

The Commonwealth

BY E. A. HEIDT.

MARION, ALA.

Thursday Morning, April 16th, 1874.

Twenty candidates are announced in Henry county.

The April number of *Wood's Household Magazine*, now upon our table, well sustains its reputation as a first-class, live publication. While its contents are not deep or scientific, its pages are free from trashy, sensational stories, and are full of bright, sunny reading that goes home to the heart. The magazine contains its usual number of illustrations, and its general appearance compares favorably with the higher-priced magazines. Subscription price, one dollar a year, and a year's subscription may begin with any number. Address, *Wood's Household Magazine*, Newburgh, New York.

Election News.

The Democrats and Conservatives gained a glorious victory in the Talladega municipal election on the 5th inst. The counted and acknowledged majority is about twelve, and thirty-five known and acknowledged illegal votes were cast against them. The Republicans made the most desperate attempt since reconstruction to carry the day, but the Caucasians won.

Connecticut is overwhelmingly Democratic; 18 majority in the Senate, and 47 majority in the House. On joint ballot 60 majority.

Cincinnati went Democratic in the municipal election, on the 7th inst., by 4,000 majority. The Democrats have 15 majority in the Council.

Columbus, Ohio, went Democratic on the 7th inst., by about 1,500 majority.

Evansville, Indiana, went Democratic on the 7th inst.

The Democrats elected the Mayor and city ticket, in Dayton, Ohio, on the 6th. Niles, Port Huron, Pontiac, Battle Creek, Bay City, Grand Rapids, Lansing, and Muskegon, Michigan, went Democratic on the 6th inst.

Perry County Council.

The Perry County Council, Patrons of Husbandry, assembled at their Hall last Tuesday morning, at 11 o'clock, and after the election of officers and permanent organization, reports were made of the crop prospects in different sections of the county, which were very encouraging indeed. All the delegates agreed in this, that there was more small grain planted in Perry county than has been before for many years; and that there was a growing disposition on the part of the planters to raise their own corn, meat, mules and horses, in the future, which is a step well taken and one which will certainly lead them on to prosperity and independence. Our planting friends all seem to have gone to work in good earnest. Several sound, sensible speeches were made, by members of the County Council, and in that spirit that manifested no evil, but good, and only good, to the people of Perry county, and the State.

The meeting was large and enthusiastic, and we do not know that we ever saw more unanimity of feeling and sentiment exhibited in any meeting, in our life.

The proceedings of the permanent organization of the Council, will be found in another column of our paper.

State Ticket.

Many of our cotemporaries in the State have recommended a full ticket for State officers at the next general election. We have expressed our preference for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and one Congressman for the State at large; and the ticket that we need of all others is one made up with candidates who will canvass the State—men who will infuse energy and activity into the campaign—those who will work from day to day until the election. We want the people—the whole people—visited by our candidates. We want them aroused. We want our candidates to roll up their sleeves and work earnestly. Let no man be nominated on the 20th of July who will not promise to canvass the State "through and through," and if a nominee shall fail to comply with such promise, let our State Executive Committee take him down, displace him, and fill the vacancy on the ticket with any one who will do his share for the political redemption of Alabama. We feel very certain that the candidates recommended by us will do their whole duty in the coming canvass; but if we believed they would fail in this, we would retract all that we have said favorable to their nomination. It is only by work that we will succeed in the next election, and if all the candidates, for both State and county offices, will adopt our plan of conducting the campaign, victory, a glorious victory, will crown our efforts; but if, on the other hand, our candidates fail to canvass—fail to see the people and present the issues to them, and loiter away a portion of the time perfect nothing—and rely only on a partial organization, defeat will certainly attend such efforts. Let the delegates to the State Convention see to it that no one shall be placed on the ticket who will not show his faith by his works. We must win the next election.

East Perry.

RAFDORFVILLE, ALA., April 13, 1874.

Editor Commonwealth: I will now try and redeem my promise to you some time since, viz: to let you know how we East Perry folks are getting along these hard and trying times. Well, in truth, I believe all are trying to do "the best they can" under the circumstances. The farmers of this part of the county are not much disposed to despond, but are battling manfully with adversity, and are using every means in their power to place themselves in a better condition. "Work and economy" seem to be the order of the day.

Mr. Editor, I do believe there is a better day coming. There are, undoubtedly, many indications of better times; but I must give the hard times we have had much of the credit for the great change in the feelings and actions of the farmers. They seem now to think they must so manage their farms as to make them self-sustaining, and make themselves independent instead of dependent people. The old, all-cotton system is, to a great extent, giving place to a diversified system of farming. There was more wheat and oats sown this winter than has been since the war ended, but not as much as should have been, and not as much as the farmers wished to sow. Many had not the seed and no money to buy it with; but I think they are planting more corn than usual. I am not able at present to give you the acreage of the different crops, but the Grangers are taking steps to get an estimate, and when this is done, you shall hear from us again.

