The Press and Banner.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Wednesday, April 14, 1880.

Seizure of Whisky.

Last Wednesday a number of revenue officials arrived in town, some stopping at Miller's hotel, and others put up at Bruce's hotel—the following being a list of their names:

From Walhalla—Colonel J. B. Johnson, in charge of the whole force, Charles Carson, C. W. Griffin.

From Spartanburg—Turner, Moose, Scroggs, Burham.

From Greenville—William Kennedy.

On Thursday morning they hired two wagons, and proceeded to the residence of Colonel J. Edward Calhoun, on Savannah River. The Colonel is the owner of more real estate than any other man in the county, and is considered the richest man amongst us. That he had plenty of good whisky in his celler or store room was no secret. For many years he has kept for his own use a large supply of the best the market affords, and at the time the revenue officers arrived he had some whisky which he had bought thirty years ago—long before the passave of the revenue laws that taxed whisky. On the arrival of the officers, they soon informed him of their business, and enquired of the Colonel if he had any whisky, when they were promptly shown to his store-room. They found a large, in thirty-three packages — in demijohns. All the packages were nicely sealed, and the late purchases were carefully labelled, with the date of purchase, and name of person from whom bought. The whisky was put in the wagons, brought to Abbeville, and shipped to Columbia, without breaking the seals, where it will probably be sold after thirty days' advertisement.

In conversation with Col. Johnson, who is in charge of the revenue force, he expressed the opinion, which was fully endorsed by Mr. Kennedy, a member of the force that Colonel Calhoun had not intentionally violated the revenue laws; they had the fullest confidence in the Colonel's good intentions; his mistake was in buying from manufacturers who had not paid the 90 cents tax on the gallon, instead of purchasing from regular licensed dealers; every member of the force will sign a paper recommending the proper authorities to compromise with the Colonel.

In a talk with Colonel Calhoun, he said that he did not blame the officers for anything they had done; that they had discharged a disagreeable duty with delicacy and politeness; that he had violated the law unintentionally.

No doubt the matter will be settled in a satisfactory manner to all parties. They left the Colonel about fifty gallons of his oldest and finest liquors and wines.

Diamond Spring and Asbestos Mines.

We are indebted to the courtesy of Captain John E. Brownlee for specimens of asbestos from the mines in this county and also for a sample of the water from Diamond Spring, which we forward to Colonel A. P. Butler in response to his request. We hope that they may be found of real merit and worth. From Captain Brownlee we learn the following facts in reference to the spring and the mines:

DIAMOND SPRINGS,

located about five miles West of Lowndesville about two miles from Bowman's Ferry on Savannah River, now owned by Mr. James Carlisle. About fifty years ago the Spring became well known for its medical properties and was an annual summer resort for quite a number of pleasure seekers and invalids from many sections of the country, but principally from Charleston and Savannah. A few years later a large hotel was built at this place by George McDuffie, John C. Calhoun, Dr. Arnold and others, where McDuffie spent much of time, and real estate was increased in value in consequence of the Spring. The large beeches near the spring took the place of the hotel register of the present day. The large dance house then stood near the spring, and liberal arrangements for various games and amusements were made. The spring is walled up with rock masonry. The spring is still occasionally a resort for invalids. About two months ago a lady after staying there a short time expressed herself as much pleased with the result.

THE ASBESTOS MINES

are located on the farm of Mr. Alonzo Rowman, about one mile from the spring, where the greatest quantities of this material may be found. It is about ten feet below the surface of the ground and is a solid mass ten feet thick. The asbestos has been used for roofing in the neighborhood of the mines with unsatisfactory results. Some of the houses there were covered with the asbestos, and shingles were afterwards put on over it. The asbestos mines are not considered in the estimate of the value of the farm on which these mines are located.

"Once More to the Breach."

Under an order by Lieut. Cason the Abbeville Rifles held a meeting in the Court House last Saturday night for the purpose of reorganizing the Company. Quite a large and enthusiastic meeting was held; officers were elected and committees on constitution, etc., were appointed, which are to report at an adjourned meeting.

The following officers were elected: M. L. Bonham, Jr., Captain; S. C. Cason, 1st Lieutenant; W. C. McGowan, 2d Lieutenant; T. P. Cothran, secretary and treasurer.

Captain Bonham is a soldier by education, and with the co-operation of the other officers, as well as the members of the community, our town may have a first-class military organization. Our community should take an interest in this Club—Indeed, it has already been organized about three months in existence for the purpose of completing the uniforms. We hope that success may be the result of last Saturday night's meeting.

The "Revennes" and the Tobacco Wagoner,

Mr. C. N. Wilson, tobacconist, of North Carolina, drove on our streets last Saturday with a load of manufactured tobacco. The "stovehuse" examined his stock and found some irregularity about one box. It seems that the tobacconist had sawed it in two, and although the stamps were all right, one of the halves of the box was missing. This should have been which circumstance at first created some suspecion fn the minds of the Revenue officers. Upon consultation and reflection, however, they came to the conclusion that the wagoner had not violate the law, and after a suspense of five or six hours, and a big scare, the wagoner was set at liberty, when he dusted from these diggings.

