The Press and Banner

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Gone Into the Original Poetry Business.

Our friend, the *Florence Times*, had an original piece of poetry in its last issue from an anonymous correspondent, which is worthy of a patent. We have the opportunity to get even with the *Times*. A learned gentleman of this county has offered to write three different series of articles for the *Press and Banner*, on as many different subjects.

The first of these articles is on "Earthquakes." The author has studied the subject and knows all about them. He can tell their causes, and when they may be expected to occur again. This will be extremely valuable information for the *News and Courier*.

The second series of articles is on "Evolution." The writer of these pieces understands this question thoroughly. The recent church trouble having directed his attention to the matter, he has given the subject such thought as will enable him to make it appear perfectly clear that the doctrine of Evolution is the correct and only plan of our existence. This will be gratifying intelligence for Dr. Woodrow.

The third and last series of the learned writer's articles will be "On Political Economy." Having mastered the subject thoroughly these articles will no doubt be highly entertaining to our friend, the *Columbia Register*.

Getting it Down Fine.

If you are in search of the cheek of a Government mule, we would commend to your attention the average advertising agent. In the first place, let it not be forgotten that they seldom or never offer the country printer a price at which they can afford to work. When they offer $1.31 for a fifteen dollar advertisement they always add: "Less the agent's usual commission of twenty-five per cent." Now they want us to make out an exact statement of the number of papers which we have issued for each week in the last year. Then they would like for us to go before a notary public, and make affidavit to the correctness of the report.

As we do not solicit, and, as a rule, we do not accept the advertisements which they send us, we care nothing at all about the ratings which they may give to the *Press and Banner*. If they send a prepaid envelope we may answer them, but if they neglect this important feature, the correspondence is certainly at an end with their first letter.

Union Meeting.

Union services will be held on next Sunday night at the Methodist church. Rev. Mr. Whilden, of the Baptist church, will deliver a lecture on the "Unfavorable Traits of Chinese Character," a subject with which the reverend orator is familiar from a residence of several years in China, where he was at one time engazed in missionary work. The occasion promises to be an interesting one and we hope our people will generally attend. The spirit of these monthly union services among the Protestant churches of our community is excellent. We take much pleasure in commending them to the favorable consideration of our people.

A Good Entertainment in Store for Them.

We see by the *Laurensville Herald* that the Troy Social Club will play "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" for the good people of Waterloo to-morrow night, Thursday, December 2, 1886. The *Herald* copies our report of the recent play at Troy, and we know that the citizens of Waterloo will be delighted with the Social Club's rendition of that popular play. If the Abbeville Rifles would invite the club to Abbeville, they would probably come, and if they did so our people would have a most enjoyable occasion.

Join Treasurer and Sheriff---Not Auditor and Treasurer.

The proposition has often been made to consolidate the offices of Auditor and Treasurer, but there are obvious reasons why this should not be done. We know of no good reason, however, why the Treasurer and Sheriff should not be one and the same person. A friend, who knows whereof he speaks, says that he knows this arrangement works well in another State, and if well anywhere, why not in South Carolina?

Welcome Guests.

Dr. L. W. Sheppard, Mr. A. J. Davis, and Mr. Thomas O. Tazgart, prominent citizens of the town of Troy, were in Abbeville last Monday. Our people are always glad to welcome the Trojans to Abbeville. Each of these gentlemen took important parts in the play of "Ten Nights in a Bar Room," and will lend their presence and ability to the entertainment of the people of Waterloo to-morrow night, in a repetition of the play of which we gave such an extended notice a few weeks ago.

Mail Agent on Savannah Valley Railroad.

We learn that Mr. E. W. Harper, son of Colonel H. H. Harper, of Lowndesville, received last Monday official notice of his appointment to the office of mail agent on the Savannah Valley Railroad. He was to enter upon the duties of the office on the first of December, and we presume that he will make his first trip to day. Thoroughly competent and perfectly reliable, he is a good man for the place.

Lowndesville Hotel.

Captain Witter, who has had charge of the New Hotel for the last two or three years, will move to Lowndesvill this week. He kept our hotel in a most acceptable manner, and we have no doubt that the people of Lowndesville will have the best reasons for congratulating themselves on securing the presence of so good a hotel keeper as Captain and Mrs. Witter. He knows all about the business and will keep a good house.

Charmingly Beautiful.

The prettiest place in town is the post office where thousands of the prettiest holiday goods may be seen. It is the talk of the town, and many ladies visit the place every day to feast their eyes, and to select favorite articles for the little ones. It is worth a journey from the country to see the immense display of the most beautiful goods that are to be found anywhere. They are all a fairy dream could picture.

Under Charge of Riot.