I have heard it said that "the gods help them that help themselves." Just as the farmers had awoke to the situation, and had determined to "turn over a new leaf," here comes along the great and growing Order of Patrons of Husbandry to help them on, and they have not been slow to improve the opportunity, but are taking hold with a "hearty good will." There are already three Granges in East Perry, numbering about one hundred and seventy-five members. The Grangers, as well as the Masons, performed their funeral ceremonies at the grave of Mr. R. O. Harris on last Sabbath. Over one hundred Grangers were in procession. The ceremonies were very solemn and impressive. There was a general outpouring of the people on the occasion. The number present is estimated at not less than one thousand. The funeral sermon of the deceased was preached by our popular and talented minister, Mr. J. U. Wilkes. The people have paid a deserved tribute to the memory of one of our best citizens.

Mr. Wilkes spoke the true feelings of this community when he uttered these words: "Mr. Harris was a good man." Considering the unfavorable weather, I think the farmers of this section are making pretty fair progress in the way of planting their crops. Most of them have about completed this operation and are now plowing their corn.

Mr. Editor, you may think I am too sanguine, and will say in conclusion that, although we can't turn a summersault and land in a clover patch "up to our eyes" in a moment, I feel confident that we have, or are about to enter a

New Era.

Uniontown Correspondence.

UNIONTOWN, ALA., April 13, 1874.

Editor Commonwealth: The condition of our country for some time has been the fruitful theme for discussion by those who feel a deep interest in its welfare; and it behooves all who entertain a regard for its future prosperity to act well their part as true and faithful citizens. It is not only necessary to review the causes that led to such untoward results as have befallen our country, and to cast retrospective glances at the unpatriotic conduct of those who incurred these evils, but it is also highly necessary that every effort should be vigorously employed to stay the ravages of desolation—to revive the latent energies of those repressed by circumstances—to infuse new life where hope is well nigh extinguished, and give encouragement to the State to join in the march of improvement. Time and energy are necessary to effect many changes. Proper efforts will bring about such changes as are so much needed. We must elevate those to responsible positions whose minds and whose hearts will be elevated to the task before them. But few are qualified for the position of Legislator. Talents and good judgment are highly essential. Great deliberation is necessary to prepare laws to promote the public weal. So, then, as it is important that men of capacity and high moral worth should be selected to prepare laws for the guidance and protection of our citizens, patriotism enjoins it as an important duty on every person to place men possessing such qualifications in such positions. In looking around, I ask in all candor, can we find a man for that position, who is so eminently qualified as Colonel D. A. Boyd, of Uniontown? Possessing a mind stored with useful knowledge—practical and solid as it is in all its parts—with a large and varied experience—knowing, as he does, the wants and necessities of the people, he stands, in my opinion, first and foremost as the man best qualified to represent the interests of the people in the next Legislature.

lature. His vigorous pen has already been freely employed in denouncing the evils of the day—the great injuries his county has experienced by oppressive legislation he sorely laments, and to see her condition improved, is his chief desire. It is true, he was a candidate for the Legislature in 18—, but without any expectation of being elected. To preserve party organization was his sole object in being a candidate. He often relates humorous anecdotes connected with that campaign, bearing heavily on himself, and no one enjoys them more than he. But now the times are changed. The people then were indifferent to elections, be it to their discredit said. Now a change has come over the spirit of their dreams. Now they are alive and active, and will use every endeavor to put the right men in the right places. K.

New York Correspondence.

NEW YORK, April 12, 1874.

Editor Commonwealth: More greenbacks is all the go. Inflation the *Harvard* says means civil war and many other ills, but you know how it is about the editors—they are not a very knowing set of fellows?

The east has been sold cheap for paper and it feels it deeply in the pockets of many capitalists. The indebtedness of the West and South can now be fully paid by this increase of paper currency, and many of the speculators will swim high on this wave or overflow. Many honest people will suffer for this put up job in Congress, which was enacted in direct opposition to every leading journal in the United States. The so-called statesmen are all apes or scoundrels in the estimation of our principle judges in this section, they have made a good thing of the situation for their personal gain, and why should they care further?

Unless more gold is had, a general crash will again deluge us with panic evils. Too much public robbery has been the order of the day, and now our Treasury is empty and we all suffer because there are not enough honest men on board to keep the rascals straight. Suppose the salaries of our office holders be reduced and position be held only for the honor of the thing, do you think we would better the condition? We must adopt this measure in our city government if we ever would right matters. Then would the honorable men compete, because no longer would black legs hold sway. March was like a lion going out, and April has truly borrowed several days. Strawberries are on hand. None of your merchants come to see us—do they do all their business by postal card? "ALA."

