, Farmington, Munfordsville, Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Lost Mountain, Camp Wild Cat, Marietta, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin and Nashville.

A communication has been received suggesting the name of a worthy young man of South Sumter, for a county office. We would find pleasure in promoting the personal interests of the gentleman referred to, but cannot do so at the sacrifice of our own. The Journal published such suggestions gratuitously, until the tax upon it became too burdensome, and in self-defense we now require payment. It requires actual cash to publish a newspaper—and a good deal of it—and it is hardly reasonable to ask the printer to work for the individual interests of others for nothing, and defray the expenses himself.

Letter from "Roscoe." Ed. JOURNAL.—Thanks to a kind Providence for the subsistence of the waters and an escape to the rain. Warsaw has been under water, and there remained one week. The Big-brother was nearly as high as in '51, and quite as high as in '47. The heaviest rain-fall was about the 18th ult., and the fastest rise was on the 19th ult. No damage was done here, except the total destruction of gardens, both vegetable and flower. Mrs. Groves, (wife of Dr. Groves) had a very handsome and luxuriant flower garden, which, except her rose shrubs, was ruined. We were not taken by surprise, hence our precautionary steps to save our stuff, &c. There was a general skedaddling out of town. Some of our country friends were very kind in lending assistance to those who desired to go, and others of them stood coolly by, with many a word of comfort, or "Come go, my horse until the water goes down." Yet, with all these trials, &c., Warsaw and its vicinity have fared as the "wicked hole" ought to, I suppose.

If we only had collar and cabbage plants to replant those the water killed, and a few Irish Potatoes to replant, I don't know that we could complain much. If you or any of your many readers have any to spare, please remember us, and send to us the first opportunity, as we will surely appreciate now and hereafter—I mean the green part.

In Greene county, much damage was done. All the fencing was carried away on the lowlands, and a considerable amount of stock destroyed for want of transportation to the highlands.

The planting interest is as much injured on the hills as in the bottoms. All cotton that was up is dying, and I am told a great deal of corn must be replanted to insure a crop. While we were "under," they could not plow, so you see the blow is equal. In consequence of these misadventures, I am sure the cotton land again be planted to that crop, but will be put in corn—or left out.

Not more than two-thirds of last year's crop of cotton will be planted here. The freedmen generally are well contented, and express a willingness to stay, and work on as usual.

There is some scarcity of cotton seed, but I think enough can be had in the neighborhood for present emergencies, with proper economy.

With fair weather and hard work a crop can be made. With sorrow, we read of the sad and terrible affairs on the Mississippi river and its tributaries. It is really distressing, and the condition of those people demands the attention more particularly of our general government, and the sympathy backed by some tangible effort, of every man and woman in the South.

Mr. E., of this section, says a cooking stove agent would do well above here, somewhere, as two or three passed down the river a few days since, in company with an anvil, and set of Blacksmith's tools. Politics are not much heard of here, but mosquitoes are in abundance. They are a pitiful looking set, so hungry and forlorn. They seem to be a forerunner of the future.

WHEATLAND, near Warsaw, May 3d, 1874.

BODKA, May 11th, 1874. Ed. JOURNAL.—When I saw you at Court, you requested me to write you occasionally from my part of the county. I am no letter writer, but I shall endeavor to give you any crops notes, or interesting news, that may transpire.

Farmers are crying "more rain," already. A large amount of cotton has been planted over, and will not come up until we have a good rain. The oldest cotton, so far as I can learn, has died out; and owing to the hard rains the beds are in a worse condition now than before breaking up. Seed are quite scarce. Corn is doing well now, and many are done working it, for the present. The farmers seem, from what I can learn, to have planted more Oats this year than has been planted in sometime; and wonderful to relate, we have one or two neighbors who have their cows and colts in nice "Barley patches," knee high. I know that could some of our friends who are in the habit of tying their cows out to grass, with a few yards of rope, only see what a great change it makes in the milk and butter, they would most certainly put a few of their many ears in some grain or grass for the benefit of their cows. But enough of this.

We had quite an unusual thing here last Sunday, viz: a Lawyer in the pulpit. Mr. Greata, of your town, gave notice to the colored brethren that he would preach—or in some way occupy the pulpit of their church on Sunday. The "brethren" seem to have not understood all of his discourse, as it commenced with a graceful bow (such as only Mr. G. could make), and treated of Adam, "the first Father of the black man," being driven out of the Garden of Eden—down to the more incomprehensible acts of life?

—Germany has a number of experimental farms, where all new theories connected with agriculture or horticulture are tried and their merits pronounced upon.

—It is a settled principle, your honor, said an eminent lawyer, that causes always produce effects. They always do for the lawyers, blandly responded the judge, but I have sometimes known a single cause to deprive a client of all his effects.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

In Mobile, on the 11th, Low Middling cotton was quoted at 13 1/2 @ 13 3/4.

