

BELTON PAGE

Devoted to the Upbuilding of Belton and Vicinity, and as a Medium for Communicating News and Advertising.

BELTON NEWS

In a recent interview Mr. M. Clarence Chickales expressed himself in regard to the free mail delivery that is being tried out in Belton, as being entirely satisfied with the result so far. The service is not an assured thing yet. The bill making the service permanent has passed the House but is still pending in the Senate.

The following is a special from a letter from our eminent postmaster to D. Wyatt Allen, as cited in a speech of Hon. William W. Grist of Pennsylvania in the House of Representatives in Washington in Jan. 1914. Mr. Chickales says: "Yours inclosing letter of Congressman Grist is received, as to how we like experimental delivery of mail at third-class offices."

"The service at this place is working finely and giving entire satisfaction. In fact, we do not see how it can be dispensed without the people being greatly displeased. Beg to advise that Post Office Inspector Morganroth has just made an inspection of the service at this office and by reference to his report you may see how the plan is working here. Hope the service will be made permanent and extended, for we need another carrier here now and could use one to advantage."

Miss Helen Woodside is spending this week-end with her friend, Miss Jennie Brown, in Anderson.

Miss Sue Covington is spending the week-end with her parents in Greenville.

Mr. M. C. Horton, a prominent lawyer of Atlanta, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. E. Horton, on Anderson street.

Mr. J. W. States spent Sunday in Belton.

Mr. Fred Gaines, night operator of the telephone exchange here, has resigned and Mr. Spencer Taylor of this place is now installed in his place.

Mr. Cappelman of Charleston, was in town yesterday.

Miss Alice Covington is in Greenville with relatives for this week-end.

Mrs. Frank Robinson gave a magnificent dinner at Gretchen Inn yesterday, celebrating her birthday. The decorations were beautiful and the viands delicious.

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Among the visitors from Abbeville to the Sunday school convention in Anderson last week were Mrs. Henry Waddell Pratt, Miss Louise D. Brown and Mrs. Gertrude Sign.

Mrs. Frank Gary was the charming hostess at two affairs last week given complimentary to her sister, Mrs. Henry Gary of Richmond.

The first of a series of social dinners was given on Thursday the 12th, the second Friday morning, the 13th.

Miss Mamie Lou Smith entertained several of her friends at a Victrola party Tuesday afternoon, the 17th. Miss Smith is a popular hostess and this is just one of many parties that she has given lately.

Mrs. Lawrence C. Parker entertained on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 18th in honor of her house guest, Miss Chardavain. Those invited to meet Mrs. Chardavain were the members of the departed set. After several games of auction Mrs. Parker served delicious refreshments.

Appeal of the Correspondent at Paul's Press.

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It is a tragedy of our age. We want to hear the best of street cars, and the automobile that meet people that are well and strong enough to be in the race, and put them not into the poor house. We have an idea, money makes company. It is true if they had a good superintendent they are satisfied, but the things of them have turned every stone they could, to keep from coming there. We would not any reward for keeping the poor this way, we complain so about taxes being too high.

"MONEY MAKING SUPPER" Will be given Saturday Night by Ladies at Arrville.

The ladies of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Greenville Methodist church are planning a "money raising supper" to be held Friday night in the old Greenville school house at 7 P. M. A very tempting menu has been arranged.

For those who do not care for opera, if any such person there might be other tempting stands will be waiting. The public especially is cordially invited and a pleasant evening assured all who attend. The proceeds are to go for the benefit of the Home Society. —Daisy Hall.

Telegraph operators on the Big Four and Lake Shore may strike.

Atlanta: P. C. Etheridge, South Carolina; J. F. McCune, Jr., New York; E. Williamson, North Carolina; N. Johnson, Atlanta; J. W. Garfield, Macon; R. J. Joyner, Waltham; E. J. Cuffinham, Charleston; W. F. Matheson, Atlanta; I. B. Maguire, Spartanburg; J. J. Kennedy, Atlanta; D. M. Peden, South Carolina; J. W. Quattlebaum, Anderson.

T. B. Curtis, commercial agent of the C. & W. C. Railway Co., with headquarters at Anderson, was among those in Belton yesterday on business.

F. N. Wilson of Belton, Route one, was in Belton yesterday on business.

Execel Camp No. 645, W. O. W. of Belton, S. C., will on Tuesday evening March 17, at 7 o'clock.