Colonel C. C. Law's School.

The people residing near Stoney Point in this County are fortunate in having one of the best teachers in the upper part of the State. Colonel Law is an educated gentleman and his tact for imparting information is not surpassed by one in the profession, and his power of control is so perfect that he has not, during the current session, had occasion to punish any scholar for any offence whatever. His school is taught in a neat and comfortable frame building painted and glazed. Excellent rooms and a fine teacher make the citizens of Stoney Point lucky indeed.

The Pickens Sentinel.

Our neighbor from the mountains came to us last week greatly improved in appearance. The inside was set up in small type and printed on a neat patent outside. We congratulate the *Sentinel* on this evidence of progress. That paper says:

We use this week the ready print for our outside and set our inside in small type, thus giving our readers about three times the usual amount of reading matter in the *Sentinel*. We will probably adopt this plan in the future.

Plant Almond Trees.

We believe that it is not generally known that almond trees may be grown in this country as easily as peach trees. The trees are cheap and in the course of a few years, they bear large crops of the finest nuts in the world. The crop is not more easily destroyed by frost than is the peach crop. We hope that our people will give this matter attention, and when the nurserymen next apply to you for an order, remember the almond. It is well to get both the hard and the soft shell varieties.

Is it Rust?

Mr. Thos. N. Tolbert was in our office last week, and he reports wheat as doing well. He thinks that it is a mistake about it having rust, and expresses the belief that the rust appearance was caused by cold weather, from which the crop is now recovering. We are inclined to his opinion in this matter.

DIED, of oldage, Tuesday morning, April 13, 1880, at the residence of Mr. S. T. Munday, Mrs. Barbara Ann Lomax, in the 94th year of her age. At the time of her death she was thought to be the oldest person in Abbeville County. She was the mother of Captain W. A. Lomax and Mr. John W. Lomax, the latter being seventy years of age. She was long a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and leaves many friends and descendants. Like Abraham she died full of years, and was gathered to her people.

OUR old friend Mr. R. P. Quarles, of Ninety Six, called at our sanctum one day last week, and right glad were we to greet him. He is now interested in the prosperity of Abbeville, and expresses himself as highly pleased with the present outlook. While in Abbeville he remained several days in the store now jointly owned by him and his brother, Mr. T. P. Quarles. The brisk business of that firm will yet draw him back to Abbeville.

Our people should not forget that they will be called on next Sale Day to elect a County Chairman. The matter should be thought of before the Convention meets. We need a man who will be acceptable to all parties. Can such an one be had? So far we have heard the name of only one man mentioned—that of Hon. J. C. Maxwell. Is he acceptable? In our opinion he would be.

THE young gentlemen of Abbeville are making efforts to revive the old military company at this place, and are soliciting contributions to buy uniforms. So far the move met with great success. We are glad to see this movement on the part of our young men, and wish them great luck in their praiseworthy enterprise. They have already raised one hundred dollars.

MR. ROBERT MCADAMS of Due West called at our office yesterday. He is a good farmer and furnished us some facts from his section. He says that wheat and oats, are not hurt by frost; the fruit is half killed; the little flies did no damage; the wheat is not hurt by rust; no cotton has been planted; corn is up; he predicts an early harvest.

MISS SPARKS, of Columbus, Ga., who has been spending several weeks in town, returned home yesterday. While here, her attractions captivated many of our young men, and the citadel of their hearts were stormed, and doubtless they have been left in a very bad condition. Our best wishes attend her.

IN another column we give the essay of Mr. Lee before the Literary Club last Friday week on the subject of "Civilization." The fact that it appears in the columns of the *Press and Banner* speaks more plainly than words as to our high opinion of its merits as a literary production. Read it and be edified.

Thanks, Brother Hugh, for your kind wishes. We must, however, correct you when you think you recognize the work of Mr. Selby in our editorial, local or news columns.—*Daily Mercury.* Whether Mr. Selby is connected with the *Mercury* or not, it is a good paper, and its space is well filled.

WE are sorry to notice that the publication of the *Temperance Standard* at Williamston has been discontinued. The *Standard* deserved a better fate.

Mr. Joab Mauldin has sown considerable quantities of different kinds of grass seed for the benefit of his stock. This is the right kind of enterprise, and if all our farmers would follow his example they would soon have more fine stock than they would know what to do with.

MR. JOHN KNOX advertises the best Grain Seperatar now in use. Mr. Knox is a practical business man and will take great pleasure in showing it. His Seperatar is no doubt a superior machine and one which should be in the hands of many of our farmers and millers.

If you want to see something new and handsome in the way of buggies, call on Mr. J. W. Robertson. He has some of the newest styles of vehicles, which he is selling at reasonable rates.