Report of the Condition

Of the Gainesville National Bank, at Gainesville, in the State of Alabama, at the close of business, May 1st, 1874:

ASSETS:

Loans and Discounts.....\$112,682 30

U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation.....100,000 00

Due from Redeeming and Reserve Agents.....7,074 86

Due from National Banks.....2,460 54

Due from State Banks and Bankers.....1,313 24

Furniture and Fixtures.....953 50

Current Expenses.....870 71

Taxes paid.....522 70

Premiums paid.....9,347 50

Bills of other National Banks.....233 00

Fractional Currency (such as "ding Nickles").....24 84

Specie, viz:—Gold.....5,244 00

Legal Tender Notes.....9,940 00

\$250,599 28

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock paid in.....\$100,000 00

Surplus Fund.....7,025 58

Exchange.....2,710 22

Interest.....9,216 88

Profit and Loss.....1,903 73

National Bank Circulation.....87,000 00

Outstanding.....28,285 27

Unpaid Deposits.....2,770 50

Demand certificates of deposit.....9,611 00

Time certificates of deposit.....9,611 00

\$250,599 28

State of Alabama, County of Sumter.—Ss: I, C. D. WOODRUFF, Cashier of the Gainesville National Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. D. WOODRUFF, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1874.

GEO. T. WALKER, Notary Public.

Correct.—Attest: W. O. WINSTON, F. P. SNEDECOR, JONA. BLISS, Directors.

May 13 9a46-11.

Cattle and Sheep Wanted.

WE want to buy 100 head of STOCK CATTLE and 500 SHEEP.

Apply to J. R. & WM. LARKIN, Coatsop Station, 9 73 3/4.

Livingston Steam Mill.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE JUST built a new STEAM GRIST MILL near the Depot, in Livingston, and respectfully solicit patronage. They will grind for ONE EIGHTH cent. Regular grinding days, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays—and any other days on which patronage will justify the expense of running.

Fresh Meal constantly on hand at \$1.25 per bushel. We guarantee as good meal as can be had in the county. TERMS STRICTLY CASH.

GOWDEY & ROAN. 9a16-17.

Allegation of Insolvency.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Sumter Co. Probate Court, Special Term, May 2, 1874.

Estate of John M. Soule, dec'd.

THIS DAY came F. P. SNEDECOR, administrator de bonis non, said estate, and filed a report and statements, alleging that to the best of his knowledge and belief, said estate is insolvent.

WHEREUPON the Court set the 8th day of June, A. D. 1874, as a day for hearing and determining the same; and it is ordered by the Court, that notice thereof be given to the creditors of said estate, by publication in the Livingston Journal, a newspaper published in this county, for three successive weeks before the day appointed for such hearing.

[Extracted from the minutes.] JAMES A. ABRAHAM, Judge. May 8 9a45 3/4.

Announcements.

For Circuit Clerk.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Circuit Clerk of Sumter county, subject to the decision of a Democratic nominating convention. BELFIELD SAUNDERS.

For Tax Assessor.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Tax Assessor of Sumter county, subject to the decision of a Democratic nominating convention. W. R. DELOACH.

For Sheriff.

I announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county, at the November election, subject, however, to a nominating convention, if one is held. J. B. CUSACK.

For County Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Sumter county, subject to the decision of a Democratic nominating convention. R. S. MASON.

For Circuit Judge.

To the Voters of the 7th Judicial Circuit. I am a candidate for the office of Judge of this Circuit, at the ensuing election. W. B. CLARK.

For Probate Judge.

In response to the calls made upon me, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Probate Judge, subject to the nomination for the office, from the people of Sumter county. April 15, '74. CHAS. COOKE.

We are authorized to announce Col. I. C. BROWN as a candidate for Probate Judge of Sumter county, subject to the action of a Democratic and Conservative nominating convention, if one is held. Election in November 1874.

B. B. THOMAS is a candidate for Probate Judge, for one term, subject to a Convention.

We are hereby authorized to announce WM. BEGGS as a candidate for Probate Judge of Sumter county, subject to the action of a Democratic and Conservative nominating convention, if one is held. Election in November 1874.

We are authorized to announce Rev. A. R. SCARBOROUGH as a candidate for Probate Judge of Sumter county, subject to the action of a Democratic and Conservative nominating convention, if one is held. Election in November 1874.

Many Friends.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Probate Judge of Sumter county, subject to the action of a Democratic and Conservative nominating convention, if one is held. Election in November 1874.

Respectfully, GEO. WM. TORRY.

Notice of Final Settlement.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, Sumter Co. Probate Court, Special Term, May 1, 1874.

Estate of John Ritter, dec'd.