Last Friday James H. Walker was sent to Smithville with a warrant to seize certain crops and to arrest Granville Martin, Hampton Martin, and Sims Pinckney, jr. They resisted and declined to be arrested, but came to the village to see about it on Saturday when they were arrested and lodged in jail.

The Taxes.

The time for paying taxes is nearing a close, and the tax-payer should take heed of the fact. We have no official information on the subject, but it is rumored that there will be no extension of time in which payment can be made, without penalty, after the 15th instant. A large number have not yet paid.

The Bar Association.

The following named gentlemen of the Abbeville Bar will attend the annual meeting of the State Bar Association this week: Messrs. J. C. Klugh, W. L. Miller, W. O. Bradley, L. W. Smith, W. C. Benet, W. C. McGowan, Frank B. Gary, M. P. DeBruhl Judge Cothran, and perhaps others.

To Property Owners.

Every citizen of Abbeville county is interested in the notice which Auditor Parks publishes in this week's issue of the *Press and Banner*. Turn to it, and inform yourself.

MR. MCCROREY is in charge of the New Hotel from to day; we do not know whether temporarily or permanently. If he keeps as good a hotel as his predecessor, Capt. Witter, all will be well for the travelling public. But whether temporary or permanent, we wish Mr. McCrorey and the New Hotel the greatest success. The building is one of the most elegant structures of the kind to be found in the up-country, and its inviting parlors, its spacious halls, and its comfortable rooms, offer inducements to the travelling public which in few other places can be found. Give the New Hotel a trial under its new management, and we know you will be pleased.

MR. H. H. HILL calls our attention to the fact that Spartanburg has gone wet, and he is much pleased thereat. He thinks that election a favorable sign for the discomfeture of the temperance people at the coming election to determine whether whisky will be sold in Abbeville. Mr. Hill is on the opposite side of the temperance question from that occupied by the *Press and Banner*, but he is a good man for all that, and will work hard and tote fair for victory, when the time comes for a scuffle.

MAMIE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Perrin, of this village, died last Saturday afternoon, after suffering four days with croup, aged three years. Much sympathy is felt in this community at the bereavement of the parents on the death of their daughter, and a large number of our people attended the funeral Sunday evening, which was preached by Dr. Wilson.

JIM WILSON, colored, who went to Florida, and left Abbeville about a year ago with money in his pocket, is now sick of Florida, and wants to come back to Abbeville. His only trouble is he has not money enough to bring his family back. When he gets back he will never leave Abbeville again. Let others take warning by him.

CAPTAIN WITTER requests us to say that he is going away from Abbeville in a day or two, and that all persons indebted to him must make immediate payment either to himself or to Mr. McCrorey, who will receipt for all monies paid to him.

OUR people will be delighted to read Dr. Wilson's Thanksgiving sermon, which appears on the first page of this paper.

COLONEL H. T. WARDLAW won laurels last Thursday night, as medal presenter. His speech was excellent.

FROM CHICKASAW'S PURLING RILL.

The Men and Women who Live on the Banks of that Bubbling Brook, and who Pass to and from the Classic Grounds Around our Colleges---Hymen's Conquests---Golden Weddings---Progressive Baptists.

DUE WEST S. C., Nov. 29, 1886.

The Literary Club meets Friday evening at Mrs. Brice's.

The Missionary Society meets Thursday evening in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church.

Sam Davis and James Bell have netted three hundred birds in the last ten days.

Rev. D. W. Reid, who has been traveling in the interest of the *Psalm Singer*, is in town.

Mrs. G. W. Sullivan, of Williamston, and Mr. J. H. Chiles and Miss Josie Chiles, of Bradley, are at Mr. J. B. Bonner's. Mr. Bonner's little girl is very ill.

We predict greater stir among the negroes this winter, changing homes, than for many years past.

D. H. MaGill, Esq., is in town on professional business. He looks well.

Mrs. Jno. M. Pruit, of Bradley, has been at her father's, Mr. John Pratt, for a week past.

Miss Claudia Ellis came home last Friday on a visit. She returned to her school to-day.

Mr. Jesse P. Harkness is with his friend Mr. John H. Chiles, Jr., enjoying the sport of bird hunting.

Mr. John B. Bonner, the genial local editor of the *Presbyterian*, made a business trip to Anderson last week.

Mrs. Ingraham will soon have her residence clothed in white paint, and other improvements made on her premises.

Mr. L. T. Haddon is having a neat two-room house built on his place near here.

Mr. John W. Ellis is once more on a "commercial" tour.

Miss Jennie Brown, of Newberry, is at Dr. Grier's. She came up to the wedding.

A full-fledged secret society has been organized by the children who attend school here. It is said to be a burlesque on the two societies among the boys in Erskine.

Mrs. Eliza Davis was called home last week on account of the illness of some member of the family.

Miss Maggie Lowry spent a week or so recently in the county with her friend Mrs. W. D. Stone.

