# The Press and Banner

By HUGH WILSON.

**Wednesday, Jan. 1, 1890.**


### The Literary Club.

The Abbeville Literary Club met last night with Mr. Wilson. Dr. F. E. Harrison, President. Dr. M. F. Game, Secretary. M. P. DeBruhl, Esq., essayist.

The essayist wrote a most interesting essay on the History of Abbeville County, in which he gave many interesting facts connected with the County which we all love so well.

Many of the members added interest to the occasion by their remarks which the essay brought forth.

Among the visitors present were Hon. J. H. Rice and Hon. I. N. King of Ninety-Six, each of whom contributed pleasure to the meeting.

We note the following gentlemen in attendance:

J. S. Cothran, jr, J. W. Thomson, T. P. Cothran, W. L. Miller, J. W. Perrin, J. N. King, J. H. Rice, J. S. Cothran, W. A. Lyon, J. F. Lyon, Dr. Harrison, W. O. Bradley, T. C. Quarles, L. F. Beaty, M. P. DeBruhl, R. Sondley, Rev. Mr. Hanckle, H. T. Wardlaw, A. W. Smith, W. N. Graydon, S. C. Cason, W. A. Templeton, Frank Parker, W. H. Parker, jr., W. H. Parker, Hugh Wilson, S. McGowan, W. A. Lee, J. W. Sign, M. F. Game, J. F. Lyon, jr.

The club adjourned at twelve o'clock, when the church bells tolled the death of the Old Year, and merrily rang out the birth of the New Year.

### Constitutional Amendment to be Killed.

The repeal of that part of the Constitution which provides for three County Commissioners must be defeated at the polls. To place the affairs of the county in the hands of any one man is placing too much temptation and too much power in the hands of any man. The single County Commissioner is to be elected as the three County Commissioners now are elected. Each are a restraint on the other. But let one man be County Commissioner and then let him appoint himself Clerk of the Board, and we think we would have an undesirable state of affairs.

The wisdom and the foresight of the people of Abbeville county, will give that proposition a black eye, or else we are greatly mistaken.

In the first place, no single man can well discharge the onerous duties now required of the Board, and in the next place, the power is too much, and the temptation to exercise it is too great.

### The Christmas Holidays.

Nothing has happened to mar the pleasure of the Christmas holidays in Abbeville. Beautiful weather, and peace and good will among men reigned supreme. The young people had various gatherings, and all at some time, were "out" for an evening during the week.

The trade of the town has been good, and men in every occasion of life seem to be satisfied with their year's work and success. Business is better now than it has been for many years, and the prospect of getting the new railroad furnishes an encouraging outlook for all classes and conditions of men. Very little doubt is entertained that the road will come, and come quickly—if the latter term could be applied to a railroad. The new depot will probably be on Hill & Son's lot, although some two or three other sites have been laid off.

### Poor Fun---Disreputable Practice.

Semi-occasionally somebody takes up the foot bridges on the streets of the town.

The sight of the old up-turned bridges is enough to disgust a man with the idea of engaging in such dirty work.

The fun is poor, the work is not nice, and if the practice is not stopped the town council should set a guard at these bridges or otherwise endeavor to catch the perpetrators of these poor jokes.

From the looks of the sidewalks and wagonways about the Court House, we are led to believe that too much labor is spent in cleaning up.

### Conflict in the Time of Holding Court.

The cases of this Circuit will be called in the Supreme Court during the first week of the coming Circuit Court, and numbers of our lawyers having cases to be heard, have petitioned Solicitor Ansel and Judge Aldrich to postpone the business of the Court for the first week. They ask this, too, knowing that our dockets are light, and that two weeks will give ample time for the trial of all cases.

### Off to Anderson.

Miss Lucia McGowan, Miss Caroline Alston, Miss Sophia Haskell, W. C. McGowan, Esq., Mr. Allen Haskell, and Mr. Lewis W. Haskell left Abbeville yesterday to attend the ball and banquet at Anderson last night.

OUR people were delighted to entertain for a part of the holidays Misses Bessie and Anna Hill of Greenwood, and Miss Minnie Childs of Ninety-Six, all of whom were visiting their charming cousins the Misses Moore. They made many friends who hope to welcome them back to Abbeville at an early day.

