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SALUTATORY.

"Time rolls his ceaseless course," and along that course are mile stones marking the eras of frowning adversity and smiling prosperity. The question naturally arises which of the mile stones has turned up? The universal answer is, that of appalling misfortune. The great crop failure of '83 will ever have its place in the history of our nation. Farming, which constitutes the very back-bone of our country's weal, has met with a sad fate. The losses we deplore, but the lesson of 'experience will teach us like none other.' The happy anticipations, so fondly fostered of seeing a full crop saved this Fall were blighted by the summer's drought. The pecuniary condition of our County is not a favorable one. There is not much money on the market, and what amount there is, will not be in rapid circulation, save where the force of necessity revolves it. Apparently then, all enterprises may seem to be of no consequence. Money is usually at their foundation, and in as much as it is so scarce, there will be but few undertaken. But however strange and unnatural this enterprise might seem to some, we undertake it. To us but little pecuniary benefit may accrue. The realization of this fact, however, shall not cut short our efforts to make this an interesting little paper.

Surely it will be nurtured in the arms of enterprising Easley. For here 'the lines seem to have fallen to us in pleasant places,' and we need something to insure their continuance, and to tell abroad of their significance. Through the tact and energy of our citizens, Easley assumes a "bold front." To-day she is far in advance of other towns of her age, and can compete strongly with others, which though older in years, are not the weightiest in the scales of potent influences. Step by step she is mounting the ladder of prosperity. Already her glory will prove perennial with coming ages. There are monuments that point high, heavenward, to insure her lasting fame; and truths of her greatness which, 'like the torch when shaken, shall shine all the more.' We are glad that it is our province to hold these truths up before the public; to speak of them,

to write of them as they stand dazzling in our sight. Behold that noble institution of learning; a thing of the past, of the living present, and we trust, of the future; a magnificent result of the energies of a people whose motto is: Press onward! press upward! Their motto is being carried out. Many people are doing their share; the efficient Professor MOORE and the accomplished Miss HENRY are doing theirs. Through their instrumentality large numbers of children are being enlightened, and are making diligent search for hidden truths. None could remain under their instruction without making the discovery of them.— Nearly eighty pupils beckon to the call of the school-bell, and are making no mean efforts to "drink deep of the Pierian Spring." There are yet other people in the County who should at once embrace this privilege of educating their children. You know not what an 'occasion is drifting by.' Look to it people!

Again, think of the privileges of worship. Two nice, comfortable churches inside of the Incorporate limits, and one not far out, all offering their superior advantages.

We might go on eulogizing at length the privileges of Easley, as for instance, the accommodations offered to the traveling public, at our well kept hotels, and by the livery stables, but will say more on these subjects anon.

We commend our little journal to the attention of the people, and earnestly solicit their subscription and patronage, feeling that we will give you "value received" for your money. We know the times are hard, and many licks are made for the well-earned dollar, but let philanthropy be your guide, and show your appreciation of this new enterprise, which will do its share in the upholding of HONOR, JUSTICE and TRUTH.

—Rev. R. H. GRIFFITH, in a letter to "The Baptist Courier," speaking of his recent visit to this County, says:

"I found the roads in fine condition. By the way, it occurred to me that it would be a good thing for some of the counties in the lower part of the State to send their road-commissioners up to Pickens County, and make them serve a thorough apprenticeship in the art of road-working. It seems that these people do not work their roads on the "lick and a promise" plan, and I should judge that they do not have nineteen overseers in every twenty hands that work on the road."

While our roads are not so good

as they might be, yet our people can enjoy what comfort there is in the thought of not having the worst roads in the State.

—Below we give the controversy pending between A. M. Howell, Reporter for the Charleston News and Courier, from Greenville, and C. P. Barrett, U. S. Commissioner, of Pickens County:

COMMISSIONER BARRETT.

A Square Denial of All "Crookedness" in His Office.

PICKENS C. H., Sept. 29.

To the Editor of the News and Courier: Your Greenville correspondent, "A. M. H." in an article of date the 27th; and which appeared in the News and Courier of the 28th, among other things said: "Nothing has been developed here as to the reported resignation of District Attorney Melton. Under officials are divided in opinion as to whether or not the resignation has taken place. There is also a diversity of opinion as to the probable cause of the resignation, if it has really occurred. The crookedness of a certain United States Commissioner of Pickens county, whose official acts are said to have undergone department investigation, is a matter that has been an open secret here for some time past. This is doubtless the person whom it is said the District Attorney is called upon to prosecute for official misconduct. C. P. Barrett is his name."

In reply I will simply state that my office, as well as that of every other officer connected with the Department of Justice in South Carolina, was investigated last spring by a special agent, as required by the last Congress.

But that any "crookedness" now, or at any time heretofore, ever existed or was developed, so far as the conduct of my office is concerned, I positively deny. Hence, the intimation that the District Attorney has been called upon to prosecute me for official misconduct is gratuitous and without any foundation whatever.

Respectfully,

C. P. BARRETT.

Reply of A. M. H. to Mr. Barrett's Card.

[Special to the News and Courier.]

GREENVILLE, October 4.—The card of United States Commissioner C. P. Barrett, of Pickens, published in The News and Courier of yesterday, causes considerable laughing in the sleeve in this locality. His characterization of the information given by your Reporter in The News and Courier of the 28th ult., as gratuitous and without any foundation whatever, is regarded as a most remarkable reply to the serious charges against Mr. Barrett that are fast becoming common rumor here and elsewhere. It is told of him that a large number of cases heard by him during the present year were brought upon warrants that were procured in blank from a deputy collector of internal revenue while the said deputy collector was drunk.

The public will better understand this kind of crookedness by an allusion to the facts that deputy collectors are the only persons authorized to swear out warrants against offenders against the United States internal revenue laws, and that commissioners before whom the cases are heard and deputy marshals who execute the warrants get their fees from the Government whether there is anything in the case or not. It will be remembered that District Attorney Melton was unusually severe in his criticisms upon the conduct of commissioners for the great number of trival cases heard and for multiplying cases in his recent speech before the District Court in asking for an order calling in all warrants issued

prior to July 1st, 1883. In that speech the district attorney said that over 60 per centum of the cases brought before a certain commissioner during a quarter had been dismissed. It is understood that the commissioner referred to was Mr. Barrett. Aside from the fact it can easily be shown that the issuing of three or four warrants against one defendant within a very short space of time, sometimes only a day intervening between two warrants, has been a practice of Mr. Barrett's official career. The person accused of any connection with illicit distilling can, for instance, be arrested upon four or five different charges. It is an easy matter therefore, to multiply cases and the fees of each of the cases are the same, while properly all the charges should be included in one warrant, and the whole cost of the Government should be that of one case.

During the last term of the District Court here fifty-three cases were tried, of which number twenty-five resulted in the acquittal of the defendants. Mr. Barrett's account against the Government for the quarter, I am informed, was \$1,900, and, of course, Mr. Barrett did not send up all the cases. Whether it is true or not that the District Attorney had been called upon to prosecute Mr. Barrett a report to that effect reached Greenville. With this amount of data upon which to base what was said, it will hardly be contended that the information given by me was gratuitous.

A. M. H.

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