

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

The State Pensions.

Up to the 7th instant, the State Pension Board has approved 1,324 applications for pensions, and rejected 391. There are now 226 additional applications still under consideration or reconsidered. The total number of applications made under the Pension Act since June 7th was 2,271. There was from York 71 applications, 23 of which were rejected. Of the amount that will be required to pay the pensions already granted, the Columbia correspondent of the News and Courier says: The appropriations for the payment of pensions this year were \$500,000. The amount that will be required to pay the pensions approved up to the time the Legislature begins its next session. To pay all the pensions allowed so far will take \$400,000. The General Assembly has not proved to be a better calculator in the matter of pension expenditures than the United States Congress.

The pension is given on a wrong principle. All of a class should receive pensions. For instance, if any soldier who lost an arm to receive a pension, then all soldiers who lost an arm should receive a pension; or, if any soldier's widow is to receive a pension, then let all soldier's widows receive a pension as given out now. The pension is not a premium on a soldier's worthiness. A soldier who has no better claim for a pension than his poverty does not deserve favor more than another who is better off.

Let us cite an instance: We were told that in one community of this county, two widows lived at the close of the war. Both were poor. They had nothing. Since then one of them has by energy and economy saved an amount which procures her a pension to-day as she was twenty years ago, and is now put on the pension list without question. In the other town on the face of the earth, which will say that the government has dealt justly with these two women?

To make money by honest toil is at least one badge of a good citizen, and such people should not be discriminated against.

A Widow and a Pension.

F. P. McGowan, Esq., of the firm of Benet & McGowan, has applied to the Supreme Court for a mandamus to compel the Comptroller General to allow the claim of a widow who has applied for a pension. The woman's husband was killed in the war and she would not receive a pension on the fact that she married again. Her second husband is now dead and the case involves the construction of the pension act. It is a question whether the woman is the widow of her first or second husband, or both.

Does the telegraph company employ careless or inefficient operatives, or do they conduct business on a principle by which they systematically take the money of their customers without rendering a valid service? It affords us pleasure to state that the records of the officers at Abbeville and at Hodges are clear, and that the operators at these points discharged their duty promptly, but for all that the telegraph company failed to do what was fairly and reasonably expected of them—and they took our money all the same. The company has received the price of two telegrams which by their own neglect or carelessness were entirely worthless to the senders.

The G., C. & N. Road.

Nothing new has developed as to the progress which is being made on this road, but our people have great faith in the integrity and earnestness of General Hoke in the enterprise. They believe that he will build the road, or in case of failure, it will not be because of any fault of his. There is need for the road, and we still have faith in its management.

For President.

The Republicans at Chicago have nominated General Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, for President, and Hon. Levi P. Morton, of New York, for Vice-President.

For Cash great bargains in printing material can be had by personal application at the office of the CHRISTIAN NEIGHBOR, Columbia, S. C.

See advertisement in another part of this paper.

Troy's Town Topics.

Old "Sol" is shedding his coat more angrily upon our town and in such a manner that threatens the immediate use of an ice cream factory. Mr. A. J. Davis and wife are summering at Little Mountain. The Rev. Mr. Rose Hill Smart has returned from Richmond, Va., where they have been attending college. Mr. F. T. Solinger has been quite indisposed for several days, but we are glad to make note of his improvement. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Youngblood and C. R. Jordan went to Bradley to attend communion services at the Baptist church on Sunday last. Miss Ella Wildeman, who has just returned from Greenville, visited Miss Marie Clark last night.

Several sailing parties last week with phenomenal success, namely: Mosquitoes few, but pleasant fish were visiting, left cards, called and returned on Saturday last.

We learn that will be protected services of the Presbyterian church commencing Friday week.

Stony Point Items.