MISS IDA KELLER, daughter of Mr. J. F. Keller, of Greenwood, and Miss Minnie Summers, of Newberry, came home from visiting relatives and friends in Newberry. Miss Green and Miss Mamie Summers will spend Christmas with Miss Ida Keller.

W. C. MCGOWAN, Esq., was in attendance upon the banquet at Anderson last night, where he was to make a speech, and we doubt not that he acquitted himself with credit to old Abbeville, who is proud of her son.

The first engine for the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad has arrived in Columbia and is running to the river, assisting in the construction of the bridge.

HON. R. MAYS CLEVELAND and his wife are off for Edgefield to attend the marriage of our distinguished fellow-citizen Col. W. P Calhoun.

MR. F. H. MCMASTER, of the *Greenwood Times*, was in town one night last week. He always meets a cordial welcome in Abbeville.

MRS. J. B. DAVIS and her family will leave Abbeville to-morrow to make their home in Augusta.

ABBEVILLE felt glad to have so many honored guests during the Christmas holidays.

MR. AND MRS. CHEVES HASKELL are in town visiting relatives.

MR. JOHN B. BONNER was in town last Monday night.

MAJOR ARTHUR PARKER left yesterday for New York.


Always to be found a complete stock Ladies hats, dress goods, trimmings, silks, velvets, ribbons and almost every article belonging to a ladies wardrobe at astonishingly low prices. R. M. Haddon and Co.

Finger shoes worth $1.75 for $1.50. Call early and get a fit. Smith & Son.

Our line of Ladies, misses, children and infants shoes still complete and at lowest prices. R. M. Haddon and Co.

We are making strenuous efforts to establish closer and larger business relations with the farmers of our county, and we have yet to find the farmer, who having once kept a Bank account, and fully realizing its advantages, that would return to the old system of doing business. The National Bank of Abbeville.

The latest American and Parisian designs in hats and bonnets, also a beautiful line of hat trimmings in feathers, birds, flowers, ribbons, &c. This is our opening day, give us a call. R. M. Haddon & Co.

Chenille art applique for fancy work at Haddon's.

Rope silk, wash silk, filling silk, embroidery silk, arrasene, &c., at Haddon's.

1 case of millinery to arrive this week. W. E. Bell.

2 cases ladies winter wraps to arrive this week. W. E. Bell.

Give me a chance to sell you a bill during the month of December, and you will buy a cheap bill. W. E. Bell.

Beautiful wraps sold for less than the actual value. W. E. Bell.

A great reduction in ladies jerseys, all wool goods, sold for $1, worth $1.50. W. E. Bell.

Ladies hats in felt and straws in all the new shapes just received at W. E. Bell's.

Cotton flannels in bleached and brown. W. E. Bell.

White and red flannels sold cheap at W. E. Bell's.

2 cases of millinery just received at W. E. Bell's.

Goods that will go during the month of December, at a great reduction: 3 cases of dress goods, 1 case dress ginghams, 5 cases ladies and childrens shoes, 2 dozen ladies and misses wraps, 5 bales of 7-8 and 4-4 brown homespun, 1 bale plaid homespun. W. E. Bell.

One of the nicest household articles for a Christmas present is a Brussels Carpet. Husbands, take a note of this and go at once to White Brothers and buy accordingly.

We are sole agents for the celebrated "Finger" home-made shoes. Smith & Son.

Go to Smith & Son's for the old reliable "Hanover" boot.

R. M. Haddon and Co. are constantly adding new and seasonable goods to their already large and varied stock.

It will be to your interest to see the mules of Aug. W. Smith & Co., before purchasing.

As the year is fast drawing to a close we continue offering bargains in almost every department of our stock. R. M. Haddon and Co.

Flour! Flour!! Flour!!! Don't forget when you need a barrel of flour. They now offer for sale one thousand barrels of flour.

White Brothers have just received an entirely new stock of muzzle and breech-loading sidgle and double-barrel guns.

### Christmas is Coming

And don't forget that there is now on exhibition the largest and best selected stock of fancy plush dressing cases, work and jewelry boxes gold pens and pencils, mirrors, manicure sets, oxidized silver goods, fancy colognes, etc. that has been brought to this town for some years at Speed's Drug Store.