Prof. J. W. Magill, one of the best cornetists in the State, left us last Thursday for his adopted State, Georgia. He has grown better looking, and if he grows up with the country over there he will be a giant, for he is six feet tall now.

Mrs. Gant Callaham has sold her personal property and moved to the city of Greenville where she will make her home in the future with her son.

Dr. Jno. A. Robinson left here last Wednesday for Columbia, where he will attend the meeting of the State Baptist Convention, now in session in that city. The Doctor is one of the most enthusiastic church members we know, and is thoroughly posted on the work and aims of his church.

Some of our citizens were treated last Wednesday night to an old-fashioned tin-pan serenade. Others had their gates unhinged, palings torn off, and other minor depredations committed. Altogether the boys had a jolly good time.

Thanksgiving was not generally observed here. The stores were kept open, and trade was as active as usual. Had it not been for the services in the church one would not have known that it was a national holiday.

Mr. John H. Wren has the lumber with which to erect a commodious workshop on Main street. He will keep in stock all kinds of building material.

Now that two of the most attractive young ladies of our town have left, it would be "becoming well" for some of our young bachelors to break ranks and bring some fair maiden here to take the places of those that are gone. We have quite a number of young men that could be made martyrs.

We have long been under the impression that our Due West boys had cheek enough to make a brass cannon. But we were mistaken, as instanced on Thanksgiving day. One of the "handsome" fellows lost a magnificent dinner and was deprived of the company of some of the fair sex because he was possessed of too much modesty.

Last Wednesday, the 24th inst., was a bright day to our friends Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ellis. It was the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage—an epoch reached by few. And, after so many long years of checkered experiences to our people and government, this aged and saintly couple can recline in the sweet consolation of a long life spent in goodness and purity, and a large circle of friends desire for them much joy and prosperity for many years to come.

Last Tuesday evening a few relatives of the family assembled at the residence of Rev. W. M. Grier, D. D., to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss Jennie M. Grier, to the Rev. J. S. Moffatt, of Charlotte, N. C. At eleven o'clock the twain were pronounced man and wife by Rev W. L. Pressley, D. D. After partaking of dinner the happy couple left on the train for Charlotte, N. C. The bride has been long recognized as one of the most attractive and talented ladies of the town, and the groom is a popular and rising young minister in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. The people of Charlotte congratulate themselves on the acquisition to their society. The best wishes of the community follow them to their new home.

It seems but a few months ago that a small nucleus of Baptists began busying themselves about erecting a house of worship, and, notwithstanding the hard times, scarcity of money and paucity of members, they finished a very creditable edifice. It is comfortable and handsome. But not until last Sunday morning was the crisp, frosty air disturbed by the clear, sweet tones of their new bell. Then it was that the worshippers were summoned by its melodious revertbations for the first time. In the afternoon, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Grier preached an admirable sermon from Luke xvi: 31, "And he said unto them, if they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rase from the dead." An earnest, eloquent sermon, delievered in his usual and well known naturally easy manner.

JEWELS AT STONY POINT.

Dulcio's Welcome Notes, the Delight of the Readers of the "Press and Banner."

STONY POINT, Nov. 29, 1886.

The cotton crop has been gathered, and the fields now present a dreary appearance, which we hope soon to see changed to living green, as the oats are coming up nicely, after having been in the ground, in several instances, two months.

Farmers are now busy with their wheat. There has been very little, if any, home raised seed sown.

Mrs. M. S. Ingrams, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Stacey, after an absence of several years in the "far West."

Miss Aiken, of Cokesbury, was in town last week.

Mrs. Wilcut is spending some time at Mr. O'Neall's.

Miss Corrie Buchanan, of Buckievel, and Miss Eula Cobb, of Greenwood, were the guests of Miss Stacey, for a few days last week.

Miss Minnie Pinson is quite sick.

Messrs. Butler Richardson and E. E. Smith, of Laurens, were in town a day or two past.

Mr. Lester DuBose, of Darlington, who has been making Abbeville his home for the past two years, left for the former place a few days past, convinced "there is no place like home."

Miss Robinson, returned to her home in Easley, a few days ago.

The young people spent quite a pleasant evening on Friday last, at the hospitable home of Mr. J. M. Major.

The hot suppers of the colored citizen is now a frequent occurrence.

Mrs. Dantzler, of Hodges, is now visiting relatives in town.

The question of song books is again disturbing the equilibrium of our Sunday School. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

Mrs. Major, of Greenwood, has been on a visit to her son, Mr. J. M. Major.

Mrs. E. E. Smith and her son, Master Eugene, were guests of Mr. Caldwell's family last week.

Mr. Aiken Stacey is one of the most successful sportsmen we know of, having secured over forty partridges in a single morning's hunt. Can any one beat that? Mr. Stacy is the fortunate owner of a splendid pointer, which of course is entitled to no small share of his success.

