





**A Suggestion.**

Several communications, from leading citizens attached to the Democratic and Conservative party, have been addressed to the State Executive Committee, requesting the Committee to suggest through the Press that each County authorize its Delegates to the State Convention to unite, when assembled there, with the other delegates in their District, Circuit or Division; and make nominations for Congress, the Board of Education, Circuit Court Judge, and Chancellor. Moreover, on enquiry, it is discovered that some counties in the Chancery Divisions, are not in the Judicial Circuits, or Congressional Districts, and so vice versa. It is also ascertained that there are no Executive Committees for Chancery Divisions or Judicial Circuits. From all of which it is manifest that two separate District Conventions would have to be held if Conventions were specifically called to nominate Judicial and Congressional Candidates. Now, under these circumstances, the State Executive Committee, while claiming no authority to require it as a matter of party rule or discipline, would respectfully counsel the people of the Circuits and Districts to choose delegates to the State Convention having reference to these nominees, and to authorize such delegates during the State Convention proceedings, to meet in their respective District Conventions for the purpose of making Judicial and Congressional nominations.

ROBERT TYLER, Chairman.  
H. C. SEMPLER,  
T. B. BETHUNE,  
P. T. SATRE,  
T. H. WATTS,  
State Central Committee.

**To the Democratic and Conservative Voters of Perry County.**

I am requested by our Executive Committee to call your attention to the proceedings of that committee, published in this issue of the COMMONWEALTH, and to earnestly request that you will take the necessary steps for holding the meetings in your respective Beats, and to get the people to attend and participate therein, without waiting to be personally requested to do so by any member of the committee. Without your aid and assistance, we can do nothing. It all depends on you. We have done our duty, and look to you now to do yours.

JOHN MOORE,  
Chairman Executive Committee P. C.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama, met in Grand Council at Montgomery Tuesday 5th.

We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to the First Fair of the Agricultural, Mechanical and Horticultural Association of Mobile, which opened today, the 5th.

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 \$1 a year; with chromo "Yosemite" \$1.50. Subscriptions may begin with any number. Address Wood's Household Magazine, Newburgh, N. Y.

**County Convention.**

From the proceedings of the Democratic and Conservative Executive Committee of Perry County (published elsewhere in our paper to-day) it will be observed that the County Convention has been called to meet in the Court House in Marion, on Saturday, July 18th, next, for the purpose of selecting Delegates to the State Convention to be held in the city of Montgomery, July 20th; and for the purpose of nominating County Officers. The action of the Committee is directly to the point, and cannot fail to meet the hearty approval of the people of the county. The people of Perry have a great work to do between now and the day of the election, and we urge them to be "up and at it," as they will have no time to idle away if they expect to accomplish anything for themselves and their posterity. We commend the suggestions of the Committee to our people, and urge each one to do his whole duty; and if each performs that duty nobly and well, we may expect good government and low taxes—but if they fail to discharge that duty, and we are defeated in the coming election, we may look for, and will have, another two years of Radical misrule and high taxes. Then, people of Old Perry, in the name of all that you hold dear, arouse from your apparent indifference about the welfare of yourselves and your neighbors, and be not

"Like dumb cattle—driven—  
But be heroes in the strife."

Awake, thou that sleepest, and assist in putting honest men into office.

**Uniontown Correspondence.**

UNIONTOWN, ALA., May 4, 1874.

Editor Commonwealth: After several days of genial sunshine, the skies again become obscured by clouds, and a gentle rain ensued, which was welcomed by the planting community. The protracted spell of wet weather caused the ground to rapidly bake, which proved a hindrance to working it properly. The cold winds and rain injured the stands of cotton in many places. Those who planted very early were more fortunate—a better stand was preserved.

The house of W. M. Booker, Esq., near this place was burned on the 29th ult., and everything it contained destroyed. It was the result of carelessness on the part of a little negro girl. Mr. Booker has been absent for several months in Mississippi. Kind friends rendered his family timely assistance, which kindness was to them like the oasis to the way-worn traveller in the midst of the sterile plains of the desert. I cannot refrain from noticing the generous spirit of a colored woman who formerly belonged to Mr. Booker. When the sad tidings reached her ears of this calamity, she went to her basket of store and took therefrom a piece of meat, which she enclosed in a rag and entered on her mission of mercy. When she reached her place of destination, with the tear of pity trickling down her cheeks, and her voice well-nigh choked with emotions of grief, she offered her alms and assistance. It has been said, and in many instances, unfortunately, too true, that

"In the hour  
Of man's adversity, all things grow daring  
Against the falling."

