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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

SOUTH.

Three young men were drowned at Ft. Export, last week, by the upsetting of a ship.

A board of engineer officers has been appointed to examine and report upon the Jones river and Kanawha canal project.

The steamer Camargo, from Houston for Galveston, with 200 bales of cotton and a boiler, struck a snag and sunk below Tomb's ferry, no lives lost.

Page McCarthy, of Richmond, Va., who, last May, killed John B. Morehead in a duel, has been found guilty of involuntary manslaughter, and will be confined to the penitentiary for five years.

O. S. Smart, an ex-conductor on the Louisville Short Line railroad, was run over by a freight train at Newport, Ky., last week, and died from his injuries.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the little girl killed by a falling barrel at Louisville, Ky., the other day, charged Henry Todd, the carpenter who erected the scaffolding, with homicide. Todd surrendered himself, and was held in \$500 bond to answer.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad, in conjunction with the Pullman Palace car company, have recently leased the Mammoth cave property, and will build a branch road from Glasgow Junction to a point near the cave. Extensive improvements are also projected.

A shooting affray occurred at Memphis, Tenn., last week, between M. E. Swelzer, John Roberts, of the Arkansas, and G. W. Robinson, an attorney, who were engaged in a dispute over a newspaper article reflecting on each other. Robinson called at the Arkansas and demanded a retraction, which Swelzer refused. They then started off together, when Robinson struck Swelzer over the head with a pistol, then fired two shots at him and ran. Swelzer drew a revolver and fired four shots at Robinson as he ran.

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VOLUME IX.

GENERAL.

Mr. Cushing will go to Madrid. He is to leave Washington in February for his new post.

The secretary of the interior has sent a communication to the house stating that the sum of \$115,000 will be required to collect and remove the Kikapoo and other roaming tribes of Indians from Mexico.

The cost to the government of disbursements under existing laws of the thirty million dollars of pension money is about one and a half per cent. of the whole amount. This postage upon pension vouchers and checks does not fall short of one hundred thousand dollars, and about 20 per cent of the whole cost of disbursement. The compensation to agents is \$4,427,120.

The naval appropriation bill is to be reported to senate early in next session. It is estimated that the bill will contain \$25,000,000 for the various navy yards, to cutting down the force of marines to fifteen hundred, and all other disbursements except appropriations for operations. The bill will also contain a general of marines to be abolished when the navy is reduced. The total appropriation will be two millions less than the original estimate.

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the senate on the 26th, several petitions were presented and referred. A resolution was introduced and passed, instructing the committee on contingent expenses to consider the expediency of excluding from the report of the committee all articles except those of the committee on the subject of the House bill to abolish the office of fiscal deputy commissioner of internal revenue was also passed. The additional amendments recommended by the judiciary committee in the House bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the matters of detail involved in amendments already reported. The following, however, were not reported: A bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the matters of detail involved in amendments already reported. The following, however, were not reported: A bill to amend the act of March 3, 1879, relating to the matters of detail involved in amendments already reported.

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FAIR AFFAIR.

Beneath the quiet old bridge you hear,
The waves that murmur as they pass;
And, listening to the softest sigh,
You see the pathway through the grass,
Where we were wont to walk, alas!

The river warden on the bridge above,
Beneath the shade of willow trees,
The small waves gleam like gold;
The ripple to the gentle breeze,
But I am far from that and these!

And still that lane with grass is green;
With fragrant flowers and green grass;
The golden glow and silver gleam,
The blue and white and yellow gleam,
But you are not in that lane more.

Agate, perched on a willow tree,
The rustling leaves of willow trees,
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THRILLING WAR INCIDENT.

The Capture of the Steamer Underwriter by the Confederates.