### Why

Do you lie awake all night with Nervous dyspepsia or indigestion when a wineglass of Dr. Westmoreland's Calisaya Tonic will relieve you in fifteen minutes. Warranted or no pay. For sale at Speed's Drug Store.

The nicest present in town for a lady or gentleman would be one of those gold pens or pencils at Speed's Drug Store.

The best goods in ladies, children and misses rubber circulars are to be had from R. M. Haddon & Co.

My object is to sell good goods at a small profit. W. E. Bell.

Highlands heading powder will cure any sore, horse flesh may be heir to, or money refunded. For sale only at Speed's Drug Store.

R. M. Haddon & Co., have reduced prices on all their cloaks and jackets. Be sure and see their stock before buying. They have a full assortment and guarantee to please you in price, quality and fit.

A few of those seal plush wraps still left at Haddon's. These goods are real dressy and are sold at very low prices. No need to go from home, when you can buy as good goods at less prices right at your door.

Haddon & Co., can give you short or long wraps in light and heavy weight, and at prices far below their value.

Don't forget to buy your clothing from White Brothers. Their stock of Fall and Winter suits and overcoats cannot be surpassed. Try a suit of their elegantly fitting clothing and then in the future you will not have any other make.

Remember we carry a line of Priestley's celebrated black and grey silk warp and all-wool fabrics. These are the most thoroughly reliable goods in the market. They are made of the finest silk and wool and are the same in quality, weight width and shade. R. M. Haddon & Co.

A choice lot of "Red May" seed wheat to arrive this week. Smith & Son.

Pure select fresh seed wheat can be had of W. Joel Smith & Son.

First buy a valise, and then fill it with fine clothing, the very best unlaundried or laundried shirts, drawers, socks, collars, handkerchiefs, cravats, undershirts, and whatever else you may chose to buy.

Look at those beautiful carpets and rugs at the store of White Brothers.

Carpeting was never cheaper than it is this season. As a special bargain, a good quality of Brussels carpeting is offered at 50 cents per yard. White Brothers.

The handsome line of French flannels for blouses and jackets ever brought to Abbeville to be had at Haddon's.

Baskets of every description at W. E. Bell

Shoes for boys and girls in all grades, and very cheap. P. Rosenberg & Co.

We have a splendid stock of boots and shoes. Call on us when in need of the same. Smith & Son.

Received last week three cases of dress goods. Every yard to be sold at a great reduction in price. Wm. E. Bell.

Full line Fall and Winter calicoes, ginghams and Satines at R. M. Haddon & Co.

If you want rust proof red oats for seed you can find the purest and best at the store of White Brothers.

Gentlemen who want a real fine suit and the best fitting clothes should buy from P. Rosenberg & Co.

Every one is cordially invited to inspect our immense stock of fine clothing. P. Rosenberg & Co.

If you wish to buy a nice garment, you should see the bargains Wm. E. Bell offers in ladies winter wraps.

See what Wm. E. Bell has to say about bargains during the month of December. He can save you money.

We are constantly receiving choice Florida oranges, fine Northern apples, pure candies, the best crackers etc. that the markets afford. Smith and Son.

Fresh nuts, raisins, currants, citrons etc. for Christmas fruit cakes can be found at Smith & Son's.

We have just received a big stock of almonds, English walnuts, Brazil nuts, pecans, all fresh and good. W. Joel Smith & Son.

Housekeepers, go to Smith and Son's for the ingredients for your fruit cakes. Everything in that line sweet and fresh.

We have a large stock of ladies and misses cloaks, walking jackets, modjeskas and new markets and will sell them at reduced prices. P. Rosenberg & Co.

The ladies attention is called to our reduced prices on cloaks, wraps, walking jackets, and new markets. P. Rosenberg & Co.

All the ladies in need of an elegant walking jacket or new market should call on us. P. Rosenberg & Co.

The largest stock and best assortment of children's ribbed hose, now offered at astonishingly low prices at Haddons.

Not too late to secure a bargain in winter wrap jacket, new market, a few nice garments still on hand at R. M. Haddon and Co.

A few pairs Ladies French kid button shoes offered at less than real value. Call at once. R. M. Haddon and Co.

All kinds of embroidery silks at Haddon's.

Call at Smith & Son's for old fashion pure buckwheat flour.

Smith & Son have just received a barrel of genuine old fashion unadulterated buckwheat.

