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POLITICAL NEWSPAPERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA UP COUNTRY, 1850-1859: A COMPENDIUM

By JOHN C. ELLEN, JR.

(Continued from April)

LAURENS

Laurensville Herald, weekly, est. Dec. 1844. ScU and NcD:
1,725 . . . 1,200. 1853-1855, strong file.
1850, S. A. Godman, owner. Nov. 15, 1850, 1850-1852, scattered
J. D. Wright, editor. Oct. 1851, Robert M. issues.
Stokes, editor, succeeded, late in 1852, by J. T. 1858-1859, scattered
Wistar Simpson. 1853, Stokes returned to of- issues.
fice. Except for two-week interval (W. C. Harris edited paper Dec. 30, 1853-Jan. 13, 1854) Stokes continued to run and edit the publication until about Jan. 1, 1859, when James Hollingsworth and Homer L. McGowan became publisher and editor, respectively.

LEXINGTON

The Lexington Telegraph, weekly, est. April 29, 1853. NcD:
1853, 1855, very scattered
W. J. Randolph, founder. 1855 and 1856, issues.
J. C. DeGaffarely, editor. Ceased publication shortly thereafter.

The Lexington Flag, weekly, est. April 14, 1857. — . . . 700. NcD:
1857-1859, very scattered
Founded by half-brothers, E. J. H. Dreher issues.
and J. H. G. Leppard, who served as senior and junior editors, respectively. June 12, 1857, Leppard died, and the following month, Dreher sold the paper to G. A. Fink.

NEWBERRY

Newberry Sentinel, weekly, est. Jan. 1850. No files located.
700 . . . —.

J. H. Giles, founder. January 1851, Major A. C. Garlington, associate editor. March 1855, paper sold to J. S. Reid, owner of the *News Mirror*.

The Newberrian, tri-weekly, est. Dec. 1853. No files located.
J. S. Reid and W. C. Wilson, founders, edi-

England eventually, but there is little record of her activities as the bulk of the correspondence ends at this point. There are among the Lincolnshire correspondence a letter and a document dated 1723 which show mother and sons, Henry and Burrell, to be in England. By that date the father was deceased. An invoice, dated 1731, notes goods shipped by Elizabeth Hyrne in England to her sons in Carolina. Possibly by that time Elizabeth had returned permanently to England, or was she merely visiting there once again? Whatever the course taken by the mother, the sons remained in the land of their birth.

Despite gaping holes in this narrative of the Hyrnes of frontier Carolina, the Lincolnshire letters resurrect the family in a way that a genealogy could never do. The letters help also to put the nation's pioneer past in its proper perspective: undue sentimentality is eliminated but the epic touch remains.

tors, and proprietors. Feb. 9, 1855, A. C. Garlington became associate editor with Reid; title changed to *The News Mirror*.

The News Mirror (Newberry), tri-weekly and weekly, est. Feb. 9, 1855. No files located.

Successor to *The Newberrian*. March 1855, merged with *Newberry Sentinel*. 1856, name changed to *Tri-Weekly Mirror*, published by Reid and Norris. Jan. 1857, Reid retired; J. C. McLemore, editor. Feb. 2, 1858, succeeded by *Newberry Conservatist*.

The Rising Sun (Newberry), weekly, est. March 1856. — . . . 800.

Slider and Crosson, editors and publishers. March 3, 1858, T. P. Slider and T. F. Greneker listed as editors and publishers; J. A. Chapman, associate editor. August 1859, Slider, editor and publisher.

The Conservatist (Newberry), weekly, est. Feb. 2, 1858. — . . . 1,000.

Successor to the *Tri-Weekly Mirror*. Johns and Blats, publishers and proprietors; William F. Nance, editor.

ScU:

Mar. 3, 1858-Mar. 2, 1859,
almost complete.

ScU:

Feb. 2, 1858-Jan. 1859,
almost complete.

PENDLETON ⁴

⁴ In 1854 Pendleton was divided into Anderson and Pickens Districts.

Pendleton Messenger, weekly, est. 1808. 500 . . . —.