ABBEVILLE.

Abbeville, Feb. 20.—The Ladies' Working Society of the Methodist church will give a Colonial Tea at the home of Mrs. John Harris on the evening of February 26. The Methodist ladies are noted for their delightful entertainments and this one will be very quaint and unique.

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PROS AND CONS OF LARGE CORPORATIONS

Commissioner Davies, of the Bureau of Corporations, Makes His Report

Washington, Feb. 20.—Does the monopolistic system contain in itself the seeds of its own decay? That question Commissioner Joseph E. Davies of the Bureau of Corporations, declared, in his annual report made public today, a federal investigation how under way hopes to answer.

In a review of a working program for the bureau Commissioner Davies points out that aside from an economic study of the trust question, reform price maintenance is one of the questions to be taken up. Trade, their efficiency and reform, however, are to comprise the principal work for the coming year. The need of some federal body for the purpose of investigation and publicity in trust affairs, whether it be the bureau of corporations as now organized, or a commission as proposed in the pending administration bill in Congress, Commissioner Davies emphasized.

In his report he discussed the monopoly question at length, saying in part: "The question is whether the true form of organization is really efficient. If it is found that smaller competitive units in industry can produce commodities more cheaply, and that they have other and greater advantages than those claimed for the monopolistic or trust system, then the problem is finally settled in favor of the competitive system, and the chief argument for the regulation of monopoly is destroyed. This is a scientific question of fact, and it is the plan of the bureau to investigate this question."

While from a governmental point of view there are various aspects of the trust question which are of great importance, such as the relation of trusts to popular government and their effect on the social and economic conditions of labor, there are two aspects of it which are peculiarly within the domain of the bureau, namely, the effect upon the public of the production and distribution of the effect upon the price to the consumer.

It is contended by some that with the increase in the size of industrial enterprises there comes a reduction in the cost of extraction, manufacture and distribution, and that such reduction in cost is accompanied by lower prices to the consumer and does not involve a reduction in wages or an impairment of the conditions of labor.

Even if these claims were true the question would still remain, of course, whether the benefits resulting from large combinations would not be greater than the alleged advantages of cheaper production and distribution. It is contended, on the other hand, that the source and origin of monopoly is found chiefly in the desire to exploit the general public by stock-selling schemes for the immediate profit of the promoters, or for the purpose of obtaining control of the market and exacting unduly high prices from the consumer.

Many large combinations have failed and abandoned their economic and industrial control of the market and it is admitted to be a possibility that this is allowed to be due to their monopolistic position, and not to their efficiency. According to those who hold this view, there is a point beyond which the increase in size of operations does not result in an increase in economy and efficiency, but rather in loss and waste, so that the efficiency is not attained by large combinations, but instead by companies of moderate size. If this latter contention be true, then as has been said, the monopolistic system contains in itself the seeds of its own decay.

Again, some of those who dispute the superior efficiency of large combinations contend that this claim is made merely as a shield for the purpose of selling watered stock. They say that such organizations are established for the purpose of either getting control of the market and exacting excessive prices from consumers, or of issuing large amounts of watered stock for the purpose of selling such stock to the public. In the first case, it is argued, no combinations are not concerned with the promotion of greater efficiency, but merely with obtaining a monopoly. In the second case, they are chiefly concerned with selling the stock, and as they can not claim to be concerned with the public that it has a great value due to monopoly, they are obliged to find another selling argument, namely, superior efficiency.

Of almost equal importance with the determination of this question of superior efficiency is that of the price policy of such large industrial combinations as have achieved a substantial control of the market. Those who argue that such industrial enterprises result in greater economy and efficiency in production often overlook the equally important question whether or not they absorb all the benefits of such economies in increased profits without conceding any share thereof to labor in higher wages, or to consumers in relatively lower prices, or improved quality of products. The determination of the facts in respect to this question may not be so much as to establish broad generalizations or conclusions, but the importance of having the facts is none the less obvious.

The Menace of the Mulatto Problem. Is the Negro Question "Settling Itself"?

"The Negro Question is settling itself," they tell us, and The Progressive Farmer almost alone among the bigger Southern journals today is scientifically probing to the bottom of the whole great problem to see how it is being "settled."

