

GREENVILLE, Thursday, March 5, 1874.

JAMES B. STANLEY, Proprietor.

K. F. BAKER, Editor.

The State Convention.

The State Executive Committee have appointed Wednesday, the 29th day of July, as the time of the meeting of the Conservative Convention for the nomination of candidates for State offices.

The Bond Question.

There is a difference of opinion among the Conservative newspapers of the State as to whether or not the question of repudiating the illegal State bonds should be made one of the prominent issues in the coming campaign.

EXPLANATORY.—As there seems to be some misapprehension of a card which appears in our columns, we have been requested to make an explanation of it.

The Montgomery Advertiser of Tuesday says: "The decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Smith, Auditor, vs. Speed, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will have a very important bearing on State finances."

HOMESTEADS.—In the House of Representatives of Congress, on the 3d, the following important proceeding occurred: The House took up the bill to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain.

SUFFICIENT REASONS.—The New Orleans Home Journal says: "Most of the failures in cotton planting may be ascribed to—1st: Want of knowledge to select the soil adapted for the plant. 2d: Want of proper preparation of the soil. 3d: Want of sufficient manure. 4th: A faulty mode of cultivation. 5th: Too crowded a stand. 6th: Too little care in selecting seed."

The County Council.

According to previous understanding, the delegates from the Granges of Butler county met at Greenville on Saturday, February 21st.

On motion, a committee was appointed to recommend the action necessary for organizing a County Council, as follows: John Gilchrist, Chairman; E. J. Luckie, P. M. Bruner, S. D. Sawyer, A. F. White, A. Peagler, W. B. Gilmer, J. L. McCall, J. M. Hickman, and W. H. Jordan.

CONSTITUTION. Art. 1. This organization shall be known as the General Council of the Patrons of Husbandry of Butler county.

Art. 2. All regularly organized Granges, having first given their assent to the Constitution, shall be entitled to representation in the General Council.

Art. 3. The officers of the General Council shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Door-keeper.

Art. 4. The General Council shall meet quarterly, on the second Saturday in January, April, July and October.

Art. 5. The representatives to the General Council shall be elected annually, at the stated meetings of the subordinate Granges, in February.

Art. 6. Each sub. Grange represented in the General Council shall pay to the Secretary of the same one dollar annually for each representative sent to the Council, for the purpose of paying contingent expenses.

Art. 7. In the election of officers, all voting shall be by ballot, and a quorum shall consist of a majority of all the delegates entitled to seats in the Council.

Art. 8. The General Council may appoint, whenever they deem it necessary, some suitable person to act as agent in selling produce and purchasing supplies for the members of the Order.

Art. 9. The General Council may alter or amend at any regular meeting of the Council, two thirds of the members present concurring therein.

Art. 10. The Masters of all sub. Granges represented in the Council shall be ex-officio members of the Council, but not entitled to vote unless they are delegates.

Art. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Council, two thirds of the members present concurring therein.

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Alabama News.

A revival is in progress in Broad street Baptist church, Mobile.

A new lodge of Good Templars was instituted in Mobile on the 1st.

Dr. A. G. Mabry, an old and prominent citizen of Selma, is dead.

The spring term of Dale circuit court will begin on Monday, March 10.

Dale county farmers are using very little guano this year.

A Good Templar lodge was organized at Allenton, in Wilcox, on the 14th ult.

The university at Tuscaloosa has over fifty students.

Mr. J. N. Miller has been appointed notary public of Wilcox.

Sam Feagin, jr., of Midway, accidentally shot and killed himself last week.

Nine miles of water pipes have been laid in Montgomery.

The women temperance crusaders threaten to commence operations at Opelika.

Hon. E. W. Smith, of Sumter, who was for several terms a member of the legislature, died last week.

Rev. Cader A. Parker, formerly of Barbours county, is a member of the Texas Senate.

The post office of Gen. E. M. Law, secretary of the State Grange, is Tuskegee, Macon county.

