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VARIETY.

MERCHANTS' CONVENTION.

Augusta, Geo. April 3d, 1838. according to previous notice, in the Pres-Miller, one of the delegates from this some time. city, Ker Boyce, a delegate from Charleston, was called to the Chair, and N. W Cocke appointed Secretary, for the purpose of organizing the Convention.

The following gentlemen then appeared and registered their names as members. viz. from

NORTH CAROLINA.

Wilmington-Messrs. Jas. Owen, R W. Brown, Cyrus C. Stow, John M'Rae Fayetteville-Messrs. Edward W. Wilings, E. J. Hale.

Delegates also appeared from Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, and Georgia. On motion of Gen. McDuffic, Col. County, was unanimously appointed Preident of the Convention.

On being conducted to the Chair by a Committee, Col. King addressed the Convention in a brief but appropriate speech. On motion of G. B Lamar, Esq. Nato the Convention.

The following resolution, prefaced by a a few remarks, was then offered by Gen. R. Y. Hayne, and adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of 21 be appointed by the Chair to consider and reby this Convention.

Charleston, and A. Mitchell, of Darien. The Convention then adjourned.

April 5th. ment.

the proceedings of the citizens of that or to pay an interest of six per cent from deavour, in all cases, to carry out the place, approbatory of the objects of the the period of settlement, and that a com- views and recommendations of this Con-Convention, which were read, and on mo- mittee of five be appointed to take such vention. tion of Mr. Van Landingham, ordered to measures as in their judgment will carry Votes of thanks to the Presbyterian be entered on the minutes of the Conven- fully into effect the preceding recommen- Church-to the citizens of Augusta-to

Gen. Hayne, from the Committee of 21 made a lengthy report of great clearness the Convention, accompanied by a set of own markets, and that they afford them resolutions. The report being read

Mr. Memminger rose and addressed the Convention in a speech of considerable length, and of eminent ability, on the causes which have conspired to break down Yesterday, at 12 o'clock, the Delegates the direct foreign trade of the south, and o the Merchants' Convention assembled, the remedies to be resorted to, to revive it. Judge Longstreet followed Mr. Mem. ply to the demand from the merchants of byterian Church. On motion of Andrew minger, and addressed the Convention for the interior.

Judge McDonald also addressed the Convention, and proposed a substitute for some of the resolutions of the Committee, so as to recommend the incorporation of but after some discussion between Mr. Milson, Mr. Cumming and himself, he withdrew it.

After a good deal of discussion upon the different resolutions and amendments offered to them, they were finally passed in the following form :

1. Resolved, That a direct trade is the natural channel of communication between nations, which offer to each other the best THOMAS BUTLER KING, of Glynn market for their natural productions; and that the intervention of a third party must operate as a tax upon the exchanges between them.

2. Resolved, That the Southern and Southwestern States of this Union afford those staples with which are purchased thaniel W. Cocke was appointed Secretary nearly the whole foreign imports of the country; that they are the consumers of a large portion of these imports, and ought naturally themselves to furnish the chaunel through which the exchange is made;

that on no occasion have their citizens been found incapable of maintaining them port on the measures proper to be adopted selves in fair competition with other sec-

tions; and that the diversion of their trade On motion of Gen. McDuffie the Con- from its natural channels, must have been

M. Wiley, and C. G. Memminger, of of the principal cities of these States, or Southern and South-western States, will Melancholy Occurrence.-We regret that such as may be conveniently located, to afford to them the most undoubted pledge it falls to our lot to state that a very interreceive the bills of each other in their ge- of their sincerity, by adopting them as a esting little girl, daughter of Mr. N. B. neral business, and to adopt such arrange- rule of their own conduct, hereby declar- Taylor of this town, about 18 mouths old, The Convention met yesterday at 10 ments for settlements, at short periods, as ing in the most solema manner, in the clock, according to previous adjourn- they may deem suitable and proper: the temple of the Most High, that in all com- instant by arcidentally falling into a well

Mr. Boyce moved that the proceedings

Mr. Memninger moved that the Presi

dent have time to appoint the variou-

committees under the resolutions and an

nounce them through the public Gazettes

The Convention then adjourned sine

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banks against whom the balance should mercial dealings they will give preference Mr. Robinson, of Tuscaloosa, presented fall, to furnish funds for settling the same, to the direct importer, and zealously en-

dations.