The Late Bryan Outrage.

A special dispatch to the *Galveston News*, dated at Bryan, on the 1st inst., says that a mob of white men, on the 31st ult., called on the sheriff and demanded the jail keys, but the jailer happened to have them, and could not be found; whereupon they went to the jail and broke it open by force, and took out four of the negroes who had been arrested on the charge of being implicated in the Leake outrage, and took them about a quarter of a mile from town and hung two of them, named Higgins and Brown, to a tree.

They both confessed that they were guilty, and said that the other two were innocent of the crime, and also told the whereabouts of the others. Brown and Higgins were also identified by Mr. and Mrs. Leake as being two of the party. It is reported that four more were hung in the Brazos Bottoms. Eight or ten negroes are implicated in the horrible deed. Men are in search of the balance, and if found, they will have the pleasure of joining in the fate of their dead friends.

CENTRAL IRON WORKS.—These iron works, situated on the South & North Alabama Railroad, at Helena, in this county, are turning out a very superior quality of bar iron and cotton ties. We have conversed with a number of persons who have used these ties, and they pronounce them the best they have seen in market—being the strongest and most convenient, and were sold last season at lower prices than any others. These works are owned by a few young men, most of whom were true Confederates, who are endeavoring to make this home enterprise a success. We hope the people throughout the State will sustain them by purchasing their bar iron and cotton ties, made of Alabama metal. Patronize home institutions if you want to see your country once more prosperous.—*Shelby Guide.*

State Press.

In response to an inquiry of the *Montgomery Evening Ledger* respecting the popularity of Gen. Houston in North Alabama, the Athens Post says: "There is no man in North Alabama, or any other portion of the State, who could rally to his banner or have accorded to him a more undivided Conservative strength. The mere announcement of his name to the people of the mountain counties of North Alabama, who in years gone by so delighted to honor him, would be enough to bring them up again by the thousands to rally to the standard of one who so long and so faithfully served them in the halls of Congress."

DEMOCRATS AND CONSERVATIVES OF ALABAMA! RALLY—ORGANIZE—WORK!!—The time is at hand when, discarding all minor issues, we may by one grand effort, reclaim Alabama from Radical misrule. The approaching campaign will decide her fate. Casting off the rust of inaction, the scales of selfishness and the fetters of apathy, let us organize our forces and drill for the work before us. Labor will ensure victory.—*Northport Spectator.*

State Items.

—Frost in Dadeville on the 10th.

—Montgomery is having a revival in the First Baptist Church.

—The Montgomery *Evening Ledger* has received its new Fairhaven press.

—White Shad is now being caught at Wetumpka, in the Coosa river.

—The Memorial Association of Camden will celebrate Monday, 27th.

—Bullock county has 23 practicing physicians.

—Captain Antone Rabby died in Mobile on the 6th.

—The court house in Tuscaloosa is being re-fitted and furnished.

—Henry county has chosen delegates to the Democratic State Convention.

—Mobile has a bale of cotton bound in ties made from Alabama iron.

—The State *Journal* calls General Jos. B. Johnston a "rebel General."

—The Spring term of the Choctaw circuit court commences the 27th.

—The Tuscaloosa *Blade* is after its Mayor.

—Birmingham has shipped 1,438 bales of cotton to date.

—Bataw had several light frosts last week.

—The farmers of Forkland have finished planting cotton.

—The Warrior and Bigbee rivers falling slowly.

—Farming operations retarded in Greene by rain.

—A portion of Sipsy Mill bridge, Greene county, has fallen in.

—The firemen of Bataw have a celebration on the first of May.

—Bataw had a storm on the morning of the 5th.

—Considerable hail fell in the Clinton neighborhood on the 7th.

—The Tuscaloosa Presbytery meets in Gainesville the 30th.

—There was a musical and histrionic exhibition at Bataw on the 2d.

—Decatur is to erect several new buildings.

The *Morning News* has been declared city printer of Montgomery.

—They are hunting a wild bear in the vicinity of Greencourt, St. Clair county.

—Stalks of wheat, 3½ feet high, fully developed, in Coosa Valley.

—The child's home-book says: "True merit receives its reward."

—The Grand Jury of Conecuh county found 19 true bills against law-breakers.

—There are five hundred and twenty-five Granges in Alabama.

—The Huntsville *Democrat* favors the repudiation of fraudulent State bonds.

—Some of the streets of Florence are in a bad condition.

—The Circuit Court of Lowndes county begins its Spring term on 27th inst.

—Maj. W. V. Chardevoyne, democrat, has been elected mayor of Courtland.

—The bonded debt of Selma is \$340,000.

