







**TUSCUMBIA, ALABAMA**  
FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1874.

THE Arkansas muddle is getting to be quite a serious affair. It is a little more than President Grant can manage, even with the assistance of his cabinet. So much for interfering with State elections.

RICHARDSON, Secretary of the Treasury, is thought to be incompetent by such papers as the New York "Tribune" and "Herald." It is very likely that he is, but that is not very strange, the whole administration is down with the same complaint.

Dr. T. C. Teasdale of Knoxville, Tenn., is holding a meeting with the Baptist Church at Courtland Ala. We understand that there is a good deal of interest manifested by the community. He has good congregations every night. Dr. Teasdale is an able minister and has had great success as a revivalist. We are pleased to learn that he will hold a meeting at this place next July. The meeting will include the 3d Sabbath.

GEN. GEO. S. HOUSTON.

We noticed on our streets last Monday evening General Geo. S. Houston. General Houston appears to be the choice of the Democratic Conservative party of Alabama for Governor if we are to judge by the newspapers. Outside of a few Senatorial aspirants in North Alabama, he seems to be the very general choice of the party in this section of the State. No man can be selected that will please everybody. North Alabama could not to-day, present a candidate that would be acceptable to all. We have Judge R. W. Walker, Dr. Frank Sykes, Gen'l O'Neal and many others who, no doubt would receive the cordial support of many friends, yet they would have strong opposition within the party. As a public journalist we are for no man, merely on personal grounds for any state office; we would vote for a personal enemy, if we thought he was the strongest man we could put forward, and he could win the race. If General Houston is the strongest man in the State, we shall support him, and should every true democrat, provided he is competent, and none will doubt this. If on the other hand Judge Walker, Dr. Sykes or General O'Neal is more likely to pull a stronger vote than we, we will cheerfully support either of them. We think it of the most importance that the head of our ticket should be a very strong man, strong in talent and personal influence. Let us have the best man, whether he comes from North or South Alabama. General Houston is a strong man intellectually—whether he retains influence he once possessed in North Alabama, the convention will be able no doubt to arrive at an intelligent conclusion.

THE CENTENNIAL BILL.

On the 8th inst., the House of Representatives came to a vote on the Bill to appropriate \$3,000,000 in aid of the Centennial Celebration at Philadelphia, in 1876. Much time has been consumed in the discussion of the question. It was contended by the advocates of the bill that the faith and honor of the United States was pledged to the support of the celebration; that without this support, it would not be a success. On the other hand, the opponents of the bill contended that the government was not pledged to contribute money to its support and the Treasury was not in the condition to enable the government to give any thing.

On the question ordering the bill to be engrossed and read a third time, the vote stood yeas 92 nays 133, not voting 60. This vote evidently showed that there was a majority opposed to the bill. The friends of the bill worked hard and kept it from being killed altogether. On a vote being taken to reconsider the previous vote it was carried by a majority of 2. The Alabama Delegation stood as follows: For the bill, Hays, Rapier, Pellam, Sheets, Sloss and White,

Against it, Caldwell and Bromberg. Three millions of dollars is a pretty sum to throw away just for a show that will benefit the Radical city of Philadelphia, more than the country at large. To talk about celebrating the 100th anniversary of our country's Independence, when a great part of the country is under a more grinding tyranny than the old thirteen colonies ever were, is a far e a humbug. The South to-day is under a ban; Many of her best men deny the privilege of citizenship. Look at South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas. What a commentary do we have here upon Radical misrule and Republican Government? With what heart can the people of these states join in the celebration of the kind proposed? We are sorry to see our democratic and conservative representatives from the Southern States vote for such a measure under the circumstances. When the South joins with the North, the East and the West in such a celebration. She should be unshackled and as free as they.