Messrs. Dave Williams and Jasper Lambert, two prominent citizens of Monroe county, died suddenly on the 25th.

It is thought that recent improvements in the Tennessee river will open that stream the entire year from Florence to Eastport.

Two Germans recently arrived at Montgomery who had walked from Philadelphia. They were hired to work on a farm.

A great-grand daughter of the celebrated David Crockett was married lately to Mr. Wiley B. Woods, formerly treasurer of Pickens county, Ala.

The time appointed by the Committee for the meeting of the Democratic and Conservative State Convention is Wednesday, July 29th.

There were 11 marriage licenses issued to whites, in Montgomery county, in January, and 8 in February; for negroes, 52 in January and 24 in February; total, whites 19, colored 76.

At Pollard, last week, a difficulty occurred between Messrs. Ghent and McClelland, which resulted in the shooting of Mr. McClelland by Mr. Ghent.

Ship Island, near Mobile, has been put in fighting trim by the Government, and has an armament of thirteen ten-inch Columbiads in casemates; two fifteen-inch Columbiads; full pivot; two one hundred pound Parrot rifle guns.

Alexander Busler, of Birmingham, went to Arkansas with a view of locating there. But he saw two negro constables dragging a white woman before a negro justice of the peace, and that prompted him to come back to Alabama.

The amount of oats and wheat sowed in Montgomery county, this season is greater than for any three seasons combined since the war. The prospects for a good crop are flattering: The Opelika Observer says that 40,000 bushels of oats for seed have been sold at that place.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—There was a encounter in front of the Imperial Hotel to-day, between Congressmen Bellman, of Alabama, and a member of Judge Busted's staff.

Items from the Hayneville Examiner.—McCord, formerly of Lowndes, died at Oakland, Escambia county, Fla., Feb. 12th. Mr. Tully Perdue, of Sandy Ridge, rode into Hayneville, hitched his horse to the rack, stopped into a house to "see a man," and while he was in there a negro rode his horse off 2 miles from town the thief was frightened by two other negroes riding up rapidly behind him, jumped off the horse and ran, and Mr. Perdue was made happy.

The planters of Sandy Ridge are said to be further advanced in their planting operations than they have been at this time of the year in many a long day; they say they are going to have corn and oats this year if there's any way to have them.

A lodge of Good Templars has been organized at Leebatchee, Mr. Thos. H. Booth, of Sandy Ridge, is dead—Granges have been organized at Gordonsville, Mr. Willing and Bragg's Store, and probably at Benton and Mack. The planters of Lowndes are at work with great energy.

General News. The ladies continue their praying visits to the bar-rooms in the North and West.

Dr. President Fillmore lies in a precarious condition at his home, in Buffalo, from an attack of paralysis.

Last Friday witnessed, in various portions of the country, the execution of six or seven murderers.

By the court. He confessed the killing, but said his own life was in danger.

A committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church was in New York on the 3d to communicate with a committee of the Northern Presbyterian Church with a view to the union of the two bodies.

Late telegrams from Spain bring the intelligence that Serrano was declared to be the President of that Republic; and again it was said to have a head.

But for how long, cannot be said.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—All the Democrats in the Senate, except Thurman and Bayard, are considered certain to vote for the new election law for Louisiana, and preliminaries failing, they will support Carpenter's bill.

LONDON, March 2.—Most alarming accounts of destitution in India are received here. Dispatch says fully 1,071,000 people are starving to death in the famine districts, and all the poorer classes are beginning to want food.

The Southern Baptist Convention convenes at Jefferson, Texas, in May next. The railroads of that State have agreed to carry the delegates on an excursion trip over the country, by which they can travel about 1,300 miles, free of charge.

New Advertisements.

The State of Alabama, Crenshaw County, Court of Probate, February 24, 1874.

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GO TO TEXAS.

