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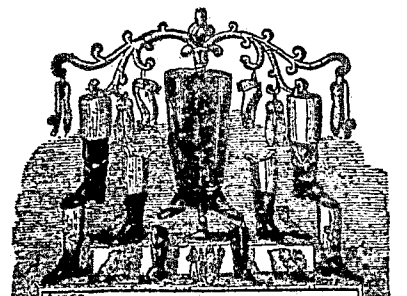
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The finest assortment of Guns, Revolvers,

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Has permanently located in Tuscaloosa,

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He has devoted sixteen years exclusively to

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AND

ORNAMENTAL PAINTING

THE UNDERSIGNED is prepared to do all

work in the above line, in the best man-

ner, and on the most reasonable terms.

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Store will receive prompt attention.

Dec 19-1

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Merchants' Exchange,

SALOON AND RESTAURANT,

H. S. ROUBKE, Proprietor,

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On Draught at all times.

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A first rate Cook will be employed during

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In Price of Coal!

AFTER this date, I will furnish the best

coal brought to Tuscaloosa, at the fol-

D. M. SCOTT & CO.

Will always keep on hand



The Finest Clothing, HATS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

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PRICES REDUCED.

MRS. H. A. RALPH respectfully informs
her friends and the public that she is
still conducting the jewelry business at the
store formerly occupied by her late husband,
Thos. E. Ralph.

She has now on hand, and will be constantly
receiving, the latest styles of

Gold and Silver WATCHES,

CLOCKS,

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Musical Instruments,

TABLE CUTLERY,

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Repairing, Cleaning, &c.

Done in the neatest manner, and guar-

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CHANGE. Allow SIX PER CENT. IN-

TEREST on Deposits, when left for a specified

period. Collect on all points. City col-

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Monthly certified statements of assets and

liabilities subject to inspection of Depositors.

Banking hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

Sept. 5, 1873-1

Oct 3-4

Mortgage Sale

OF

REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of the power of sale vested in me,

in a certain mortgage conveyance made

and executed to me, on the 14th day of June,

A. D. 1867, by E. S. Olmsted, given to secure

a note therein described, dated October 5th,

1865, payable to me, in the sum of \$1,000,

with interest from date, I will, for the purpose

of satisfying said claim and costs, proceed to

sell, before the Court House door, in the City

of Tuscaloosa, Ala., to the highest bidder, for

cash, within the legal hours of sale,

On Monday, 13th day of April, 1874,

the following real estate, as described in said

mortgage, to wit:

The piece of land lying in NE corner of said

half quarter Sec (16), T. 21, R. 10 W. known as

old Wilson place, on which is a brick

house, containing about eight acres, more or

less, bounded on the East by Crab's road,

and on the South by the late residence of Isaac

Lee. Also, the E 1/4 of Sec 9, in the

same township and range, except 10 acres - E

NE corner of the said section. Also, the

piece of land lying in the NW corner of Sec

affix (15) in the same township and range,

E. SNOW & CO.

Are daily receiving their Choice Stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER

GOODS!

They keep constantly on hand the best qual-

ity of

DRY GOODS?

The finest selection of

Dress Goods and Trimmings.

The most complete Stock of

SHOES.

The best assortment of

China, Glass Ware and Crockery.

WHITE GOODS

Will be a Specialty.

They will

SELL AT LOW RATES

And Guarantee Satisfaction.

Remember that they sell Good Ar-

ticles, and sell them LOW.

Any articles not in stock ordered promptly

Agents for

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Jan 1-1

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Opened, on the 9th inst., in the

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DURING the years 1856 and 1857, the name

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throughout Tuscaloosa county, on account of

the beautiful pictures taken by him then,

many of which are held to-day in this county

as priceless gems.

His partner, Mr. Shaw, is fully equal to

the task which they together have under-
taken. Their united efforts never fail to please
the most fastidious; and though always busy,
they are ever ready to take just one more

Photograph.

Ambrotype,

Ferretotype,

Melano-type,

GEN. or any other Picture taken by the art.

Give them a call AT ONCE!

Dec 11-1

Great Reduction in Prices!

THE OAK CITY HOTEL

NOT CLOSED!

But still wide open, with the Best Beds,

Best Rooms, and Best Furnished Ta-

ble, in Tuscaloosa.