—The Montgomery Water Works will be in operation by the 20th of May.

—Judge Ely, of Montgomery county, has had to pay \$500 for issuing a marriage license to a minor.

—B. H. Kier, of the Montgomery *Ledger*, has been seriously indisposed.

—The mail route from Jasper to Blount Springs is said to be a swindle.

—George Sayles, an Englishman, was drowned at Montgomery last week.

—The people of Tallapoosa county are still making mortgages.

—Shad Creek bridge, in Lauderdale county, is in a dilapidated condition.

—Thos. L. Bulger, of Dadeville, has been admitted to the bar.

—The cars for the Montgomery street railroad have arrived.

—Dr. C. J. Pope, of Eufaula, is dangerously ill.

—Circuit court is in session in Greene county.

—Paul L. Jones, Esq., has been appointed superintendent of Education of Limestone county.

—Walker county has, after paying all liabilities, a balance of \$972 25 in her treasury.

—Bibb, Shelby, Talladega, Calhoun, and Cherokee are to be the great iron counties of Alabama.

—The Odd Fellows of Selma celebrate the 57th anniversary of the Order on the 27th inst.

—Gen. E. W. Pettus is the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Dallas county.

—One hundred and forty tons of coal from near Tuscaloosa was received in Mobile the other day.

—Hon. W. B. Wood, is announced as a candidate for Judge of the 4th Judicial Circuit.

—A difficulty occurred at Opelika last Friday between Mr. Hays and M. Beck, both butchers.

—The farmers in Tallapoosa as a general thing, have planted more corn this spring than ever before.

—The United States Marshal brought to Birmingham Friday evening, six negroes, charged with being Ku Klux.

—Strawberries are plentiful in the Montgomery market at thirty-five cents per quart.

—The Acting Post Master of Birmingham has been arrested and held in a bond of \$5000 on the charge of embezzlement.

—Willie Cargill, a son of Mr. Austin Cargill, of Eufaula, fell from a swing last Monday and broke his collar bone.

—The Odd Fellows of New Market, Madison county, will have a grand celebration on the 25th.

—The Good Templars of Pickens county intend having a grand picnic at Stafford Mills on the 2nd of May.

—Five conductors were discharged from the Mobile and Montgomery Railroad last Friday.

—A man named Batcliff was accidentally shot by another while in pursuit of a horse thief.

—The Good Templars of Livingston will give an anniversary Pic-Nic on the 28th inst.

—Gen. Mabry, of Barbour, has watermelons of last year's crop, in a perfect state of preservation.

—James Shaw, of Pickens county, had his kitchen and smoke house burned last week.

—The old Elyton Court House and Jail are offered for sale. Birmingham absorbed Elyton.

—Charles T. Pollard has been appointed Receiver of the Western railroad of Alabama.

—The Jacksonville *Republican* of last week, had 36 announcements of candidates for office.

—The Democratic Convention of Dallas county, is called for the 16th of July next, in the city of Selma.

—Judge Moody's new Bank Building in Tuscaloosa, has been completed, and is an ornament to the city.

—Nine hundred and fifty bales of cotton have been bought in Columbus, Ga., for the Tallapoosa, Ala., cotton factory.

—There was a great many visitors in Mobile on the 9th to witness the firemen's celebration.

—Merritt Hendon and John Hendon, tried in the circuit court of Hale county, for manslaughter, have been acquitted.

—Spencer Rice, John Rogers, and O. J. Wood have effected their escape from the Tuscaloosa jail.

—Henry Ward Beecher is expected to attend the Alabama Press Convention at Birmingham, May 19th.

—Mr. Monroa, of the *Bataw Whig*, is the agent for the Southern *Argus*, Mobile *Register*, and Montgomery *Advertiser*.

—Only 20 days sufficiently dry for farm work in Greene, for 35 days, commencing March 3d.

—A negro woman fell from the top of the Court House steps, at Bataw, to the floor beneath.

—Seven hundred and eighty officers are to be elected in Alabama next November.

—There are three hundred and twenty-five patients in the Insane Hospital at Tuscaloosa.

—One of the iron furnaces of Birmingham recently shipped twenty car loads of iron to Philadelphia.

—C. M. Haywood announces himself as the people's candidate for the legislature from Lauderdale county. Lay him aside.

—Mrs. Adeline S. Inge, wife of Dr. M. P. Inge, died at the residence of M. C. Burke, Demopolis, on the 2d inst., in the 22d year of her age.

—Mr. Kimbrough, tax collector of Greene county, will sell the property of delinquent tax-payers, on the 4th day of May next.

—Montgomery was visited by a fearful hail storm, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the 8th inst. The wind at the time reached a velocity of 26 miles per hour.

