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Mr. Field is the genius who writes the "Sharps and Flats" for The Chicago News, and is one of the brightest paraphraser on the American press. He is 32 years of age. His father, R. M. Field, of Missouri, was the attorney for Dred Scott, the negro who was the plaintiff in the great case in the supreme court of the United States which resulted in the celebrated "Dred Scott decision." At an early age Eugene's mother died, and he was sent to Amherst, Mass., and placed in the care of an aunt, Miss French. He finished his academic education at the age of 17, and then entered Williams college. The death of his father, soon after, compelled him to quit the eastern school. Professor John W. Burgess was appointed his guardian, and he was placed in Knox college, at Galesburg, Ill. Here he remained two years, and afterward completed his education at the University of Missouri. In 1871 he visited Europe for six months. In 1873 Mr. Field began reporting on The St. Louis Evening Journal. In a few months he was appointed city editor, which position he held until 1875.

Later he filled positions on the press of Kansas City, Denver and other cities, going to The Chicago News a couple of years ago. He is regarded as one of the very best of America's younger verse writers. His public literary record has been made in the past dozen years. Mr. Field is happily married, and is happiest himself when surrounded by his intelligent and interesting family.

JOHN P. RICHARDSON,  
The Newly Elected Governor of South Carolina.

Governor-elect John Peter Richardson, of South Carolina, comes from one of the oldest families of that state, where he himself was born in 1831. He is a son of the late Governor John P. Richardson and a great-grandson of Gen. Richard Richardson, who was a prominent man in the Palmetto state both before and during the revolutionary war, and four of whose descendants have been governors of South Carolina. Col. Richardson was graduated with distinction from the historic South Carolina college, at Columbia,

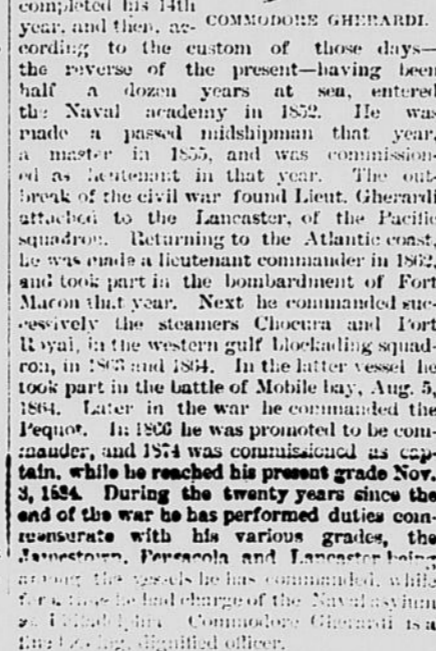


JOHN P. RICHARDSON.  
in 1849. He then engaged in planting in Clarendon county. He was chosen a member of the South Carolina house of representatives in 1853, and served until 1862, when he joined the Confederate army, serving upon the staff of Gen. Canby in the west until the war ended. After the war Col. Richardson represented Clarendon county faithfully through all the dark and troublous days of reconstruction. He was returned to the legislature in 1873, and in 1880 was elected state treasurer. In 1882 he was again elected state treasurer, and in 1884 again honored by reelection to the same important position—in each instance without opposition. In August last he was nominated for governor by the Democratic state convention over four competitors, and on Nov. 6 was elected without opposition.

COMMODORE GHERARDI.  
Promoted to Take Charge of the Brooklyn Nav. Yard.

Now that we are to have something that may be called a navy there is a stirring up of the officers at the training schools and naval stations, as more war ships means promotion and position for the many naval officers that have been waiting for something to turn up. One of the most recent promotions is that of Commodore Gherardi to take charge of the important naval station in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Born in Louisiana in 1822, Commodore Gherardi entered the navy from Massachusetts in the summer of 1846, during the Mexican war, as midshipman, before he had completed his 14th year, and then, according to the custom of those days—the reverse of the present—having been half a dozen years at sea, entered the Naval academy in 1852. He was made a passed midshipman that year, a master in 1855, and was commissioned as lieutenant in that year. The outbreak of the civil war found Lieut. Gherardi attached to the Lancaster, of the Pacific squadron. Returning to the Atlantic coast, he was made a lieutenant commander in 1862, and took part in the bombardment of Fort Macon that year. Next he commanded successively the steamers Choctaw and Fort Royal, in the western gulf blockading squadron, in 1863 and 1864. In the latter vessel he took part in the battle of Mobile bay, Aug. 5, 1864. Later in the war he commanded the Pequot. In 1866 he was promoted to be commander, and 1874 was commissioned as captain, while he reached his present grade Nov. 3, 1884. During the twenty years since the end of the war he has performed duties commensurate with his various grades, the Lancaster, Pensacola and Lancaster being among the vessels he has commanded, while for a time he had charge of the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Commodore Gherardi is a first class distinguished officer.



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