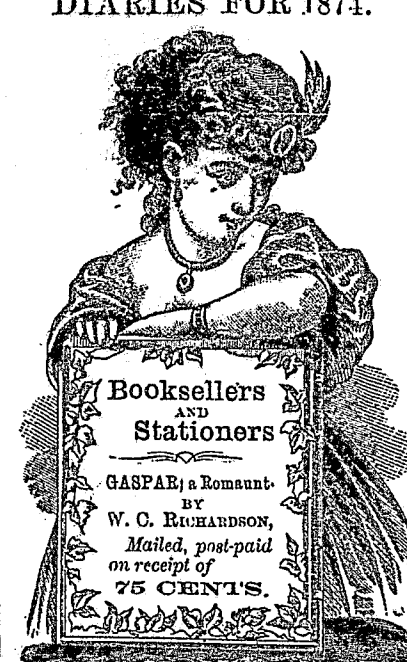
Call, and Judge for Yourself!

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W. C. HARGROVE, D. DAVIS,

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Nov 6-1

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AUCTIONEER

COMMISSION MERCHANT,

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

RESPECTFULLY solicits from his friends

GOODS, GROCERIES and all descriptions

of MERCHANDISE, to be sold either at Auction

or private sale.

References - R. C. McLester; Bangh, Ken-

ney & Co.; T. Maxwell & Son; Jas. D.

Spiller.

Auction Rooms in the store house oppo-

site Dr. Little's Drug Store.

His motto is "Quick sales and prompt

return of money."

Sept. 5-1

AT

LITTLE'S

DRUG STORE

CAN BE FOUND

A LARGE AND WELL SELECTED STOCK OF

Best English Soda, Ground Pepper,

SPICES,

KEROSENE, LAMP GLASS, & SWEET OIL.

WHITE LEAD - (Pure)

And everything usually kept in a

FIRST CLASS DRUG STORE.

HOLSTETTER'S

WALKER'S VINEGAR

BRANDY, WHISKEY AND WINE

For Medicinal Purposes.

TRY LITTLE'S COUGH MIXTURE.

Landreth's Warranted Garden Seed.

Sept. 5-1

F. B. HEMPHILL,

ATTORNEY AT LAW, NOTARY PUBLIC,

AND

EX-OFFICIO JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Will promptly attend to all business con-

fided to his care. Office over D. M.

Clark's old stand.

Sept. 5-1

STEPHEN MILLER, E. M. BURTON

NEW

Auction and Commission

HOUSE BY

MILLER & BURTON.

WE, the undersigned, would respectfully

inform the public that we have entered

into a Co-partnership in the General Auction

and Commission business in the city of Tu-

scaloosa, Alabama, two doors east of F. T.

Bundy's, on Broad Street.

We will receive consignments of Flour,

Bacon, Lard, Dry Goods, Groceries, and all

kind of country produce, &c., &c., and sell

on Commission, making prompt re-

turns.

Parties sending us articles to be disposed

The Realm of Long Ago.

The day, with its sandals dipped in dew,
Has passed through the evening's golden
gates,
And a single star in the cloudless blue
For the rising moon in silence waits;
While the winds that sigh to the languid hours,
A hilly breathes o'er the folded flowers.

The lilies nod to the sound of the stream -
That winds along with a jingling flow,
And either awake or half a dream.
I pass through the realm of long ago,
While faces peer with many a smile
From the bowers of Memory's magical isle.

There are joys and sunshine, sorrows and tears,
That shock the path of life's April hours,
And a longing wish for the coming years,
That hope ever wreathes with faint flowers;
There are friendships guileless - love as bright
And pure as the stars in the halls of night.

There are aches and memories, bitter pain,
And buried hopes and a broken vow,
An aching heart by the restless main,
And the sea breeze fanning a pallid brow,
And a wanderer on the shell-lined shore,
Listening for voices that speak no more.

There are passions strong and ambitions wild,
And the fierce desire to stand in the van
Of the battle of life - and the heart of the child
Is crushed in the breast of the struggling
man;
But short the regrets and few the tears -
That fall at the tomb of the vanished years.

There's a quiet, and peace, and domestic love,
And joys arising from faith and truth,
And a love unquestioning, far above
The passionate dreaming of ardent youth;
And kissing of children on lip and cheek,
And the parent's bliss which no tongue can speak.

There are loved ones lost! There are little
ones,
In the distant dell, 'neath protecting trees,
Where the streamlet winds and the violet waves,
And the grasses wave to the sighing breeze!
And we mourn for the pressure of tender lips
And the light eyes darkened in the earth's
eclipse.