Yet, in this instance, the sunshine of charity drove the dark clouds from their skies, and robed sweet hope with its mantle of light. To possess such a spirit is far different from that contained in the following description: "There are some hearts so thoroughly bad as to remind us of those phenomena often mentioned in natural history, viz: a mass of solid stone, only to be opened by force, and when divided, you discover a toad in the centre, lively, and with the reputation of being venomous. Such a disposition as urged this woman on in this act of benevolence will not let its object of mercy stoop to despair, but incite it to battle with its agony. Well and beautifully has the immortal Byron said: "One noble stroke with a whole life may glow."

The colored people of the Methodist church in this place had quite an interesting meeting yesterday evening. The house was filled to its utmost capacity. Several white ladies were in attendance, and a score of white men, several of whom addressed the meeting. The object of the meeting was to discuss the relation the Sunday school sustained to the church. Rev. Mr. Glenn, Dr. Johnson, Hon. Junie Harwood, W. E. Kennedy, Esq., (whites), and Pettiford (colored) addressed the meeting. Of course I cannot give a detailed account of their speeches. I will merely say that they were appropriate and well considered. They contended that the Sunday school and the church went hand in hand. The origin and rise of the Sunday school was reviewed and discussed. From the time of Moses and Abraham and after the resurrection of Christ when he told Peter to feed his lambs, the Rev. Mr. Glenn did the subject ample justice. Allow me to say that the speech of Pettiford was very good. His views were excellent and well expressed. Good sense and literary investigation characterized every address delivered on that occasion. The speech of Mr. Kennedy was animating and exciting, and when he concluded, he called aloud for an old-fashioned song. They had no organ, and he wanted none.

"Jesus, thou art the slayer's friend," was sung by twenty-five hundred voices, which made the welkin ring.

The old-fashioned shout, too, was heard, and it seemed as if the days of yore had returned. I do not know when I have seen such lively times. The services were concluded by singing the following song: "We have met in peace together."

It was beautifully sung, and all seemed thoroughly imbued with the spirit of worship.

**East Perry.**

RADFORDSVILLE, May 4, 1874.

Editor Commonwealth: Since my last to you, a great change has come over things. In the language of a certain old preacher, we are "diffikilted again." We have had an almost unprecedented rainy "spell," and the consequence is, that a great portion of the crops, especially the cotton, has been destroyed, either by overflows or continued wet.

Add to this the effects of the cold weather, and the loss of time in working the crops, and the prospect looks gloomy, indeed. Much of the cotton, perhaps one-half, has to be planted over. The small grain crop is injured some, though not materially. I hear of no rust as yet. It is not too late to make a tolerable corn crop, if the future is favorable, and the farmers will give it the proper attention. The pea and potato crops are very important, and should not be neglected.

There seems to be no end to our bad luck of late years—both by our own bad management, and from natural causes, we

have had one disaster after another for the last several years. But, Mr. Editor, this is a good time to philosophize and moralize. We must learn by our past experience what course we should pursue in future. We must learn to be economical, and that in our business affairs, we must count the cost and make close calculations. It seems to me, Mr. Editor, that in making our calculations, we have been looking darkly through what I will term a "chimera obscura," and in these days of progress and "improvement," there has been another lens added to this instrument—a magnifying one. Through this "magnifying chimera obscura," we have thought, or tried to think, we could see huge piles of cotton bales, greenbacks and the glistening gold, and we have thought that when we had come in possession of all these good things, we should be "happy;" but like the mirage on the desert, they have receded, and receded again, and at last have vanished entirely from our deluded vision. Mr. Editor, it seems to me the time has come when we should lay aside this deceptive instrument, or we should take out these dark and doubtful lenses and replace them with others that I shall call reason and moderation. Let us in future look at things in the light of reason—let us reason together, and when we have become satisfied that we are right, let us "go ahead," slowly and surely.

Mr. Editor, these are momentous times—these are critical times—the crisis has come—the man is almost sick unto death—the remedies being used are strong and powerful, but we hope there are some symptoms of improvement. We must now be very careful in nursing the patient, and be sure that we do nothing "rash"—the patient cannot get well in a minute. He will require time to go through with the convalescing process, and at last regain his usual strength. Let us, now, "make haste slowly," and in contemplating these disastrous times, we should remember that all human calculations are uncertain.

Although the farmers are somewhat discouraged, they do not intend to "give it up," but will, like the little boy in the song, "Try, try again," and they intend that these hard times shall impress upon them the importance of retrenchment in the area of land cultivated, and thorough preparation, a diversity of crops, and a desperate effort to do away with the credit system; in short, a course that will ultimately make this a self-sustaining country. There is a chance for us yet. I contend that if there had been no credit since the war, we would all have been doing very well now. This credit system has been very hurtful to our interests, and should be abandoned as soon as possible.

I hear not much said about politics. We are too busy now; but we will be all right at the "killing." No news of importance, only that Nick Walker has joined the Grange.