**THE ALABAMA PRESS CONVENTION.**  
We are gratified to announce that, at the meeting of the board of Mayor and Aldermen of Tusculumbia last Monday, it was resolved to extend an invitation to the members of the Alabama Press Convention and their guests, the New York editors and publishers, to visit Tusculumbia. The Press Convention meets in Birmingham on the 19th. It is expected that a portion, at least, of the Press Convention of New York will be present at that meeting. These editors will like to visit different sections of Alabama. Huntsville has extended an invitation to them and now Tusculumbia does the same. A visit of newspaper men to our town and surrounding country will certainly be of great benefit to us. Our Beautiful Valley needs only to be seen to be admired. These men who, as editors exercise a very great influence upon the public mind, will give their readers some knowledge of our country, which is the very thing we want done. The Valley of the Tennessee needs only to be known to attract immigration. Let our people make use of this opportunity to have the great advantage which North Alabama offers to the immigrants presented through the press of New York and our own state.

**New York Editorial Association.**  
Mr. H. N. Beach, Chairman of the Committee on the part of the New York Association of Editors issued the following circular to the ex-cursionists on the first of May:  
On the 20th ult., the undersigned, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements appointed by the New York State Editorial Association, mailed circulars to all the members of the Association, inviting responses from those who would participate in the excursion and visit to Alabama, in acceptance of an invitation extended by the Alabama Editorial Association. The acceptances cover about sixty persons, about one-fourth editors' wives, making a number amply sufficient. All sections of the State will be well represented. The party will go, including ladies. The circular is sent to all editors who have said that they would participate, and if any find that they cannot go, they are requested to notify me to that effect, as a list embracing the members of the party, the newspapers they represent, and their addresses, will be printed for use a day or two before the party starts.  
The arrangements are not yet perfected for the return of the party by a southern route, though it is hoped they will be in season. The party will leave Samauca immediately on the arrival of the Erie train; breakfast at West Salem; stop ten minutes for refreshments at Dayton, arrive Cincinnati at 6 p. m., May 13th, and proceed to the Barnett House. Will start from Cincinnati on the morning of the 15th for Louisville, arriving there at noon, stopping at the Galt House. Leave Louisville on the morning of the 16th for Cave City, arriving there at noon, and then proceed to the Mammoth Cave. From the Cave it will proceed to Nashville and stop at the Maxwell House. From Nashville it will proceed to Birmingham, the point of destination, arriving there on the evening of May 19th. At Birmingham the party becomes the guests of the Alabama Editorial Association, and after viewing Birmingham will probably accept the proffered hospitality of the cities of Montgomery and Huntsville, and visit

mines and plantations. The committee will endeavor to make such arrangements as will conduce to the acquisition of knowledge and the pleasure of the party. The return route cannot now be definitely stated.  
Many inquiries have been made in regard to the expense of the excursion. It is a question that cannot be definitely answered. The passage over the railroad lines will be free, as stated, and it is probable that the party will not be at much expense while in Alabama. Elsewhere it is believed that the hotels will not charge to exceed half customary rates, trusting to the editors to reciprocate all favors. The expenses will be made consistently light.  
Suggestions—Try and reciprocate all favors received, and especially write up Alabama. Print enough papers extra, containing an account of the excursion and the principle objects viewed, so as to send a number to each person from whom favors are received. Resolved to have a pleasant time, and HAVE IT.

**H. N. BEACH.**  
**THE WAR IN ARKANSAS.**  
The encounters of yesterday—One in the City, and Another in the Suburbs of Little Rock—Only One Man Killed.

The United States Troops Take to the Hook and Ladder Truck Barriade as Their Best Hold.

More About the Steamer Hallic—Almost a Quorum for the Legislature—The Agreement at Washington—Etc., Etc.

**MORE BLOODSHED.**  
Little Rock, May 9.—At half-past eight o'clock this morning, two Baxter men, standing near the southeast corner of Main and Markham streets, walked across the street toward three or four of Brooks' men, all colored. One of the latter pulled a pistol and fired at the Baxter men, rushing into the middle of the street as he did so. The fire was returned and negro was shot dead. This was the occasion of numerous other shots, about forty in all—the Baxter men firing from Stoddard's corner, and a few Brooks men, who were in the Metropolitan Hotel, firing from that quarter. The United States troops at the city hall ran out the truck of the hook and ladder company, barricading Markham street and forming a line behind it. Matters were soon quieted.