And thus as the glow of daylight flies,
And the night's first look to the earth is cast,
I gaze 'neath those beautiful summer skies,
At the pictures that hang on the wall of the
past;
O, sorrow and joy chant a mingled lay,
When to memory's wildwood we wander away.

ARKANSAS POKER.

How Four Aces were Beaten by Five
Jacks.

The following incident is related
of Scipio Choteau, a half breed Creek
Indian and negro:

He was asked if he was the man
who had four aces beaten.

He answered: "Yes sah; I's de
man."

"Will you have any objection to
telling it?"

"I's afraid it will git me into trouble;
but if de judge is willing," ap-
pealing to the foreman, "I will tell
it."

The judge consented, when Scipio
said:

"You see, I lives on de cattle trail
from Texas through de Creek country
to Kansas, and I was in de road one
day, and I meets a gentleman ahead
of a big drove of cattle. He say,
'Old man, do you live in de country?'

"I say, 'Yes, sah.'
'He says, 'It's a mighty poor coun-
try. How do you make a livin'?'
'I says, 'Sah, I putty good coun-
try; we has plenty of meat and
bread, and I makes a good livin' a-
'He says, 'Old man, do you ever
play kerds?'

"I says, 'Yes, sah; I does, some-
times.'
'He says, 'Would you have any
objection to play a little draw?'

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Immigration--Other Causes, etc.

We have regarded with concern, and even alarm, the tendency even in this country towards that dangerous centralization which is producing such demoralizing effects, and must, ultimately, either depopulate or revolutionize the present German Empire. Yet, withal, we are free to admit that we have still left the semblance of civil, and the essence of religious liberty. Here, the persecuted of other lands can find an asylum; here, each denomination is privileged to worship God after its own heart; here, there is a fair field and no favor; conscience and conviction everywhere tolerated, and more frequently respected, and education carefully and liberally nurtured. Such being the case, dissatisfied foreigners will and must seek the United States. In what parts will they settle? Here we are intensely interested for our own good. We must labor to draw them hither.

Realizing the happy effects of our comparatively free Republic on the destinies of the future, Berkeley, with a prescience worthy of a seer, beautifully exclaimed in poetic verse:

Westward the course of empire takes its way,
The four first acts already past,
A fifth shall close the drama with the day;
Times' nobleship expires in the last.

Cannot we bring the recuperating tide of immigration Southward? We have the lands, for the most part, productive and already cleared and otherwise improved. We need immigration; we must have it, should be the fixed resolve. Self-protection against mongrelism imperatively demands it. Self-interest requires it. A government by white men calls for it. Self-respect and social relations require it. Humanity cries for it. To turn the current we must unite; individual with individual, corporation with corporation, county with county, state with state, and exact what our position, climate and natural resources entitle us to; which is, not only to share the immigration now flowing to this continent, but also to induce a great proportion of that already settled North and West to re-emigrate.

National and State legislation may be necessary to render the success complete, and should be accorded with no penny-wise, pound-foolish, hand. To obtain such aid, we must have Southern U. S. Senators and Representatives, and State Legislators committed before election days to the policy of furnishing free homesteads to all actual white settlers. The North may feel indisposed to compensate, directly, the South for the loss of slave property, of which the latter was unjustly deprived; but, indirectly, in this way we can obtain an ultimate equivalent for the great damage done our section of country. Practically, however, we must first help ourselves, then some Hercules will come to our aid. This beginning must be by private liberality; no liberality in fact, but a putting out our lands at compound interest.

The *State Journal*, with wonderful egotism, attributes our recent criticism on the Democratic Address to the facts, that we get the *Daily Journal*, and read it, too! Well, we do get that paper, and partially read it, too; but we failed to read its remarks on the said Address, for the reason that the *Journal* is too blind in its partisan hatred to do justice to anything emanating from an anti-Radical source; and because the *Journal's* strictures were subject to the same fault, even to a greater degree, as the Address; viz: too lengthy, and, as a consequence, foolish. Candor induces us to say that, barring its prolix political editorials, the *State Journal* is one of the best, most readable of our exchanges; and, as we seldom or never read long, this date and unreliable leaders of demagogical character in any newspaper, no matter what its political complexion may be--we do not find the portion of the *State Journal* that we prize, tedious, or revolting to our sense of truth and justice. Should our tastes hereafter change, and we be induced to pore over such unprofitable literature, the *State Journal* will have gone home to roost, then, with a vengeance.