Passengers going to Texas via Memphis and Little Rock, or via Shreveport, will find the best route to Tyler, Dallas, Dallas, Overton, Waco, Austin, Houston, Galveston, and all points in Western, Central, Eastern and Southern Texas.

Passengers via New Orleans will find it the best route to Tyler, Dallas, Dallas, Overton, Waco, Austin, Houston, Galveston, and all points in Western, Central, Eastern and Southern Texas.

This line is well built, thoroughly equipped with every modern improvement, including New and elegant day coaches, Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars, Pullman Dining Cars, Pullman Parlor Cars, and Pullman Tourist Cars, and nowhere else can the passenger so completely depend on a speedy, safe and comfortable journey.

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The Rush to Kansas and Colorado. The indications are that the rush to Kansas and Colorado will be greater than ever in 1874. The shortest way to reach the far West is through St. Louis, the great Mississippi Valley City of over 450,000 inhabitants and thence west over the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Short Line, which reaches all the great land grants in the west, and runs six fast Express trains, two more than any other road, between the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. This road, in the last two years, has expended over \$2,000,000 in new rolling stock, in extraordinary improvements of road-way, in relaying its line with best quality of iron rails, and in other improvements, and in passenger equipment, having substituted for ordinary cars new rolling stock, with every appliance for comfort and safety, being elegantly carpeted and fitted with dressing rooms, with toilet conveniences for ladies, gentlemen and families traveling with children. Free of any extra charge. Any ticket agent selling through tickets to the West will furnish tickets by this excellent route through St. Louis over the St. Louis, Kansas City and Northern Short Line, the best and shortest to Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska, California, and the great West. It being the only line running through cars between St. Louis and Omaha. For map, circulars, and other information, address either Geo. W. Thagard, Buffalo, N. Y.; E. M. Reynolds, Pittsburgh, Pa.; J. E. McCarty, Cincinnati, O.; P. A. Palmer, New Orleans, La.; or E. B. Great, St. Louis, Mo., of whom will furnish any information desired.

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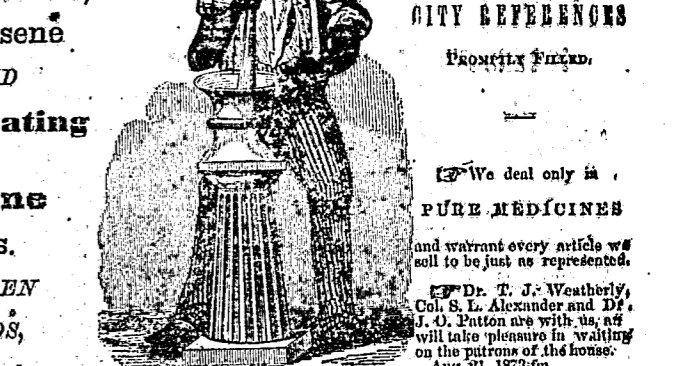
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HATS OF EVERY STYLE, for Ladies and Gentlemen, Remarkably Low NOTIONS IN EVERY VARIETY! GROCERIES AND PLANTATION SUPPLIES, Well Assorted, at Lowest Market Prices! COTTON AND COUNTRY PRODUCE TAKEN IN EXCHANGE!

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Ladies' Dress Goods, Trimmings, Notions, Perfumery, Toilet Articles, Medicine, MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, SADDLERY, HARNESSES, HARDWARE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, GUNS, PISTOLS, &c., &c.

IN FACT, HE HAS A DRY GOODS, Grocery, Hardware, Drug and Notion Store,

ALL COMBINED IN ONE ESTABLISHMENT! AS A CIRCUS MAN WOULD SAY, "FIVE SHOWS IN ONE, AND ALL FOR ONE PRICE!"

Now, Ladies and Gentlemen, as the Price is FIRST COST OF the Article, This is the Place to Trade!

You will find those clever Gentlemen, Messrs. WOMACK, GOLDBEY, JONES and WIMBERLY, to wait upon you, and Mr. JOHN P. HODNETT to make out your bill.