Did you know, for example, that from 1870 to 1910 the number of mulattoes in this country increased from 384,049 to 2,050,628 or over 251 per cent—whereas the number of full-blooded negroes increased only from 4,295,890 to 7,777,072, or 81 per cent?

In other words, there are not even twice as many full-blooded negroes as there were in 1870.

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RALEIGH, N. C.

HONOR ROLL

Home Path Graded Schools For February.

The following is the honor roll of the Home Path graded school for the month ending February 19th.

First grade—Bex Callahan, Edith Cartham, Thomas Finley, Mary Eleanor Moore, Jerry McKinnis, Dorothy Murray, Fred Stephens, George Stokes, Helen Arden, Henry Lawrence Erwin Brock, Eva Brock, Lawrence Harper, Marvin Estimer.

Second grade—Margaret Austin, Margaret Timby, Mary Harper, Lank Moore, Margaret Monroe, Lucie Hayes, Genevieve Sharp, Margaret Trussel, Carl Brock, William Chickles, James Estimer.

Third grade—Rosa Lee Bell, Kathleen Brock, Letha Dugan, Frances Joseph, Laura Key, Arlet Trammah, Fourth grade—Ellen Bowie, Geo Bowie, Anne Neely, Minnie Mealy, Ella McKenzie, Emma Ruth Moore, Otto Brock, William Bagwell, Jamie Campbell, Alvin Cox, Herbert Dunlap.

Fifth grade—Ella Florence Harper, Letha Tice, Leland Moore, Mamie Luella Chickleson, Joe Pinson, Grady Cox, David Davis, Arthur Cartham, Annie Etio Wright, Tom Shirley, Alvin Greer.

Sixth grade—Grace Kly, Walter Clatworthy, Nello Glomet, Bennett Austin, Johnnie Dunlap, Howard Hayes, Mary Cannon, Kate Lillis, Olivia Greer.

Seventh grade—Sibyl Trammah, Lily Beard, Eva Ferguson, Lucille Culbertson, Esther Shirley, Jess Brock, Lucile Donald, Theo Trussel, Malcolm Edwin, Charlie Campbell.

Eighth grade—Llewellyn French, Ninth grade—Hattie Bortha Shirley, Lucy Pinson.

Tenth grade—Marie Gaines, Jennie Clatworthy.

Brevinth grade—Ruth Williams.

EX-GOV GLENN TO GET JOB

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—Former Senator Turner, of Spokane, Wash., today resigned as a member of the international joint commission. He will be succeeded by former Gov. Glenn of North Carolina.

Fifty acre Field of Cotton on farm of V. L. Toulson, Piedmont, S. C., raised by UNION GUANO COMPANY's Fertilizer. The cotton is one of the thousands of satisfied customers using "Union" Fertilizers. Ask your dealer for our goods and accept a substitute.

A better Fertilizer will produce a better crop. "UNION BRANDS" have demonstrated to many of the best growers in your own county their superior "crop producing" qualities. Ask the men who use them.

Buyers & Dealers, Folger, Hampton Mercantile Co., Piedmont, Belton Mercantile Co., Belton, W. F. Moore, Greenville, Victor Mercantile Co., Wilminton, Elyre Mercantile Co., Wilminton, J. R. Douth, Sandy Springs.

and many other dealers in Anderson, Greenville and Pickens counties. For further information write our representative at Anderson, Mr. E. E. Burris or address UNION GUANO COMPANY, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Opening Announcement!

Tuesday, February 24

G. S. & A.

PIANO BROKERAGE CO.

Opens for Business

The term, G. S. & A., does not mean that this concern is connected with any road or corporation, it is not. The name in full is the Greenville Spartanburg and Anderson Piano Brokerage Co. We have selected Belton as our headquarters, on account of its many advantages to a business such as ours. We have launched this enterprise, relying entirely on the wise and economical buyers of this section of the country for substantial patronage. Wouldn't you buy a piano from us if you were certain of saving from \$75 to \$150 on it? We guarantee to save that much for you on a piano, as we will sell for cash only, and will not have to charge you interest, and as a collector. Come, see what we have to offer you. Only the best makes, such as Chickering & Son, Wexlin, Schmeier, Weiser Bros, Bradley, Prescott, and Co.

G. S. & A. PIANO BROKERAGE CO.

Display rooms and Office front part of The Anderson Intelligencer Job Printing department.

M. L. Willis, Prop. BELTON, S. C.