**Perry Executive Committee.**

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Democratic and Conservative Party of Perry County, held in the town of Marion, May 5th, 1874, the following proceedings were had: It was

Resolved, That the County Convention be called to assemble at the Court House in Marion, on Saturday, the 18th day of July, 1874, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Montgomery on the 29th day of July next, and also for the purpose of taking such action in regard to the nomination of candidates for the county offices, as in its wisdom it may determine best for the interests and welfare of the people of the county.

Resolved, That in accordance with the recommendation of the State Executive Committee, we request each Beat to send to our County Convention one delegate for every twenty-five Democratic and Conservative votes cast in their respective Beats at the last general election. From an examination of the published vote, the several Beats are entitled (on this basis) to the following number of delegates:

BEATS.	NO. DELEGATES.
Marion.....	16
Oak Grove.....	8
Perryville.....	5
Pineyucky.....	4
Old Town.....	4
Radfordville.....	3
Hamburg.....	3
Scott's.....	3
Polecat.....	3
Heard's.....	2
Severe.....	2
Brush Creek.....	2
Making a total of 59 delegates.	

Resolved, That the Executive Committee recommend to the several Beats to hold their respective meetings on Saturday, July 4th, 1874. But each Beat can select an earlier day, if more convenient. This recommendation of the committee is made merely with a view to secure unity of action and a full representation from each Beat.

It is all important that the primary or Beat meetings be fully attended so that the delegates to the County Convention may be in fact the representatives of the people; and we would urge, yea, implore, the Planters and people generally, to attend their Beat meetings, select their wisest and most prudent men as delegates to the County Convention, giving them, if desired, all necessary instructions for their guidance, and request them to be certain to attend unless Provisionally prevented. It is also suggested that, in addition to the number of its delegates, each Beat elect also an equal number of

alternates to take the place of such as may be prevented from attending.

The Executive Committee take this opportunity to say to the good people of this county that we are now preparing for an ordinary election. Over Seven Hundred officers, National, State and County, are to be elected in November next. You have it in your power once more to say who shall make your laws and execute them; whether honest, bona fide, intelligent tax-paying citizens, or irresponsible adventurers and their ignorant followers. If you neglect this opportunity, and lose this election, (which can only be done by apathy and indifference almost criminal,) it will require no "prophetic ken" to foresee the utter, absolute irrevocable ruin which awaits you and your posterity. Look at your dilapidated farms and the mournful evidence of decaying prosperity which meets you on every hand, and read your certain doom in the Tax-Collector's annually increasing advertisements, unless, by one grand united, combined effort, such as you are now requested to make, you shall shake off the heartless leeches who are now fattening on your blood and preying on the vitals of your State. We would implore you, by all you hold dear, by the grievances, the oppressions and the wrongs of the present, by the bright hopes of the future, to throw aside every feeling of indifference, of lethargy, of despair, and prepare, like men, to meet, in the ensuing campaign, the most important issues ever presented, issues which involve, not the success of a party merely, but upon which hinge the best interests of Society itself and the doom of our State.

JOHN MOORE, Ch'mn.  
POWELL LOCKETT,  
H. C. COOK,  
H. H. HURT,  
JOHN WALTHALL, Ex. Com.  
Marion, May 5th, 1874.

**The Flood.**

The Tide of Destruction sweeping over a vast Territory—Appalling Tales of Destruction, Suffering and Loss of Life—Mothers Sweep Away by the Floods with Babies in their Arms.

NEW ORLEANS, April 23.—The State authorities receive letters daily from persons in the overflowed sections, asking for provisions, etc. The following extracts from them are fair specimens:

A letter dated Simmsport, Avoyelles Parish, addressed to the Governor, says: "Please send me some supplies, as I have a large family, nine children, to keep up and feed. The water is three feet deep in my yard, and all over my place. It is utterly impossible for me to get anything for my family to eat without calling on you for assistance. Please, for pity's sake, do not fail to send me some supplies by return steamer."

The following are extracts from a letter to the Governor, dated Big Bend, Avoyelles Parish: "The whole of the Bayou des Glazes and Red River is entirely overflowed. All of us are bankrupt—no money, no credit. The commission merchants have all shut down on us. We have no provisions, and many are starving. The water is all over the country and still rising. Cows not drowned are dying for want of food. Sheep and hogs drowned by hundreds. Take this matter into consideration, and see if something can't be done for us."

The Governor to-day received a letter from Charenton, St. Mary's Parish, which says: "Among the many sufferers by the recent overflow are those who have lived on the east side of the Bayou Teche, on Bayou Choze, Bayou Pigeon, over the shores of Grand Lake and Lake Chicot, all of which districts are now submerged, leaving some three hundred families in a state of utter destitution."