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WEEKLY ADVOCATE

Greenville Lodge, No. 64.
Meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays in every month.
Jan. 16th
Greenville R. A. Chapter No. 99.
Meets on the 2nd Saturday in every month.
Jan. 16th
Greenville Lodge No. 70 K. O. G. F.
Meets in their hall over Lochlar's Shoe Shop, every Monday night.

GREENVILLE CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Methodist.—Rev. J. R. Hines, Pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
Presbyterian.—Rev. W. W. Montgomery, Pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night.
St. Thomas Episcopal Church.—Rev. W. H. Harrison, Rector. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock.

MOBILE & MONTGOMERY R. R.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.
BOSTON SOUTH.
Night Mail Train Leaves...
Morning Mail Train Leaves...
S. M. WILSON, Agent.

CANDIDATES.

WE are authorized to announce D. B. TAYLOR as a candidate for SHERIFF of Butler County. Subject to decision of Convention, if held.

ATTENTION.—We will take pleasure in furnishing any Orange with a sample copy of By-Laws, if they will only make application to us.

The price of cotton in this city is from 10 to 14 cents.

CHANGED.—The railroad schedule has been so changed that the train from Montgomery for Mobile arrives at Greenville about 9 o'clock in the morning. There has been no change in the time of the train for Montgomery, and the two trains meet at Letoatchville at 7:52.

The following new postal routes have recently been established: From Pine Apple, Fla. Butler Springs, and Manalapan to Greenville. From Garland, via Starlington and Butler Springs, to Monterey.

Mr. Robert Reid's agent for this county for the three latest and best works published, the first, a complete history of the war from a Southern standpoint, by that great historian, General Joseph E. Johnston. The second, Mark Twain's "Gilded Age," his last. The third is the "Bible Looking Glass." All of these works are good, and would make a fine addition to any library. For prices, &c., see Mr. Reid.

In another column will be found the card of the Metropolitan Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla. This hotel is under the management of Mr. Keene, who will be found to be a gentleman in every respect, worthy of the patronage he so liberally receives. It is situated nearly opposite the postoffice, and convenient to steamboat wharves and railroad depots.

WHERE IS IT?—The Secretary of Fairmount Orange makes a request of us which we would be pleased to comply with if he had not neglected to give us his post-office address. The post-office Directory does not contain such an office as Fairmount, in this State, and we therefore do not know where to direct the document asked for. Write us more definitely.

PURSE.—The Jews of this city had a grand Purim ball on Tuesday night. As is usual with them, neither taste or energy was spared to make the occasion a pleasant one, and the ball successful. We presume that their anticipations were fully realized. The attendance was large, and the enjoyment general. The proceeds of the ball will be sent to the Cleveland Orphan Asylum.

Chancery court is in session, Chancellor Felder presiding. Nothing of public interest seems to be doing there.

SERIOUS MISFORTUNE.—Some time ago a Mr. Sapp started on a timber raft from near Oakley Street, in this county, down the Patuxent, for Pennsylvania. In attempting to stop the raft at night, by tying it to a tree on the bank, the rope became wound around his arm, and the momentum of the raft was such, in the swift current, that the rope cut the flesh above and about the wrist severely. The wound was not sufficiently attended to, and on the return of Mr. S. gangrene set in, and it became necessary to amputate the arm. This operation was performed by Drs. Prior and Kendrick. We sympathize with Mr. Sapp in his misfortune.

HOW IS IT?—We would like to ask the postmasters, or route agents, or anybody who can tell, why it is that the Montgomery papers come to us containing extracts from the Hayneville Examiner, and others of our exchanges, by the same mail that brings us the papers from which the extracts are taken? Sometimes, in fact, the Montgomery papers reach us first. Will somebody please explain?

Our Florida Trip.

JACKSONVILLE.