The streets of Abbeville were crowded last Saturday with visitors and customers from the country. The land was too wet to plow and many had nothing else to do, but to come to town.

LAST Saturday and Sunday the Quarterly Meeting was held in the Methodist Church. Presiding Elder Pritchard preached Sunday morning and evening.

THE Dramatic Company of which we published a notice last week will perform in the Court House to-night. Be sure to come out.

BUY your paints from Dr. McBride. 25 colors ready mixed. Anybody can put them on. Guaranteed better than any other. 10 m.

REMEMBER, Town Taxes are now due and must be paid by the 1st of May or penalty will attach. Call on Treasurer Quarles.

THE Presbyterian Church was closed last Sunday—the pastor being absent in attendance upon the meeting of Presbytery.

Judge Merrick, of Washington, will deliver the Commencement Oration at Due West College in June.

GO TO QUARLES' and buy some of those nice Breakfast Strips, Sugar-cured Shoulders, and Canvassed Hams.

HILL & THOMSON have a large and well selected stock of clothing, for Spring and Summer.

We have had some pretty cool nights, but it is hoped that the fruit has not been injured.

MISS NUNA PERRIN came home from Monterey on Saturday and returned on Monday.

BRUCE expects to rent the large store room in the brick building to the Rifle Club.

THE "Revenues" stopped at Bruce's Hotel. That hotel is gaining in popularity.

150 GENT.'S Cassimer Suits, of the latest designs, at P. Rosenberg & Co.'s.

SUMMER COATS, 50 cents, at P. Rosenberg & Co.'s.

BRUCE is bound to make his Hotel a success.

MISS MAMIE DEBRUHL is in Columbia.

CURTAIN lace, at Hill & Thomson's.

Greenwood Notes and Comments.

BY QUID NUNC.

Mr. F. A. Arnold will plant two hundred acres of cotton this year.

Mr. S. P. Hodges was last week notified by telegram of the illness of their little daughter Willie, at present with Mrs. Prof. Boozer at Walhalla.

The railroad meeting on the 8th instant, at which were present President Verdery and a full board, was one of vast importance to the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad.

The storm genus, sullen, furious and appalling swayed the elements last week.

Cheering reports of the small grain crop, particularly oats, come from all parts of the county. It is now the opinion of a majority of the farmers that wheat is not so badly damaged as was apprehended.

The fruit has not been materially injured by the frost.

The festival given by the young ladies of the Female School last week was well attended and a financial success.

The Democrats in this part of the county will meet in Waller's Hall at 12 o'clock on the first day of May for the purpose of electing a chairman of the local committee and choosing delegates to the upcoming convention in Columbia. This call is the official *reveille* and will be promptly responded to by all true democrats. The activity of the radicels even in the immediate party relations is rendering immediate and thorough organization by the Democrats eminently important. The hour of meeting is fixed at 12 o'clock that it may not interfere with the sale of Colonel Jas. Lipscomb to the Patrons of Husbandry, which will be at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day.

The names of Mr. E. L. Oldham and Miss Lell, two of Mr. T. F. Dendy's bridal attendants were inadvertently omitted.

The callishumps seem to have their heads full of matrimony, indeed. A handsome new sign just placed in front of Dr. E. C. Calhoun's drug store was the other night removed and placed in front of his residence. They attempted to put it on the sign. The depredations of these individuals, whoever they are, because conducted at night when all well disposed people are in bed, have thus far been perpetrated with impunity to self. If these acts were committed in the name of fun is no extenuation of this wilful disrespect of private rights and injury to property. They should be apprehended and dealt with as petty pests of society and law indicted. One of the paramount objects of law is the protection of property, and it persons raised in a law-abiding community haven't the intelligence and principle to know that it is a crime of grave maliciousness to remove, displace and mutilate sign boards, hang their neighbors dogs to trees, bind fences across public roads to the peril of life and property, the lesson should be enforced upon their minds in the criminal court.

Mr. A. M. Aiken has recently re-shingled and otherwise improved his residence.

The Intendant is still pushing the work on the streets.

The passion for flowers is generally thought to indicate a fine nature and generous, genial impulses but when it leads one to pilier cemeteries, plucking flowers from graves where the hands of love and affection have planted them as the purest and tenderest of heart-tokens, it can't be regarded in quite so complimentary a light.

Dr. E. R. Calhoun in general appearance is one of the finest types of venerable manhood in the State.

There were a few cases of plain drunk on the street Saturday evening, and a few not quite so plain.

Dr. M. C. Taggart, candidate for clerk of court is presenting his claims with marked affability and is receiving encouraging assurances from his friends over the county.

Brewers Normal School (colored) is in a very prosperous condition. This school is what it purports to be, a school for the training of teachers. During the past four years of its existence under J. B. Backenstose, principal, it has qualified scores of teachers now engaged in teaching in different parts of the Union. It is annually visited by a committee of a Northern Educational Society, by whom the teachers salary is paid, students being required to only pay an amount equal to the incidental expenses.