Col. J. Thomas Schaff, of Baltimore, an officer in the Confederate navy, recently furnished an interesting account of the capture of the Underwriter, the Merrimack, the Nashville and the Patrick Henry, to the Maryland historical society, accompanying the pictures of these vessels. The capture of the Underwriter, in February, 1862, by an expedition under the command of John Taylor Wood, of Maryland, was a most important event in the history of the war. The Underwriter was a large steamship, and was carrying a large amount of supplies for the Union army. She was captured by the Confederates, and was used as a transport for supplies to the Confederate army. The capture of the Underwriter was a great victory for the Confederates, and it showed that they were capable of capturing a large steamship.

ATHENS, ALABAMA, FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 13, 1874.

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FIGHTING WORDS.

The Jeff Davis and Henry S. Foote Letters in Full.

The Washington Sunday Capital prints the following, purporting to be a correct copy of a letter by ex-President Davis, referring to the abusive articles concerning him published by ex-Governor Henry S. Foote in the Washington Chronicle.

My Dear Sir—Yours of the 10th inst. has been this day received. I have not seen any of the articles which you intended to send me. I have written in answer to you, and have no desire to read whatever he may write. In the year 1861 I published him as a constitutional officer, and his subsequent career only served to confirm me in that judgment. Since that date, therefore, I have taken no heed of the utterances of said Foote. His flattery when he was seeking political preferment in the Confederate States, and his faithfulness to his trust, a representative of the Congress of the Confederate States, he was preparing for his abjectly to follow him. You are at liberty to use this as you think proper.

I remain, respectfully and truly yours,
JEFFERSON DAVIS.

THE MOST DARING ROBBERY ON RECORD.

The most daring and successful robbery was committed last week, on the Iron mountain railroad. As the train came in sight of Gadsden station, a hundred and twenty miles below St. Louis, it was signalled to stop. The switch was turned and the train run on a side track. As the train stopped, conductor Alford stopped off to ascertain what the matter was, when he was confronted by a man in a mask, a pistol in his hand, and a revolver in his other hand. The engineer, fireman, mail agent, express messenger and other train men were then seized by force, and the train was held up. The robbers then searched the train, and found a large amount of money. They then released the train, and the train continued on its way.

THE RAILWAY GROWTH OF 1873.

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Once on deck, the fighting commenced in earnest, hand to hand, with cut-throat and pistols, each with a rush selecting his man, and the first to fall were the officers that some struggled with three opponents at the same time. In a few minutes the capture of the Underwriter was complete, and the ship was taken. The ship gallantly, fighting desperately in the parts, their brave commander slain, and the majority of their men killed or wounded. The Underwriter was a fine ship, and was a fine vessel, and was

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

Limestone County Court Directory.
Probate Court, Second Monday in each month.
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.
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Thos J. McCallister, H. W. Kimball, Luke G. Huntington, Commissioners.

CHANCERY COURT.
4th Monday in May and 3rd Monday in Dec. Hon. Wm Skinner, Chancellor, B. Sanders, Register. Office south west corner court house, Athens, Ala.

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

IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

Council Fire Kindled First and Third Thursdays in each month.
WIGWAM BARBERS M. B. CHURCH.

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

GOING SOUTH. 9:25 A. M. Exp. 9:37 P. M. Exp.
GOING NORTH. 7:45 P. M. Exp. 8:41 A. M. Exp.

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 order the discontinuance of their newspapers, the publisher may continue to send them until all arrears are paid.

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.

PARTICULAR NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the Athens Post for subscriptions, advertising or joint work, prior to Oct 20th 1873, are requested to come forward and make immediate settlement. We wish to close up our books and must have the money due us.
NELSON & TANNER.

For Drugs, Dry-stuffs, Oils, Paints, Colors, CIGARS & TOBACCO, Perfumery, TOILET ARTICLES, GARDEN SEED, etc., go to the Drug Store of Walter F. Davis. His Stock is always complete, and he solicits a call from persons wanting anything in his line.
Jan. 30, 4-w.

Immense fields of coal have been found in Walker county, in this State. Capitalists have recently been engaged in examining some of them.

Mr Henry Beasley having given the required bond, has been released and arrived here on Saturday night's train from Huntsville. He rejoined his family on Sunday morning.