Recent opinion as to the deserts of that paper. Meantime, we assure our Radical contemporary, that when we penned our trivial critique on that Address, we not only had not read his views thereon, but also had failed to read those of others.

Most of our Alabama exchanges favor the nomination of Gen. George S. Houston, for Governor, by the Democratic convention to meet in July prox.; and mainly on the ruinous plan of "expediency;" a miserable shift that has, heretofore, cost the party much disaster and defeat. We much doubt the policy of selecting candidates with a view of conciliating antagonistic elements, or voters who are so like-warm in their political status as to require overtures to be constantly made to them in order to prevent them from going over to the enemy. If the Democratic party occupied the same position that it held in the deplorable support of Horace Greeley for the Presidency, then it would be consistent to take for State standard-bearers men who are so overly moderate in their political views as to leave grave doubts of their precise party-allegiance. But it is a well known fact that the Democratic party, of this State, at least, has discovered its error and wisely abandoned a line of policy that had almost destroyed its entity as an organization. Most of the leading papers of this State (including the *Montgomery Advertiser*, which was, until recently, edited by the chairman of the State Executive Committee,) have boldly discarded the Liberal Republican yoke imposed on them by lead leaders, and have now donned their former tried and true harness of white supremacy. Indeed, the late able and lengthy Address of the twenty-one sachems of the party, clearly indicates that the approaching political conflict is to be fought squarely on the "race issue." Such being the case, how inconsistent and ridiculous will it be to place at the very head of their ticket, a man who, though very able and distinguished, is; nevertheless, not a fair representative of the extreme views embodied in the principles of the party! Gen. Houston was so much opposed to secession from the beginning to the end of the late hostilities, as to incur any amount of obloquy throughout the State; in fact, so strong were his honest convictions that the unequal Union should be preserved, "one and inseparable," at all hazards, that secessionists were wont to regard him as a traitor in camp. At a subsequent date, during the peculiar process of State reconstruction, Gen. Houston has taken no active part on either side, and the general impression is that he either approved, or accepted without scruple the several amendments to the Constitution.

The *Montgomery Advertiser* announces that its "preference over any man in the State" for Governor, "would be Hon. Clement C. Clay, of Madison, whose name was a tower of strength in days gone by. But could he be elected? That is the question." Could Houston be elected? That is another question. The press and the politicians having educated the whites, since the last State election, to the doctrine of straight-out Democracy, it is questionable whether a large body of those people can be induced to grow enthusiastic over the nomination of a political non-descript for the highest office in their gift. If the canvass is to be conducted on principles foreshadowed by Democratic newspapers and leaders, their men must be chosen to match.

A bill is before the U. S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, proposing to abolish all distinctions in the regimental and company organizations, of the army, on account of color; now that there are negro Congressmen and negro cadets at the military and naval academies. The act of 1866 restricts negro soldiers to certain organizations, which is an outrage on the rights of Office. The bill makes it the duty of the War Secretary to obliterate, at once, by assignments and transfers, all distinctions which may now exist between the organizations of the army on account of race or color. Capital! Hope it will pass. We want the Northerners to have a full dose of the negro. "What a treat it will be to see companies of 'boys in blue' commanded by black martinetes, whose splay-shoes their white subalterns will have to polish! Grimes will have gone home to roost, then, with a vengeance."

At the junction of the Etowah and Oostanula Rivers, where we bade adieu to the "Magnolia," and her gentlemanly officers. May they long live, and may their boat be patronized to her just deserts. Rome is certainly the "city of the seven hills," not to say how many more! The evidences of depression consequent upon the "Panic," are perhaps less marked in Rome, than many other places. It certainly must be a strong place, for good times. Time will not allow me to do justice to the magnificence of the water-works, which will remain a lasting honor to the good sense of the city fathers, and to Messrs. Noble & Sons, who designed them. The landscape view from the Water-tower--the many mist-crowned mountains in the distance, and the lovely little city, nestling immediately around, surely present a scene worthy of any painter's brush, and justly comparable to any Italian landscape. Rome is evidently destined to become, in the near future, a manufacturing town of no mean proportions. It is thought that the recent opening up of the Oostanula River, to steam-boat navigation, for 180 miles, thereby affording an outlet to the rich valleys of Northern Ga., will greatly benefit Rome. As the weather still continued admirably suited to the physical development and moral beautification of juvenile specimens of genus "Duck," thereby greatly lessening our chances of enjoyment, we concluded to take the 10 P. M. train for the pleasant little town of

CAVE SPRING, which is situated 16 miles S. W. of Rome, immediately on the Selma, Rome & Dalton R. R. The incessant rains seem only to have caused the rich hill-sides around, now covered with green fields of clover and grain, to appear more inviting--peculiarly attractive to the eye of the "Granger," and the murmuring waters of Cedar creek, tumbling through the lovely village,

A Trip to N. W. Georgia.