"East End" is speaking of a half Jersey cow giving a pound of butter a day, and asks who can beat it. Stony Point can, and with a cow that has no strain of Jersey in her. She is just six years old, and until a month ago, gave twenty quarts of milk per day, and nearly two pounds of butter. There is now some decrease in the quantity of milk, but there is a good deal over a pound of butter made per day. This cow is the property of Mr. James Caldwell. We think, Mr. "East End" that "Lucille" is ahead of "Clara." Don't you?

Mr. G. P. O'Neall has been quite sick, but is now much better.

Miss Belle Jones, of Laurens, is visiting Mrs. Ben Franklin.

Our friends in Stony Point will confer a favor by giving us any items of news which they may think of interest. Perhaps we will not then hear the question, why didn't you know this, that or the other? Stony Point is truly a town of "magnificent distances," and we find it impossible to canvass its length and breadth in search of news.

One death in town the past week, an aged colored man living on Mr. W. W. Jones' place. The general health of the vicinity is excellent.

We have digressed from our rule of brevity in this week's notes, for which we say—pardon. DULCIO.

OWING to the washing away of the Langley dam, and the consequent injury to the South Carolina railroad, the *Charleston News and Courier* failed to reach this point yesterday.

MRS. J. B. MOSELEY, of Lowndesville, died last Monday of typhoid fever. She was a most excellent lady who was much beloved.

THE ABBEVILLE RIFLES.

A MEMORABLE DAY IN THE HISTORY OF ABBEVILLE'S MILITARY COMPANY.

Devout Worship --- Good Shooting --- Superb Drilling---Lucky Contestants --- Generous Comrades --- Delighted People---Happy Soldiers--- A Good Time Coming for All.

The shooting match of the Abbeville Rifles took place on Thursday last, and was in every respect a most enjoyable occasion. The long-looked-for Thanksgiving morning dawned dark and gloomy, and at half-past nine—the hour for assembling—the rain was pouring down. The hearts of some did sink, while others thought it "hard luck" to have the rain pour down on Thanksgiving day, when we had been so anxious for it for the ninety days preceding it. But the Rifles were not to be daunted. They were determined to have their shoot if they had to go out "bareheaded and hit a rainin." The guns were stacked in the armory; the order to put on over-coats given, and in the rain they marched to the Methodist church where there was to be held a union Thanksgiving service. Just before entering the church the Captain issued this last and emphatic order, "Every man pray hard for clear weather," and are any now surprised, since the prayer of the righteous man availeth much, that before the services were over the clouds began to disperse and bright, beautiful sunshine greeted the eager marksmen as they marched to the shooting ground. The wind, however, was high and prevented better shooting. The distance was 125 yards, with a four-inch bull's-eye target.

OFFICIAL SCORE OF THE SHOOTING.

The following is the score out of a possible twelve:

NAMES.	First Round.	Second Round.	Third Round.	Total Score.
Capt. W. C. McGowan	...	1	...	1
Lieutenant A. W. Smith	1	2	2	5
Lieutenant G. B. Lythgoe	2	...	1	3
Lieutenant T. C. Perrin	...	...	...	...
Sergeant J. A. Harris	3	3	4	10
Sergeant T. L. Douglass	3	2	1	6
Sergeant R. S. Link	2	3	1	6
Sergeant A. D Calhoun	1	2	...	3
Sergeant S. J. Link	...	...	1	1
Corporal A. M. DuPre	3	3	3	9
Corporal G. H. Parks	2	4	...	6
Corporal J. L. McMillan	...	3	1	4
Private J. A. Allen	3	...	4	7
Private S. J. Cason	...	2	...	2
*Private McD. Cater	...	...	...	...
Private T. W. Coogler	...	...	...	...
Private W. C. Calvert	...	...	...	...
Private F. C. DuPre	...	2	...	2
Private J. C. Douglass	3	2	2	7
Private A. B. Edwards	...	...	...	...
Private J. A. Hill	...	...	...	...
Private Barney Hughes	1	2	2	5
Private D. W. Kellar	1	2	1	4
Private W. A. Lyon	3	2	1	6
Private R. L. Mabry	...	...	2	2
Private T. Mabry	3	...	...	3
Private L. Miller	...	...	...	...
*Private Thos. Miller	...	...	...	...
Private T. W. McMillan	1	2	1	4
Private Ed. McMillan	2	...	...	2
Private Frank Martin	2	1	1	4
Private M. M. Mattison	2	2	1	5
Private T. E. Parker	...	...	...	...
Private J. L. Perrin	1	2	...	3
Private J. W. Perrin, Jr.	...	...	...	...
Private J. J. Sprue	...	...	...	...
Private L. A. Seal	...	...	...	...
Private W. D. Wilson	...	...	...	...