—Mr. J. H. Haddock, manager of the Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Company, has left Montgomery for Charleston. He is succeeded by Mr. Flint.

—Colonel Powell, the mayor of Birmingham, is negotiating a loan for the purpose of extending the water pipes to all portions of that city.

—The Alabama and Chattanooga railroad now has control of the branch between Attala and Gadsden, and have put on passenger coaches.

—Our friend and former citizen, Wm. Moseley, now living in Marion, paid us a visit yesterday. He looks as handsome and hearty as ever.—*Selma Echo*, 11th.

—Messrs. Albert Martin and M. H. Moulton, of Birmingham, are reported to have drawn \$10,000 in the Louisville lottery.

—At the recent municipal election in Huntsville, the Radicals were successful in defeating the regular Democratic ticket by about 45 votes.

—Shelby, though one of the oldest counties in the State, is rejuvenating. Its iron and coal, railroad facilities, etc., will make it one of the best counties in the State.

—The Fayette *Watchman* is informed that more small grain has been put in the ground this season, in that county, than any previous year. Oats and wheat very promising.

—Cheese Bridge, on the Mobile and Girard railroad, which was washed away by the late flood, has been rebuilt, and trains are again running. W. B. Clark is a success as Superintendent.

—Capt. W. H. Homer, of Mobile, has been shipping green peas and radishes at the rate of about 350 bushels a week to Atlanta, Nashville, Louisville, Chicago, St. Louis, and New York.

—The Greensboro *Zealot* of the 11th says: It rained here most of Tuesday and Wednesday. The streams, we judge, are much swollen, and agricultural work is suspended. A moderate rain was needed to bring up the cotton, but we had altogether too much.

—Mississippi had a duel at Montgomery station near Bay St. Louis, on the 4th inst. The contestants were Aristides B. Beaven and T. B. Phillips, the weapons double barreled shot guns loaded with single ball, distance 40 paces. Beaven was shot through the brain and instantly killed. Phillips was unhurt.

—HAVANA, April 11.—It is officially announced that all slaves furnished to the Government during the administration of Jovellar, shall be organized as soldiers, under white officers, and at the end of five years, they are to be free. Their compensation will be that of regular soldiers.

In the present conflict with the Papacy, here is Bismarck's explanation: "I acknowledge it as my duty to respect the dogmas of the Catholic church as dogmas, and I never have interfered with anybody for believing in them. But, if the infallibility dogma is so interpreted as to lead to the establishment of ecclesiastical empire in *empire*, if it occasions the setting aside of the laws of this country, because unapproved by the Vatican, I am naturally driven to assert the legitimate supremacy of the State. We Protestants are under the conviction that this kingdom of Prussia ought not to be ruled by the Pope, and we demand that you, the Ultramontane section of the Roman Catholics, respect our convictions, as we do yours. Unfortunately, however, you are accustomed to complain of oppression when not permitted to lord over others."

Gen. Braxton Bragg will spend the summer at Pass Christian.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

STOLEN from the undersigned on the night of the 8th of April, A. BLACK MARE MULE, aged 5 years, rather large head with some marks on shoulder, caused from collar. Any information leading to the recovery of said mule will be liberally rewarded. Address me at Cambridge, Dallas co., Ala. April 10.

RATHAN DAY.

New Jewelry Shop!

WATCHES, CLOCKS AND JEWELRY REPAIRED!

C. H. HAGLUND

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Marion and vicinity that he has opened a GENERAL JEWELRY REPAIR SHOP, on his own account, in the house formerly occupied by L. Love & Son, where he will be pleased to receive orders from his former customers and friends. Work done cheap for the cash, and for the cash only. April 5-11

NOTICE!

U. S. Internal Revenue Special Taxes, MAY 1, 1874, to APRIL 30, 1875.

THE law of December 24, 1872, requires every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment which renders him liable to a Special Tax, to procure and place conspicuously in his establishment or place of business a stamp denoting the payment of said Special Tax for the Special Tax year beginning May 1, 1874, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1874.

The Taxes embraced within the provisions of the law above quoted are the following, viz: Rectifiers, retail liquor, \$20 00 Dealers, wholesale liquor, 100 00 Dealers, in malt liquors, 100 00 Dealers in malt liquors, retail, 20 00 Dealers in leaf tobacco, 25 00 Retail dealers in leaf tobacco, 500 00

And on sales of over \$1000, fifty cents for every dollar in excess of \$1000.

Dealers in manufactured tobacco, 5 00 Manufacturers of cigars, 10 00

And for each mill manufactured, 20 00 Manufacturers of tobacco, 10 00 Manufacturers of cigars, 10 00

Peddlers of tobacco, first class (more than two horses), 60 00 Peddlers of tobacco, second class (one horse), 30 00 Peddlers of tobacco, third class (one horse), 15 00 Peddlers of tobacco, fourth class (on foot or public conveyance), 10 00

Brewers of less than 500 barrels, 50 00 Brewers of 500 barrels or more, 100 00

Any person, or firm, who fails to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties.