Capt John M. Russell, has been appointed by the Governor, as Tax Collector of Limestone County, to fill the unexpired term of the late D. A. Cannon.

BLANK MORTGAGES

in any quantity, for sale at the office of the "Athens Post" cheap for CASH.

Dr Wm Crenshaw Jr, is now here, and will remain in Athens one week of each month, and can be found at the residence of Mrs Peterson Tanner, where he has his office and where he will attend professionally to all who may desire work in the Dentistry line.

Col Thos J. Cox, and Belde, arrived on Tuesday morning. The Col received on every hand the warmest congratulations of his friends, on the happy event.

The pavement leading from the store of Skinner & McGavock down to the jewelry establishment of Henry Poplin, is in very bad condition, the brick being torn up in many parts, and should receive the early attention of our city Pa-pa's.

Terrific Explosion.

The boiler in the steam saw mill of Crawford & Hamby, 7 miles N. E. of Athens, on the upper Elkton road and on Piney creek, exploded at 8 o'clock on Wednesday morning, with terrific force, scattering the brick work and debris in every direction. The noise of the explosion was said to be terrific, resembling the discharge of the heaviest artillery. Mr. Crawford's father, and two of his sons, and another man were in the mill when the explosion occurred but strange to say no one received any injury. One of Mr. Crawford's sons was on top of the engine, aiding some part of it when the accident happened. Truly a narrow and miraculous escape. The cause of the explosion is not known.

The following "Modoc Ticket," for the coming Municipal election, found its way into our office, with a request that we present it. Here it is:

FOR MAYOR:
HAMP F. CRENSHAW, C. of M.

FOR ALDERMEN:
1st Ward—JAS. P. MCGAVOCK and W. B. VAUGHAN.
2nd "—THOS. N. MCCLELLAND and W. F. DAVIS.
3rd "—S. T. BRITTLE and B. L. ALLEN.
4th "—J. O. MASON and R. W. VASSER.

FOR MARSHAL:
"BUNK" HINE.

The Conservatives in every part of Alabama will learn with regret that Col. Robert Tyler, has, from considerations of a private character, severed his editorial connection with the Montgomery Advertiser. The thousands of friends and admirers of the true patriot, able writer and fearless champion of right, will hope with us that his retirement is but temporary, and that his wise counsels may again be heard in thunder tones by all who hold dear to heart the interests of our great State. Alabama has not many such men as the noble Tyler and more's the pity.

While next Tuesday, the 17th, will be a gala day in New Orleans, Memphis and other cities, Mobile will not be behind hand as the Order of Mithras have made arrangements on a grand scale for the observance of Mardi Gras. They will celebrate their 6th anniversary at the Mobile Theatre. We return thanks to the Order for complimentary cards of invitation.

Some reckless fellow who must have been instigated by the Devil, shot and killed a fine and valuable cow, belonging to Mr. Jno. H. Davis, west of town on the Buck Island road, on Tuesday evening last. A man and a stranger in this section who was seen going in that direction and who had an old army gun on his shoulder is thought to have committed the act.

Seven or eight other papers (in addition to those mentioned week before last) have come out for Gen. Geo. S. Houston for Governor.

En Post.—In your issue of the 6th inst., I notice a communication over the signature of 'A number of Friends' requesting me to become a candidate for the office of Tax Collector. In reply you will please announce my name for said office.

Very Respectfully,
JOHN M. RUSSELL.

Mr Editor.—Having received repeated solicitations privately, by many friends in different portions of the County to announce myself as a candidate for Tax Assessor, for the ensuing Election, I have consented, for my name to be used in this connection with a positive understanding that I hold myself subject to the action of a Democratic Convention.

Very Respectfully,
C. A. ARNETT.

Railroad cross-ties are the circulating medium in portions of Kentucky, being taken in exchange for groceries and dry goods at 50 cents a piece—ten thousand having exchanged last week last price in the last three months—EX.