General M. Jeff. Thompson, Chief State Engineer, returned to-day from the upper coast. He states that the storm which commenced on Thursday of last week, and continued until Sunday, caused the crevasses on the west side of the river to increase rapidly in width. The crevasse near Port Hudson, at Longwood and Virginia Plantations, is now about three-quarters of a mile wide, though only about three feet deep, the levee being a very small one, from three to four feet in height. The crevasse heretofore reported as having occurred in Morganza Bend, below New Texas landing, is in what is known as Van Pelt, Morganza Levee, between the original Morganza Levee and Grand Levee. The break is now about four thousand feet wide in the new levee, which was about thirteen feet high. The flow of water through this is checked by the old levee in front, and a dense growth of cottonwood between the two levees. In the old levee there are four breaks, aggregating about eight hundred feet. The Hickey crevasse, below Baton Rouge, is now fifteen hundred feet wide and seven deep, the water passing through at a velocity of eight miles an hour.

General Thompson reports another crevasse at Lakeside Plantation, Pointe Coupee Parish. He states that about twenty sugar plantations have been covered by water from families living on the bayous have been drowned out. The Bonnet Carré crevasse is now seven hundred feet wide and probably ten feet deep in the centre, where the levee is entirely gone, and the water is cutting a channel. The McCutlen crevasses, below Baton Rouge, will probably be closed in a few days. Though these breaks are comparatively small, water from them has already covered many large plantations, and driven out the poor people living behind them.

A gentleman who reached this city to-day from the Florida Parishes, states that the Tangipahoa Tickford and Amite rivers were swollen by rains from Thursday to Sunday, completely overflowing their banks, and spreading over the country on either side for miles. The people are fleeing to the highlands. It is estimated that the water is three feet higher than ever before known. The Amite river rose very rapidly. Several children are reported drowned in the streets of Port Vincent, which was overflowed. A flat country of St. Helena, Livingston, Tangipahoa, Washington, St. Tammany,

and East Feliciana Parishes are flooded for miles.

The Times says: "A gentleman from the Upper Coast gives a most appalling description of the condition of the people who happened to live in the district overflowed by the Hickey crevasse. He says that not less than twenty splendid sugar plantations have been submerged from that source already. That, however, was nothing compared to the sufferings of the people. On Sunday last the gentleman witnessed a large number of persons wading their way out of torrents of water which passed through that break. Among them were women in the water up to their arm-pits, holding their infants above their heads, and it was reported that some had been floated away on the rushing tide with their little ones in their arms."

Bayou Grasse Tete advises state that there is now three or four feet of water on the east side of the bayou, and it is expected the water will overflow the west side. The water is banking up bayou Plaquemine as far as Dardemais plantation, and will probably reach the town of Bayou Grula, on the Mississippi River. Mayor Wiltz has been applied to for immediate relief to be sent to the Grasse Tete country. Recent rains continue the floods in the Ouachita and Red River valleys.

**The Crops—The Frost.**

DAMAGE TO THE CROPS IN MISSISSIPPI.—The Aberdeen Examiner says: "Thousands of acres of corn in East Mississippi will, in consequence of the unpropitious weather that we have had of late, have to be planted over again, and if this ended no greater loss than that of seed, it would be a heavy burden to our farmers. We have heard of some few good stands of corn in this county, but as a general rule those who have not planted have saved time, and labor and seed. Considerable anxiety is being felt for the oat crop. It is feared that the continual rains will result in its loss by rust, and we can hardly imagine a greater calamity, for there are hundreds of farmers who depend upon the oat crop for food for their plow stock while working their cotton crop, and should such a calamity as its loss befall them, they would suffer terribly."

THE FLOOD IN NORTH ALABAMA.—The Montgomery News of May 1st, says: "Passengers who arrived in this city yesterday say the oceans of water between here and Nashville is truly astonishing. The water between here and Calera was higher than at any time during the season. At Decatur the whole face of the earth appears to be covered with the floods. Between the Tennessee river and Swan Lake, a few miles the other side, is one uninterrupted sheet of water. A large quantity of stock has been cut off, and as the water encroaches on the stock, they come nearer the railroad, which is the only land visible. The owners, to keep them off the track, have them tied to telegraph poles, and men sit to watch them to keep passing trains from killing them. The railroad, however, is in good condition, and trains make regular schedule time."

The Montgomery News, May 4th, says: "We are indebted to Mr. Clisby for the following interesting letter:

MANX, Miss, April 20, 1874.  
Dear Clisby: The rains and inundation have played general destruction with this country. The cotton is dying out, and scarcely any seed left to replant. Under the best management and seasons now forward, can't possibly make over half a crop. Such is the opinion of most of our best and most reliable farmers, and from all I can see and learn, I fully concur with them.

