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## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### MASSACHUSETTS.

The colored men of Massachusetts are organizing the election of Wendell Phillips as the successor of Mr. Sumner.

James O'Connell, a traveling performer at Jerry's opera house, New York, while performing, mistook the rope and fell, striking his head on a nail, and died a short time afterwards.

Judge Brady has granted the motion of the counsel of Wm. M. Tweed to make the clerk's record of his sentence conform to the language used by Judge Davis, thus substituting "convicted" for "found guilty."

The New England Freedmen's society has decided to wind up its affairs. Since April, 1863, the society has received and expended over \$500,000, and has supported seventy teachers among the colored people of the south.

By the breaking of the rope of a mine in a colliery at Phoenix Park, Pa., ten men were precipitated to the bottom of the shaft. Three were killed instantly, and the remaining seven are injured.

The New York Central, Pennsylvania Central and Erie railway companies have advanced the price of tickets to all western points, and the old rates again rule. The Baltimore and Ohio road also rule the advance.

It is understood that the Erie road will have an increase in western freight rates on all lines.

The steamship City of Pekin, of the Pacific Mail steamship company, was successfully launched at Glasgow, Scotland, a propeller in the presence of a very large number of people, including congressmen and representatives of the mercantile interests. The City of Pekin is the largest vessel ever built in the United States.

At a recent meeting of the New York Grand jury, resolutions were adopted endorsing the declaration of the national congress at St. Louis, demanding legislation which will open and improve the avenues of travel, a propeller in the presence of a very large number of people, including congressmen and representatives of the mercantile interests.

The chief agents of the Erie railroad have for a long time suspected that a system of fraud was practiced by conductors by which the company was losing large sums, and last week four conductors of the Delaware division and three conductors of the Erie division were arrested and put under bonds, on suspicion of being implicated. It is said that the practice has been for certain conductors to retain without paying a portion of the tickets collected by them, to deliver them to persons outside, who sold them to be used again.

### WEST.

A terrific hurricane, accompanied by lightning and rain, passed over Cairo, Ill., on the 18th inst., causing great destruction.

The temperance crusade is rapidly spreading throughout Michigan. It is being generally successful in the smaller towns, but is being resisted in the larger cities.

A dispatch received from Gen. Terry's headquarters says no trouble is apprehended from the Indians at Leech lake. This corrects previous reports sent to Washington.

William H. Allen, of St. Paul, Minn., reports that the notorious Younger brothers, who were supposed to have been engaged in the Iowa railroad train robbery some months ago, were attacked at Morningside, St. Clair county, Mo., by a party of detectives, in which one of the Younger brothers and two detectives were killed.

The California senate has passed a compulsory education bill. The governor has approved the bill providing for a training ship for boys in San Francisco Bay. Application will be made to the federal government for a suitable vessel. It also approved the bill granting the right of way to the Texas Pacific railway to San Diego.

Bishop Whipple, of Minnesota, is out in a letter to the citizens of Illinois, in which he takes the ground that the state has no interest in the land. He protests against the sale of the pine timber, and says that he has been wronged by the state, and says that in a few years they will have no means of support.

Dispatches received at the war department report the Indians of the Leech lake reservation committing depredations. The federal government has sent troops to protect them. While unable to send troops to protect, every effort will be made by the military authorities to protect the agency and the settlers in the vicinity.

### SOUTH.

The bridge over Red river at Fulton, Arkansas, has been finished.

Alexander H. Stephens is now in a fair way to recover from his illness. The exodus of the colored people from Alabama and Georgia continues to excite much comment.

Governor Baxter, of Arkansas, declines to issue further state bonds for the Arkansas Central road.

O. H. Hart, governor of Florida, after a lingering illness, died at his residence in Jacksonville on the 18th inst.

A Galveston News special says a fire in Dallas on the 20th, consumed ten stores. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. The fire was caused by a gas leak.

The council of the wine and spirits traders' society of the United States have announced that they favored the present temperance movement.

On the morning of the 14th, the hanging of Sid Wallace, at Glasgow, Tennessee, passed off quietly, except that Sid gave a few unceremonious kicks.

Grants has appointed Gen. McLaws, of Augusta, revenue collector for the first district of Georgia. Gen. McLaws is a democrat, and was a confederate officer.

C. B. Barthman, a noted Kentucky desperado and fugitive from justice, was shot and killed in his mountain recess a few days since by a party of officers attempting his arrest.

The Alabama river has overflowed its banks in many places, and all the creeks and streams are greatly swollen. The freight is too early to injure planters, as very little of the crop has been harvested.

Elizabeth, wife of Wm. Vance, a farmer, living near Georgetown, Ky., cut her own throat and the throats of her two children, one aged three and the other nine years. Both children are likely to recover.