3 That the merchants of the South Secretary-and to the Chairman of the and Southwest, be earnestly recommended Committee of 21 were severally unaniand ability, on the subject of the objects of to give preference to the importers in their mously adopted.

an opportunity of fair competition with be printed at the expense of the Charleston other sections, my making their first calls Delegation under authority of the Confor purchases at Southern and southwest- vention. ern sea ports, and on the other hand, that the merchants at the sea ports, shall, forthwith, set about importing such stock of goods, as will ensure, at fair rates, a sup-

4. That an earnest and united effort should be made to draw home the capital invested by the South in Banks and Com panies abroad; and to employ the same, toand Florida.

into commercial relations elsewhere. This our immediate observation.

Convention, therefore, cannot too earnestand sustained them.

opinion that the establishment by manufac- equally so in buying where there is no ru- huge, old, worn-out, run-down, dirty, turers in foreign countries of agencies in inous premium of exchange to be added to mashed up boot, containing a newspaper, the chief southern ports, for the sale of the the price of their goods. Let our mervarious articles exported by them to the chants, then, persevere in their enterprise United States, would conduce to the res- which has had so good a beginning, and obse following gentlemen were named 3. Resolved, That in the opinion of this toration of the direct foreign trade of the keep op by direct importations a well se-It is President as constitution the Convention, such a state of things should south, and that similar establishments for lected assortment in their various branches. toration of the direct foreign trade of the keep up by direct importations a well sethe sale of domestic manufactures would And we cannot doubt that the home-dealalso be desirable. 7. Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare an address to the people of the Southern and South Western States, urging upon them the expediency of giving their hearty co operation, in the accomplishment of the great object of this Convention. 8. Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it shall adjourn to meet at der the following circumstances : A de- the name of - Sykes, put a period to his Augusta on the third Monday in October fendant on indictment for Assault and Batnext, and that a committee of correspon- tery, was convicted and fined. dence be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take the proper measures to enlist the fine and costs were paid, he paid the fine on his feet, his back leaning against a tree, feelings of the people, and secure a cordial and tendered bond and security to the sheco-operation on the part of the States inand to secure a full representation from vent, which was accepted by the sheriff, every part of those States. 9 Resolved, That it is recommended to the members of this Convention, to assemble the citizens of their counties or districts, and place before them their proceedings, and firge upon them the expediency of promoting the measures recommended by this Convention, and particularly of forming Limited Partnerships, under the laws passed by the Southern States, as aforesaid. 10. Whereas the completion of the line of communication by Rail Roads, connecting the Southern Atlantic cities with the great Valley of the Mississippi, is the most promineut and efficient measure to promote the useful and patriotic objects which has called this Convention together, there- the practice varies, not only in different fore. Resolved, That this Convention is deeply and solemnly impressed with the tran- the law is understood to be unsettled. This scendent importance of the great works of is a great and grievous defect in the admin-Internal Improvement which are intended istration of justice. Even a rule that is to effect this intercommunication, and objectionable, provided it be uniformly addo most earnestly invoke the people of the hered to, is better than to have no rule at South and South-western States to bring all .- Ashboro' Citizen. all their energies and resources to bear upon this vital point, not doubting that such effects will crown with brilliant success the noble enterprise.

in his yard .- Charlotte Journal. Murder at Columbia, S. C .-- The Columbia Times of Friday. April 6th, says : Our town has again been the scene of deadly violence. A young man named Nazareth Allen, an apprentice to the carthe President of the Convention-to the

penter's business, on Sunday last, in a fit of intoxication, stabbed a negro boy belonging to Col. J J Chapell, with a dirk knife through the heart. It does not appear from the evidence given before the inquest that the boy gave him any provocation. Not the least aggravating feature in this horrid transaction is, that the crime was perpetrated on the Sabbath, in front of the Methodist Church, and during divine service.

Great Conflagration - A slip from the New Orleans Bulletin office of the 9th inst. gives an account of the destruction, by fire, of the Levee Steam Cotton Press, together with the entire block of cotton warehouses, in its rear, and near 10 000 bales of cotton. Loss estimated at \$400,000, a large portion of which is insured. 'I'he fire is said to be the work of an incendiary. N. Y. Star.