Persons or firms liable to pay any of the Special Taxes named above must apply to P. D. BARBER, Collector of Internal Revenue at Montgomery, Ala., and pay for and procure the Special Tax Stamp before commencing business prior to May 1, 1874, and WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

J. W. DOUGLASS, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Office of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C., February 10th, 1874.

The money must be sent per Postal Order, Registered Letter, or Express paid to P. D. BARBER, Collector, Montgomery, Ala., for May 1st, next.

Failure to comply will add 50 per cent to the Tax, and subject the parties to criminal prosecution. April 5-11

TOWN

Tax Collector's Sale.

On Monday, the 4th day of May, 1874.

I WILL sell in front of the Court House in the Town of Marion, the following described Real Estate, to satisfy the Town Taxes for the year 1873.

A. L. LEYER, Town Tax Collector.

One House and Lot in Marion, bounded north by Wood's Lot, east by J. W. Wood's Lot, south by H. H. Moseley, west by J. W. Wood's Lot, assessed as the property of J. W. Wood, agent for Mrs. J. E. Hest, Tax \$1 00.</

The Commonwealth.

BY E. A. HEIDT.
MARION, ALA.

Thursday Morning, April 16th, 1874.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Presbytery met in the Presbyterian Church last night. Delegates not all in.

Notice! Tax Payers.—The Town Tax Assessor will commence the assessment of the taxes of the town on Monday, April 14th. Look out.

Professor King's Skating Rink is still in operation at the King House, and, judging from the crowds that there do aggregate, we suppose that he is driving a handsome business.

Demopolis.—Quite a number of the members of B. D. King Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, left this morning for Demopolis, to be present and assist in the organization of a Lodge at that place.

Query.—Has a certain young gentleman, who wears the "College gray," yet determined whether the "old hen or the chick" is the egg? What a question! The naturalists have never settled the question!

The Tuskegee News asks: "How many weekly newspapers in the State of Alabama take out State and County licenses? Let all answer, then we will see our reasons for asking."

The Commonwealth has not, because it has ever regarded the law taxing newspapers as iniquitous.

Fun.—When you see a fellow now with a sling, walking stiff-kneed, and looking as if he craved the sympathy of the community and is afraid he won't get them, you may just bet your pocket dollar that he has been practicing "poetry of motion" on a pair of wretched roller-skates.

Amateur and Smasher.—Prof. Rawley and his lady drove out to the residence of Mr. L. A. Wyatt last Saturday, and left the horses standing at the gate attached to the buggy; and they being frightened by a range of gully, upsetting and injuring the buggy and the horses.

Married.—On the 5th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by S. A. Bolling, Esq., Mr. HANBERT STONE and Miss WATKINS, all of Perry county.

In Choctaw county, on the 25th of March, Benj. W. Lancaster, youngest son of L. and A. C. Lancaster, to Miss Eliza Mason, youngest daughter of the late Daniel Johnson, deceased.

The Giant of Battle.—This is the name of the largest and most fragrant rose that we remember ever to have seen. It was sent to us by Miss Fannell.

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Programme for the Observance of Memorial Day.

At 4:45 o'clock, p. m., of Saturday, the 25th of April, all the church bells will be tolled for 15 minutes, during which time the citizens are requested to assemble at the public cemetery with their floral offerings, to engage in prayer previous to decorating the graves of those who are buried there.

After the tribute of affection and honor have been appropriated to those buried in the public cemetery, all are requested to repair to the Soldiers' Cemetery where another prayer will be made and the floral offerings placed upon the graves of our heroic dead. Every person is requested to bring flowers. By order of the Association.

Mrs. J. R. BATES, President.

Cheap Fence.—We have been shown by Mr. E. A. Long, of Marion, a sample of iron fencing put up in this place, that is both cheap and durable; and although not as highly ornamental as if manufactured in New York or Connecticut, and can be obtained at probably one-half the cost of northern manufactured fencing.

It is gotten up expressly for enclosing graves, and those who wish to procure good substantial fencing for that purpose should not fail to see Mr. Long's pattern. He is a contractor for that class of material and can give the satisfactory information concerning its manufacture and putting up of the same.

Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., one of the most learned and eloquent divines of the Baptist Church and a writer of much distinction, is in the city. Dr. W. has recently donned the harness, as editor in chief of the Alabama Baptist, published at Marion in this State, and is doing of effective service in the cause of religion and of his church. He will remain with us during the week—preaching every evening in the First Baptist Church, Court street.—Mont. Adv. 12th.