The Grangers here purchase all their supplies in bulk, thereby giving each member the advantage of wholesale prices. The plan gives satisfaction to all with whom I have conversed.

Mr. T. N. Dendy and his bride have settled down to life in real earnest on his farm in the lower part of the county.

Mr. S. B. Hodges has about conquered the 15 puzzle, and its probable that he will not require a commission *de lunatico* either.

Mr. C. A. C. Waller would make an excellent County Superintendent of Education. He is thoroughly educated, of that large, varied practical information essential to the proper discharge of the duties of this office.

The churches are resolved, it is said, to preserve as far as humanly practicable, immaculate their moral escutcheons and will enforce their ordinances against all violations on the score of intemperance. This is a move in the right direction, and should be carried out without "fear, favor or affection."

A shrewd individual who evidently regards with contempt the attempt of arrogant bluebloods to affect social castes upon the attenuated basis of collapsed fortunes or some mythical traditional excellency of blood, thinks they ought at once resolve themselves into a committee of the whole and go into a close investigation of personal merit, and unless a preponderance of intellect, educational culture and liberal accomplishments will warrant their specious pretensions they should cease to make themselves obnoxious to general humanity. In America we recognize but one aristocracy whose triple crown is honor, intellect and education!

Real Estate Transfers.

The following is a list of the sales of land which have been recorded in the Auditors office from the 20th day of February to the 29th March, 1880.

R C Gilliam Executor Jas Gilliam to W H Bailey, 300 acres, 1st township, $1825, bounded by lands of Mrs Nichols, John Moore, George Rampey et al.

B H Eaken to Jas Dickson, Calvin Williams and Milton Bobby, 1 acre, 6th township, $12, bounded by lands of the said B H Eaken.

Robt Hackett to Jno A Moore, 87½ acres, 1st township, $262.50, bounded by lands of Newton Williams, Thos Moore et al.

Wm Hill to Jesse Lomax, 10 acres, 6th township, $126, bounded by lands of Estate Jos Moore, Wm Hill, Mrs Crawford.

S R Morrah to Joseph S Bowen, 110 acres, 15th township, $330, bounded by lands of Manning Brown estate W D Parlow et al.

P C Tennent to Joseph S Bowen, 230 acres, 15th township, $690, bounded by lands of Willis Turman, S R Morrah and others.

S E Morris to Ezekiel Morris, 200 acres, 5th township, $1670, bounded by J N Shirley, J Ashley and others.

M G Zeigler to S E Morris, 331 acres, 5th township, $4080, bounded by W Ashley, J N Shirley and others, part tract S M Tribble, deceased.

T C Stuart to W B Buchanan, 24 acres, 3rd township, $80, bounded by lands of B Z Herndon, Wilson Butler and others.

Park Arnold to W B Buchanan, 65 acres, 2nd township, $540, bounded by Simpson West, F A Arnold and others.

Mrs Jemima Dukes to H M Spikes, 250 acres 1st township, $1200, bounded by lands of Madison Richardson, Robt Calhoun and others.

J B Clamp to H A Nickles, 100 acres, 11th township, $510, bounded by lands of J B Cochran, estate J T Liddell and others.

THE PRESS AND BANNER.

Conducted in an Able Manner, and Upon Sound, Patriotic Principles.

[Augusta Chronicle and Constitutionalist.]

Mr. H. Tilman Wardlaw, of Abbeville, one of the editors of the *Press and Banner*, has been in the city for the past two days in the interest of his journal. Mr. Wardlaw is a genial gentleman and a worthy representative of one of the best papers in South Carolina. The merchants of Augusta are closely allied to the river counties of the Palmetto State, and through this entire section the *Press and Banner* has an extended and influential sway. The *Banner* is conducted in an able manner and upon sound patriotic principles, and we would like to see such papers well patronized by the people of Augusta.

Ninety-Six Portfolio.

BY QUID NUNC.

Mr. Dr. L. Bryan received a somewhat painful electric shock during the prevalence of a thunder storm on Thursday last. The lightning struck the track iron in close proximity to the depot so terrifically as to detach several large fragments, hurling them through the air for a considerable distance. The discharges of electricity from the turbulent clouds were fearful, precipitating rain in sheets, and showers of hail-stones as large as large cherries. Several resorted to feather beds, and those who could recollect, said their prayers.

Capt. J. H. Brooks, candidate for State Senate from Edgefield, was in town Saturday.

The lower part of the county is unanimous for Sheriff DuPre. The prompt and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office has convinced the people that no change is needed. Dr. L. Bozeman says if he had to run for sheriff he would rather DuPre would be the executioner than any man in the county.

Judge Lyon will receive the support of this part of the county. The indications are that the vote on the clerkship will be considerably decided, some think with chances in favor of the present incumbent, though it is said by Dr. Taggart a Prophet that he will make a good race. But few white radical votes will be polled and many negroes will vote with the Democratic party.

Hon. Jas. H. Rice is enlarging and improving his residence.