A Fair Business Transaction .- The best joke that has occurred for a twelve month has been at our expense. It will be remembered, perhaps, that a few weeks since, we gave notice to our country editors generally, that we required boot, as the difference of exchange between them and us was so great that we could not afford to do otherwise. Since that notification, we have received numerous remittances from our rustic brethren, but the oddest specimen of country currency that we have yet seen, reached us yesterday through the post-office. It was contained in a large package, done up in straw paper. We burst open the envelope, and unrolled till making their importations direct from the all paper, till at length, after taking off 6 Resolved, That this Convention is of foreign market and the country dealers about one dozen envelopes, out came a from the office of one of our brethen in Mississippi, with this notice-"Please exchange-and give us credit for the boot." Well, the currency of Mississippi, as every body knows, is a long ways below par; but we had no idea that it had got down to such a low footing. We have no complaint, however, to make-we asked for boot, and we have got boot, and our brother at Holley Springs shall have the Pica-N. O. Picayune.

The Exchanges.-One of the conse quences of the deranged state of the do mestic exchanges must necessarily be, to gether with such surplus capital as exists compel the South to enter upon the direct a bank in the south of 40 millions capital, at home, in mercantile operations; and that foreign trade. The facility of remitting with this view, men of influence and char funds to New York, has, heretofore, ope acter be earnestly invited to afford the be- rated as a strong inducement to the Southnefit of their example, by entering into ern merchant to resort to that great and limited partnerships, under the laws lately general mart; but now, the serious loss passed by the States of Virginia, South which he must encounter in providing Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, fouds there, has interposed a bar to this current of trade; and the country dealer

5. That this Convention cannot but finds himself compelled, not only by the view with deep regret, the neglect of all difficulty of obtaining suitable remittances, commercial pursuit which has hitherto but by his own interest, to trade with the prevailed among the youth of our coun- importing merchants near his own door, try, and which has necessarily thrown its who receive in payment the same money most important interests into the hands of which he sells his goods for. We have those, who, by feeling and habit, are led had some instances of this already under

Several of our importing houses have, ly recommend the speedy adoption by all during the past month, made more extentheir fellow citizens of measures to introduce sive sales to the country merchants, than commercial education among our youth; in any two months since their establishto train them up to habits of business, and ment. And this must continue to be the thereby to establish a body of merchants case, while the exchanges between this and we came to the second-then there was a whose every interest and feeling should be the northern cities remain as they now are. third-then a fourth-but the hardness of centred in the country which has reared Our merchants will find their advantage in the package convinced us that it was not

vention then adjourned until 5 o'clock, P. brought about by the unequal action of Μ.

5 o'clock, P. M.

mittee of 21.

Gen. R. Y. Hayne, of Charleston, Gen. Dearing, Athens, Gen. Geo. McDuffie, Florida, G. B. Lamar, Savannah, Jos. Comming, Savannah, Col. A. Blanding, Charleston, J K. Douglass, Camden, Dr. R. Collins, Macon, K. Boyce, Charleston, W. W. Stark, Hamburg, A. Black, Charleston, E. J. Hale, Fayetteville, N. Patrick Noble, Abbeville.

Convention by the President and read. It lowing measures. approved the objects of the Convention, trade with Europe.

in compliance with the memorial.

to the Committee of 21.

The following gentlemen were announced by the President as Delegates from Norfolk, Virginia, just arrived :

S. Milson. The annunciation was received with a round of applause.

The President then announced that Mr. J. T. Soutter was added to the Committee subject of equalizing the exchanges beof 21.

the federal government, or by the abstraction of our people towards other pursuits.

no longer continue; that the present con-

dition of the commercial relations of the James Owen, Wilmington, N. C. Wm. country, and the discoption of the existing channels of trade, afford an opportunity of Charleston, Alfred V. Scott, Esq. Mont- breaking down the trammels, which have gomery, Alabama, Col. R. H. Long, so long fettered our commerce, and of restoring to the south its natural advantages; and that it is incombent upon every man, Columbia, Col. A. P. Hayne, Charleston, who has at heart the good of his country, Col. H. H. Cumming, Augusta, Hon. to lend his best exertions to the promo-John P. King, Augusta, A. McDowell, tion of these objects, and to establish our trade upon a sound and permanent basis. 4. Resolved, That the Convention is fully aware of the difficulties to be overcome in the prosecution of their enterprise; C. Col. Nathan McGehee, Milledgeville, but nothing dannted thereby, and fully relying upon the public spirit and zealous

A letter from a Committee of the Cham- co-operation of their fellow citizens, they ber of Commerce of Mobile, addressed to are determined to advauce with untiring the "President of the Convention of Mer- perseverance; and with that view, do earchants and others," was presented to the nestly recommend the adoption of the fol-