The Mississippi bottom is even worse off, and over 30,000 people there without bread or employment, in consequence of the great freshet and destruction of property. They cannot fully recover the lost ground.

These facts may be fully relied on, and as a cotton dealer, they may be of service to you. I remain, very truly yours,

CHAS. BARKSILL.

A correspondent at Marshall, Texas, writes as follows: "The rains are excessive and frequent. The entire country is drowned and flooded to an extent unprecedented in the memory of the 'oldest inhabitant,' and great apprehension is felt for the wheat crop, which was unusually promising until the rains set in. Little has been done towards planting; the ground is too wet to plough, and the planters are everything but hopeful of the situation."

Frost.—We copy the following items from our exchanges:

ATLANTA, April 20.—Heavy frost this morning; fruit and crops are injured.

ALBUQUERQUE, G.A., April 20.—There was a severe frost this morning, and considerable damage to cotton and corn.

SAVANNAH, April 30.—Heavy frost last night. Fruit and vegetables are damaged.

SELMA, ALA., April 30.—The Alabama river is falling slowly. The greatest damage is hence to Mobile. A large area of cotton land is flooded. The scarcity of seed will check replanting.

VERY GOOD.—We think it had generalship to force the Democratic party into a defensive position on repudiation or any other question. It would be much better strategy to carry the war into Africa, and assault the pregnable places of Radicalism, which are so numerous, that it can be assailed on every side, and many of its forces can be captured and turned into faithful allies.—*Lafayette Clipper.*

Hence it is that we are not willing whenever a powerful effort is made "to carry the war into Africa," and to assault the "pregnable places of Radicalism" to have any portion of our progressing conservative Press, the moment the word "white," or "white man," is mentioned, belaboring it to put the Democratic and Conservative party in a false and "defensive" position. The Clipper must join us in putting these too sensitive democratic plants into a little healthy sunshine.—*Montgomery News.*

Judge Loohrane, of Savannah, who has just returned from Washington, says that the idea of running Senator Gordon of Georgia, for Vice President with a leading Northern Democrat, is being considerably canvassed, and meets a large measure of endorsement from Northern and Western men.

**Tribute of Respect.**

Whereas, death has again invaded our Masonic circle, and taken from our midst our worthy and true Brother and Tyler, CHARLES CLEMENT;

And whereas, it is seldom we are called to mourn the loss of one so true to the objects and aims of our order, and so faithful in the discharge of all the duties devolving upon him;

And whereas, we are full of hope that our much beloved Tyler has been admitted into the Grand Lodge above, where the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe presides, and that his mortality has put on immortality, and is numbered among the redeemed and his soul made forever happy. Therefore, be it

Resolved, By Marion Fraternal Lodge No. 34, that as a token of the respect and high regard we had for our deceased Brother, the members of this Lodge will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

And, That we tender to the widow and two little orphans of our deceased Brother, our deep and heart-felt sympathy in this great bereavement.

3d. That the Tyler's sword be draped in mourning for thirty days.

4th. That we will, without any hesitation, regard the widow and orphans of Brother Clement, as survivors of a worthy Brother, of the purest integrity.

5th. That the Secretary of this Lodge be requested to furnish the family of Brother Clement, and the MARION COMMONWEALTH, a copy of this preamble and resolutions, and that the Editor be requested to publish them.

GEO. P. L. REID,  
T. D. JONES,  
THOS. TARR, Com'ly.

**Tribute of Respect.**

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in His infinite wisdom, to remove from our midst by death, on the 13th day of February, 1874, our beloved Brother ROBERT O. HARRIS;

Therefore be it resolved,  
1st. That by this sad dispensation this Lodge has lost one of its most esteemed and zealous members, and that in private life, our deceased Brother exemplified the precepts of his profession, was devotedly attached to our Order, active in the discharge of Masonic duty, and ever ready to aid, assist, and work.

2d. That in the life and character of Brother Harris, we have an example that we, as Christians, Masons, or citizens, may well strive to emulate; and that in this sad bereavement, we have an impressive warning to be at all times ready to cross the dark Valley of the Shadow of Death, and be prepared "to enter that spiritual building, that house, not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

3d. That we tender the bereaved family our sincere sympathy, and realizing the unsatisfactory nature of all earthly consolation, would point them, with confidence, to Him whose promise is to the widow and the fatherless.

4th. That in token of respect and affection for the deceased, the members of this Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

5th. That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be published in the MARION COMMONWEALTH, and a copy be furnished the family of the deceased.

S. A. EDWARDS,  
DR. D. FAIRBANK,  
R. H. WALLIS,  
Perryville Lodge, No. 117. Com.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**State of Alabama—Perry County.**

MIDDLE CHANCERY DIVISION, SEVENTH DISTRICT.  
THE regular term of said Chancery Court is appointed by law to be held on the fourth Monday in April, A. D. 1874, at the Court House in Marion, Ala. The said term of said Court is hereby called on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, A. D. 1874, and will continue five days, or until the business is disposed of, and that the Register of said Court give notice of such extra term by a verified return for thirty days in the Marion Commonwealth.