*These members of the Company were sick and did not take part in either the shooting match or plume drill.

The prizes were two handsome silver cups. The first was won by Sergeant J. A. Harris, and the second by Corporal Mason DuPre.

The prize for the officers was won by Lieutenant A. W. Smith.

One of the pleasantest features of the shooting match was to see "Uncle Robert" not only enjoy the occasion, but actually taking a shot himself.

THE PLUME DRILL.

In the evening the prize drill of the company took place in the Court House. The company formed at their armory and at 8 o'clock sharp, under the command of Captain McGowan, marched into the Court House in columns of twos, and at the command "twos left" wheeled into perfect line.

There were two gold medals offered as prizes. One for the best drilled "recruit," and one for the best drilled "veteran."

THE VICTORIOUS RECRUIT.

The recruits came first. They were marched to the front and facing the judges and audience began the exciting contest with Captain McGowan giving the commands. Their appearance was fine, and five rounds had to be drilled before the judges could decide. The drilling of the last four—the recruit quartette—was specially good, viz: Messrs. Parker, J. W. Perrin, Jr., Sprue and Calvert, but after a long and hard bout the medal was awarded to Private Calvert. The squad was drilled alternately by the Captain and the three efficient Lieutenants Messrs. Smith, Lythgoe and T. C. Perrin.

THE VETERANS ENTER THE CONTEST—FIRST ROUND.

Now came the "veterans," where Greek met Greek, and a splendid contest it was. The line extended entirely across the Court room, and even to the keen and practiced military eye presented a solid, steady, soldierly appearance. The drilling was the finest ever seen in Abbeville, and according to competent judges as good as the state affords. Even, precise and regular, it reflected credit alike upon themselves and their officers.

The first drill of the veterans, with every man present, and each and all hopeful of final victory, presented a tableau of citizen soldiery seldom equalled, and never surpassed. The drill was so perfect, and every man did so well, that the judges were unable to decide for or against any single one of them. It required still further opportunity for even their trained eyes to enable them to make judgment. They therefore, begged that the drill be repeated, with the full company of veterans standing before them and the audience. With never a man missing from the ranks, the different commands in manual of arms were executed in the most correct manner, and the judges were now compelled to seek the slightest defect as to time, manner, or position, to enable them to discharge the delicate duty they had kindly undertaken.

THE SECOND ROUND.

The second round was now entered upon with increased interest, and at its conclusion, the following named members were excused from further participation in the drill:

Corporal A. M. DuPre,
Corporal G. H. Parks,
Corporal J. L. McMillan,
Private S. J. Link,
Private J. A. Hill,
Private L. A. Seal,
Private W. D. Wilson.

The sight of the company standing thus with the places of the unsuccessful members still open, must have been suggestive, and must have sent an inexpressible thrill through the breasts of at least some of the old soldiers who had witnessed the scenes of actual war, and who had stood beside the fathers of some of these very youths in the bloody conflicts of the years that are gone. In actual war many of the companies were thinned in greater numbers by shot and shell, by gleaming bayonet and wasting disease, than was this company in all the forms of peace and pleasantness. The feelings and emotions of these young gentlemen in their thoughtless and harmless drill perhaps had no realization of the thrill that must come over the actual soldier when he is ordered to close up and take the place of a fallen comrade. The soldier has few more impressive moments than that when he and his comrades re-assemble after the shock of battle to reorganize, close up, and fill the places made vacant by fallen comrades in the conflict.

The drill in mock firing and loading, as well as the charge bayonets, were on this occasion, nothing more nor less than harmless sport, but there were present many men who had passed through all these ordeals when the loading was with powder and ball, and when lead was fired at their hearts from enemies who were not much more distant than the admiring friends of the noble manhood, upon whom they looked with such pride and pleasure. They had seen the time when the command to charge bayonets was a serious matter.

But, away with all the thoughts of actual war, and its dreadful consequences. As soldiers, returning to camp from the burial of their dead, march to the most enlivening music, so let us pursue the drill with light and happy hearts.

THE THIRD ROUND.

The ranks being thinned, and the company "dressed to the right," the execution of the different commands was again commenced. The people and soldiers took greater interest than ever before. Many persons in the rear of the Court room sat on the backs of the seats, while others stood upon the benches or upon the floor. Everybody's head was as high as possible in order to see as much as possible. At the conclusion of the third drill, seven comrades were dropped out, as follows:

Sergeant T. L. Douglass,
Sergeant R. S. Link,
Sergeant A. D. Calhoun,
Private J. A. Allen,
Private F. C. DuPre,
Private M. M. Mattison,
Private T. W. McMillan.

THE FOURTH ROUND.