Rain.—Since our last issue we have had some very heavy rains, but we hear of no material damage to young crops.

General News.

Ingersoll's majority in Connecticut is 2,500 over both his opponents.

Queen Victoria has twenty-one grand children.

Illinois has extended to married women every right but that of suffrage.

Texas is overrun with cattle, and sells milk at \$1 per gallon.

It is twelve hours run by rail from Mobile to Selma.

It is feared the snow in Kentucky will kill the fruit.

There was a two-hour snow storm in Memphis on the 10th.

The last lottery netted the Louisville Library \$750,000.

Greenville traders have been buying meat and flour at Montgomery at less than Mobile prices.

Louisville, April 10.—J. R. Breckenridge, son of the late Dr. J. R. Breckenridge, was fatally shot at Lebanon, Tennessee, where he was studying law.

The New York Daily Graphic has secured the services of Melvin M. Cohen, formerly of Charleston, and lately on the business staff of the New Orleans Picayune.

To Confederate Surgeons.

A call for a convention of the Confederate Surgeons, to assemble in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 20th of May, has been issued by S. P. Moore, Surgeon-General of the Confederate Army, Hunter McGuire, S. H. Stout, and many other prominent medical gentlemen. We copy the language of the call:

For the advancement of science—to rescue from oblivion all the important medical and surgical facts developed within the ranks of the "Confederate States" during the late war—it has been determined to call a Convention of the "Confederate Surgeons" (field and hospital), to meet in Atlanta, Ga., May 20th, 1874.

Immediate action is considered also necessary. Since the war, many of the most talented of the "medical staff" have died, and yearly others are added to the list, and their valuable medical and surgical experience entirely lost to the profession.

For the success of this great Scientific and Historical Association, it is earnestly recommended that the ex-Confederate Surgeons of each of the Southern States at once take such steps as will secure a large delegation.

The co-operation of the Medical staff of the late Confederate Navy is respectfully solicited.

Besides the contributions to science, the social features of the organization, the revival of old army associations will be of no secondary interest.

The railroads of the South, with their usual courtesy, will no doubt grant excursion tickets for this most important occasion.

The Atlanta medical profession has appointed a committee to make all proper arrangements for the meeting.

The people of Memphis have contributed thirteen thousand dollars to the endowment of the Vanderbilt University. In addition to this, Gen. N. B. Forrest has transferred to the Gen. N. B. Forrest Young five thousand five hundred dollars of the capital stock of the Selma and Memphis railroad for the benefit of the University.

President Grant has appointed Gen. McLaws, of Augusta, Revenue Collector for the first district of Georgia. Gen. McLaws is a Democrat, and was a Confederate officer.

Proceedings of Perry County Council.

Perry County Council of the Patrons of Husbandry met pursuant to adjournment. Opened in form. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Upon motion, Messrs. R. D. Sturdivant, T. D. Jones and F. A. Bates, appointed a Committee on Credentials. Committee on Credentials reported the following named delegates elect:

Upon the calling of the roll the following named delegates were found present: PERRYVILLE GRANGE.—R. D. Sturdivant, Josiah Alexander, I. U. Wilkes, J. M. Watters.

HAMBURG GRANGE.—Geo. W. Robbins, I. W. Parish, T. J. Morgan, G. E. King.

WEST PERRY GRANGE.—W. C. Zimmerman, W. W. Caruthers, James G. Evans, W. C. Varford.

PRAIRIE GRANGE.—J. D. Allen, B. F. Cooke, William M. Craig, Jesse W. Wells.

RADFORDSVILLE GRANGE.—W. R. Palmer, B. F. Anstine, B. F. Bolling, M. B. Watters.

MARION GRANGE.—John H. Chapman, J. T. Pack, T. M. Wallace, C. Reese, S. F. FELLOWSHIP GRANGE.—Joel Hollifield, D. P. Rayles, John Carter, James M. Gale.

UNIONTOWN GRANGE.—J. M. Jeffries, Chas. Walker, Miss Walker, J. D. Moore.

OAK GROVE GRANGE.—G. M. Smith, B. P. Watson, O. H. Perry, W. A. Tarant.

BRUSH CREEK GRANGE.—Thos. Horn, James Henderson, W. T. Boyd, G. S. Turner.

JERICHO GRANGE.—L. J. Sherrill, J. G. Mitchell, J. N. Locke, R. A. Woolley.

R. D. STURDIVANT, Chm'n. Com. on Credentials.

Upon motion Article 3, Section 1 of By-Laws, amended by adding to list of officers, Chaplain.

Moved and adopted that the Council proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Upon motion, Article 8 of the By-Laws suspended.