Circumstances having transpired which induced me to join that memorable band of "Martys," known as "Gideon's Band," I, with a friend in like situation, took up the line of march on the 10th ult., towards N. W. Ga., "searching for a home." As the said line of march was to take us over the A. & C. R. R., we, of course, made it convenient to "go slow," especially as on that memorable day, it did not quite rain "cats and dogs," it certainly came down "in torrents." Under these circumstances, so favorable to the well-being of "young ducks," we dragged our slow length along, till near night-fall, when we reached the depot of that city so soon to become of partisan proportions, but as yet, only claims the modest name of "Birmingham." It was our intention to give the roundings of this city a thorough inspection, but as there was no hope of touching terra firma in the then dreary condition of that section, and fearing the fate of that unfortunate individual whose name has the prefix of "stick-in-the-mud," we proceeded cautiously to make our way to the rising town of

ATLANTA, where we arrived about 11 P. M., and found a good house, clever landlord, and excellent bed. The next morning found us ready to enjoy the good breakfast awaiting us, after which necessary amusement, we felt in fine condition to walk out and take a look at the surroundings. Atlanta is situated at the proposed intersection of the "East Alabama and Tennessee" R. R. with the A. & C. R. R., and is really a nice location for a pretty town, which will, no doubt, be built in the future. The A. & T. R. R. has been graded quite the whole distance from Gadsden to Guntersville, and the Tennessee River, and trains now run regularly from Gadsden to Atlanta, a distance of five miles, transporting immense quantities of lumber.

Leaving Atlanta at 10 A. M., thirty minutes' pleasant ride over the five miles intervening, brought us to the thriving town of

GADSDEN, which lies immediately on the beautiful Coosa River, and is the county town of Etowah county, recently formed from portions of surrounding counties. Situated as it is, connected with Rome on the east by steam-boat communication, and by the A. & C. R. R. on the west and south, with "all the world and the rest of mankind," what is to hinder Gadsden from becoming a place of importance, especially as it is the trading point for several counties around, which send in their produce by wagons. To one seeking a permanent home, with an eye to the true comforts of life, health, good society, churches, schools, good water, and nice, clean, sandy streets, few places present a finer opening than Gadsden, which claims about two thousand inhabitants, and is evidently prospering in spite of the "hard times."

At 9 A. M., on the morning of the 18th ult., we left Gadsden, and took passage on the steamer "Magnolia," for Rome, Ga. A pleasant trip of 24 hours up the Coosa, with its many windings, flanked by flourishing wheat fields, and the blue peaks of the Look Out, Taylors Ridge, and other mountains on either hand, brought us to the picturesque city of

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muchly like the "Minnehaha,"--filling the poet's heart with gladness, surely pointing to "Cave Spring," as the place for a life-time home! Here will be found the Asylum for Deaf Mutes, an institution which does honor to Georgia. Most desirably located for the health and comfort of the unfortunate, it cannot but prove a public blessing. Here, also, may be met some of the best people of Georgia, many of whom have been attracted hither by the healthfulness and beauty of the locality, and the many religious and educational facilities. Four good schools, several flourishing mills and manufacturing establishments of various kinds, in and around the town; and to crown all, no spirit barred by legal prohibition in the original conveyance of the real estate. These many advantages, taken together with the comparative free and independent political condition of Georgia, certainly conspire to make a home here very desirable.

In bidding adieu to Cave Spring, I can only say, Mr. Editor, that should you deem this hasty sketch of a very pleasant trip, worthy a place in the *Blade*, it is possible that the hope of bringing into notice a very desirable section, may cause you to be troubled again by

Yours, truly,
R. RANDOLPH.

The most important act of Congress during its present session, was the passage of the *Inflation Bill*, by which the country is to be deluged with greenbacks; and this in face of the fact that in his inaugural address, five years ago, the President declared that "the return to a specie basis must be provided for as soon as it can be accomplished without material detriment to the debtor class, or to the country at large."