Now began the fourth round, and the excitement became intense. The gaps were closed and the stolid veterans with eyes square to the front contested every inch. Every one in the audience now felt sorry for the judges. It looked as if it would be impossible to decide. Every movement was in exact time, and if a mistake was made it must be very small and very "technical," but the judges knew their business and could detect errors that the inexperienced eye failed to see, and at the commands "order arms," "in place rest," a dead silence awaited the decision. The inexorable decision finally came and out stepped

Private D. W. Kellar,
Private R. L. Mabry,
Private J. L. Perrin.

THE FIFTH ROUND—THE VICTORY.

And now behold the last analysis! The final tug of war! There only remain standing

Sergeant J. A. Harris,
Private W. A. Lyon.

A long, hard bout in which the men moved as one machine; the final "order" given, and then—"the battle's o'er—the victory's won" and the whole company give a shout of praise to Sergeant Harris who bears off the honors.

The contest from first to last was good, and though Sergeant Harris was the lucky man, Private Lyon was "right behind him" and proved a foeman in every respect, well worthy the Sergeant's steel.

The spirit shown by the entire company, we think, was very commendable. To both Private Calvert and Sergeant Harris they gave a hearty, generous shout of praise, unmixed with the slightest feeling of envy or dissatisfaction.

The judges, Capt. Patrick of the Greenville Guards, and Lieut. Alston, of the Richland Volunteers, gave entire satisfaction by their fair, impartial judgment of the drill.

After the drill came

THE PRESENTATION OF THE PRIZES.

The officers' prize, given by the privates, and won by First Lieutenant A. W. Smith, was presented by W. C. Benet, Esq., in a neat and happy speech. After some kind words for the company and its officers, Mr. Benet argued that apart from the pleasant social features of such an organization, it was of great benefit to the community; and he doubted the patriotism of any man who wished to frown down the military; and for himself, he was glad and willing to give the company all the aid and support he could. In presenting the prize, which was a complete gentleman's dressing case, containing, brush, razor, strap, &c., he hoped the young soldier when called into active service would "brush" his enemies from the face of the earth; that his sword would be as bright and keen as the "razor" he held in his hand, and he concluded by hoping the gallant young officer would never be "strapped."

The medals were delivered by Gen. M. L. Bonham, Jr., who made an earnest appeal for the militia of the State. He said the military of the State was in a fairly good condition, and if the Legislature would but continue the small appropriation, he thought he could raise the standard all over the State. Gen. Bonham is an ex-Captain of the Abbeville Rifles and as he rose his old command greeted him with a round of lusty cheers

The cups for shooting were presented by Col. H. T. Wardlaw. The Colonel is generally happy in his style, but upon this occasion he was inimitable. He said he knew Corporal DuPre who is an unmarried man, could never "support" arms as Sergeant Harris does, who is a married man with a fine boy; but he hoped that when Mr. DuPre "presented" arms to his lady love he would not have to obey the command, "to the rear, march." In delivering the cups the Colonel thought they may possibly "leak" and advised a speedy test, but warned them not to "punch" too big a hole, as such might bring on the big "cups." The Colonel brought down the house and was most happy in his hits.

THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER.

This ended the pleasant evening. The Abbeville Rifles are in fine condition. They are an ornament to the town and deserve the aid and support of every citizen. They are about to order a new regulation uniform, and will give a military hop as soon as they arrive. Let us support our company.

Captain McGowan has every reason to be proud of the conduct of the Abbeville Rifles last Thursday night at the Plume Drill. Every member of the company seemed to be perfect in the drill, and persons in the audience were unable in a majority of instances to discover the reasons which induced the committee to stand aside those who were ruled out at the different drills. For the benefit of those who, like ourself, saw no defect in many of those who were ruled out, we will say that some of the best drilled men in the company, lost their positions because of the crape which they wore on their left arms in respect to the memory of the deceased Adjutant General, A. M. Manigault. It occurred in this way: In coming from "support arms" to "carry arms" the hammer of the gun in several instances caught in the crape, throwing the gun out of position. It was for this reason that Sergeant R. S. Link and Corporal A. M. DuPre were ruled out. Others were knocked out because of some difficulty in getting their bayonets in the scabbards. But a majority of them were knocked out because of the position of their feet, at some time in the drill, and because they allowed their guns to bounce on the floor at "order arms."

WHO SHALL RULE? KING ALCOHOL, OR THE PEOPLE?

Cold Thanksgiving Day--Good Farming and Good Preaching --- Tin Roofs and Rain.

MT. CARMEL, S. C., Nov. 29, 1886.

Rain! rain! at Mt. Carmel. Dust turned into mud. Weather now clear, cold and crisp.

Thanksgiving day was not observed in our town. No stores closed, nor public worship. It was a bad day here on man and beast.

Mt. Carmel's "Big Nine" will visit Anderson next Thursday as a minstrel troup.