Mrs. Emma Lyman, of Atlanta, Georgia, has sued the Georgia Central railroad company for \$20,000 damages for the killing of her husband on the Macon and Western road, which is operated by the Georgia Central.

The directors of the Memphis and Charleston railroad have refused to accept the proposition of the Southern Railway company to sell the road and restore control of the road to the stockholders, on the payment of \$100,000. The Southern company claims they have lost in running connecting roads.

A break occurred in the upper basin



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## The Athens Post.

### Local Intelligence.

**Agents.**  
All persons indebted to us for advertisements, please call on or write to the Post office, and we will be glad to receive and remit for the same.

**Persons desiring local notices or advertisements to be inserted in the Post will please send them in by Wednesday morning in order to insure insertion.**

**Limestone County Court Directory.**  
Probate Court, Second Monday in May.

**County Court—Third Monday in each month.**  
Hon. J. P. COMAN, Judge, P. C.

**Commissioners Court—Second Monday in February and August and first Monday in April and November.**  
Hon. J. P. COMAN, Judge, P. C.  
Thos. J. McCallan, B. W. Kimball, Lulio G. McCallan, B. W. Kimball, Commissioners.

**Chancery Court.**  
4th Monday in May and 3rd Monday in Dec., Hon. Wm. Skinner, Chancellor, D. Sanders, Register. Office south west corner court house, Athens, Ala.

**Circuit Court.**  
4th Monday after 4th Mondays in March and September, Hon. James S. Clark, Judge, J. H. Malone, Sheriff, J. Moore, Clerk, J. J. Turrentine, County Solicitor—Clerk's office, North-west corner in Court house—Sheriff's office, south-east corner of Court house, at the law office of Jones & Turrentine, over store of R. Hine & Co.

**IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.**  
Court First Kindred First and Third Thursdays in each month.

**WIGWAM BASEBALL CLUB.**

**L. & N. G. S. R. R.**

**GOING SOUTH.**  
Passenger 9:28 a. m. | Exp. 9:37 a. m.  
Passenger 7:43 p. m. | Exp. 8:41 a. m.

**Special Notice.**

Tributes of Respect, obituaries, calls on persons to become candidates, their replies, and all communications of a personal nature, will be charged for at the usual advertising rates. We will, in no instance, deviate from this rule.

For announcing candidates names for county offices, \$5; for Senatorial, Congressional and State elections, \$10, invariably in advance.

Advertisements in local columns charged 20 cents per line.

All advertisements due when called for.

**Law Governing Subscribers.**

If subscribers neglect or refuse to take their newspapers from the office to which they are directed, they are held responsible until they have settled their bills and order them discontinued.

If subscribers move to other places without informing the publisher, and newspapers are sent to the former direction they are held responsible.

**Notice.**

A cross mark opposite this notice on your paper, denotes that the time for which you subscribed has expired and if you do not renew, the paper will be discontinued.

**Masonic.**

**ATHENS LODGE NO. 16 A. F. & A. M.**  
Meets 1st Monday in each month.  
CLARENCE CHAPTER NO. 9 R. A. M.  
Meets 2nd Monday in each month.

The Editorial Association of Alabama meets in Birmingham the first of May. The New York Editorial Association will attend the meeting by special invitation.

**Forty Men Dropped in a Well.**

ASSORTED DRUG STORE, kept by Walter F. Davis, and they advise all persons wanting anything in his line to give him a call. Dr. Ruffin Coleman makes his office at the above store. M. 20.1-m.

Bishop Paine is the senior Bishop of the M. E. Church South. He was elected with Bishop Capers at the first Southern General Conference held in 1856.

The man who imagined himself wise because he detected some typographical errors in a newspaper, has gone eastward to get a perpendicular view of the rainbow.

The Scientific American predicts the time will soon come when ice will be manufactured in all our great cities at a dollar a ton. Manufactured ice at three dollars a ton has for some time been in the market of New Orleans.

A majority of people who are worrying about possible afflictions on the 1st proximo are respectfully informed that nature has anticipated the day for large masses of people with that comprehensive generosity for which she has become quite celebrated.

Our farmers should plant every acre of land in corn that they possibly can, and try to once in about fifteen years to make their own supplies and not be dependent upon the West for their daily bread. They have tried cotton until they have about reached starvation, and the sooner they abandon the cultivation of it, the better it will be for the country.

## Municipal Election.

The following tickets for Aldermen in the coming Municipal election, has been handed us for publication. We are requested to state that if elected they will serve.  
1st Ward F. S. Wood, and E. R. Roney.  
2nd Ward B. W. Maclean, and Geo. Mason.  
3rd Ward G. W. Tanner, and E. J. Russell.  
4th Ward R. B. Mason, and Alex. Rogers.