This, the banner city of the State, is situated on the St. Johns river, about 20 miles from its mouth, with an actual population of about 5000, and a floating population of perhaps twice that number. It is the great distributing point for the tide of Northerners who visit that balmy region in search of health or pleasure. There, those afflicted with pulmonary diseases find a healthy balm in that semi-tropical climate, and hence East Florida has a name all over the United States as the refuge of consumptives. Jacksonville is accessible by rail from Chattanooga Station, on the Chatahoochee river, from the North, and also from Savannah by the Savannah & Gulf road; and at this season of the year a perfect tide of immigration is pouring into it, some seeking homes, hot with orange fever; others in search of health lost in bleak northern climates; while others, having money and time, are in search of pleasure.

At Jacksonville we took the steamer Starlight, bound for the said-to-be greatest orange growing section of the State—Mellonville, Orange county. On our way down the country and up the river, we passed

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the home of Harriet Beecher Stowe, the woman who made such a reputation as the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." She has a beautiful place and a fine young orange grove. There many of the distinguished visitors of the North stop and write back to their local papers the glowing accounts which we so often see, of the never ending summer, the perpetual bloom of the flowers, the fertility of the soil, &c. This place is only 15 miles from Jacksonville, and is undoubtedly the prettiest place on the river that we saw. Here the river is nearly three miles wide, and continues that width for about one hundred miles, with low banks, at no place over ten feet high. The growth on the banks is small, and a great deal of it is the cabbage palmetto. And the innumerable number of Alligators which can be seen either swimming about or sunning themselves on logs, present good targets to shots of, of which many passengers avail themselves. The next place of note is

TOGOY.

Here where passengers bound for St. Augustine, which is about fifteen miles distant, get off. A horse-car meets every boat, and for the small sum of \$2.00 you will be carried to the oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine, which is rapidly improving. Many men of wealth have built and are building handsome winter residences there, and it is now the most fashionable place in Florida. The morning we arrived at Togooy, there were four steamboats at the wharf, and as it was an unusual sight, our boat was detained some half hour, to take a photographer an opportunity of taking the scene. Among the boats was the City Point, we presume the largest steamer now running the St. Johns. We believe it runs from Palatka to Savannah. From Togooy, the steamers City Point and Florence ran a race to Jacksonville. The Florence, a small steamer, and one of the fastest that runs the river, came in about one mile ahead. The next stopping point we notice is

PALATKA.

where the famous Palm Orange Grove is situated. This is a pretty little town or some 1500 inhabitants, and is like most all points on the river, supported by winter visitors. Mr. H. L. Hart has an orange grove immediately opposite the town on the other side of the river, and as it is one of the oldest groves, and kept in the very best condition, very few people who visit Palatka fail to visit it and walk beneath the beautiful trees and eat of the delicious fruit, (five cents an orange). This is a fancy orchard, and Mr. Hart realizes fancy prices for his fruit, he never selling for less than five cents each, when others sell, where not so well known, for two cents.

Just before dark our steamer ran into a little arm of the river, and in doing so she opened up to our vision one of those gorgeous sunsets that you have read about. The cry, "Look, isn't it grand, beautiful?" &c., came from many passengers, and we unhesitatingly say it was indeed the most beautiful sight we saw in the land of flowers. It seemed as if the dense green of the foliage was transported to the sky immediately beneath the sun, and the formation of the cloud was in such artistic skill that we could but feel how insignificant is the art of man when compared with that Grand Artist above, who paints such lovely views for his unworthy subjects. Every eye on board watched the changing sunset until the god of day departed down the western slope to make glad the other hemisphere.