An addition has been built to the residence occupied by Mr. Beacham.

Mr. Ed Trenton, the representative of the popular house of Lorick & Lawrance, was in town last week.

Capt. Hale contemplates spending part of the Summer in Baltimore.

The magnificent organ for the M. E. Church has arrived and been placed in position. Mr. Frank Green deserves much credit for the active part taken in raising the funds for the purchase of this instrument.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church are to have a Bazaar on the evening of the 20th instant. The energy and skill displayed in its preparations is worthy of its success. Already deft fingers are executing ornamental and fancy articles for the market. The hot supper will be supplemented with ice cream and strawberries. The never-failing interest of the post office, fish pond, etc. will add their attractions. The congregation design repainting the Church edifice this Summer.

Mr. J. C. Griffin is having a handsome coating of white applied to his carriage shop.

A gentleman from Edgefield, in a brief interview said that that county unqualifiedly favors Gary for Governor. No credit is attached to the statements that he would emerge from a strait Democratic line to gain the suffrage of voters of quasi political tendencies and malcontents, or in an effort to harmonize dissaffected elements.

By *lapsus pennæ* I put down the annual aggregate of Mr. Pope's business at $150,000 instead of $50,000, which is the correct figures and which I designed to write. The business of the house (the idea which caused the inadvertency) will about equal or somewhat exceed the first figures. Phillips, Jackson & Co., and Moore, Quarles & Co., and Hodges & Mauldin, each do a large business, and are successful representative merchants.

There was a delightful pound-party at the residence of Mr. J. C. Griffin on Friday evening.

The municipal election last week resulted as follows: Intendant, Capt. J. R. Rogers; Wardens, Messrs. Johnson, Wenck, Griffin, and Cason.

The first official act of the new Intendent was to stop the game of quoits, in pursuance of an ordinence prohibiting all games on the street.

Chicken suppers at an hour when other people are dreaming is the rage with the young men.

Mr. Frank Cason has been confined to his house by a painful illness for several days.

I was the other day shown a handful of stalks of rust-proof oats taken from a field of Mr. John Moore, a fair sample of the average growth which measured over four feet high. Young Mr. Stewart has a field of more than a hundred acres which good judges say will average from 20 to 25 bushels to the acre.

The Literary Club held its last session at the residence of Mr. C. P. Roberts. The attendance was good and the exercises varied and enterprising. Mrs. L. B. Jones read "Edgar A. Poe," and Mr. W. Cochran "Macaulay." The rendering fully sustained her reputation as one of the best readers in the Club. "A letter from Bob Burdette to the *Burlington Hawkeye*," in fine jest and spirit, and was one of the most amusing features of the entertainment. "Dot Mine," a joint original production by Capt. Hackett and Dr. G. W. Cochran, was clever with its every accent and style that beat the Dutch. I have procured a copy of this amusing piece for the *Press and Banner*. The Club will in the future give a fine reading in the Court House under the auspices of the different churches respectively, proceeds to be applied as they may deem expedient. Major Touchee makes an excellent presiding officer.

Moon, Quarels & Co. had an immense trade on Saturday.

The Quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church will be held here next Sabbath.

Mr. C. P. Robberts sold one hundred and fifty tons of guano this season.

Mr. Wes. Griffin will make some improvements on his residence in the Spring.

The Democrats are fully alive to the political crisis. They recognize the importance of prompt action and will act accordingly. Much interest is felt in Hon. Armistead Burt's appointment as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee.

All classes favor Mr. W. C. Benet's support for School Commissioner.

Mrs. F. C. Lipscomb is visiting Columbia.

A tarheel banjoist created a vast amount of fun by his skillful touch on that classic instrument Saturday evening.

The whipping post has about exhausted its resources, and struck its colors.

Miss Tula Roberts was recently elected Treasurer of Ladies Society of Baptist Church. Mrs. Johnson makes a most excellent president.

Any effort to disintegrate Democratic ranks on the fence law issue will prove a ridiculous failure.

Mr. Burnet has opened a carriage repair and job shop in Mr. Johnson's building.

If you want to get up a fight just offer to sell a merchant old iron.

Dr. Hart, formerly, of this place, writes from Florida that cotton blooms are plentiful.

Lovers who keep late hours and, pernicious gas, their heads and livers turned upside down, ought to make Hill's Hepatic Panacea their *cuic* mecum.

There are a family of cats in town that are the prettiest beauties of the public, enjoying its full liberty, and just dropping in without formal notice where the most dainty lunch is likely to be had.

Dr. J. F. E. Wardlaw is not only a splendid physician, but a good artist.

Mr. J. C. Griffin will paint his residence this Summer.

Mr. Wm. McKenny is the funny man at Ninety-six, and he has a way of selling an article that occasionally makes other people funny, and it's not nitrous oxide gass either.

The official courtesy of Mr. Harry Hart, postmaster, has made for him hosts of friends.

The *Press and Banner* doubles the circulation of any other paper at this office.