Upon motion, a committee of one from each Grange was appointed to nominate officers.

Secretary read crop reports from Prairie, Brush Creek and West Perry Granges, as follows:

Prairie Grange 2748 acres in Cotton; 2405 in Corn; 630 in small grain. Brush Creek Grange 1981 in Corn; 1090 in Cotton; 93 in Oats. West Perry Grange 6850 in Corn; 7491 in Cotton; 1095 in Grain and Potatoes. Report received.

Committee to nominate officers reported the following:

F. A. Bates, Marion, Master; Col. J. Alexander, Perryville, Overseer; Col. R. Christian, Uniontown, Steward; G. S. Turner, Assistant Steward; Rev. W. W. Caruthers, West Perry, Chaplain; W. C. Wyatt, Marion, Treasurer; D. P. Goodhue, Secretary; C. E. King, Gate Keeper.

Upon motion, Article 3, Section 1 of By-Laws suspended.

Upon motion, the nominations of the committee were unanimously elected by acclamation.

Upon motion, Article 3, Section 1 of the By-Laws was amended by adding to list of officers, Lecturer. J. H. Chapman was elected Lecturer by acclamation.

J. H. Chapman was appointed a committee of one to conduct the Master elect to the chair.

Upon motion, the following Resolution was adopted, viz:

That the Secretaries of each Grange be requested to furnish to the Secretary of this Council, at its next meeting, a report of the condition of the crops of every kind on the first of July. The number of acres in corn, cotton and small grain—amount of increase or decrease in acreage as compared with last year; number of acres in wheat and other small grain harvested and probably yield; number of laborers as compared with last year; number of mules, horses, hogs, cattle, sheep, and goats.

Upon adoption, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Council be authorized to purchase suitable books and stationery for the use of the Secretary and Treasurer, and to draw on the Treasurer for funds to pay for the same out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

No other business appearing, a considerable time was devoted to remarks and reports from the Lecturer and members of the several Granges, showing the condition of the crops and the proportions in grain and cotton, also an increased interest in the raising of stock of all kinds. The subject of labor was quite freely discussed.

The Lecturer appointed the subject of poisoning the cotton worm for discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

Moved and carried, that these proceedings be published in the Marion Commonwealth.

D. P. GOODHUE, Sec'y.

Tax Collector's Sale.

Under and by virtue of the authority in me vested, I will proceed to sell for cash, to the highest bidder, before the Court House door of Perry County, in the town of Marion, State of Alabama, within the legal hours of sale, on the

FIRST MONDAY IN MAY, 1874!

the following described lands, to-wit: said lands being sold in default of the State and county taxes, thereon, for the year 1873, upon the taxes, fees, costs, and charges for advertising the same be paid prior to the said day of sale.

H. H. MOSELEY, T. C. P. C.

Assessed to H. B. Campbell.—Southeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 23, township 19, range 10.

Northeast quarter of southwest quarter, section 23, township 19, range 10.

Southeast quarter of northwest quarter, section 23, township 19, range 10.

All in northeast quarter of northwest quarter in Perry county, section 23, township 19, range 10.

East half of northwest quarter, fractional section 26, township 19, range 10.

Southwest quarter of northwest quarter and northwest quarter of northwest quarter, section 26, township 19, range 10.

All in northwest quarter of southwest quarter in Perry county, section 26, township 19, range 10; tax \$30.35.

Assessed to Javis Harris.—Southeast quarter, section 8, township 18, range 9.

Southeast quarter of northeast quarter, section 8, township 18, range 9.

Off south end of southwest quarter, section 8, township 18, range 9.

West half of southwest quarter, section 15, township 18, range 9.

Northwest quarter, section 15, township 18, range 9.

North half of northwest quarter, section 24, township 18, range 9; tax \$101.71.

The Assessor, Collector and Printer's fees added to above.

H. H. MOSELEY, T. C. P. C.

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October 9, 1873

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JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE, Marion, Ala. Four gentlemen and eight ladies are now giving their whole time to the Judson pupils; health excellent; pupils studious, and graduating class more than double that of last year; session opened 1st October; all pupils pay only from time of entrance to one of 4 1/2 months term. For details, address R. H. RAWLINS, M. A., President.

LAND FOR RENT! THE Plantation of the Estate of George W. Goldsby, dec'd, known as "THE TRIGG PLACE" about 2 miles west of Marion Junction is offered for rent for the year 1874. R. H. HUNT, Adm'r of G. W. Goldsby, dec'd.

NOTARY PUBLIC, MARION, ALA. Office over Hart & Co's store. feb5 27tf

VARY LEE & VARY, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, MARION, ALA. WILL practice in Perry and adjoining counties, in the Supreme Court of the State, and in the District and Circuit Courts of the United States. June 1 73