**AN ENGAGEMENT ON THE OUTPOSTS.**

About one hour after the firing this morning, in which one of Brooks' colored troops was killed at the intersection of Main and Markham streets, about twenty shot were fired in the southern part of the city. Three of Brooks' colored men were out recruiting; they were encountered by a party of Baxterites, and a fight ensued. About eight shots were fired, but no one was hurt. The Brooksites were captured and brought to the guardhouse.

**BARRICADES AND FORTIFYING CONTINUES ON ALL SIDES.**

**BUSINESS SUSPENDED.**

All the stores were closed to-day. There is no attempt to do any business. The women and children living in the neighborhood of the statehouse have moved away. The ministers of the city called on the people to unite in the services to-morrow to God to avoid bloodshed and see that right prevail.

**ALMOST A QUORUM.**

Nearly enough members of the legislature have already arrived to make a quorum in both houses. Arrangements have been made for the legislature to meet in one of the town halls, outside the limits of the statehouse.

**HOW THE STORY IS TOLD IN ST. LOUIS.**

St. Louis, May 8.—The Globe's Little Rock special, in giving an account of the capture to-day of the steamer Hallic, says that Colonel Brooks' command overtook her at Palermo, and Captain Gibbons, whose company was nearest to her, demanded her surrender, and ordered her to come to the shore. Captain Sam Houston cried out in reply, "Come and take us," and the men aboard fired a volley at Brooks' men. Gibbons again demanded a surrender of the boat, and another volley was fired. Gibbons' company then returned the fire, and others coming up, the boat was riddled with shot, the steam-pipe was disabled and she drifted to the opposite bank of the river, where she was subsequently captured and brought there, with the killed and wounded on board.

**A SETTLEMENT PENDING.**

Washington, May 9.—With a view of effecting a compromise in the Arkansas difficulty, the representatives of Baxter and Brooks called conjointly at the bureau of justice to-day and had a conference with the attorney-general. They are now in consultation and hope to devise a plan of settlement. It is further desired by

them that in case the negotiations result in an arrangement, it shall have the approval of the government, in which case it will be agreed upon as a decision to which all parties will be required to submit. Should the different attorneys fail to agree, the attorney-general may declare his opinion in the case. He says the question has been one of the most perplexing character. It is very certain that the government officials will be glad if the representatives of the factions effect a settlement.

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ATTORNEYS AND AGENTS OF BAXTER AND BROOKS AT WASHINGTON.**

Washington, May 9.—It is agreed, this May 9, 1874, at Washington, District of Columbia, between the respective attorneys and agents of Joseph Brooks and Elisha Baxter, claimants for the office of governor of the State of Arkansas, that, on account of the conflicting parties and a division of sentiment among the people of the State, the said legislature of that State shall be called by said Brooks and Baxter to meet at an extra session the fourth Monday of May, A. D., 1874, at twelve o'clock noon, at the usual place of meeting in the statehouse—each to put a separate call out forthwith for the purpose—and the legislature so called shall be permitted to meet without molestation or hindrance by either of the said parties or their adherents.

That they shall receive and ascertain a communication from Brooks, setting forth specifically the ground for his claim to the office of governor, as well as his reasons for contesting Baxter's rights thereto; that they shall investigate the facts and allegations so set forth by Brooks, and such investigation shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the constitution and laws of the State, giving to both parties a full and fair hearing upon such competent and relevant testimony as either party may offer. The legislature shall determine, in the manner provided by law, which of the contestants received at the November election, 1872, a majority of the legal votes, and declare the result, and the parties shall abide by that action. Brooks and Baxter shall each relieve from duty and send home all his troops, retaining only as many as each may think necessary as a body-guard at Little Rock, not exceeding one company. All warfare demonstrations are to forthwith cease, and both parties are to keep absolute peace and refrain from any interference with each other, or his adherents, till the contest is finally decided by the legislature, or the national government has taken action thereon, and until the determination by the general assembly as to who was legally elected governor, in the contest to be made before that body by Joseph Brooks.

