

The Commonwealth.

BY E. A. HEIDT.

MARION, ALA.: Thursday Morning, May 14th, 1874.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The Base Ball season has opened in Marion, quite lively.

The Draft and Backgammon Clubs of Marion are doing a lively business.

From indications at the time we went to press, we shall have rain soon.

Work has been resumed in the Selma, Marion & Memphis Railroad Company's Machine shop at Marion.

Mr. W. L. Ward, of Marion, is engaged in the house of P. T. Hurt & Co., Selma, Ala.

Rev. E. T. Winkler, D. D., of Marion, Ala., will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon of Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va., June 21st.

There was a grand picnic at Capt. Reese's fish pond, Saturday May 9th, for the enjoyment of the children of the Episcopal Sunday School.

Dr. Reid has just opened, at his Drug Store, his Soda Fountain, where cooling draughts flavored with all kinds of nice extracts can be had at all hours.

Rev. E. B. Teague, D. D., of Selma, Ala., will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon of Howard College and the Judson Institute, on Sunday, June 14th.

When you pass up the street call in at Dr. Reid's Drug Store and get a glass of Soda Water. Robert Jones, the clearest boy in town, will wait upon you.

Hon. J. P. Hubbard, of Troy, Ala., will deliver the Baccalaureate Address to the Graduating Class of Howard College, Wednesday, June 17th.

Rev. Thos. Tabb, Marion, has received a few copies of General Joe Johnston's history of the war. Look out for Mr. T. if you wish to secure a copy of this work—he has but a few.

The anniversary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Sabbath School will take place at that church on Sabbath next, May 17th. An address will be delivered by Hon. P. G. Wood. The public are invited to attend.

A. M. FOWLER, Supt.

Badly Bruised.—We learn that a difficulty occurred one day last week, on the plantation of Mr. Sam'l Dorroh, twelve miles South of Marion, in which Mr. J. C. Nance, living on the place, had one of his arms broken and was otherwise terribly beaten and bruised, by a negro in his employ. The instrument used by the negro was a singletree.

We are very fond of music, the melodious concord of sweet sounds enchants us mutually—even the joyous notes of the Jews-harp, floating upon the evening air, from behind the pig pen, has charms to soothe our savage breast. But when a fellow deliberately gets under our window and continuously waxes with an accordion or brass horn, and that, too, in bad English, we can scarcely refrain from wishing that said fellow in—the crowded district of Arkansas.

Personal.—Since our last, we have had the pleasure of meeting Mr. John C. Wilcox, of Marion, who has been absent in Mobile for several months. He will return with us the balance of the summer.

Also, Captain Johnny Reid, of the Alabama Central railroad, who will remain in Marion until the first of June.

Mr. J. H. Reddick, former manager of the Marion telegraph office, spent a few days with his old friends here last week. He goes to Texas for a short time. May I have a pleasant trip.

Mr. J. B. Fiquet, of Talladega, a former citizen of Marion, will spend two or three weeks with his son, W. H. Fiquet.

W. Louis Howell and family, of Selma, has been spending several days with his father, Capt. Wm. Howell.

The Mobile Register makes the following handsome mention of an artist who has recently taken up his residence in Louisville: "We are glad to learn that although we have lost our favorite artist, Nicola Marshall, he has gone to a city that appreciates him. The Courier-Journal, of Louisville, is warm in its praise of his portraits, which, indeed, are of excellent likenesses. Mr. Marshall, besides his ability as a portrait painter, is a musician, though not a professional one. His playing on the violin is of that conscientious and reliable nature that makes him invaluable in concerted music. He is easily missed in the little musical circle of which he was a valued and respected member. The Courier-Journal says that it has been many years since Louisville could boast of an artist superior to Mr. Marshall."

The May *Aldine* is as fresh and beautiful as the month it represents; filled to the brim with choice flowers and literature. The engravings, which in this superb monthly seem to have reached the highest point of perfection, are beautiful beyond anything heretofore seen in an illustrated magazine. John S. Davis opens the number with a full-page picture, "The Dying Hound," which is one of his best efforts, a strong work, showing that it is a study from real life. J. D. Woodward contributes three large and spiritedly drawn pictures of scenes in Florida, one of the most beautiful and picturesque States in the Union. The first picture of the series is a deliciously cool view of the famous Silver Springs, which boils up from the earth; the second picture is a handsome full-page illustration of the mouth of the St. John's river, showing the ruins of the old light-house, a grove of palm trees, etc.; the third picture is a wild and dreamy view of a Florida hummock, one of those strange emerald islands in the midst of a desert of sands. Two other handsome and interesting pictures are "A Retriever," after Delker, and "The Bashful Lady," by J. M. Burfield. "Up Springs the Lark," is the title of a charming little view, exceedingly appropriate for spring time. John Hows has a full-page picture, striking for its boldness, called "The Hemlocks of Osego," showing a group of these great trees upon the shores of that famous lake. "The New Capitol at Hartford, Conn.," is a finely executed drawing of the large and ornate building now in process of erection at Hartford, at the cost of several millions of dollars. The last illustration in this number is an excellent portrait of Max Strakoske, the impresario, so well known in connection with Italian opera in this country. The literary contents of the May *Aldine* are of greater variety and excellence than usual. Subscription price, \$5, including chromos "The East" and "The West." James Sutton & Co., publishers, 58 Maiden Lane, New York City.