Mr. J. S. Norwood is the best farmer in the Flatwoods. He takes the *Press and Banner*, and knows how to make cotton.

The roofing of Mr. Mercier's new brick store was put on by Mr. G. A. Sullivan, of Abbeville, and it is a splendid job.

Rev. Mr. Bethea, of the Abbeville circuit, preached his last sermon for this year to this people, and it was an excellent sermon earnestly delivered to a large and attentive congregation. He is a faithful worker in the Master's vineyard, and has brought many souls into the fold this year. May God bless him and his family, and return him to us again.

Our community is stirred up on the great issue of the day. Which shall rule, King Alcohol, or the people? Time will tell.

Our town council should levy a tax and build a calaboose, as it may be needed in the future.

Our school is closed. Why? Our teacher, Rev. A. L. Patterson, has managed it most successfully, and is an efficient teacher and Christian gentleman, and the people should make an effort to finish the academy. All are interested in this matter and should work together, and we would have a flourishing school.

Miss Janie Cleveland, recently from Florida, but now of our town, died on Sunday evening, 28th instant, from consumption. M.

THE town council have done a good thing in clearing the rubbish from the Marshall House, and sweeping the ground. It is now a pleasant place to look upon, while it is more healthful, and more pleasant for passers-by.

COL. E. B. GARY has been quite sick for ten days of something like cold or pneumonia, but is now able to be at his law office again, where he will be glad to see clients needing his legal services.

OUR town council did a wise thing in giving the public scales to Mr. Hammond free of charge.

MR. M. F. GAME, druggist at Speed & Speer's store in Lowndesville, is at the New Hotel.

THE Abbeville Medical Society will meet in Greenwood on Thursday, the 8th of December.

THE sales of goods at Abbeville this season will average with the sales of other seasons.

"MR. IKE" offers a valuable contribution to this week's issue of the *Press and Banner*.

MR. MAC CATER, who has been quite sick, at the Misses Cater's, is now improving.

THE young people of Troy will give a ball on Thursday evening, the 8th instant.

MISS KATE MARSHALL is off to Greenville, where she will spend the winter.

A "one-horse" show is advertised on the garden fences about town.

R. S. G., is advertising for the whereabouts of the *Augusta Chronicle*.

MR. J. M. BAKER of Lowndesville arrived in town last night.

COTTON sold in Abbeville yesterday at 8½ to 8¾.

LET him laugh who wears the holly.

"SEASIDE LIBRARY," the latest editions, at Speed & Neuffer's. Call and get a good book at a very small cost. tf

A NEW departure. Messrs. Speed & Neuffer will hereafter order any book that may be needed. tf

If you want a dress made or cut and fit go to Haddon's. A good fit and prices guaranteed. 10-27

Harmonicas, violin bowes strings, bridges &c. Sold by Speed & Neuffer. 10-27

Don't fail to see our line of fancy goods before buying your presents. Speed & Neuffer. 10-27

5 cases assorted dry goods just received at R. M. Haddon & Co's. 10-27

100 Jersey jackets. R. M. Haddon & Co.

100 dozen ladies' misses and children's hose, colored and black, from 10 cents up. R. M. Haddon & Co. 10-27

Remember that we carry an extensive line of black goods, velvets, silks, satins, etc. R. M. Haddon & Co. 10-27

30 New Markets. R. M. Haddon & Co. 10-27

Rogers & Co., of Augusta, Ga. On making large shipments of provisions, bagging and ties to there Carolina trade dailey, also receiving consignments of cotton by every train. They can deliver goods at any depot in Carolina in two or three days after order is received. Ship them your cotton and order your goods.

Wm. E. Bell's Millinery News.

Fur trimming for cloaks &c. Wm. E. Bell. 12-1

Feather trimming for dresses and wraps. Wm. E. Bell. 12-1

My trade in dress goods never was larger, and I will continue to receive new goods every week. Wm. E. Bell. 11-10

I have ladies to fit and change all wraps, and can guarantee a fit. Mrs. Taggart will make you one in case you can't get a fit. Wm. E. Bell.

Short wraps from 34 to 40 with feather and astrakhan trimming. W. E. Bell. 11-10

Black and brown New Markets in all sizes and as cheap as you can buy same quality goods in any large city. Wm. E. Bell. 11-10

Boucle jackets for ladies and misses in black and colors, with large buttons. W. E. Bell.

I have a large stock of ladies and misses winter wraps, which will be sold cheap. Call and secure a bargain before it is too late. Wm. E. Bell. 11-10

Fresh stock of ladies and misses shoes just received. Wm. E. Bell. 11-10

Three cases of millinery and dress goods just received. Wm. E. Bell. 11-10

Fresh stock dress ginghams just received. Wm. E. Bell. 11-10

Money saved, is money made. I can save you money on a winter wrap. Wm. E. Bell.