Now, Congress declares there is to be no immediate return to a specie basis, by the passage of this bill. The House passed a bill to provide that the amount of legal tender notes authorized to be kept in circulation shall be \$400,000,000; and the total amount of U. S. notes issued or to be issued, shall never exceed \$400,000,000. It was supported as well by Democrats as Radicals. This action of the House is condemned by the Northern press. The result of the House vote will doubtless be, to cause the Senate to concur, and to throw the \$18,000,000 reserve upon the country at once.

The Ala. Press Convention will be held at Birmingham on the 3d Tuesday (the 19th) of May next. There will be a full attendance of the members of the New York Press Association, possibly including Henry Ward Beecher, who is a member. Big times may be looked for. The Duke of Birmingham is reported to have laid in a tremendous lot of liquid refreshments; and we may expect to hear much of what "the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina," on that occasion. Perhaps, too, the Dowell will be there in her capacity of the *New York Herald* and *Harper* correspondent.

E. A. Heidt, of the *Marion Commonwealth*, is thought to be hopelessly insane, from the fact that his paper comes out in a half-column editorial, fulsomely lauding to the skies one of the very same persons who were recommended for State office by our correspondent "Lunatic."

Poor Heidt! We, in common with others of his warm friends, feel deep sympathy for him in his terrible mental affliction.

Hard, hard, indeed, is it to get the truth of the result of the late bloody battle between the Carlists and Republicans, before Bilbao. The accounts are confusedly contradictory. But we gather enough truth to arrive at the conclusion that Republican Serrano has been defeated by Royalist Carlos, with a loss of 4,000 men, including many high officers. Santander was, at last accounts, crowded with wounded soldiers from the Republican ranks. Only half the Carlisle army was engaged in the recent battles. Gen. Santos was shortly made with a strong division against Madrid and out of Serrano's communication. The prospect for the Republic is by no means brilliant. Don Carlos, who, by the way, is only twenty-six years of age, will doubtless be winner at Bilbao, and march on to Madrid. Having assassinated Prim, their ablest ruler for many years; having expelled the honest and gallant Arnedo; having destroyed the last hope of a real republic by overthrowing Castelar, the Spaniards are about to be daunted by having the royal yoke of Don Carlos immovably fixed upon them.

A desperate engagement occurred on the 25th ult., between the Spanish Republicans and Royalists before Bilbao. The former, under command of President Serrano, attacked the latter at 6 o'clock, A. M., meeting with stubborn resistance. Battle maintained all day, and only ceased at the approach of night, the Republicans encamping on the position they had captured from the Royalists. Republican loss, 470 men. The attack was renewed by Serrano at 5 A. M. next day. At 1 P. M., he telegraphed to Madrid that the combat was obstinate on both sides, but the advantages were with his troops.

Judge James Cobbs, of Sumter, announces himself in the *Bataw Whig*, a candidate for Circuit Court Judge of that Judicial District. The *Whig* says:

Living previously served our people in that capacity, they know the ability and faithfulness with which he filled the office, and his subsequent fidelity to the Democratic and Conservative party as Chairman of the Executive committee of Sumter county. The Judge is a good man morally, and TRUE to principle in politics; a host of friends would rejoice in his success.

Extensive Travels! Wonderful Adventures! and Hair Breadth Escapes of Messrs. Monroe and Snow, in the hitherto Unexplored Regions of Tuskaloosa!

On Friday we took another "bird's-eye view" of Tuskaloosa. Formed very pleasant acquaintances, met some old friends, among them Taylor and Randolph, and made some of the extensive rounds the *Blade* describes. The rides were enjoyed most especially, as in no wise suggestive of hard times, economy, etc., our friend, Maj. W. Snow, Jr. having footed the bills. At Mr. Alex. Simpson's "Home" we were very hospitably entertained, and suggest to our friends to give him a call when they visit Tuskaloosa. By boat we returned home, and the trip was one of the most agreeable we have made. The Captain, Clerk and crew possess the secret of accomplishing much without any ado about it, and the quiet of the passenger is undisturbed by swearing or hoisterous conduct of any sort. The *Burma No. 2* is well officered, and furnishes good fare and has attentive servants. The well known John Bartee, Jr., is Pilot, and we heard a lady remark to him that she would have no fear, as his skill as a pilot is so proverbial. *Blade Whig, April 2.*

Walker county, Ala., has, after paying all liabilities, a balance of \$972 25 in her treasury. The Grand Jury congratulates the county on a plentiful crop, last year, and an abundance of provisions; and closes its excellent Report by paying the following graceful compliment to Judge W. S. Mulld:

We cannot dismiss our report without saying that we cannot well and willingly part with the able and impartial judicial services of your honor as our Circuit Judge. For years, you have been our Judge, and we can truthfully say, our courts are bettered by your influence. Should your Honor be called to a higher judicial position our loss will be repaired in part by the benefits the State may gain.