On Thursday evening, May 7th, as Mr. Robbins, turkey of the county jail, was carrying up supper for the prisoners, as he unlocked the door and stepped inside one of the prisoners seized Mr. Robbins and attempted to hold him in order that the others could make their escape, thinking that if the others got out, by his superior force he could also get out. But the alarm was given and assistance came and Mr. Nigger was disappointed. Two of the prisoners, however, succeeded in making good their escape.

We would suggest that after this the jailor give the negroes placed in his charge for safe keeping, more circumscribed limits by placing them in the iron cage, as he did poor Daniel O'Rourke, "where they will be safe."

Don't fail to attend the welcome meeting tendered the delegates of the Young Men's Christian Association Convention at the Baptist Church to-night. The welcome address will be delivered by Dr. E. T. Winkler.

Mr. Richard C. Morse, of New York, and Mr. Hall, of Washington City, and other distinguished lecturers from abroad will be present during the session of the Convention.

The Delegates to the Convention upon their arrival at the Depot will be conducted to the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, when they will be taken charge of by our citizens and conducted to their homes during their stay among us, which we hope will be both pleasant, agreeable, and profitable to all.

Fine Vegetables.—We are under many obligations to our Israelitish friends, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Schwarz, of Hamburg, for a fine lot of nice large Cucumbers, a basket of very large Early Rose Potatoes, some very fine Silver Skin Onions—and, last but not least, eight quarts of Wilson Albany Strawberries—all of which are the finest specimens we have seen this season, and we think, hard to beat.

It is just to Mr. and Mrs. S. to state that the cucumbers were sent in on the 8th; the Strawberries the 13th.

Dear friends, "may you live long and prosper."

Professor Ravlings, of the Judson Female Institute, has secured the services of Miss Zittella Cooke for the musical department for the session beginning the first of October, 1874. Miss Cooke is one of the most thoroughly accomplished musicians of the country, and the patrons of the Judson will be rejoiced to learn of the engagement.

Corn is selling in Marion at one dollar and thirty-five cents per bushel; and meal is very scarce at any price.

The Selma Times understands that a movement is on foot in Selma to call a convention of the lawyers throughout the State, some time in the Summer. The object of this convention is: 1st, To suggest changes in the existing laws; 2d, To suggest the enactment of such general laws as may afford better protection to persons and property; 3d, To suggest rules of practice in the several courts, better calculated to reduce the expenses of litigation, and more speedily attain the end of justice; 4th, To declare a code of legal ethics and adopt measures for the purpose of enforcing the same.

Importunity. Oh, yes, you remember, in the days long ago, All flushed with youth's pleasures, your cheeks were aglow; With the first blush of girlhood, so becomingly sweet, You gave me a promise while I knelt at your feet.

You gave me a promise that time should fulfill, And I believed it sincerely, and my heart trusts it still; But when the wine-cup of hope is from the lips snatched away, The heart pants with love-thirst day unto day.

Oh, yes, you remember, when the long years had flown, And your sweet, girlish face to a woman's had grown; You named a bright flower, and ere it had died, You promised me, darling, you'd then be my bride.

But the flowerer withered and bloom'd twice again, And your pledges still broken, your vows are in vain; Then pledge me again, love, while our hearts are atone; Pray name the day, darling, and let it be soon.

LEW.

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 30th 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

Uniontown..... 8

Oak Grove..... 5

Perryville..... 4

Pinhook..... 4

Old Town..... 4

Radfordville..... 3

Hamburg..... 3

Scott's..... 3

Polecat..... 2

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 elect an earlier date, 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 providentially 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 no ordinary election. Over Seven Hundred officers, National, State and County, are to be elected in November next. You have it in your power now more to say who shall make your laws and execute them; whether honest, bonafide, 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 pen" to foresee the utter, absolute irretrievable 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, Chmn.
POWELL LOCKETT,
H. C. COOK,
H. H. HUNT,
JOHN WALSHALL, Ex. Com.

Marion, May 5th, 1874.

State of Alabama.—Perry County.

MIDDLE CHANCERY DIVISION, SEVENTH DISTRICT.

THE regular term of said Chancery Court as appointed by law to be held on the fourth Monday in April, A. D. 1874, not having been held, it is hereby ordered that an extra term of said Court be held on Thursday, the 11th day of June, A. D. 1874, said term to continue five days, or until the business is disposed of, and that the Register of said Court give notice of same extra term by advertisement for thirty days in the MARION COMMONWEALTH.

Done at Chambers in Selma, this 30th day of April, A. D. 1874.

CHARLES TURNER,
Chancellor of the Middle
Chancery Division of Alabama

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In Chancery,

AT MARION,

7th District, Middle Chancery Division.