About 5 o'clock in the morning we arrived at Mellonville, a little place on Lake Monroe. From the numerous accounts we had of it we were led to believe that this was a thriving

little city; but to our surprise we found, near the landing, only three or four stores, one hotel, and a blacksmith shop. But as it was not towns and cities that we came to see, we concluded to explore Orange county from this place. So, going on in disphalls, and asked us to excuse him, as the citizens had that night had a grand Ku Klux Ball, and had kept the whole household up until near day. After breakfast we started out on foot to look at the country; and, after wading through a sandbar for two miles we came to Fort Reed and made for the Orange House, kept by Maj. M. R. Marks, who is the real estate agent of that section; and you will here give the Major our thanks for the kindness shown us while there. He is one of the cleverest men we met. In going from Mellonville to Ft. Reed, we passed three old orange and lemon orchards, belonging respectively to Messrs. Ginn, Spear and Vaughn. The first two are large groves and in excellent bearing condition. The last is in equally good order, but not near so large, there being only fifty bearing trees; but they are about twenty-five years old. This man, Mr. Vaughn, we asked particularly about the amount realized from the sale of his fruit, and his reply was that he never had realized more than \$250 from the sale of the fruit in any one year. The parties owning the other orchards would not tell us the amount of their income; but we learned enough to satisfy us that there is not half so much made from the production of the orange as a great many think.

At Ft. Reed, we got a one-horse cart, driven by an old gentleman who wanted us to see his farm in the hope that we would like it sufficiently well to purchase, as he had been living there long enough to desire a change of residence. Our ride through the palmetto and pine, over the sandbar road in the world, with the thermometer ranging between 75 and 80 degrees, sitting on a plank laid across the body of the unusually high cart, was more picturesque than pleasant, especially so, when it is remembered that our driver, weighing about 200 pounds, was seated at our feet in the bottom of the cart. All at once, while looking over the landscape, wiping from our faces the drops of perspiration which were continually coming through the pores of the skin, and straining our vision to the utmost to discover some of the flowers which "are said to grow in wild profusion throughout the State, and which, to our sorrow, never came in view," our noble steed, thinking the sun was too hot, the road too sandy or his load too heavy, determined to stop and rest—and stop he did, and so suddenly, too, as to cause the cart to come against his tail, or that portion of his horsemanship from which his tail is suspended, with such violence as to do considerable damage to the front part of the vehicle. The owner, much astonished, "lit" and went through an examination of the "critter," saying, as he proceeded, that he could not understand why he thus acted, as he never "seed" him do so before. At last, seeming satisfied that nothing was the matter with the animal, he remarked that "it was nothing but laziness, and that he would fix him," which he proceeded to do by mounting the animal and sinking his spurs into his sides. The horse, not expecting this, started from his slumbers with such violence as to throw us backward and head-first into the sand. Luckily for us it was sand, as with but slight bruises and much laughter we picked ourselves up and proceeded.

Suffice it to say, we did not purchase that man's plantation (it) or his horse. Nearly all the land for miles from Lake Monroe, in fact, as far in the interior as we visited, is exceedingly poor, nothing but sand, and all the way down to water, not one atom of clay or any thing else. There is, however, an occasional hammock of good rich land; but these hammocks are usually very small, and are too low and wet for the production of oranges. All the other lands where the orange tree is planted have to be made soil, fertilized on the first and every succeeding year.

The whole face of the country is covered with saw palmetto, which is very difficult to get rid of. The cost of clearing the lands ranges from forty to seventy-five dollars per acre. The price of land is estimated altogether by its distance from navigation. A man is asked any price from twenty-five to fifty or seventy-five dollars per acre—the higher prices for land on water courses where boats run. These are the prices asked at first; but the taking prices are about fifty per cent. less. We found only two men who did not want to sell, and they were very old settlers.

We saw hundreds of young groves from one to six years old, and nine out of every ten can be bought for less than they cost the owners. So we came to the conclusion that raising oranges could not be a very profitable business, especially when some of the parties are actually abandoning their groves. The cause is, that the land is too poor to raise anything else, and a man would have to carry money enough with him to live on ten or twelve years, or until his grove came into bearing. We are only speaking of the country we have seen. We heard that Florida had some better land in the orange growing district; but we did not see it.