ScU:

1850-1851, complete.
1859, scattered issues.

1850, Francis Burt and Robert Thompson, publishers; Burt, editor. After issue of Sept. 11, 1851, paper moved to Anderson. Revived in Pendleton around June 1, 1858 [see above, *Anderson True Carolinian*]. June 1859, moved to Hartwell, Ga.

PICKENS

Keowee Courier (Pickens), weekly, est. May 18, 1849. 700 . . . 1,600.

ScCIC:

Jan. 5, 1850-May 17, 1851,
complete.

W. H. Trimmier, publisher and printer; J. W. Norris, Jr., and E. M. Keith, editors. May 24, 1850, William K. Easley, editor. June 7, 1850, Trimmier and Lewis, publishers; Easley, editor. June 1853, J. H. Johnson, owner,

ScU:

1855, scattered issues.
Apr. 1857-Aug. 1859,
complete.

sold the paper to J. W. Ross. 1855-1860, Robert A. Thompson, publisher.

Walhalla Banner, weekly, est. May 16, 1857.

F. N. Garvin & Co., publishers and owners. Jan. 1858, A. Bryce & Son, proprietors; C. C. Terry and George Hoffman, publishers. July 1858, Warren R. Marshall, editor; A. Bryce & Son, proprietors; C. C. Terry, publisher.

NcD:

1857-1859, very scattered issues.

RICHLAND

The South Carolinian (Columbia), daily and tri-weekly, est. 1832. 2,500 . . . 1,700.

Founded as weekly, with daily appearing in 1849. July 8, 1851, merged with the *Telegraph*. Jan. 1852, W. B. Johnston and Cavis, publishers and editors. [April] 1853, merged with *Palmetto State Banner* [see below]. July 14, 1853, purchased by Dr. William Reynolds; Johnston, editor.

August 1853, R. W. Gibbes publisher and owner. 1855-1858, Gibbes editor. 1858-1865, Frank Gaillard, editor; Gibbes, publisher and owner.

LC, CtY, NcD, ScU:

1850-1859, fairly strong in combined holdings.

The Palmetto State Banner (Columbia), weekly, est. Sept. 8, 1846. 2,750 . . . —.

1850, edited and published by I. C. Morgan. Late 1851 or early 1852, John G. Bowman, editor. April 26, 1853, R. W. Gibbes foreclosed mortgage on Morgan, and paper merged with *South Carolinian*, continuing as weekly issue of latter under title of *Columbia Banner*.

ScU:

1850-1852, scattered issues.

The Telegraph (Columbia), daily, tri-weekly, and weekly, 1847. 800 . . . —.

1850, Edwin DeLeon, W. R. Carlisle & Darr publishers. DeLeon left shortly to become an editor of the *Southern Press* (Washington, D. C.). July 9, 1851, *Telegraph* merged with *South Carolinian* and assumed title of latter.

ScU:

April 17-Oct. 15, 1850.
Feb. 26-July 9, 1851.

NcD:

1850-1851, scattered issues.

The Carolina Times (Columbia), daily, tri-weekly, and weekly, est. 1850.

Founded as weekly with tri-weekly appearing, 1852, and daily, March 2, 1854. James

CtY, NcD, ScU:

1854-1857, fairly strong in combined holdings, weekly and daily.

H. Giles, editor; Grenaker and LaMotte & Co., publishers. 1854, E. H. Britton bought the plant and published paper until sold to T. S. Piggot, July 23, 1857, at which time Britton and John G. Bowman, editor, left. August 1857, Piggot, publisher; Louis Montgomery, associate editor. March 1858, publication suspended, and plant advertised for sale.⁵

Jan.-Feb. 1858, very scattered issues.

The State Rights Republican (Columbia), daily, tri-weekly, and weekly, est. July 1, 1850. 400 . . . —.

ScU:

1851, scattered issues.

I. C. Morgan, publisher; Alexander Carroll and Morgan, editors. January 1851, John G. Bowman, editor. March 1, 1851, paper became evening daily. Ceased publication shortly after June 1852.