A distiller without a red nose is a physiological anomaly—of course its brought on by rules against revenue officers.

The College of Charleston.

We extract the following paragraphs from the *Charleston News and Courier*, which pays a very high and deserved compliment to Mr. W. H. Parker, Jr., one of Abbeville's best young men. The commencement exercises took place last week, and the extract below shows the part our young friend acted:

In the Sophomore Class the students of the past year have been varied. Besides history and the usual course of literature, the study of the English language has been diligently pursued, using one of Chaucer's text books. In this novel branch the success was various, some appearing to think it below their notice, while a few conquered the difficulties and the interest which they took in exploring the rich mine of English undefiled. In this department Mr. W. H. Parker stands first, followed by Mr. A. Calvo.

In the Mathematical Department this class has studied plain and trigonometrical surveying, analytical and spherical trigonometry and topography, and the term work and the examinations are good, showing that good and faithful work has been done in this introduction to the higher mathematics. In the section of topography the specimens submitted by Messrs. Caldwell, Achleotte and Parker, done from their own surveys, are worthy of the highest commendation both for the accuracy of the work done and the elegance and finish of the work. In the whole department Mr. Parker stands first, and Mr. Caldwell almost, but not quite, his equal. These two young gentlemen are certainly in the first grade, but enjoy the distinguished and rare honor of leading their class in every department of the course.

In the Classical Department the term standing of the class is good. It is to be regretted that while several passed very creditable examinations, a few submitted papers that are quite indifferent. The examination on the whole was more than fair. Mr. W. H. Parker and Mr. W. A. Caldwell lead in this department. The term work of this class in French is good; a few indifferent examination papers have lowered the grade. The same may be said of the German Department, good work, spoiled by a few bad or indifferent examination papers. Messrs. Parker and Caldwell lead in both departments, the former being a little ahead of the latter. It has been already mentioned that these two gentlemen occupy the first grade. It may be added, that Messrs. Bacot, Duquerorn, Fitzsimons, Gibbs, and Marshall, of the Junior Class, are in the second grade, and also Messrs. Gadsden, Jackson and Lachicotte of the Sophomore Class, and Messrs. Simons and Smith of the Freshmore Class.

THE CHARGE AGAINST MR. GLASS.

The Truth Denied and a Suspension of Opinion Requested.

In view of the reports in a part of the daily press, that I have been bound over to court on the charge of indecent assault; I deem it my duty to myself, my family, and my friends to declare, in the most positive terms, that the charge so made against me is utterly and absolutely false; and I ask a suspension of public opinion in the matter until it has been passed upon by the proper tribunal. The simplest justice accords this to every man, and I ask no more.

P. B. GLASS.

Columbia, S. C., April 6, 1880.

We find the above card in our daily exchanges. We are ready to join in the request which Mr. Glass makes. We have held this position all the time. What we desired to call attention to is, that in case of the defenceless negro, it is only necessary to "identify" him before his body should be "suspended." We think it was right to ask for a "suspension of public opinion" in both cases. We believe in giving justice to all, and shall oppose mob law forever.

Death of Mr. John McCaw.

[Lexington, Ky., Press.]

Mr. John McCaw died at his residence in this city yesterday morning (30th ult.) at 8 o'clock, in the 69th year of his age. He has been a resident of this city for nearly forty years, and throughout that time has maintained an unblemished reputation for uprightness of purpose and promptness in all business transactions. Dignified and courteous at all times, amiable in disposition and yet resolute in action, there was a consistency in his walk through life attained by few men, and never surpassed by any.

The charming Miss Kate Calhoun, of Abbeville, was in Elberton on yesterday.—*Elberton Gazette.*

The G., A. & K. R. R.

A SPEEDY COMPLETION OF THE ROAD TO AUGUSTA.

An Important Link in the Chain to Connect the Northwest and Southern Ports—Charleston's Interest in the Road—President E. F. Verdery Hurrying up the Work to Completion.

GREENWOOD, S. C., April 8, 1880.

Editors Press and Banner:

The stockholders of the Augusta, Knoxville and Greenwood Railroad Company met here to-day according to notice given in your columns, and unanimously ratified the contract of consolidation with the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company of Georgia. This is another important step forward in the history of this remarkable enterprise which has steadily progressed without cessation, despite the difficulties and obstacles it has had to encounter, at home and abroad, and from public as well as private sources. The stock of the company was largely represented in person and by proxy. All that remains to be done is that the Secretary of the respective companies certify, on the contract of Consolidation the facts as to the ratification, and forward the same to the Secretary of State at Columbia, when the consolidation will be complete. A meeting of the stockholders of the consolidated company will be held in Augusta on the 1st of May, next, for the purpose of electing officers of the new Company. This action assures

THE SPEEDY COMPLETION

of the road to Augusta. A small gap of a few miles remains to be graded, which when done will make a continuous railroad from here to the river. We were pleased to have with us E. F. Verdery Esq., president of the Augusta and Knoxville Railroad Company accompanied by Mr. Clark, the engineer—representative President and Treasurer of the new Company.