Harvest is about over. The corn is commencing to ripen, in different instances of learning, now fill the papers. Little Jones has gone to Charlotte, for a few weeks. Mrs. W. T. Smith, of Laurens, has been a recent guest of Mrs. Caldwell. Mrs. F. K. Smith, of Abbeville, was in town for a few days this week. Mr. and Mrs. David Aiken spent Sunday with friends in the city. Mr. Vance Godbold, of Cokesbury, has been visiting relatives in town. He is a bright young man, and has a bright future before him. Stony Point has a number of young folks who are thinking of getting married. A "Social Club" "What in life is half so sweet, as love's young dream?"

Track Land.

Unprejudiced observers and readers are well prepared to believe that both Mahone and Wise tell the truth about each other and wise tricks of their party's management in Virginia. Suppose the adoption of the same rule, and we then believe all that two quarrelling preachers say of each other?

The Ox-Team Telegraph.

A word of personal explanation may be out of place just now.

Rejoinder of the Editor to the Reply of the Sheriff.

The Sheriff, like the Judge of Probate, complains that he was not given an opportunity to explain, except in a few instances, and that the editor of the Press and Banner is mistaken, as he is in several other particulars. We would state that as his statement that he was not given an opportunity to explain, he is mistaken, as he is in several other particulars. We would state that as his statement that he was not given an opportunity to explain, he is mistaken, as he is in several other particulars.

DR. MRS. WILSON.

I received your letter about the official's reply. I told you when I wrote that I wanted them sent up. Please send them up this next issue, and put in R. E. Hill's, and Grand Juror J. M. Baker, too. Will see you next week. I leave to you for Asheville. In haste, J. M. BAKER.

ABBEVILLE, June 25, 1888.

To J. M. BAKER: Abbeville: We do you want all communications and newspapers comment in the "Press and Banner." "HUGH WILSON."

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LOWNESVILLE, S. C., June 25, 1888. HODGES: Only the J. M. BAKER. This telegram was received at Hodges at 8:31 a. m. It came to Abbeville at 8:33 a. m., and was delivered at the Press and Banner office at 8:42—on the Tuesday morning June 25, the Advertiser being at that time printed and ready to be sent to the depot.

No word as to the telegraph system as managed heretofore. By telegraph line Lowndesville is some sixty miles distant from Abbeville. Can anybody give a reason why it takes eighteen hours to get a message from Lowndesville to Abbeville? Besides taking money from the citizen to deliver messages when they are out of date, such delays are injurious to the business interests of the customers of the line. These delays by the telegraph company have become a source of great annoyance to the people, and the question should be settled as to whether the citizen or the company has the right to pay for the service which they do not receive in any reasonable length of time. Lowndesville by the public highway is about eighteen miles from Abbeville. A good ox team could have started for Lowndesville at the time our telegram was sent, and could have returned before the answer was received.

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He Meant No Injury.

Editor Press and Banner: I have always deemed your strictures unjust to the people of Abbeville and the State and I do not hesitate to say so. I have no support of my views in my comments. If you had I would not pen this reply, but would have simply left the matter to the judgment of the people of Abbeville. It is in your paper a severe attack on me, and they are left to surmise as to the nature of the attack. I, and not the Press and Banner, am the injured party. As to my views and I hope no one will be surprised to find that I am in possession of my own mind. I will again repeat, that I had no intention of injuring the Press and Banner, or any individual in my article. I am not afraid to make an enemy of the Press and Banner if it forces the issue on me, in support of my views. I am not afraid to make an enemy of it. In my wildest dream I never fancied such a condition of affairs. My article was not intended to injure any individual in the whole State, and nothing more.

CORRESPONDENT AUGUSTA CHRONICLE.

Abbeville, S. C., June 25, 1888.

STATEMENT.

In the early part of this year a white man from this county was charged with stealing a mule which he carried to Anderson, the value of the mule being \$100 to \$125. He was tried at the June Term of Abbeville Court, and convicted; recommended to mercy; sentenced to eighteen months hard labor in penitentiary.

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