

The Condition of Abbeville.

The first four days of last week passed off entirely satisfactorily. Our people have been busy for any number of days during the Fall, and they have had no special reason to complain since that time.

While money is scarce, the farmers, as a rule, are not in a distressed condition. They have a reasonable amount of provisions, and will enter upon the work of making another crop with renewed energy, and in the belief that better fortune awaits them.

From present indications we are led to believe that the demand for plow animals will not be great this spring. Our people have to a greater or less extent paid attention to their fustians and have not entirely neglected to make either a mule or horse, which is now in many instances ready to take part in the production of the next crop.

There seems to be a good supply of fine milk cows in the country, and many farmers have enough and to spare.

While it is true that there is not a great amount of surplus cash in the country, yet it is true that it will require much less money to make the next crop than it has taken to make any of the previous ones.

The new law which disturbs the credit of these citizens who may need the help of the merchant and who may need the benefit of good credit, may work a hardship in some instances, and it is believed that the owner of the land will be compelled to put his credit or property in jeopardy or else let his hands go untied.

The establishment of the bank at Abbeville, if its advantages are properly appreciated by the people, may bring about a change in the conduct of many farms. Instead of buying goods on a credit from the stores, it is believed that many farmers will borrow the ready cash from the bank.

The loss of trade which Abbeville will sustain by the completion of the Savannah Valley Railroad is often referred to, but we are inclined to believe that the aggregate gains will very nearly, if not quite, compensate for the aggregate losses which we may realize.

The Southern Christian Advocate. In the issue of the above named newspaper for the 5th instant, the retiring editor, the Rev. Mr. Weber, among other things, makes the following reference to the publishers of the paper:

While the Press and Banner is indeed very remotely interested in the printing of the Christian Advocate, yet we would protest against the carrying out of the retiring editor's suggestions, which, of course, are made with the best of intentions.

We trust therefore that the printing committee, in awarding their contracts for the paper, are not embarking in an unequal and unfair manner. The Methodistists forbid the appearance in its columns of advertisements of medical frauds.

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The Prohibitory Law.

There seems to be a great diversity of opinion as to whether prohibition prohibits. We presume as a matter of fact, that there is no way of proving to the satisfaction of every one the true result of such a law, but we are inclined to the opinion that prohibition does to a greater or less extent prohibit.

We believe, however, that there is a common mistake as to the object of the prohibitory law. As we understand it, the object is not so much to prevent the lovers of whisky from providing themselves with a supply of the article, as it is to close the places where it is lawfully exposed to sale, and where the young, or others, may be more easily acquired the love of it.

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The Erskine Student.

This is a handsomely printed monthly paper which is edited by some of the members of the graduating class of Erskine College. We believe the printing of a College paper by the students to be an excellent work for young men. College students, like other young men, must have some recreation, some rest from their daily work, and it seems to us that writing for the public eye is not only a recreation for the student, but that it is also an improving practice.

The editing of a College newspaper is quite a different occupation from the work of printing a newspaper which must be self-sustaining, and which must make a fair return for the daily labor expended upon it.

The Press and Banner extends the best of wishes for each of the young gentlemen who contribute to the make-up of an excellent journal as that which halls from Erskine College.

No enterprise of the kind has more to recommend it to the favor of the county of Abbeville than the Chester, Greenwood and Abbeville Railroad.

No. 3421

Treasury Department, Office of Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, December 16th, 1885.

An Ordinance

To Raise Supplies for the Town of Abbeville, S. C., for the Year 1886.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE INDEPENDENT AND WARDENS OF THE TOWN OF ABBEVILLE, S. C., that a tax for the sum of and in the manner hereinafter named shall be raised and paid into the treasury of the Town of Abbeville, in and to the uses thereof for the year 1886.

The Priority Bill.

The Legislature in its efforts to enslave the poor man, we fear, will get work ruin to the landowning class of our citizens.

High Praise.

The Augusta Chronicle of the 5th and 12th instants gives very pleasant notices of the Press and Banner, which we are glad to read. Kind words are the true value of their property for taxation and it shall be assessed at that rate.

"Charleston's Wealth and Intelligence."

It really seems to us that Charleston is asking too much because of her "wealth and intelligence." She now has two Senators, and by the defeat of the census appropriation bill, she has twelve members in the House of Representatives when she is entitled to only six.

"Our Women in the War."

The stories of love and war form a large part of the literature of the world, and no series of stories of this kind could be more interesting to the people of the South, than the stories which relate the heroism and the suffering of our own women in the Confederate struggle.

Christmas Week Among the Country Editors.

According to a custom which has long been honored by the country press, very many of our country exchanges have printed or will print only half sheet this week, or else will suspend entirely.

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Greenwood SALE STABLES.

JUST RECEIVED, a lot of Fine MULES AND HORSES.

HARTZOG & HAYS, Proprietors.

The Abbeville Medical Society WILL meet on SATURDAY in JANUARY, at 12 M.

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KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND A FULL AND WELL SELECTED STOCK OF PURE DRUGS, CHEMICALS, etc. All the latest and popular lines of PATENT AND PROPRIETARY MEDICINES.

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The Largest and Best Stocked House in the Up-Country. WITH SELECT BRANDS OF FINE OLD WHISKEY, BRANDY AND WINES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, DUBLIN AND LIVERPOOL PORTER AND ALE, FRESH BEER ALWAYS ON HAND.

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Agents for the best Stationery, Portable and Semi-Portable Engines in the market.

Kurtzing's Universal Injector, the best Boiler Feeder known The Van Duzen Jet Pump, for raising Water to Tanks and Mining Purposes.

The Vanwinkle Cotton Gins and Presses. Freeman's Patent New Era Power Cotton Press.

Keep in Stock Steam and Water Pipes and Fittings, Globe Valves, Check Valves.

Steam Gauges, Gauge Cocks, Oil Cups, Malleable Oil Cans, Lubricators, Files, Soap Stone, Asbestos, and Best Italian Hemp and Gum Packing; Set Screws, Leg Screws and Bolts.

PHILLIPS & GARBUTT.

Nov. 4, 1885, 6m

A. E. ROGERS,

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANT!

DEALER IN GRAIN, FLOUR, MEAL, MEAT,

Hams, Lard, Sugar, Coffee, Molasses and Soap.

I AM SELLING THE ABOVE GOODS FOR SPOT CASH AND CASH ONLY.

THE ABBEVILLE WHOLESALE STORE.

IF YOU WANT Sash, Doors, Blinds, Shingles,

MOULDINGS, LATHS, Lime, Cement and BARBED FENCE WIRE,

CALL ON B. K. BEACHAM, AGENT, ABBEVILLE C. H., S. C.

B. F. SMITH, ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Is now prepared to furnish all kinds of Rough or Dressed Lumber, and is ready to fill all orders for Carpenter Work of any kind, at the very shortest notice and at the most reasonable prices.

June 15, 1884, 1f

Dec. 18, 1885, 6f

Who is not have been creditable to Charleston to yield up the seats she had no right to.

CHARLESTON may, by the arts of the Liberatorian, or by the work of the pen, claim, in what she has not the peculiar right, but the law is coming which she must to the mark, and receive only her just representation.

J. S. HAMMOND, JONES F. MILLER, Secretary.

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