The Commercial Transcript (Columbia), daily and tri-weekly, est. 1851.

ScU:

May 21-Sept. 1851, scattered issues.

A. A. Haight and E. M. Broughton, publishers and proprietors; S. Olin Talley, editor. May 21, 1851, A. A. Haight and C. C. Sower, publishers and proprietors; Talley, editor. Ceased publication, Sept. 1851.

The Columbia Banner, weekly, est. [Apr.] 1853. — . . . 2,200.

ScU:

1853, 1856, very scattered issues.

Continuation of the *Palmetto State Banner* [see above] as weekly issue of the *South Carolinian*.

The New Era (Columbia), weekly, est. Oct. 1855.

No files available.

Published by J. M. Curtis & Co. with no editor listed. J. C. DeGaffarely believed to be the editor. A Know-Nothing Party organ, the paper lasted only two or three months.

The Examiner (Columbia), weekly, est. Dec. 27, 1855.

ScU:

Dec. 27, 1855-Nov. 8, 1856, strong file.

W. B. Johnston, founder. Ceased publication, Nov. 8, 1856, for lack of financial support.⁶

⁶ This paper was literary as well as political in its interests.

⁵ The compiler has no definite proof of the duration of this suspension. A newspaper by the same name, however, was being published in Columbia in early 1860.

The Southern Light (Columbia), daily and tri-weekly, est. Aug. 1857.

Broughton and Walsh, founders. February 18, 1858, ceased publication.

The Southern Guardian (Columbia), daily, tri-weekly, and weekly, est. 1858. — . . . d. 700, tw. 800, w. 300.

Founded by an association of printers with Edward H. Britton, editor. Subsequently, Britton and W. B. Johnston, editors. In fall of 1858, paper sold to C. P. Pelham. 1859-1865, Dean and Sielaff, publishers.

The Carolina Bulletin (Columbia), daily, tri-weekly, and weekly, est. Jan. 1859.

C. K. and J. E. Britton, publishers; and E. H. Britton, editor. [May 1] 1859, plant moved to Charlotte, N. C.

SPARTANBURG

The Carolina Spartan (Spartanburg), weekly, est. Dec. 17, 1843. 850 . . . 1,100.

1850, Dr. P. M. Wallace, editor and owner. Jan. 1, 1851, Joseph W. Tucker bought half interest and served as joint editor and proprietor with Wallace. June 1, 1855, Bomar, associate editor, succeeded by Cavis. Trimmier and Bomar publishers until Nov. 1855, when succeeded by Trimmier and Cavis. 1856, T.O.P. Vernon, associate editor.

The Spartanburg Express, weekly, est. May 4, 1854. — . . . 800.

E. H. Britton, founder. Before Nov. 1854, Britton sold the paper to E. J. Henry and T. S. Farrow. June 8, 1855, Henry resigned as editor because of ill health; Farrow continued as editor and publisher. 1857, Douglas and Evins, editors and owners. Oct. 1859, A. S. Douglas and John H. Evins, editors; J. P. M. Calvo, publisher.

UNION

The Unionville Journal, weekly, est. May 1851. — . . . 700.

B. F. Arthur, editor and R. A. McKnight, proprietor. Jan. 1853, McKnight, editor and

ScU:

Aug. 1857-Feb. 18, 1858, scattered issues.

NcD and ScU:

1858-1860, representative strength.

CtY:

1859, representative strength.

ScU:

Jan.-Apr. 1859, scattered issues.

ScS:

1850-1851, 1856-1859, almost complete.

NcU:

1854-1856, scattered issues.

ScS:

Aug. 13-Nov. 12, 1857, complete.

ScU and ScUA:

1851-1859, very scattered issues.

proprietor. Jan. 1859, title changed to *Unionville Times* with McKnight and W. H. Wallace, owners; Wallace and Charles E. Boyd, editors. August 1859, Dr. P. M. Wallace, owner.

YORK

Yorkville Miscellany, weekly, est. 1844. 300

ScU:

... —.

Jan. 22, 1851-Jan. 18,
1854, almost complete.