PRESIDENT VERDERY

has made a fine impression upon our people; evincing a large store of practical knowledge, pains-taking and accurate in business and full of energy and push," he may be said to be emphatically a Railroad man of the first type. His purpose is to employ such additional force on this side of the Savannah as will complete the grading at once, and then push forward the superstructure with all possible dispatch. The completion of this Road will be a lasting monument to the energy and enterprise of the people of this section, who invested their means, and their confidence, under the indefatigable

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have pressed forward with a determination which recognizes no such thing as failure. It was not till such determination on our part was manifested by our actual success that Augusta ever could be induced to act, with us, but now that she has awoke to her interest, she is coming up to the full measure of her duty. The value of the road is already more than realized in the estimates made for securing an outlet from the Northwest to the Southern ports, and Charleston may be the recipient of immense benefit through this important railroad chain. Whether this road becomes a link in an extended line or not, there is one view of the situation which shows what

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in this connection may be, from a merely local stand point. It is this, the history of the Greenville & Columbia Railroad shows that about once in every ten or fifteen years transportation over it is seriously interrupted by freshets in the rivers, which so inundate the road bed as to completely wash away the track, bridges and trussels. In that event the certain result would that all business North of such interruption would be turned over the Road, in absence of the Greenwood & Augusta Road. Such freshets may occur at any time even in the most busy season of the year. We are glad to know that the Greenville & Augusta Road gives us a nearer line to Charleston than by the Greenville & Columbia Road by 25 or 30 miles. Have we not then acted in the interest of the former as well as of ourselves in constructing this road even to Augusta? Moreover, we have refused overtures from other companies to unite with them, which if done would have taken our trade to Augusta, and have contented ourselves with the one idea of success on his line. The question of extension to Spartanburg via Laurens C. H., is attracting attention of the former city. If there be Roads connecting every town in the State.

A STOCKHOLDER.

INTERESTING LETTER.

Wheat is Looking Well—Oats are Fine —The Crops are Large.

PHŒNIX, S. C., April 8th 1880.

Editors Press and Banner:

I did not like the heading of one of your articles some time since; don't remember the exact words, but it was something like "Cause of the white man, and hemp for the negro." Several of your readers didn't understand fully your meaning. If you meant that inequality of justice would be the cause of hemp, I take issue with you, because I have seen some of the workings of our courts and must say that for fair dealing to each race, I have never seen the equal. English law knows no distinction on the bench, down to the smallest official. If you meant to insist on severe punishment to the guilty, I agree with you. It is a shame to civilization that so many murders are committed, and that so few are hung by the neck. Away with the sickly sentimentality that would abolish capital punishment, manslaughter and the like. Let us resist the seeming tenderness (to do away with capital punishment) of the present age. If a man commits a *murder* (I would impress upon your mind the word) let him be hung by the neck until he is dead, without regard to property, social standing or race. Should our people continue in this loose way of executing justice we will soon have our country overrun by cut-throats, and I fear we will ere long fulfill the prediction of that fine writer and eminent English statesman Lord Macauley. Mobocracy will take the place of law, and our Government will run rampart over the land, and alas! alas! for our condition. It will not be Goths and Vandals overrunning our beautiful country, but self-seeking, unscrupulous set of soldiery-ism. To turn from crime to crops, oh! the guano! the guano! sold and not paid for. During the month of February one might see from the cars early every morning for miles on the highway hauling the precious stuff to put under dear cotton, but the cotton isn't made, not even planted. However, it seems the last year or two it has never been exhausted, judging from the carts full and little bags on darkies heads passing to the corner store, in this the fourth month. The business looks as dirty as the cotton is ruffled in time. We are not sure, but rather can't say approve allow it now. What's to be said next Fall? The unmade crop of 1880 is already mortgaged and liened upon almost to its full extent. Will we meet the mortgagee in our grumbling ranks and endeavor to stop the pernicious business. These dealers say "we do not take cotton after sun down." Don't! Why not? Stand guard all night and have him sell to the corner store in day light. Be careful respectable merchants don't buy goods, it won't look pretty in court and might not be profitable. The crop to talk of most is grain looking beautifully green under the April sun shining in splendor, and young corn. Bordeaux expects to send a legislative man next term, but she has not yet decided who it will be, but it is supposed to lie between Messrs. Cade, Burmon, and Gibbes. All three of them are firm, resolute, steadfast men with natural talent, good judgment, and an extensive influence, though they have never been stationed upon the platform of parties, and we feel it our duty to let our views of them a trial to load his gun, and if he misses his advantages and strikes his disadvantages it would not be our fault. Bordeaux never cackles without she lays, nor does she ever attempt without tracing it to a final end, nor she has never been known to lighten without the report of heavy thunder. She expects a fight, and we feel it our duty to start our champion with her head rocking in the democratic cradle, and her hands stamped upon the republican gander, as he tries to pull the feathers from the democratic goose. It is the intention of Bordeaux to rock the radical babies in a smooth gentle manner and if that does not pacify them we expect to get Dr. Gibbes of this neighborhood to prescribe a very heavy dose of morphine, asking them gently to take it, and if they do not take it we will be compelled to gag them. Bordeaux speaks for peace in the next election, and peace must reign or else blood must flow. Her bells are tolling for peace and for a Democrat President, and their sounds will vibrate through the air to every true hearted Democrat in the country or North. Bordeaux has not yet determined as to whom she will cast a vote for Governor, but I am rather inclined to think it will be for Gen. Gary of Edgefield. We can find no better man than Gary. We can find no worthier man than Gary. Gen. Gary was the man who helped drive back the cloud of sorrow in eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and placed within our reach the rich treasure of joy and peace; and it is now our duty to make him ruler among us.