Be assured that Walker county will reluctantly part with your Honorable Judge. And we, the Grand Jury, severally, jointly, and unanimously tender to your Honor our kindest and most profound regrets.

The following is a harrowing account of a terrible tragedy that occurred a few days since in Smoky Valley, Nevada:

It appears that Christopher Reckstein had been for a long time jealous of his wife in consequence of her frequent quarrels with a young man named Norton, and they had frequent quarrels about him. Yesterday, a man named Osterhaus went to Reckstein's house, and receiving no response for his demands of admission broke open the door. On the floor lay the naked body of Mrs. Reckstein, cut into pieces and her head split open. At her feet were the bodies of their two little girls with their heads nearly severed from their bodies, and near by lay the bodies of Reckstein and young Norton, grappled as in a death struggle. Reckstein had grasped in his right hand a large bow in knife covered with blood, and in Norton's hand was a dragon pistol, two chambers of which had been discharged. There is no living witness to this terrible affair.

We regret to learn that Dr. J. S. D. Osborn, who moved from this place some three months ago to Yazoo county, Miss., has had a personal difficulty in which he shot and wounded his adversary. The shooting was, we were glad to learn, in self-defense, and the wound not serious in its character. *Ala. Reformer.*

If you want a good suit of clothes made in the latest style, call at the ATLANTA STORE.

Tuskaloosa Grange Council.

This splendid body of men from the country, assembled at Odd Fellows Hall, in this City, Friday last, at 11 o'clock, A. M. Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of meeting, together with the fact that this is a very busy season with farmers, the assembly was smaller than at any previous meeting; not more than about sixty delegates being present. The proceedings (with a recess of half an hour to enable hungry and thirsty husbandmen to take drinks and eat goodies,) lasted till five o'clock, P. M. Perfect harmony reigned supreme, and much important business transacted; some of which will be published so soon as it is furnished to us by the worthy Secretary. It is probable that the proceedings for publication will not reach us in time for this issue, as the said Secretary lives in the country.

We understand that owing to the small attendance of Grangers in Council, at Eaton, on the 1st inst., the body adjourned to meet again to-morrow, the 10th inst., at the same place.

GRANGE CONVENTION.--Pursuant to a call from the Tuskaloosa Council of Patrons of Husbandry, the Convention met in Eaton on the 1st inst. Six counties were represented by delegates, viz: Choctaw, Hale, Marengo, Greene, Sumter and Tuskaloosa. I. G. Pickens, of Choctaw, was called to the chair; T. P. Archibald, of Greene, was elected Overseer; Thomas Armstrong, of Choctaw, Lecturer; John Sears, of Greene, Steward; T. J. Watkins, of Hale, Chaplain; D. W. Mitchell, of Sumter, Secretary.

The meeting, after appointing an Executive Committee to furnish some basis on which to work, adjourned until 8 o'clock, P. M. *Blade Whig, April 2d.*

The officials of the Grange mentioned in the *Advertiser* of yesterday, were in session all day at the Exchange Hotel. Their proceedings, in great part, cannot be given to the public, but one matter was discussed which is of prime importance to every citizen of this State. The plan of the Georgia Grange, for direct trade with Europe, was recommended. In addition to this, the Executive Committee was instructed to take such steps as would aid in establishing direct trade between Mobile and Europe, and the Mississippi Granges, landing at that port were invited to co-operate with them. This is a grand movement, and bids fair to be a successful movement. Encouragement from mercantile and manufacturing establishments in Europe, has been received and promised, in all efforts to open up communication between Southern and European ports.

The immigration question was discussed and plans proposed. This matter, however, is left open for another meeting. It can be safely stated that the plan likely to be adopted is exceedingly feasible, and will be necessarily successful.

Montgomery Advertiser.

And now comes the Tuskaloosa *Blade* with a new dress made of handsome large-fine type, which helps poor eyes, and will never wear out. Randolph seems to have struck a mine somewhere. He went to Birmingham recently and is reported to have bought up all of that town worth having, and then he went beyond, on a Radical mule and bought a large plantation. (I) And now he follows all these extensive operations with a new dress for his *Blade*. It really seems that the departed spirit of Jim Fisk is in him. Evidently he is getting along too well to go to Congress, or take an office.