Done at Chambers in Selma, this 23d day of April, A. D. 1874.  
CHARLES TURNER,  
Chancellor of the Middle Chancery Division of Alabama  
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**ARIEL.**

ARIEL has lost his eye-sight. Catechet, a friend by study and writing, has procured his writing, a word on "The White Man" since last October. He cannot read a line of print or writing. The demand for his work is so great as to cause his publishers to say in their correspondence with Ariel that if he would insert an advertisement in the Union and American, advising his numerous friends North and South, of his situation, that they would immediately furnish him money to pay for the services of a good homoeopath to write at his dictation, and to pay for the publication of "The White Man." He has replied to Rev. John A. Sells, D. D., of Philadelphia, and also to publish in one volume his two first works on the Negro. Ariel does not wish this as a gift, but will return the amount of each contribution to the publishers, as soon as his works are finished, for the full amount, in his works, either of them, at one-half their price. This appeal is now made to his friends as to friends of God's truth. Remittances made "To Ariel, care of R. H. Payne, Nashville, Tenn." Ariel pledges his word as a Christian gentleman, that every dollar sent him will be so appropriated and accounted for, and any newspaper that will insert this card for any month will be paid in the same manner on forwarding the account and the newspaper containing the advertisement. The works have never been answered. They have been before the ablest Hebrew and Biblical scholars in Europe and America, and pronounced by them to be unanswerable by any believer in God's word. What is done must be done quickly.  
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**LOCAL.**

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The Commonwealth.  
BY E. A. HEIDT.  
MARION, ALA.  
Thursday Morning, May 7th, 1874.  
LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The scholars of the Baptist Sunday School of Marion had a picnic at Marsh Hill's grove Saturday last.

Married.—In Seale, Mississippi, April 28th, 1874, Miss MINNIE G. NAYE, of Marion, Alabama, and Mr. J. R. ADAMS, of Seale.

Died.—In Marion, Ala., May 2d, 1874, Mrs. MARTHA HUCKABEE, consort of Colonel Gray Huckabee, in the 79th year of her age.

In West Perry, May 3d, Mrs. MATELDA HOUSE, in the 80th year of her age.

Until the Alabama Central Rail Road is repaired, trains will run between Selma and Macon Station, leaving Macon Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, returning to Macon same days.

For the last week the weather has been varied; some rain, a little sunshine, cloudy and cool. Friday morning there was a light frost—Saturday pleasant, Sunday forenoon warm; Sunday night rain and hail; Monday and Tuesday cloudy and cold; Wednesday, sunshine and clouds, but cool.

The contract entered into last October by the Selma, Marion and Memphis Rail Road Company for the right of way over the Alabama Central Road to Selma, has been annulled, and the Marion train will only run to the Junction three times a week—Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Marion doesn't lack much of being cut off from all the balance of the world. We hope it won't be so long.

Personal.—We had the pleasure yesterday, of taking by the hand our accomplished and highly esteemed friend, Maj. Frank H. Hawks, whom we have not seen for some months past. He has been sojourning in Louisville, Ky., and returned home by the death of a devoted and aged mother-in-law, the late Mrs. Gray Huckabee. The Major is in excellent health. May his stay among his old friends be a pleasant one.

We have also had the pleasure of meeting Capt. John Rountree, of Baltimore, Commercial Correspondent for Ferris, Gillock & Co., 335 Broadway, N. Y., who was in fine health, and as usual, as lively as a cricket. We wish our young friend a safe return home, for he is too "gay and happy" to meet with bad luck.

Fine Portraits.—Mr. N. Marshall, the artist, is not only rapidly winning reputation here, but orders are crowding in upon him to such extent that his time is now fully occupied. He has now in progress at his studio, corner of Fourth and Green streets, some ten or a dozen portraits of well-known citizens, some of them ladies, some of which are nearly finished, and all are, without exception, not only remarkably fine and striking likenesses, but admirable paintings. It has been many years since Louisville numbered among her citizens an artist superior to Mr. Marshall, and we are glad to know that his skill is appreciated.—Courier-Journal.

Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association.—By a vote of the Convention held in the city of Selma last year, it was determined to hold the Third Annual Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of Alabama in Marion, on Thursday, May 14th, 1874. Marion extends a cordial Christian welcome to all who may come. The Reception Committee will meet the delegates at the Depot and escort them to their homes.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Richard C. Morse, of New York, has promised to be present, and that other brethren from abroad have been invited, and it is hoped several will attend.