1851, Lewis G. Grist, editor and proprietor. Jan. 24, 1852, Grist sold paper to his father, John E. Grist. April 17, 1852, T. J. Bell, editor. Feb. 3, 1853, co-partnership formed between J. E. and L. M. Grist. Nov. 1854, paper merged with *Yorkville Remedy*, and sold to W. Rice. Title changed to *Yorkville Citizen*.

The Yorkville Remedy, weekly, est. Sept. 1851.

ScU:

1851, very scattered
issues.

T. J. Eccles, founder. June 2, 1853, purchased by J. Judge Moore and Major J. Felix Walker. Nov. 1854, purchased by W. Rice and titled changed to *Yorkville Citizen*.

Yorkville Citizen, weekly, est. Nov. 2, 1854. Successor to *Yorkville Remedy* and *Yorkville Miscellany* with W. Rice, owner and publisher; J. Felix Walker, editor. 1855, Rice, editor and publisher. Nov. 1856, merged with the *York District Chronicle* under name of latter.

ScU:

1855, very scattered
issues.

Yorkville Enquirer, weekly, est. Jan 6, 1855.
— . . . 2,208.

CtY:

1855-1860, almost
complete.

John L. Miller and Samuel W. Melton, editors and proprietors, and Lewis M. Grist, publisher. March 1857, John L. Miller & Co. proprietors, with L. M. Grist, publisher, and J. H. Black, editor. On March 18, 1858, John L. Miller and Joseph H. Black sold the plant to Lewis M. Grist; Melton, editor.

ScU:

1857-1860, complete.

ScR:

1857-1860, complete.

York District Chronicle (Yorkville), weekly, est. Aug. 1856. — . . . 600.

NcD:

1858, very scattered
issues.

T. J. Eccles, founder. Nov. 1856 merged with *Yorkville Citizen* as *York District Chronicle*, T. J. Eccles, editor and publisher.

MIDDLETON CORRESPONDENCE, 1861-1865

Edited by ISABELLA MIDDLETON LELAND

(Continued from April)

[Susan Middleton to Harriott Middleton, Flat Rock]

Columbia—Saturday

[July 5-7, 1862]

Today has brought very sad news. Frank Ravenel's ⁴⁷ death. Hal is here, on a two days' visit, her husband being in charge of one of the hospitals, and she called to see us very kindly yesterday, when we arranged to meet again this morning, but, on going to the Hotel, we were shocked to find that they had just received the painful intelligence. On our return we had a note from Mrs. Young asking for the carriage to go there. I have written to Hal and wish so much I could do something for her, but think I had better not go just now, it must be so trying to see even one's friends, except the nearest, at such a time. Mrs. Young says he was killed in the battle of the 1st—we have heard no particulars. . . .

These are indeed dark days—there is mourning all around us this week. Mr. Coffin's funeral took place this morning, the Haynes have lost their son, and one of our next-door neighbours their's (the second in a few days) the Miss Rhett's their brother and cousin—Grimke Rhett was so terribly mangled they were obliged to bury him at once upon the field. Poor old Dr. Trezevant seems broken down by the death of his son, and Dr. Goodwyn has just buried another child—of course you cannot feel interested in these people whom you have never seen, but I feel for them, they have been very kind to us. You speak of J. Haskell ⁴⁸—I was glad to hear from Wms. Heyward yesterday that they now have hope of his recovery. His parents reached him before his arm was amputated, and telegraph two days after the operation that he was doing well. Of course you will have known of young Cheves's ⁴⁹ death—is he not an only child? I hear Henry Rutledge led the charge splendidly in Ransom's Brigade,

⁴⁷ Frank Ravenel, brother-in-law of Harriott Horry Ravenel, was killed July 1, in the battle of Malvern Hill, the last of the Seven Days Battles.

⁴⁸ Major John Cheves Haskell, nephew of Langdon Cheves, was one of seven brothers who fought for the South. He lost his arm at Mechanicsville, first of the Seven Days.

⁴⁹ Edward Cheves was the only son of Dr. John Cheves, constructor of a system of torpedo defences at Charleston.