The Memphis News suggests that merchants and others who are in the habit of advancing to planters, have the following printed on their letter-heads and practice it:

"We will make no advances until after the first day of May; we will make no advances to any party who has not the planted grain crops sufficient to bread the place, furnish for the stock and a surplus of twenty-five bushels of corn for each person on the place with which to raise hogs for meat for another year."

The News adds: "Enforce this rule and in five years every industrious farmer will have money in bank."

The Memphis Register in a long article states its opposition to the coming Mardi Gras festivities in that city, urging that the lavish expenditure of money which will be required to celebrate the day is out of place, while in the city's limits are so many suffering poor, and that such hilarity is inopportune since Memphis was so recently a witness to the great carnival of death.

Montgomery wants Congress to build, in that city a customhouse, post-office, United States court-room, and other public buildings.

The Supreme Court of Alabama decided that a guardian during the war, had no right to convert the effects of his wards into Confederate currency, and that, if he did so, he would not have credit on his account for the effects so converted.

An immense quantity of oats is being planted in Lee county.

Col. Joseph Hodgson is editor of the New Orleans Picayune.

Cash for subscriptions to the "Post"

ALL AROUND THE PUBLIC SQUARE;

HERE, THERE AND ELSEWHERE.

—Capt W. A. Hansell of Roswell, Ga, has been here for several days past.

—A colored baptising took place in south end of town on Sunday afternoon last.

—The official list of accounts allowed by the Commissioners Court will be found on second page to day.

—A number of Dogs have been poisoned in our town during the past week. Ohio Fraser up to this time having had seven of his hunting dogs poisoned.

—A Reminiscence of Athens, by "Dock" will be found in another place.

—Hon Jefferson Davis has gone to Europe for his health, having been advised by his physician to make a sea voyage.

—We are informed that Jno. H. Davis will also be a Candidate for County Treasurer.

—Hon R. W. Walker of Huntsville, is now in Athens.

—Rev Jas K. Armstrong will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday morning next.

—Five new candidate announcements appear to day, Mr. Jos. A. Moore, for Circuit clerk, Jno M. Russell and J. W. Todd Esq, for Tax Collector, Capt Chas A. Arnett, for Tax assessor, and Geo. W. Tanner, for county Treasurer.

—Those who wish to try their strength before the people, should come over, plank down a yard and we will at once hang out their banner, stating the fact.

—Cotton still has a "black eye" with but little chance for an early improvement in prices.

—Candidates are getting thick and hand shaking will now be the order of the day.

—The sermon of Rev Mr Mitchell at New Garden, on last Sunday was said to have been a very able one and one of the best he ever delivered.

The funeral sermon of Mrs Sallie Bridgeforth was preached.

Several strangers appeared on our streets the past week, and expressed themselves as much pleased with our town and those of its citizens whom they had met.

The Georgia negroes are leaving that State at the rate of one thousand per week.

A rich copper mine has been discovered in Randolph county, by ex-Gov. Smith.

The State Journal says that there will now be flush times in Montgomery as the new city money has arrived.

—To-morrow St. Valentine holds his court.

The ladies of Ohio are hauling the car of Temperance right along. They march into Drinking Saloons in a body and have singing and prayers and try to make the rum-sellers see the error of their way.

Columbus, Miss., under the auspices of the Ladies' Monumental Association, has erected a beautiful monument to its dead soldiers. It was designed and built by a resident of that city, is 20 feet high, and made of gray limestone from an Alabama quarry, near Iuka. It cost \$2,500.

We hear of a good deal of steaming in small ways going on in and around Athens. On Wednesday night some one entered the store of F. J. Russell & Co., \$18 in money from the Cash Drawer. All should keep a sharp lookout and a double barrel gun.

A Durkey in Natchez was boasting to a grocer of the cheapness of ten pounds of sugar he had purchased at a rival store. Let me weigh the package, said the grocer. The durkey assented, and it was found two pounds short. The colored gentleman looked perplexed for a moment, and then said: "Guess he didn't cheat his child much; while he was gittin' the sugar I ate a two-pound ob gin."