The question as to which of the contestants has the legal right to exercise the functions of the office of governor may at his discretion, be determined by the President on applications heretofore made to him by the respective contestants, and that the legislature shall receive from each claimant of the office such communication as either may send to it till the contest for the office is finally decided by the general assembly.

I submit the foregoing plan of adjusting the difficulties in Arkansas to the respective claimants to the office of governor, it having been agreed to by all their friends and attorneys here, subject to approval, and I have to say that the President earnestly desires its adoption by both parties.

**G. H. WILLIAMS,**  
Attorney-General.

Memphis, May 9.—At 9 o'clock and 5 minutes this morning the Little Rock wires went down and now it is impossible to communicate with the city in either direction by way of St. Louis or New Orleans. At last accounts fighting was going on and the supposition is that the lines all have been cut or the telegraph office seized.

Capt. Sam Houston who was killed yesterday above Little Rock was formerly Supervisor Inspector of Steamboats at this port.

Madrid, May 9.—Replying to the address, Marshal Serrano says he desires a week to deliberate on the political crisis before constructing a Cabinet.

Little Rock, May 9.—Railroads are interrupted to stop recruits. Four Brooksites negroes were killed yesterday. Baxterites are confident of a quorum in both Houses of the Legislature Monday.

Brooksites captured the steamer Hallic. Frank Timmes was killed. Captain Sam Houston has died from wounds, and John Myers, pilot, is mortally wounded.

**THIS PROPOSITION BY THE PRESIDENT.**

Washington, May 11.—The following telegram "were sent from here to-day:

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Hon. Joseph Brooks, Little Rock, Arkansas: I have suggested to Baxter that the members of the general assembly now in Little Rock adjourn for a reasonable time say ten days, to give you an opportunity to call on those members who may not

respond to his call, so that there may be a full legislature. The United States will give all necessary protection to the legislature in meeting and transacting its business, as usual, at the statehouse, and prevent as far as practicable all violence and disturbance of the public peace. I urgently request that the militia of both parties be at once disbanded, which is the first step toward a peaceable settlement.

**U. S. GRANT.**

**Answer.**

About the same dispatch was sent to Baxter.

**BAXTER'S REPLY.**

To U. S. Grant, President: Little Rock, May 11.—There is almost a quorum of both houses of the legislature present, and they have power under the constitution to adjourn from day to day in favor of their adjournment. I am in favor of their adjournment as long as they please, until every supposed Brooks adherent is present. With this understanding I will disband my troops in the same proportion that Brooks may disband his, but for the meeting of the Legislature at the usual place. Mr. Brooks must quit the statehouse, and get as far from it west as I am east, and deposit the State arms in the State armory, and let the statehouse and public buildings be turned over at once to J. M. Johnson, the secretary of state, to whom, under the law, they belong.

**ELISHA BAXTER,**  
Governor of Arkansas.

Washington, May 11.

To Hon. Eliza Baxter.

I am directed by the President to say that he considers your proposition fair and reasonable, and I have asked Mr. Brooks for its immediate acceptance by him.

The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, of Arkansas, telegraphed President Grant that they endorsed Baxter's proposition.

Little Rock May 11.—In the skirmish across the river this morning, quite a number are reported killed and wounded on the Brooks side. General White had one man wounded. At the time of the interference of the federal forces, General White had the Brooks party surrounded, and would have captured the whole outfit but for the federal forces.

**An Impartial View.**

Raleigh, May 8, 1874.

George McCaulley, a State Senator from Independence and Van Buren counties in Arkansas, and a former resident of this State, arrived here yesterday on a visit to his friends.

The Senator exhibited a red ticket, with "Admit" written on it, that he had to get from Col. Johnson, Baxter's Secretary, before he could pass the guards at the Capitol gate to take his seat in his office.

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