Thursday and Friday last were decidedly the loveliest days of the season, with bright sunlight, pleasant breezes, and beautiful light nights. But the thing has changed and to-day (Tuesday) it is raining in torrents, and the farmers who had hopes raised by the past few days of pretty weather will now again look "blue."

We are informed that an accident occurred to a passenger train on the Memphis & Charleston road, a few days since, at a point near Bibbs Lane, in this county. The accident was caused by the engine running over a cow. The engine was thrown from the track, and all the coaches were turned bottom side up, yet singular to relate, no one on the train was injured.

Mr. F. Hinkle, of the firm of Hinkle & Strunk, in this place, owned half of a ticket which drew eighteen hundred dollars in the Louisville Drawing. Now let several hundred more speak out "for forever afterward hold their peace."

We hope our friend Paul L. Jones Esq., will, at an early day, be induced to deliver again the Lecture on "Solomon's Temple," as, on Thursday evening, from sickness in a number of families, and from a combination of other circumstances, many were deterred from the pleasure of hearing it. It was spoken of in highest terms by those who were present at its delivery.

## FREE LUNCH!

Given at the Lager Beer Saloon, from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock at night, by J. O. CLAY.

We are in receipt of the first number of a new monthly railway guide issued by the Louisville and Great Southern railroad company. The primary object of the publication is to give reliable information in regard to the movements of trains on its road. It will be found of great value to the public.

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He ardently loved his Church, and labored long and faithfully, and sacrificed his property; a noble example, worthy of the imitation of all church members; but his large heart did not confine its affections to those of his own household of faith, but embraced in its love all who bore the image of Christ!

He was uncompromising in his opposition to intemperance, and was much grieved during his afflictions on account of the flood tide of dissipation with which our community is so much cursed.

He retained his intellectual powers until death, though in his 87th year, giving his counsel about his business with the clearness of judgment of one in the strength of his manhood.

But truth requires us to say our venerable friend was not without imperfections, but no one felt and deplored them as himself.

Not an aged companion, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, be comforted in his death—Your loss is his gain! His brethren, neighbors and friends—let us all remember whatever in his history "was honest; whatever was lovely; whatever was of good report;" and "follow him as he also follows Christ."

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yes, saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

ONE THAT KNEW HIM LONG.

Public attention in Boston is divided among discussions of Sumner's religious belief, his successor, and an appropriate epitaph.

## The Late Samuel Tanner Sr.

Samuel Tanner, Sr., the oldest citizen of our town, who died at his residence in this place, on Wednesday, the 25th ult, was born near Norfolk, county of Southampton, Virginia, in the month of October 1787, and was consequently in the 87th year of his age. At quite an early age he married and removed with his wife to the vicinity of Murfreesboro, North Carolina, where he remained for a number of years. He came to Madison Co., in this State with his family about the year 1818 where he lived some time, and finally removed to Athens to make his home, in the month of February 1824, more than half a century since. His character and history are so well known by all who have lived in Athens, as scarcely need mention here. "Squire Tanner" was, in many respects, one of the most remarkable men we have ever known. In addition to having the most indomitable and unflagging energy, he was possessed of a powerful constitution which seemed to withstand and parry every assault made upon it until long after he had passed his eightieth year. In business life and towards the accomplishment of his aims, he gave his untiring energy; a reverse only brought out and showed the powerful will of the man; redoubled his exertions and lent an additional impetus to that spirit of perseverance which seemed to have infused itself into his whole nature. At the age of eighty he was as active and could stand the hardships and exposure to which men many years his junior would have succumbed. "Squire Tanner" was a devout and consistent member of the Baptist church for nearly sixty years. We cannot, in giving this hasty sketch of the life of our departed and beloved citizen, better close it than with the following extract of a letter received from an old friend and acquaintance of many years standing, who writes on learning the sad intelligence of his death. It reads:

"The news, although not unexpected to me, is truly sad. I had hoped that he might be spared at least a few years more, and be permitted to mingle with those who held him in such high esteem. His age has been spun out far beyond the ordinary allotment. His life has been characterized by remarkable industry, energy, sobriety and usefulness. During my long and intimate acquaintance with him, he has been a devoted and ardent follower of Christ, and to serve him faithfully seemed at all times his first and leading aim. He has gone to his rest full of years and full of hope in everlasting salvation. He was truly an honest man, and of right enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. He has fought the battle of life most nobly. His duty first to his maker and then to the human family seemed to guide and direct all of his movements through life. It is a rich inheritance to leave behind.