THIS DAY came Wm. G. Little, Jr., administrator of the estate of John Ritter, dec'd, and filed his account, vouchers, evidence and statement, for a partial settlement and distribution of said estate.

WHEREUPON the Court set the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1874, for said settlement; and it is ordered by the Court that notice of the filing of said account, vouchers, evidence and statement, and of the day appointed for the settlement, be given to all persons interested, by three successive weekly publications in the Livingston Journal, a newspaper published in this county.

Extracted from the minutes. J. A. ABRAHAM, Judge. May 1 9a11-3/4.

Notice to Non-Residents.

THE STATE OF ALA., Sumter County. In the Probate Court of said county, Special Term, April 23, 1874.

Estate of Edwin C. Gibbs, dec'd.

To Stitt Gibbs, Alice Stittman and her husband, J. A. Gibbs, Charles Gibbs and Ann Gibbs, non resident next of kin of said deceased:

YOU will take notice that Mary E. Gibbs has this day propounded for probate and record a certain instrument, in writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Edwin C. Gibbs, deceased, wherein the said petitioner is named as executrix; and that the 18th day of May, 1874, has been set for hearing and determining all matters appertaining to the probate of said Will, when you can attend and contest the same if you think proper.

Given under my hand this 25th day of April, 1874. J. A. ABRAHAM, Probate Judge. May 1 9 44 3/4.

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GARDEN SEEDS.

A fresh supply of Landreth's, for sale by J. L. SCRUGGS.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE firm of J. SCHIFFMAN & CO., of Gainesville, Ala., has been dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign the name of the firm in liquidation. J. SCHIFFMAN, April 24 19 43 3/4.

W. T. McKnight. I. C. BROWN.

McKNIGHT & BROWN,

DEALERS IN DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES, Livingston, Alabama.

Spring and Summer Stock JUST RECEIVED!

LATEST FASHIONS! COMPLETE OUTFITS!

Everything at Prices that will Defy Competition!

The Greatest Bargains in Livingston!

THE ATTENTION OF BUYERS IS respectfully called to our New Stock, which they are invited to look at and examine before purchasing elsewhere. McKNIGHT & BROWN, Livingston, Ala. 9a28

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!

Spring Stock!

OUR SPRING STOCK is now complete. Come one and all, and give us a call. We will sell surprisingly cheap for CASH—regardless of competition.

GROCERIES.

WE also have a good assortment of Groceries, cheap for cash.

April 17 H. O. VOSS & CO. 9 42

HATS! HATS! HATS!

A fine lot of Ladies' and Gents' Hats for sale by H. O. VOSS & CO.

SAVE YOUR MONEY!

And call on J. Zimmerman, Agt.

Immense stock of Spring and Summer Goods at prices Lower than Ever!

Greatest bargains in Dress Goods, and Ladies' and Gents' Hats.

The cheapest Ready-made Clothing, Boots and Shoes! Competition Defied!

Also, a general assortment in the Staple and Fancy Grocery Line, which Cannot be Excelled in this town.

All who want bargains are invited to call. They will save money by so doing.

CORN—SHELLED CORN.

100 bushels for sale for the CASH, by J. O. ZIMMERN, Agt.

Good for 30 Days!

Having on hand a large stock of Winter Goods, we have determined to sell all of our winter Clothing, Blankets, Shawls, and Ladies' winter Dress Goods At Cost for Cash! This is no humbug. We are actually offering these articles at cost, and will do so for 30 days.

S. & A. BROWN.

SADDLERY, & C.

As to assortment and prices, no one can compete in Saddles, Bridles, Hardware, Crockery, Notions, &c., with S. & A. BROWN.

GREENBACKS—VALUE OF.

Persons having money on hand should go to S. & A. Brown's to see how much they can buy for a dollar, cash. By so doing they will ascertain the current value of greenbacks.

DAMAGED.

A lot of slightly damaged Spring Clothing will be sold much lower cost, by S. & A. BROWN.

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CHOPPER & CULTIVATOR.

THE DIAMOND COTTON

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THE GREATEST LABOR SAVER of the AGE, with ONE MAN and ONE HORSE, does the work of front SIX to TWELVE men and from TWO to FOUR horses. ECHOPS and BARS both sides, WEEDS and DIRTS the cotton at one operation. After which it is converted into an excellent CULTIVATOR, for use between the rows throughout the season. This machine has been tested upon a growing crop, and proved a thorough, and practical SUCCESS. It bears the highest TESTIMONY from our best cotton planters. It will soon become as indispensable to the Cotton Planter as the Gin and Press. It has taken the grand sweepstakes of the GOLD MEDAL, at the Georgia State Fair, as the latest and most valuable improvement in Agricultural Implements, and the first premium wherever it has been exhibited.

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