Have Mrs. Taggart to make your dress and you will be pleased. She guarantees all work to fit or no pay. W. E. Bell.

Full line of colored Astrakhan for dress trimming. W. E. Bell.

Cortticelli silk. These goods are put up for the convenience of those persons who desire to use silk, either for embroidery or knitting in lengths greater than are usually sold in skeins, or on small spools. Each ball contains one-half ounce of pure silk, superior quality, unequaled for beauty and durability of color. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Silk floss in all shades. A beautiful line of shaded floss. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Prepare for the winter and secure a bargain in wraps. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Mrs. Taggart will continue to cut dresses at 50 cents. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Moss trimming, something new, for dress trimming. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Ladies' and misses electric gossamers in all sizes. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Ladies' and misses' rubber shoes with silk lining. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Black jet balls for dress ornaments. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Sauffer net in all colors for face veiling. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

The Nonon Jersey, the best thing out for the money. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

Florence silk! This is a wash silk for etching and embroidery. Permanent dyes and superior lustre. Wm. E. Bell. 10-27

I will sell you dress goods, wraps and cloaks as cheap as you can buy in Augusta or elsewhere. Wm. E. Bell. 10-20

Large stock of ladies' and children's shoes, ladies' and misses' corsets, hand satchels, dress extenders and dress shields. Wm. E. Bell. 10-20.

Polite clerks ready and willing to show goods, and will guarantee prices and quality of material. Wm. E. Bell. 10-20

I guarantee prices on all goods, and all I ask the ladies is, to give me a chance to show them. Wm. E. Bell. 10-20

I can't be undersold on dress goods, trimmings. New styles in dress goods received every week. Wm. E. Bell. 10-20

Aldine suitings in all the new shades with trimmings to match. W. E. Bell.

Remember I don't consider it any trouble to show goods, even if you are not ready to buy. This is one way I have advertising my business. Wm. E. Bell. 10-20

Ladies' and children's shoes, oil, goat and kid, in lace and button. Wm. E. Bell. 9-22

Bustles and hoop in several styles. Wm. E. Bell. 9-22

Dress flannels in all the leading shades. Wm. E. Bell. 9-22

Trico flannels in single and double w2dth. Wm. E. Bell. 9-22

Winter wraps, Astrakhan and fur trimmed in black, brown and tan. W. E. Bell.

Jersey stripes for ladies and Misses wraps. W. E. Bell.

Buttons! buttons! a full line of large and small Buttolls to match. Also dress ornaments in cords for the shoulder and front of dress. Wm. E. Bell. 9-22

Ladies colored Jersey with vest front and large buttons. Wm. E. Bell. 9-29

Window glass, window glass, at Speed & Neuffer's. 10-6

Dress cut and fit or made to order. Work guaranteed and prices as low as first-class work can be done. R. M. Haddon & Co. 10-27

5 cases millinery goods just received at R. M. Haddon & Co's. 10-27

MARRIED.

MARRIED—November 24, 1886, by Rev. W. F. Pearson, Mr. WILLIAM B. ULDRICH to Miss MATTIE JANE, only daughter of Mrs. Mary Winn, all of Abbeville county, S. C.

CONSIGNEES.

EXPRESS—Miss Emmie Tuston, G. A. Douglass, G. A. Neuffer, R. O. McAdams, T. P. Cothran, W. & J. McNeal, Hon. S. McGowan, Rev. E. W. Williams.

FREIGHT—E. L. Wilson, Butler Bros.

BIRTHS.

At Abbeville, November 21, 1886, to Mrs. Ellis G. Graydon, a daughter.

BLOODED AND GRADE STOCK FOR SALE.

JERSEY BULL CALVES, GRADE JERSEY Heifers out of extra milkers, Essex Pigs, Bronze Turkeys, Game Chickens, Pekin Ducks and Scotch Collie Pups. All from prize stock. Address

Dec. 1, 1886, 1m — W. H FRAZIER, Ninety-Six, S. C.

Notice —TO— TAX-PAYERS.

THE AUDITOR WILL BE AT THE following places at the time specified for the purpose of receiving TAX RETURNS of all REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY on hand on the first day of January, 1887, as well as ALL TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE made since last return. All tax-payers who neglect or refuse to make returns will be subject to the penalty prescribed by law.

Auditor's office at Abbeville C. H., will be open to receive returns from the first day of January to the 20th day of February, 1887.

Ninety-Six—10th, 11th and 12th of January, 1887.

Greenwood—13th, 14th and 15th of January, 1887.

Hodges—17th and 18th of January, 1887.

Donaldsville—19th and 20th of January, 1887.

Due West—21st and 22nd of January, 1887.

Verdery—24th and 25th of January, 1887.

Bradley—26th and 27th of January, 1887.

Troy—28th and 29th of January, 1