Ala. State Journal.

The Tuskaloosa *Blade* is in a new dress, and is looking as sparkling and bright as the best of them. We congratulate our friend Col. Randolph on this evident sign of prosperity. May his career always be "onwards and upwards, and true to the line." *Jefferson Independent.*

Yesterday we had the pleasure of meeting Gen. DeBardleben and Col. Battle, the former formerly of Auburn, and the latter formerly of Tuskaloosa, but both now of Mobile, where they are doing business under the firm name of Battle & DeBardleben, as cotton agents and as dealers in supplies for Patrons of Husbandry. These two gentlemen constitute a strong and popular "team," and we bespeak for them a large support. Mobile may well be proud of the accession to her mercantile and social circles of such true types of gentlemen. *Montgomery News.*

MARKET REPORT.

Cotton in Tuskaloosa, 14.
In Mobile, 13.
In New York, 13.
Gold in New York, 119.

MASONIC.
RISING VIRTUE LODGE, No. 4.
A. P. M., holds Regular Communications on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month, "at early candle-light."
Visiting brethren are cordially invited to attend.
JOHN FRIZZETT, Sec'y.
April 2, 1874.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce
W. J. RYAN, (present incumbent)
a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Tuskaloosa county, at the election in November next.

We are authorized to announce
R. O. PARISH, (present incumbent),
a candidate for re-election to the office of Circuit Clerk for Tuskaloosa county, at the election in November next.

We are authorized to announce
WM. MILLER, (present incumbent),
as a candidate for re-election to the office of Probate Judge of Tuskaloosa County, at the election in November next.

We are authorized to announce
T. C. CHANDLER,
as a candidate for Sheriff of Tuskaloosa County, at the election in November next.

We are authorized to announce
W. H. WILDS,
for Tax Collector of Tuskaloosa county, at the approaching election in November next.

We are authorized to announce
MARK BROOKS
as a Candidate for Tax Assessor of Tuskaloosa County. Election in November next.

We are authorized to announce
WILLIAM H. JERAMSON
as a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Tuskaloosa County, at the election in November, 1874.

We are authorized to announce
WM. G. COCHRANE
as a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Tuskaloosa county, at the election to be held in November, 1874.

We are authorized to announce
H. H. BROWN,
as a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Tuskaloosa county, at the election in November, 1874.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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 1st, 1874, before commencing or continuing his business after that date. The Taxes Enforced Within the Provisions of the Law above quoted are the following, viz:

Dealers in real estate, etc.	\$200 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	25 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	100 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	50 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	20 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	25 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	500 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	\$1,000
Dealers in real estate, etc.	5 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	50 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	25 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	20 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	10 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	10 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	50 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	25 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	15 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	10 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	60 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	100 00
Dealers in real estate, etc.	100 00

Any person, no liable, who shall fail 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. BARKER, Collector of Internal Revenue at Montgomery, Ala., and pay for and procure the Special Tax Stamp or Stamps named, prior to May 1st, 1874, and WITH-OUT FURTHER NOTICE.

J. W. DOUGLASS,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Office of Internal Revenue,
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1874.

The money must be sent per Postal order, Registered Letter or Express (prepaid) to P. D. BARKER, Collector of Internal Revenue at Montgomery, Ala., and pay for and procure the Special Tax Stamp or Stamps named, prior to May 1st, 1874, and WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

The State of Alabama,
TUSKALOOSA COUNTY.

PROBATE COURT, April 3, 1874.

THIS day was presented to said Court, for probate, by Bird Logan, a son of and party to the last Will and Testament of Frederick Logan, deceased, and to the 11th day of May last, stipulated to bear at a determining upon a said application. This is, therefore, to notify Thomas Logan who resides in the State of Texas, next of kin of said Frederick Logan, to appear before said Court, at the time aforesaid, and show cause, if any he can, why said paper should not be proved and admitted to record, as the last Will and Testament of said Frederick Logan, deceased.

Witness, my hand, this 3d day of April, A. D. 1874.
WM. MILLER,
Judge of Probate.

Notice.

THE next term of the County Court will be held on the

third Monday in April, 1874.

During the 20th day of the mo. th, after which regular terms will be held as usual, 4th Monday in each month. WM. MILLER, Judge.

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