Our clever friend, the big hearted and big bodied Bill Lewis was in our town on Sunday last. Though he has legions of old time friends here, the Giles county Tenn, people do not allow any to hold him in higher esteem than they do, even if he is their Tax Collector, and an excellent one he is said to be.

The kitchen in the rear of the residence of Mrs C. B. McKinney, took fire about 1 o'clock on Tuesday night, and had not the discovery been made as soon as it was, the residence and houses near it would have been destroyed. Mr. D. Hyman did good service in staying the progress of the flames. Ashes left in a box caused the kitchen to take fire.

Mrs. Burman, in the St. Louis Republican, says: Economy must come in somewhere. When ladies wear so much lace and silk about their necks and collars, dress skirts must necessarily be narrow and scant.

A doctor at Preble, Courtland county N. J, according to the Hamilton Republican, has a mania for pulling sound teeth, and a number of instances are given where he has robbed children of their pretty teeth during the absence of their mamma's.

Gen John T. Morgan has returned to Washington, to work up the Sykes Spencer case.

The three-foot narrow-gauge railroad system is rapidly becoming popular in this country, and but few people are aware of the fact that since it came in vogue, during the past three or four years, no less than one thousand four hundred and forty-five and half miles of narrow-gauge railway have been built in this country and in Canada, which roads, when completed, will have a mileage of four thousand five hundred and sixty-two and a half miles, while there are one thousand two hundred and ninety-one miles under construction.

LETTER FROM "DOCK."

Reminiscences of Athens.

A COW HIDE.

Mr. Editor:—Did you ever take a cow ride? We opine not—this is a privilege but few have enjoyed—most of boys have had the pleasure of a steer-ride—most boys have undertaken at one time or another to ride an unridable oxen—this comes of necessity by reason of boy-nature, for boys have a natural and deep seated conviction that they can do what others do, and have also a latent desire to attempt to do some things which others have not done, hence, wherever there is an unridable ox, there is a venturesome boy to attempt to ride it.

Now the ox has, when aroused, the spirit of the horse, the strength of an engine and the peculiar attribute of the mule which enables it to unload itself of a rider.

Physiologists have explained the monus of a cough, a sneeze, a jump and all the actions excited by the motor nerves of man, but none have yet explained the physiology of that peculiar contracto expanso "humpbackedness" by which a mule unloads a boy or man—first he doubles up and contracts until there is nothing to adhere to, then he suddenly expands until the rider cannot adhere even though he have ever so good a hold.

But we digress—the ox having this peculiar unexplainableness does not prevent a boy from leading it up to a fence or log and springing on its back—but alas: where is the boy who does not recollect how suddenly he was propelled directly upward and descending found the ox somewhere else.

By the laws of projectiles the boy goes up, the ox goes on and the boy comes in contact with the earth, back first.

Who does not recollect what peculiar sensations the aforesaid contact produces, the most prominent of which is the total inability to get a breath—the doctors call it ASPHYXIA, the boy cares but little for the name he knows he is hurt, and the next sensation is a supreme disgust for the whole ox fraternity, and a desire and determination to kill the one particular offender.

Such experience you may have had Mr Ed—a cow ride is a different thing and we know but one who has had the privilege of such an experience and that was your humble servant.

There is, or once was in Athens a gravel pavement from Judge Conner's corner running westward along the Huntsville Road, and upon that pavement commenced that ride, and upon this wise it happened.

Your correspondent had been out late one dark, dark night, but how late it was, the deponent saith not—the youth of twenty who enjoys a game of whist with a pair of blue eyes facing him and a pair of small and dimpled hands above the table and can tell when he quit off is made of different clay from that of your correspondent.

But remember Mr Ed, and keep it in mind, that the aforesaid correspondent disclaims any and all intent of endorsing such enjoyment, on the contrary is an official member of the Methodist church.

But the games were played, hands moved gracefully, and eyes sparkled brightly, and we departed at a late hour, highly elated, considerably enamored and slightly non compos, and absently journeyed homeward, our imagination in fairy land, our heartwhences we started and our feet upon the pavement.