We have reduced the home-made finger shoes from $1.75 to $1.50. W. Joel Smith & Son.

Call on Smith & Son for the best man's shoes for $1.50 you ever saw the celebrated finger shoe, at a greatly reduced price.

A good buggy whip given with each fifty cent package of Baird's Horse and Cattle Powders at Speed's Drug Store.

When you are out buying Christmas presents don't fail to see the pretty goods at Speed's Drug Store.

Don't fail to take advantage of the offer of a good buggy whip with a fifty cent package of Cattle powders, the whip alone is well worth the money, for sale only at Speed's Drug Store.

Best Florida oranges, apples, bananas, pears and grapes at Hill & Sons.

Hill & Son are receiving fresh fruit every day.

If you want good fruit go to Hill & Son's fruit store.

If you don't believe Angeline will cure Rheumatism try a bottle of it. For sale only at Speed's Drug Store.

Nothing is so useful in a poultry yard as Imperial Egg Food. It keeps the chicks bright, healthy and cheerful, besides making them wonderful egg producers. For sale only at Speed's Drug Store.

Go to Smith & Son's for pure barley and rye seed.

Plush and velvets all the leading shades 50 60, 75 and $1 per yard at R. M. Haddon & Co

Plush and cloth wraps at R. M. Haddon & Co.

Now is the time to provide yourself with a winter wrap, jackets, new markets, and modjeskas at R. M. Haddon & Co.

For children's ribbed hose go to Wm. E. Bell.

Some rich novelties in trimming brasid with ornaments to match may be seen at R. M. Haddon & Co.

Barley! barley!! You can buy home raised seed barley from White Brothers.

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Misses and children's wraps in all shades. Prices low. W. E. Bell.

I have goods coming in every day by express or freight, so you can get what you want and the very latest styles. W. E. Bell.

For style and good goods W. E. Bell's is the place to go.

5 bales of brown homespun to arrive in 7-8 and 4-4 goods. Look out for low prices. W. E. Bell.

Call on Smith & Son for seed wheat. Two choice varieties, Southern raised, to arrive this week.

Those in need of seed wheat would do well to call on Smith & Son. We are receiving some choice varieties of pure seed.


# An Ordinance

To Raise Supplies for the Town of Abbeville, S. C., for the Year 1890.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE INTENDANT and Wardens of the Town of Abbeville, S. C., in Council assembled, and by authority of the same, That a tax for the sums and in the manner hereinafter named shall be raised and paid into the treasury of the Town Council for the uses and purposes thereof for the year A. D. 1890.

SECTION 1. On every One Hundred Dollars of the cash value of all Real and Personal estate within the incorporation of the said town of Abbeville, the sum of Twenty Cents.

SEC. 2. On each Billiard and Pool Table or Ten Pin Alley kept for hire, the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars for each Table or Alley more than one kept by the same owner. On each Bagatelle Table kept for hire the sum of Twenty-Five Dollars. If any person or persons are found guilty of receiving pay or making a charge for a game of Billiards, Pool, Bagatelle or Ten Pin Alley, without having a license, shall be fined not exceeding in the sum of Fifty Dollars, or not more than thirty days in the County Jail.

SEC. 3. That all male persons between the ages of sixteen and fifty years, except those physically unable to earn a support, are liable to road duty and shall be required to work on the roads, sidewalks and streets within the incorporation of the town of Abbeville six and one-third days by direction of the Town Council. The commutation for said road duty to be the sum of Two Dollars and One-half, to be paid at the time of payment of other taxes, to wit, on or before the first day of March. All persons refusing or failing to work six and one-third full days, to be accepted and approved by the Council, or pay the above commutation, shall be liable to pay a fine not exceeding $25.00, or imprisonment in County Jail not exceeding thirty days.

SEC. 4. That all itinerant auctioneers, peddlers, except venders of farm produce raised in the county, offering at retail any goods whatsoever for sale, shall pay a license of not more than Twenty-Five Dollars nor less than One Dollar per day.

SEC. 5. That all circuses shall pay a license of One Hundred Dollars for each and every exhibition; and all other shows, including what are commonly known as side-shows attached to a circus, shall pay a license of not more than Fifty nor less than Two Dollars for each exhibition.