1. That an effort should be made to af and expressed great confidence in the ulti- ford to the importers and purchasers at mate success of the efforts of the South, in southern seaports, the same facilities which establishing a direct import and export are offered elsewhere; and with this view it is recommended that the banks in the sea-

Mr. Black, of Charleston, from the Com- ports should immediately apply a portion mittee appointed at the Convention in Oc- of their respective capitals to the purchase tober, to memorialize the Legislature of of foreign exchange, and to the procure-South Carolina on the subject of passing a ment of credits or funds in Europe; and law authorizing limited partnerships, re- that they should afford the use of the same ported that the Committee had fulfilled to the importing merchant upon a discount their duty, and that a law had been passed or collateral pledge of such good paper as he may take from the merchants of the in-

Mr. Boyce, of Charleston, presented a terior, and that this accommodation be afcircular to the Convention, addressed by forded, as well upon paper having more the Banks in Charleston, to all the banks than six months to run, as upon that havin Georgia and South Carolina, on the sub- ing less; and that the banks of the interior ject of the resumption of specie payments. co-operate, by collecting and remitting the After some conversation, it was referred proceeds of such paper to the banks on the sea coast; that they maintain the credit of their bills, and keep down the exchanges

by redeeming their own paper at the sea ports; and that on the other hand, the Messrs. J. T. Soutter, J. T. Allyn, John banks in the Southern Atlantic cities make arrangements by which the notes of all of them shall be at par in each.

2. That with a view to the important tween the Southern and Southwestern

ded to the Committee of 21. Messrs. L. earnestly recommend to the various banks said resolutions, to their constituents of the executed on the 20th inst.

On motion of Mr. Pinckney,

Resolved, That the members of this The following gentlemen were then ad- States and Territories, this Convention Committee, in recommending the afore-

ers will sustain them .- Norfolk Herald.

We had three arrivals yesterday from the West Indies-two of them with full cargoes of sugar, molasses and coffee, yune, in consideration of the boot. the third heavily laden with salt .- ib.

Our Superior Court .- A point was presented for adjudication last week un-

On being ordered into custody till the riff for his appearance at the next term of rerested in the objects of this Convention, the Court to discharge himself as an insoland the defendant released. As soon as this came to the ears of the Solicitor General, he sent the Sheriff to retake the defendant, which was done; and the case

brought before the Court as on Habeas Corpus-alledging that the defendant was unlawfully imprisoned. His Honor Judge Toomer, expressed doubts as to the law; intimated a wish that the question, whether a defendant can be discharged as an insolvent, when imprisoned for the costs of an indictment-should be settled by the Supreme Court, or the Legislature. In this case, however, the Court refused to interfere, leaving it as a matter between the sheriff and the prisoner.

On this subject, as well as many others, Courts, but in the same Court; we have not, and cannot have certain uniformity while

Mebane, of Bertie, was convicted at the tion, he swallowed the contents of a bottle late Term of the Superior Court of that which contained oil, used for turning light County, Judge Settle presiding, on an hair black. He instantly commenced indictment charging him with the commis- changing color, and has since become a sion of a Rape upon a respectable white most perfect negro. The deep grief of his married woman. He was sentenced to be beautiful and devoted wife is absolutely

Suicidal .- We understand that a man (who resided in Orange or Randolph) by earthly career on the 21st inst. in this county, by shooting himself. Thus goes the world. Sykes was found dead standing with his chin resting on the muzzle of his gun, in which position he shot himself; the shot passed throug the back part of his head-the gon was filled with blood when he was found. We have not learned any cause that prompted the deed, but are inclined to attribute it to mental derangement .- Carolina Patriot.

A Monster .- The Germantown Telegraph states that the Engineer on the Morristown Rail Road a few days since accidetally saw ahead of the Locomotive a bundle across the rails, and fortunately picking it up discovered it to be a new born infant, alive, and in perfect health, and which some inhuman wretch had placed in this position with the obvious intent of making quick despatch of it. It would have been difficult to devise a more horribly ingenious mode of death; and the atrocity of it is magnified by the helpless object upon which it was meditated, and who, scarcely ushered into "this breathing world," did not merit to be hurried out of it by such dreadful means.

Absence of Mind .- A most unfortunate instance recently happened in Cincinnati. A poor gentleman went to the cupboard OF Negro Jim, the property of Dr. for a dram. In a state of mental alienaheart rending.