Here, alas! is the trouble of lovers and poets—however extatic their emotion, however elevated their thoughts and imaginations, still they have to abide the common place, in exorable destiny to walk the earth upon their feet like the commonest clown, and by reason of such inexorable commonplace locomotion came our trouble.

As we were locomoting upon the aforesaid pavement our boot came in contact with some corporeal substance and our thoughts returned from fairy land "double quick."

Now we, from early infancy, had learned from our mother and father and from a host of disinterested friends that the cow were many stumbling blocks for youthful feet, especially in cities and towns, and we like boys in general had been for several years previous hunting around for these stumbling blocks, and had found many, but with all of our experience this one came in our way unexpectedly, and our absent philosophy did not return to suggest the nature of this particular block.

But there it was and there we struck it and then we fell—we had fallen before and did not mind the fall but the sequence—in falling we, in accordance with the instinct of our race to protect more important and vital parts, threw out our hands and one of the said hands came not in contact with the earth but sped blindly into something mouth, and the said something closed a staunch set of teeth upon the said hand and gave one of the most unearthly growls that we ever heard, in fact our excited intellect could not classify it as a growl, grunt, yell or scream—it

seemed an incongruous admixture of all, greatly exaggerated.

Now stumbling blocks do not usually have teeth and monstrous vocal organs, and our excitement began to rise and with it we began to rise, too, literally, bodily we were elevated, how many feet we could not tell, but rise we did, and then struck off at a tangent, that is, were carried SOLELY in a horizontal direction and at a very uncomfortable speed.

Gradually was our consciousness impressed that our stumbling block was some locomoting something, but the appellation or destiny of that something we could not identify, but we, being an attentive listener and firm believer in orthodox teaching, very naturally thought of his satanic majesty and his sulphurous abode.

But our super earthly voyage like our flight of imagination came to an end and the end there-of was in the mud—at least when we came to our consciousness we were in the mud, and an old cow not far off seeming fully as much surprised and disgusted as we were, yet she was not so impolite for she expressed her disgust by silence, whilst we were using various absurd ejaculations more pointed than polite, which would not be compatible with the aforesaid church relations to repeat.

We stopped a thousand times endeavoring to imitate the blind preach and each time despairing—a thousand times we have stopped to recall our sensations, in that mud and never succeeded in getting nearer them than the laughing point.

MORAL.

Never suffer blue eyes and pretty hands to bewilder you over-much.

Never soar so far into fairy land as to forget mother earth; never walk too fast in the dark.

Look out for stumbling-blocks but do not hunt them up.

Do not ascribe too much directly to Satan but consider how much blue eyes, your own volition and impetuosity may be to blame.

Use not profane language; avoid imaginary flights and natural cow rides. Yours Facetiously

DOCK.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

At a meeting of Athens Lodge No 16, held on the 5th inst, the following resolutions were offered by brother John N. Malone, and unanimously adopted.

Departed this life, at his place of residence in the county of Limestone, state of Alabama, Feb'y, 4th 1874, Daniel A. Cannon, Tax Collector of said county, a public office of great merit, commanding the respect of all parties, and a member of this Lodge in good standing. Therefore be it Resolved, 1st. That we, the surviving members of this Lodge, have received the intelligence of the death of our late Brother with profound sorrow and, join in the general grief of his family, neighbors and friends, in this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence.

2nd, That in the death of our brother, this Lodge has lost one of its most exemplary and worthy members, whose purity of life and upright deportment commands our admiration and should excite our emulation. The community, a citizen of distinguished worth and usefulness, and sadder still does the affliction fall upon his family in these times upon their crush of hearts, by which they are deprived of the kind husband, gentle father, and considerate guardian and protector. God be merciful to them.

3rd That we will wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days and that the furniture of the Lodge be draped in mourning for the same length of time.

4th That we will, as a Lodge, attend his burial this day, and perform at his grave the sad but impressive ceremonies of the order, as a token of our esteem and regard for his Masonic worth and public and private virtues.