A very severe thunder storm passed through the lower part of Bordeaux last Monday, doing much harm to the lands, washed more than they have ever been washed for the time of year. The branches were higher than ever known before. The public road was in a perfect flood, almost compared to a small river. We desire not to see such a rain again soon.

J. NOMRAH.

"O. P. H."

If He Can't Have B. F. Perry, He Wants J. S. Cothran for Governor —D. W. Aiken for Congress.

Good Wheat—An Abundance of Red Oats—Rust—Frost—Rain—A Hopeful View.

Messrs. Editors Press and Banner:

The past week has been a season of retirement from active farming duties, occasioned by the superabundance of rain. The plow has been idle. "Behind! Behind!" is the universal cry. The weather has been variable, full of vicissitudes, stormy, rainy, hail, steady, snowy, sunshiny and icy. Jack Frost on the morning of the 10th presented a snowy and formidable aspect. No apparent damage committed on vegetation. Wheat seems to be rallying from the withering effects of rust. Despondency, as to the ordinary yield, is receding, and hope is more encouraging.

Red oats, the senior's favorite cereal for beasts, look unusually promising. His partiality for that product, which he so repeatedly manifested in his local space during the sowing season, doubtless had a happy effect in causing the farmers to deal largely in that commodity. They are beginning to realize that raising oats is a paying investment. In this portion of the County the soil seems to be undergoing thorough preparation, more than usual, for the reception of the various seeds for cultivation.

King Cotton is monopolizing the fertilizers. Much speculation is rife as to the number of bales of cotton each farmer is expected to make, some 75, 60, 50, 40, 25, and the most indifferent one less than 10. Building the air castles by the wholesale, each one vieing who can make the most yield. I love to see such ambition prevailing—good indication of better times approaching. *Gen. Green*, I opine, will sway his scepter with defiance and reign supremely. Day laborers, I predict, will be few and far between.

Politics are not brewing up much as yet. Farming business holds the monopoly. Good omens. Time in his rapid march will soon usher upon the stage of action the 1st of June, the designated period for drafting the State programme and appointing delegates to the National Convention. I entertain a greater interest in choosing a nominee for the Governorship than the Presidency. If our State Chief Executive is composed of the genuine material we need not apprehend much inconvenience in maintaining a good and wholesome government. I will cherish a partiality in behalf of the great, conservative, erudite, resolute and Democratic statesman (OLD RELIABLE), B. F. Perry, of the "Mountain City." The Commonwealth needs the guidance of his giant and penetrating intellect. Such a pilot placed at the helm of the Ship of State, we need not fear a shipwreck.

Reflect for one moment upon his anti-war record; his career during the late "unpleasantness," and, last but not least, his strenuous efforts in wresting the government from the stealthy clutches of Chamberlain, and you will certainly be reminded that he possesses in an eminent degree the requisite qualities for discharging the arduous and responsible duties of the Executive Chair for the next biennial term. Cannot the Press of the State consistently bring to bear his merits for the highest position? If from any cause he is not available, my next choice is Judge Wallace, the famous hero, ere Speaker of the Wallace House of '76. I see no reason why we should not try to send Col. Aiken back to Congress. He is a power behind the throne; a fearless champion of impartial justice and a terror to evil-doers. Send him back or substitute him and let him remain a "bright star in the strife." I don't think the County Central Club can better itself than by calling to the chair the one that led us to victory in '76, J. S. Cothran. Let him be elected unanimously. If not on hand he made our county a model chairman, but, I imagine, would make a good Governor.

O. P. H.

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Its Visits are Looked, for as a Dear, True, and Noble Friend.

CALHOUN TOWNSHIP, April 6, 1880.

Messrs. Editors Press and Banner:

Although I am nothing more than a rustle of Calhoun township, I thought I would respond to your appeal for correspondence. I look forward to my paper, as I would to the visit of a dear, true, and noble friend, and will gladly do my best efforts and ability for its gratification, if you, Messrs. Editors, will bear with my idioms and leonisms. I know you have visited our country, as I had the pleasure of seeing you down here some time ago. I suppose you were struck with its