The welcome meeting will be held on Thursday 14th, at 7 o'clock, p. m., at the Baptist Church, after which an organization will be effected. It is hoped that all who can will arrange to be present at the opening of the Convention.

The following topics will be presented for consideration:

1. Direct religious work among young men the first great object to be accomplished by the Young Men's Christian Association.
2. The value of more thorough knowledge of the Bible for Christian work.
3. How best to promote the work of the Young Men's Christian Association in the smaller towns and villages.
4. The best means for raising funds to carry on Association work; the general management of its business.

Well known gentlemen have been invited to address the Convention on each of these topics, after which the subject will be open for general discussion.

We would suggest to those of our citizens who are willing to extend accommodations to delegates to report their names to W. H. Raymond as early as possible.

State Items.

—There was frost in Greensboro May 1. —Sumter county owes about \$23,000. —The Freedman's Savings Bank of Montgomery has played out. —There was frost in Montgomery April 30th. —Mr. Sharp's kitchen, in Montevallo, was burned the 17th. —A week ago the wheat crop of St. Clair county looked well. —The Alabama river has been six miles wide at Montgomery. —W. H. Thornton is a candidate for Probate Judge of Talladega county. —The bridge over West Flint River at McDaniels mill is washed away. —The bridge over Big Nance at Courtland was carried away by the flood. —Montgomery county has been paying \$700 a year for feeding two mules. —Dr. J. H. Sanders will remove from Clinton, Greene county, soon. —The residence of W. F. Hall, at Round Mountain, was burned recently. —A white shed was recently caught in the Chattahoochee at Eufaula. —Reveries are in progress in the Methodist and Baptist churches at Eufaula. —Sam Slaton and Moses Mann were recently drowned in Mobile Bay. —At the week ending the 18th ult., there were fourteen deaths in Mobile. —The Dr. Williams' ware-house at Gainesville was washed away last week. —For the present, trains on the A. & C. R. R. do not run south of Tusculoo. —A fire occurred at Shelby Iron Works last week, which destroyed the ore house. —The residence of Mr. John Hays, of Opelika, was destroyed by fire April 20th. —The farmers of Barbour county are reported at least one month behind with their work. —The annual celebration of the Good Templars of Greensboro will take place on the 15th. —The rise in the Bigbee river from the late rains, was 4 feet higher than that of 1868. —The Ozark Star proposes Judge F. M. Wood, of Eufaula, for one of the Judges of the Supreme Court. —Mrs. Virginia Palmer, widow of D. B. Palmer, living near Eufaula, died April 28th. —There were twenty-two interments in the Montgomery Cemetery from the 1st to the 20th of April. —The Russell county democratic executive committee will have a meeting at Seale May 6th. —The Rock Mills Manufacturing Company in Randolph county, has in operation 20,000 spindles and 43 looms. —Montgomery county pays \$3000 a year to one man to look after four hard labor convicts. —The Sumter grand jury report the bonds of the officers of that county good and sufficient. —A writer in the Talladega Reporter proposes James M. Newman for State Treasurer. —Messrs. R. D. Shropshire and J. T. Brown have become the publishers and editors of the Eufaula Times, now published weekly and tri-weekly. —The Tuscaloosa Blade favors the selection of Maj. J. G. Harris, of Sumter, as the Democratic candidate for Congress in this (4th) District. —In eight months Cullman Station, S. & N. R. R., has grown into a town of forty-five houses, with two hotels, three stores, two saw mills, a planing mill, and three schools and churches. —The Eufaula Whig says that the A. & C. R. R. is virtually played out, unless somebody buys it who has money enough to put it in running order—it having been seriously damaged by the late rains. —The night of the 19th ult., Blanchard's confectionary store, Hertzberg, Simpson & Co.'s store, and the residences of Mr. Blanchard and Rev. Anson West, in Gadsden, were burned. —R. D. Locke, Esq., Solicitor of Barbour county, has been invited to deliver the Master's Oration at Columbia University at Washington, D. C., on the 24th day of June next, during the commencement exercises of that college. —The sweet potato crop promises to be prolific in Baldwin county in spite of rains. Yesterday two small boats brought from Fish river, 100 bushels of large sweet potatoes of this year's growth. Can any other county beat this for early vegetables?—Mobile Graphic, 2nd. —The West Alabamian, published at Carrollton, in this State: The residence of Franklin Elmore, about thirteen miles east of this place, was in the route of a fearful cyclone on the evening of the 14th ult., and was totally destroyed. Fortunately, no person was injured. Mrs. Elmore heard the storm coming, and, together with her children, took refuge under an out-house, which happened not to be in the course of the storm. Wherever the cyclone touched the ground it prostrated everything. —The Eufaula Whig says: "We understand from Dr. H. J. Sanders, that a negro child was born on Capt. Carpenter's plantation, near Clinton, a few days ago, which is, perhaps, the most extraordinary being yet produced by nature in her wildest freaks. The child is healthy and stout as other children, but has its head outside the breast-bone, just under the throat and in plain view, being covered only by a thin membrane. Its pulsations are plainly visible. We understand that Dr. S. has made an arrangement with its parents to exhibit it to the scientific world, if it lives."