SEC. 6. That all returns shall be made under oath, on or before the first day of February, 1890, and all taxes shall be due and payable on or before the first day of March, 1890. If any person or persons shall refuse or neglect payment of the taxes herein levied within the time specified, the Treasurer of the Town Council is hereby authorized and required to add twenty per centum penalty, and if the tax with the penalty is not paid within thirty days thereafter, it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of the Council to issue executions therefor immediately, and collect the same by due process of law, as provided in the charter of said town of Abbeville.

SEC. 7. The Town Council or a quorum thereof shall constitute a Board of Assessors to affix the value of property returned for taxation.

SEC. 8. If any person or persons shall refuse or neglect to make a return of their property for taxation within the time prescribed herein, the return of last year with twenty per centum added, shall be deemed and taken by the Treasurer to be the true value of their property for taxation and it shall be assessed at that rate.

SEC. 9. For each license to retail spirituous liquors in the town of Abbeville the sum of Five Hundred Dollars for the year beginning with the first day of January, 1890, and ending on the first day of January, 1891, the said sum payable in three equal installments in advance, said dealer or dealers to give bond and security for payment of said sums of money, and if at any time during the year the said dealer or dealers should go out of business the whole amount of Five Hundred Dollars shall immediately become due and payable, and any person or persons doing business the whole or any part of the year shall pay the whole sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

SEC. 10. For the use of the water from the public spring, as now taken by the C. & G. R. R. Company, the sum of One Hundred Dollars per annum.

Done and ratified in Council and the seal of the Town Council affixed this 20th day [L.S.] of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

THOS. P. THOMSON,
Intendant.

FRANCIS HENRY,
FRANK B. GARY.
JONES F. MILLER, Secretary.

Jan. 1, 1889, tf

### Notice.

ALL accounts and notes for practice for 1887 and 1888 remaining unpaid after the 15th of January, will be placed in the hands of DeBruhl & Bradley for collection.

T. J. Mabry,
L. T. Hill.

### Get the Best.

CAR LOAD OF KENTUCKY MULES soon to arrive, and will be sold low down for cash or on approved paper.

WALLINGFORD & RUSSELL.

Jan. 1, 1889, tf

### Dividend Notice.

AT a meeting of the Directors of the National Bank of Abbeville, held this day, a dividend of THREE DOLLARS per share of the capital stock was declared, payable on and after January 1st, 1890.

BENJ. S. BARNWELL,
Abbeville, Dec. 27, 1889. Cashier.

### Notice.

TAKEN up on Dec. 20th, one black mare Mule. Paces under the saddle. Owner can get same by proving property and paying for damage and advertisement.

McCully & Fretwell.

Jan. 1, 1889. 3t.


# AUG. W. SMITH & CO.

## Two Car Loads of Mules

JUST ARRIVED—the finest ever brought to this market. Come one, come all, and secure a fine mule. Prices to suit the times.

Dec. 25, 1889.

## Dr. J. W. Marshall,

WILL resume the practice of MEDICINE at Abbeville Court House, from this date, and offers his professional services to the village and vicinity. Office and residence on Main Street Hill.

Dec. 25, 1889.


Paper window-glass is now said to be an assured fact. The window pane is made of white paper, manufactured from cotton or linen, and modified by chemical action. Afterwards the paper is dipped in a preparation of camphor and alcohol, which makes it like parchment. From this point it can be molded and cut into remarkably tough sheets, entirely transparent, and it can be dyed with almost the whole of the aniline colors, the result being a transparent sheet, showing far more vivid hues than the best glass exhibits.

### The Babe in Bethlehem.

Into a world of sin and pain
The Saviour comes to-day;
We'll seek the manger where he lies,
And grateful homage pay.

A new star blazes in the East,
Celestial anthems ring,
The magi haste with gold and myrrh
To greet the new-born King.

O wondrous babe! one with our race
In frail mortality,
Yet one with Him whose countless years
Are from eternity.

These lips shall speak with mighty power,
Bidding the waves be calm;
And into earth's sore, bleeding heart
Drop a soft, healing balm.

These eyes shall weep their pitying tears
With those who mourn their dead,
And look with sorrow on the lost,
And all uncomforted.

These hands shall touch the moving bier,
And life from death shall spring;
These arms shall lift "the little ones,"
And clasp the wandering.

These feet shall press sad Calvary's hill
Mid crowds who jeer and frown;
This head be bowed in agony
Beneath a mocking crown.