SARAH HOWARD, by her next friend,
GEO. J. JONES,
VS.
GASTON DRAKE,
CRAWFORD C. HUCKABEE,
HUGH B. HOWARD.

IN this cause, it is made to appear to the Register, by the affidavit of L. N. Walcott, that the Defendant, Gaston Drake, is a non-resident of this State, and that he resides in the State of Florida, near Oklawaha, in Sumter county, in said State, and further, that, in the belief of said affiant, the Defendant is over the age of twenty-one years.

It is therefore ordered by the Register, that publication be made in the MARION COMMONWEALTH, a newspaper published in the town of Marion, Alabama, once a week for four consecutive weeks, requiring the said Gaston Drake to answer or demur to the bill of complaint in this cause by the 10th day of June, 1874, or, in thirty days thereafter, a default pro confesso may be taken against him.

Done at office, in Marion, this 28th day of April, 1874.

J. T. PACK,
Register.

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ARIEL.

TO THE PUBLIC:

ARIEL has lost his eye-sight. Cataract, a gradual and steady growth, has so far advanced that he is unable to see. He has written a word on "The White Man" since last October. He cannot read a line of print or writing. The demand for this work is so great as to cause many gentlemen 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 the money to pay for the services of a good Hebrew scholar to write at his dictation, and to pay for the publication of "The White Man," and his reply to Mr. A. S. D. H. H. 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 by an order on the publisher, as soon as the work is finished, for the full amount, in his works or either of them, at one half their price. This appeal is now made to his friends as the friends of G. A. D. truth. Remittance to be made to Ariel, care of J. H. Payne, Nashville, Tenn. Ariel prides his word as a Christian gentleman, that every dollar shall be so appropriated and accounted for, and any newspaper that will insert this aid for one month will be paid in the same manner on forwarding the account and the receipt of the subscription. The work has never been answered. They have been before the Helms and Biblical scholars in Europe and America, and pronounced by them to be unanswerable by any man in G. A. D. word. What is done and to be done quickly.

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ARIEL.

Nice Refreshments.

VISITORS and CITIZENS of Marion will find at the Co. Rectory of

H. D. Doerner,
Lemonade;
Cakes, of every kind; Jellies;
Candies; Raisins;
Sugars, Cheiving & Smoking Tobacco
Fancy Toys, &c., &c.

Also, a good supply of Lard and Oysters, Fish, Lobsters, &c. June 5 41 1y

INSURANCE AGENCY.

THE undersigned have this day formed a co-partnership for the purpose of transacting a

Life, Marine & Fire Insurance Business.

Applications received for Life and Fire Insurance Policies upon all the modern and safe plans. Representing more than Ten Millions of Dollars, they are enabled to transact business on the most liberal and favorable terms.

For information or Policies apply to WM. M. CATTIN,
April 14, 1874. JAMES O. L. HEBY,
Marion, Ala., April 11th, 1874. 37U

Meal! Meal! Meal!

HAVING started a Mean Grist Mill to supply the Dep't of the S. M. & M. R. R., Marion, I am prepared to furnish the people of Marion and surrounding country with good Fresh Meal at all times, upon the most reasonable terms. A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed in quality and price of Meal.

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J. F. VARY. REXX LEE. E. H. VARY.

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.

E. H. VARY,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
MARION, ALA. Office over Hart & Co's Store. feb 27 4t

JOB WORK neatly executed at the Home of MARY J. JOYCE, opposite the Commonwealth Office, Marion, Ala.

An experiment of eight years duration demonstrates that no money can be made in Marion by selling such goods as we deal in on Credit, and as our object in doing business is to make money, we have determined to exercise our right of either keeping our goods or getting in exchange, *Cash* or its equivalent, which we will do from Oct. 10, 1873.

We intend for this to apply to all who may favor us with their patronage not excepting even those who have heretofore been punctual in the payment of their accounts.

In connection with the above we propose a material reduction in the prices of such of our wares as will reasonably allow it.

GEO. F. L. REID & CO.
October 9, 1873

A LATE DISCOVERY!

To Our Friends:

After having fully tried the Credit System we are determined to abandon it, and Sell for Cash, and Cash Only.

We can do business in no other way.

A. GOLDEN & Co.
Oct. 3, 1874.

SWIFT
COTTON WARE-HOUSE!

Foot of Water Street,
SELMA, ALABAMA

THIS WELL KNOWN AND CONVENIENT WARE-HOUSE IS NOW
Open for the Season!

AND WE TRUST BY PROMPT ATTENTION TO MERIT A SHARE OF BUSINESS

S. H. HARTSHORNE, Proprietor.
J. A. KILPATRICK, Manager.

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JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE, Marion, Ala. Four gentlemen and ladies are now giving their whole time to the Judson pupils' health, education, and religious training, and are prepared to receive pupils at all times, upon the most reasonable terms. A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed in quality and price of Meal.

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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. HURD, A. L. H. of
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