—There was snow at Rome, Georgia, April 28th. —Bosron, April 30.—Contributions to the Southwestern water sufferers reach \$43,000. —Governor Caldwell, of North Carolina, has partially transferred the pardoning power to the directors of the penitentiary. —The wheat crops in every county in northern Texas are reported to be exceedingly fine, and abundant yield is looked upon as certain. —New Orleans, April 30.—Colored State Senator, E. Barber, and three other negroes sue the Jockey Club for refusing to sell them badges to the quarter-stretch. Fifty thousand dollars involved. —New York, April 30.—The committee appointed by the Produce Exchange to receive subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by the Mississippi overflow collected \$2,000 up to noon to-day. Mayor Havemeyer is receiving private subscriptions for Louisiana. —A New Party.—The Connecticut election has suddenly developed in the minds of certain Republicans the necessity of a new party organization. We are happy to hear that this new party is to be founded on "the spirit of righteousness." The prevalent opinion among old rats at Washington is that the Radical organization as a close corporation exists no longer, and the popular cry abroad is: "To your holes on office seekers!" —Little Rock, May 1.—A regular battle is reported to have taken place in Jefferson county. The Brookites had nine killed and twenty wounded; the remaining were dispersed and sent home. Seven Baxters were wounded and six horses killed. Federal action is hoped for by all. —Little Rock, May 1.—To the President: H. King, white, who fired on the commander of the United States troops at Little Rock, has been ordered to Pine Bluff by Baxter, and is pillaging and murdering. The State is perfectly peaceable except in Jefferson county, the scene of white robberies and murders. I have refrained from sending out forces in order to avoid a conflict. —James Brooks, Gov. of Arkansas. —Louisville, May 1.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South assembled at the Public Library Hall this morning. About two thousand delegates, representing every Southern State, except Virginia, are in attendance. Dr. Paine, as Senior Bishop, presides. Dr. T. O. Summers, of Nashville, was elected secretary, and the standing committees appointed. In the afternoon, resolutions were offered providing for the appointment of a committee of seven to ascertain how parsonages, school buildings and other property claimed by the Methodist Episcopal Church in violation of the rights of the Methodist Church South, and under what circumstances the Methodist Episcopal Church obtained possession of such property. The point being made that the resolution is very important, its discussion was postponed until to-morrow. A number of delegates is expected to-night. —AGED CITIZENS OF EUPAULA.—We call attention to a mistake in the last issue of our neighbor of the News, in which our deceased townsman, Dr. Sheppard, is referred to "as perhaps the oldest man in the community." Dr. Cullen Battle, one of the most estimable citizens of this place, is an older man than our lamented friend, Dr. Sheppard. Dr. Battle is in his sixtieth year, having been born on the 11th day of March, 1818, being a few days the senior of Dr. Lovick Pierce, the great Methodist minister of Georgia. By the way, it happened that four very aged persons of this community, in company with others, dined together about a month ago, at the residence of Judge D. M. Seals, of this place. Dr. Cullen Battle, aged 80; Mrs. Jane Battle, aged 75; Dr. Edmund Sheppard, aged 83; and Mrs. Ann T. Seals, mother of Judge D. M. Seals, aged 80 years. The aggregate of the ages of this ancient quartette, is 327 years.—Eufaula Times. —The world uses \$20,000,000 pounds of tea, and 718,000,000 pounds of coffee every year. China furnishes nearly all of the tea, and Brazil more than half of the coffee. —Mrs. Minnie Myrtle Miller, deceased in Placerville, California, last week, on the "Silent Women." We can't imagine where she gathered material for the lecture, unless it was in a cemetery. —It is said that in parts of Mississippi cotton planters are buying corn at \$1 1/2 per bushel, on time, and bacon at 19 cents. Wonder how much currency in circulation would help such people. —No one can deny the truthfulness of the Washington Chronicle, which pathetically remarks that "it is hard that a newspaper should have to pay bills like other folks, and not collect any."

General News. —The condition of the inundated portion of Mississippi is improving. —Vice President Wilson will soon leave on a Southern and Western tour. —The corner-stone of the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, was laid April 28th. —The crusades against the liquor saloons of the West have virtually come to an end. —Two thousand dollars' worth of provisions were shipped from Cincinnati to the Louisiana sufferers on the 2d. —Hon. John C. Breckinridge was taken seriously ill at Lexington, Kentucky, April 28th, but at last accounts was better.

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