This heart must bear the world's great sin,
Itself without a stain,
That so a Father's hand of love
May reach us all again.

O thou who "bringest gifts to men,"
Give us, this blessed day,
A glimpse of heaven, thy glorious home,
And light our shadowed way,

Till we behold thee—not as now,
But our unclouded eyes
Shall see "the beauty of the King"
In his own Paradise!

### Great Men and Good Manners.

The Chief Justice of the United States lives on a beautiful knoll in the suburbs of Washington. His elegant Home, called Belmont, with turrets and spires, built of rough, light colored stone, is only a few rods from the Fourteenth-Street car line that leads to the White House and the Capitol. As I was hurriedly passing his home yesterday, in the pouring rain, I saw three little girls all in a flutter of haste and excitement—wrapped in gossamers, with school bags tucked away out of the wet—running to catch the car. Just behind them walked a scholarly-looking, gray-haired gentleman, with a most kindly sunny face shining out from under the umbrella.

"O papa! papa! do hurry; you're getting right wet," I heard said; and the three little maids stopped and turned back to hold and pull and tug away at the quiet gentleman, hurrying him to take his place in the crowded car packed with a rainy morning crowd.

"Papa took hold of the strap, and the rosy little daughters kept fast hold of him to steady themselves in the swaying throng. The dripping umbrella leaned against the door, and the gentleman chatted pleasantly with the conductor, helped an old colored woman with a huge basket of clothes to a place behind him; and when the "transfers" were given for Pennsylvania avenue and the little family "changed cars" a murmur of inquiry and pleasure swept over the faces of those left. "Who was that gentleman Do you know him?"

The conductor walked through very straight, and looked very proud as he said: "That man was Chief Justice Fuller, and he rides on my car every day. We like him and all his family They ain't a bit proud nor stuck up, and they know good manners from shoddy ones every time. Mr. Chief-Justice talks to us conductors just as kind and good as he does to the President. We hope he will stay on our line forever!"—*Wide-Awake*.

### Our Most Famous Document.

Few people know that the original declaration of independence is kept in the library of the state department at Washington. It is in a cherry case under glass. But the doors are thrown open all day long, and strong rays of light are eating up its ink day by day. It is written on parchment. The text of it is in a hand as fine as copperplate, and the ink of this part can still be plainly read. The signatures, however, are written in different ink, and they are very fast disappearing under the action of the light. The bold signature of John Hancock is faded almost entirely out. Only a J, o, h, and an H remain. Two lines of names are entirely removed from the paper; not a vestige of ink remains to show that names were ever there. Ben Franklin's name is gone. Roger Sherman's name is fading. I could not find the name of Thomas Jefferson, and Eldridge Gerry has lost its last syllable. Charles Carroll and John Adams have been scoured off by the light, and only eleven names out of fifty-six can be read without a microscope. Just be low this copy lies the original of it in Jefferson's own handwriting. It is on foolscap paper, yellow with age, and worn through where the manuscript had been folded. The writing is fine and close, and the whole occupies but two pages. The ink is good, and it remains as fresh as when it left the pen of Jefferson, over 112 years ago. It is full of erasures and interlineations, some of which are in Franklin's handwriting, and the others in the strong script of John Adams.

*Christian at Work.*

AN ANIMATED SEWER.—An observer down South says an alligator's throat is an animated sewer. Everything which lodges in his open mouth goes down. He is a lazy dog, and instead of hunting for something to eat he lets his victuals hunt him apparently dead, like the 'possum. Soon a bug crawls into it, then a fly, then a gnat and a colony of mosquitoes. The alligator doesn't shut his mouth yet. He is waiting for a whole drove of things. He does his eating by wholesale.

A little later a lizard will cool himself under the shade of the upper jaw. Then a few frogs will hop up to catch the mosquitoes and goats will light on the frogs.

Finally a whole village af insects and reptiles settle down for an afternoon picnic. Then all at once there is an earthquake. The big jaw falls, the alligator blinks one eye, gulps down the entire menagerie and opens his great front door again for more visitors.—*Scientific American*.


# CHRISTMAS CHAT.

NEARLY every one is beginning to think of their

CHRISTMAS PURCHASES.