My deepest sympathy goes out to every member of the family and particularly to his aged companion, who for nearly sixty years has shared the fortunes and vicissitudes of his life, always administering to his wants and comfort, and joining him in all his endeavors to promote the happiness of others and the spread of the Gospel throughout the land. Now be at rest, my partner I trust, he may be spared for years to come."

## The Old Homestead in Athens.

Who of our readers have experienced the feelings which come welling up from the depths of the heart as one walks for the last time through the Old Homestead, which is to be vacated and given on objects which are dear to the heart; when sacred memories and associations are called up and around which the tendrils of affection are entwined in a fond and loving embrace. In the yard surrounding, are the same paths which your tiny feet trod in childhood days; the same garden in which you culled pretty spring time flowers, to weave into garlands for those you loved best; the old moss covered well with its crystal waters. All—al doubly dear, now. There, in the dwelling, is the chamber from which the spirit of your now sainted mother winged its flight to God, while beneath the casement the morning sunlight streams down for the last time on the circle which for so many years has been to your aged grand parents and their children the altar of Prayer. These, and a thousand other blessed and hallowed memories crowd home to the heart, agitate the breast with emotion, and relieve the fountain of the soul with long pent up but now welcome tears. Those feelings, came to us with all their force on Thursday last.

## Augusta (Ga) Constitutionalists.

"The recent statistics of drunkenness among women in New York is full of warning to the women of Georgia. It is useless to say that this is due to the contaminations of city life. The vice begins in the wine cup at the social board, and the fair lady who holds the cup may not only make some young man a drunkard, but become herself a victim. We have seen the wife of one of the most noble men who ever wore the crimson in Georgia, reeling upon the streets. Only last year we saw the daughter of one of the State's prominent officials wandering on the streets of— with lackluster eye and uncertain steps."

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## ALL AROUND THE PUBLIC SQUARE.

HERE, THERE AND ELSEWHERE.

See Non Resident Notice.

Municipal Election next Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Doan, returned to Iuka Miss, on Wednesday.

County Court in session this week.

Mornings decidedly Winterish, rendering thick clothing and fires far from uncomfortable.

It is stated here, but how true we do not know, that Millsap is now in jail at Fayetteville, Tenn.

An Iowa Clergyman, who had a donation party lately, had beans enough to last thirty seven years.

Alabama lacks four thousand and eight people of having one million of inhabitants.

And now they are afraid it won't erupt—that amateur volcano in North Carolina.

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday to day is Good Friday, and day after to-morrow will be Easter Sunday.

Next Monday will be the anniversary of the Battle of Shiloh, fought twelve years ago.

The meeting, begun at the Methodist church, on Saturday last, still continues.

Mrs. I. W. Harris, who has been here some weeks, left for her home in Gallatin, Tenn, on Thursday morning.

Ticket No 964 drew the \$187,500 prize in the Louisville Library Drawing which came off on last Tuesday.

Wonder if our friend T. H. F. of the News, found the cow and calf he was looking for, in the suburbs on the last day of April?

A Mississippi postmistress has discharged her husband from a clerkship for non-attendance to duty. She wanted no nepotism in hers.

The Gallatin Examiner says: "More whiskey, better whiskey, cheap whiskey," is the platform of a popular Democratic orator of Tennessee.

The Democratic press of New Hampshire are trotting out the traditional weapons. The Grangers rather like this show of poultry.

The health of Mrs. Samuel Tanner, Sr., who is now living with her son, W. P. Tanner, is gradually improving.

A Mobile editor, after repeating that drowning men remember every event of their lives advised his discontent subscribers to bathe in deep waters.

Mutual cremation societies are forming in New York, and the mockers are burning with zeal to put their theory in practice—on each other.

A saloon keeper in Des Moines has put up over his door the following: "But when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, not into somebody else's rum shop."

J. L. Coman's big seine now finished, was stretched in the Court yard yesterday, and made ready for the first running of the Redhorse and other members of the finny tribe.

The double column Internal Revenue notice, to be seen on scattered to day, will be found of interest to all our readers. Look over it carefully.

Dave Hyman has gotten back and is now receiving his new stock, which will be sold cheap for cash. See the changed advertisement on 2nd page.

The 1st, is usually considered a day of bad luck to many people, but with Sam Rosenau, for Sam on that day was happy, and is now—It's a game.

Some men never lose their presence of mind. In Milwaukee last week a man threw his mother-in-law out of a window in the fifth story of a burning building, and carried a feather bed down stairs in his arms.

An Indiana editor mildly remarks: "If you can't bring us wood, remember us in your prayers. It is something to know, as we sit and shiver, that we are not forgotten if the stove is cold."