The water is very near the surface. In no instance did we see a well over ten feet deep; so, it can not be very good. Wherever you find a strip of good hammock, there you will find chills and fever. Everywhere else the lands are too poor even to produce them. All the streams contain fish in abundance. Game is very scarce, except the common rabbit, which is so abundant that the dogs, thinking they are part of the possessions of the place, like the pigs, will not run them. This we have from an old settler.

In conclusion, we would give our advice, drawn from experience, to those of our friends who contemplate leaving Alabama, to stay at home, and especially to the citizens of this county. For, taking into consideration the health, climate, water, and productiveness of the soil, there is no superior county in our knowledge. The dream of a fine orange orchard in the land of flowers, from which \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year could be realized, is passed, and we came home a poorer and a wiser man.

Attention "Strangers."

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SINGULAR.—We have been informed that quite a number of mortgages are being given in this county this year as were given last year—or rather, perhaps we should say, as many applications are made, but some of our merchants have contracted their business in that line. The fact is somewhat singular, when we consider that last year's crops were better in Butler than they were in Lowndes, and in that county the farmers have made comparatively few mortgages. The farmers of this county are, on an average, more able to get along without assistance than those of Lowndes, and yet they ask more help than their neighbors do. We regret to see this, and are forced to the conclusion that self-reliance is learned only through disaster.

THANKS.—We are under obligations to Milton Park, Esq., of the Jefferson (Texas) Democrat, for a copy of the "Emigrant's Guide to Western, Central, Eastern and Southern Texas." It is a valuable publication, and we return thanks for it.

We will club that first class agricultural journal, the Southern Cultivator, with the ADVOCATE, both for \$3.50.

OBITUARY.

DIED.—In West Point, Ga., Wm. B. Locklear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Locklear, of this city, aged 18 years, 2 months and 2 days. His father, who knew him from his infancy, and to him by no ties of kinship, I have alloted adequate to the task of recording his virtues, without being suspected of partiality. For industry, integrity, and faithful attention to the interests of his employers, there are few youths of his age who could equal him. Ever at his post of duty, he furnished a bright example to others.

"Let us be patient; God has taken from us The earthly treasure upon which we leaned, That from the fleeting things which he around us, Our clinging hearts should be forever wended. These earthly walls must shortly be dismantled; These earthly tents be struck by angel hands; But to be built upon a more lasting foundation. There where our Father's mansion ever stands; There shall they meet, parent and child, and dearer. That earthly love which makes half heaven of home." There shall we find our treasures all awaiting, Where change and death no parting never come. He has gone from among us. Never more in this world will he gladden with his presence the hearts of his parents, which now, alas! are crushed with grief. But grief not, friends! What now is the sadness of your hearts, you bewail as an irretrievable loss, is an eternal gain to him. Christ in whose love he lived, is the friend to be the friend of, and "He doeth all things well." He has called him to that land—

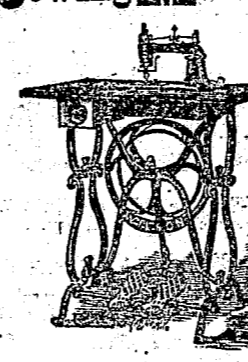
AN EXPLANATION.—Some of our subscribers who were entitled to the Farmer's Advocate have complained that that journal has not come to hand recently. We publish below a card from the publisher, giving the reason of its non-appearance for a month or two past.

When preparing to move the Advocate from Jackson, Tenn., a change of the publishing firm was made. The party purchasing, owing to panic embarrassments, failed to realize his means as expected, and to the present time I have been unable to find a proper party to take his place. It certainly will not be very long before I can do so, since the opportunity offered is unusually desirable.

This explanation is frankly made, so that the subscribers may understand the delay. The publication will be resumed at the earliest possible moment, and every subscription be supplied in full.

Hunting up the river is getting to be quite fashionable, but whether profitable, we can not say. Montgomery Ledger. And why the necessity of hunting up the river? Isn't it hunting right along by the wharf, as it has been doing for so long, where it can be found at any time.

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