5th. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge and that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the family with a copy stamped with the seal of this Lodge.

9th That the above resolutions be published in the Limestone News and Athens Post.

By order of SAM'L TANNER Jr., Sec'y.

The Mississippi Legislature, in which there is a majority of negroes, is about to elect a negro to the Senate of the United States.

In a personal recote a Mr. Mordecai killed Dr. McLean at Pine Level, in Montgomery county, on Saturday, 24th ult.

Fifty six members of Parliament were elected in England last week, 25 Liberals and 31 Conservatives.

The Meridian (Miss.) Star says negro emigration to Mississippi bottoms and Texas, is on the increase.

Advices from Jackson, Miss., say strong efforts are being made to induce Gov. Ames to become a candidate for the U. S. Senate, but he positively declines. McKee's chances are improving.

The President is reported in dispatches from Washington as having abandoned his intention of sending a special message to Congress, on Louisiana affairs.

MARRIED.

At the Resi lence of the Brides father, near Forest City, Ark., on the 28th ult'm, by the Rev. Mr. Oleshine, Col Thos J. Cox of Athens, Ala, to Mrs Harriet E. Dawson, of Lee County, Ark.

The Post sends congratulations to you, Col, and fervently wishes for yourself and bride all the happiness wedded life can give.

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POTATOES—Sweet, \$1.00 per bushel. Irish, . . . 75c.

EGGS & BUTTER—Eggs 15c per doz; butter, . . . 25c @ 30c lb.

SUGAR—common brown, 15c @ 16c lb; prime brown, 16c. A coffee, . . 16 1/2c crushed 20 @ 25 lb.

COFFEE—Rio, . . . 40c. MOLASSES, . . 60c and \$1.50 @ gal.

CANDLES—Star, 30c @ 35c lb; tallow 25c lb. RICE, . . . 15c @ 16c lb.

CHEESE, Western Reserve, 25c @ 30c lb. OILS, . . . \$1.50 @ 1.75 bushel.

FEATHERS, . . . 50 @ 60c @ 100 lb.

BEER, . . . 5c @ 10c @ 100 lb.

Announcements.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce G. W. TANNER as a candidate for County Treasurer of Limestone County, at the ensuing election.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK.

We are authorized to announce JOS. A. MOORE as a candidate for Circuit Clerk at the ensuing election.

FOR SHERIFF.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT L. REDUS, as a Candidate for Sheriff of Limestone County at the ensuing election. * We are authorized to announce JOHN O. MASON, as a candidate for Sheriff of Limestone county at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. TILLMAN as a candidate for sheriff at the ensuing election.

We are authorized to announce S. D. GLAZE as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election. * We are authorized to announce G. D. MINGEE, as a candidate for Sheriff of Limestone County at the ensuing election.

Standing purely on the White man's platform

FOR PROBATE JUDGE.

We are authorized to announce HENRY J. SANDERS Esq., as a candidate for Probate Judge of Limestone County, at the ensuing election. * We are authorized to announce CART. CHAS. W. RAISLER, as a Candidate for Probate Judge of Limestone County, at the ensuing election. Standing squarely on the platform of the white man's party.

FOR TAX COLLECTOR.

We are authorized to announce JOHN M. RUSSELL as a candidate for Tax Collector at the ensuing election. * We are authorized to announce J. W. TODD as a candidate for Tax Collector at the ensuing election. We are authorized to announce Wm. R. BAILEY as a candidate for Tax Collector of Limestone County at the ensuing election.

FOR TAX ASSESSOR.

We are authorized to announce CHAS. A. ARNETT as a candidate for Tax Assessor at the ensuing election. * We are authorized to announce B. PATTERSON, as a candidate for Tax Assessor at the ensuing election.

FOR TOWN MARSHAL.

We are authorized to announce HENRY J. CRENSHAW as a candidate for Town Marshal, at the ensuing election.

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Richardson & Hoffman Have associated themselves in the practice of medicine. The patients of either can, when necessary or desirable, have the services of both without extra charges.

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