

*Balloon Ascension.*—The announcement of a balloon ascension to come off yesterday evening drew together a concourse of about seven hundred people. The canvas was stretched on Arsenal Hill, back of the reservoir or new water works. The inflation commenced at quarter to four, and was completed at five o'clock. The balloon having been filled to its full capacity, Mr. J. W. McWhirter, who had engaged a seat from Mons. J. Wells, stepped into the basket, and expressed his intention to ascend alone. The ropes were loosened, and the aerial visit, amid cheers of the crowd, and "Hail Columbia" from the Richland Rifle Band, took a rapid flight in a Southwesterly direction. The balloon ascended to the height of about two miles, descending between two pines in the Cemetery grounds. The daring adventurer sustained no injury, and the canvas was but slightly torn from its contact with the trees. We understand it is the intention of Mons. Wells to give another exhibition.—*South Carolinian.*