Some are thinking of their WEARING APPAREL, while others are turning their attention to selecting

# CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

tokens of affection for the little girl or boy, or for the aged parent, brother or sister. Not a few are sorely perplexed as to what will best please their SWEETHEARTS and WIVES. To those who are waiting to

"DRESS UP"

in a real nice suit of CLOTHES or an OVERCOAT for CHRISTMAS, we beg to call their attention to our elegant line of

MEN'S
AND
Boy's Clothing

which we have in all STYLES, and PRICES. We want to reduce our

STOCK OF CLOTHING

as much as possible between now and CHRISTMAS and will sell them at extremely LOW Prices. Then we will carry you to our

HAT DEPARTMENT

and sell you a real Stylish HAT at small cost. Something real becoming, you know. A little nearer to the front of our store will place you among a most elegant line of

DRESS SHIRTS,
FLANNEL OVERSHIRTS,
GENT'S UNDERWEAR,
HOSIERY,
GLOVES,
SUSPENDERS,
HANDKERCHIEFS,
COLLARS and CUFFS.

After being supplied with these thing, we will take pleasure in showing you our beautiful line of durable, perfect fitting

EMERSON SHOES.

We have forgotten about our lovely line of CRAVATS, but will "get there all the same." And now for our suggestions for CHRISTMAS Presents. For the Boys nothing can be nicer than a complete outfit, consisting of a suit of Clothes, an Overcoat, a Crush Hat, a pair of nice Shoes and a Cravat. Also a Parlor Rifle, a Shot Gun, or a Pocket Knife.

For smaller boys, we have Rubber Balls, Toy Pistols, Dumb Watches and Chains, Wheelbarrows, Wagons and Drums.

For general Christmas presents we have an elegant line of Glass Lemonade Sets, Guest Cups and Saucers, Vases, Triple Plated Silverware, beautiful Silk Handkerchiefs, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, Ladies Lace Pins, Infant's Lace Pins, Watch Chains, Children's Tea Sets, Doll Carriages, Doll Cribs, Doll Chairs and other elagant things too numerous to mention. DON'T FORGET OUR

SMYRNA RUGS!

They make splendid Christmas present. Everybody appreciates them. Our Stock of

Groceries

will also be complete with the choicest goods for the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. Don't forget us. You can't afford it.

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On some parts of the coast of Sumatra and the neighboring islands the fishermen test the depth of the sea and also the nature of the sea-bottom by the noises they hear on applying the ear to one end of an oar of which the other end is plunged in the water. At a depth of twenty feet and less the sound is a crepitation, similar to that produced when salt is thrown on burning charcoal; at fifty feet it is like the ticking of a watch, the tick-tack being more or less rapid, according as the bottom is entirely of coral or alternately of coral and mud, or of sand. If the bottom is entirely of sand the sound is clear; if of mud it resembles the humming of a swarm of bees. On dark nights the fishermen select their fishery grounds according to these indications.

One of the keenest things ever said on the bench is attributed to Judge Walton, of Georgia. While holding a term of the Supreme Court at Augusta he sentenced a man to seven years in prison for a grave crime. The prisoner's counsel asked for a mitigation of the sentence on the ground that the prisoner's health was very poor. "Your honer," said he "I am satisfied that my client cannot live out half that term, and I beg of you to change the sentence." "Well under those circumstances," said the judge, "I will change the sentence. I will make it for life instead of seven years." The prisoner chose to abide by the original sentence, which the judge permitted him to elect.

During the sinking of large pits and wells in Nevada, stratas of rock salt were cut through, in which were found imbedded perfectly preserved fish, which are doubtless thousands of years old, as the salt field occupies what was once the bottom of a large lake, and no such fish are now to be found in any of the modern Nevada lakes. The specimens are not petrified, but flesh, and all are preserved in perfect form, and after being soaked in water for two or three days can be cooked and eaten, but are not very palatable. After being exposed to the air for a day or two they become as hard as wood.

There never was a more touching picture of canine mortification than was seen on Walnut Street the other day. A dog led by a woman is always a sorry spectacle of dignity in chains. The little animal in question was pretty, as black-and-tan dogs go. But his deluded mistress had rigged him out in a black satin blanket that was fastened to his chin by one huge bow, and on top of his back by another. At a distance the beast had the appearance of an animated pink rosette. He was led by a narrow pink ribbon to match his costume, and he glanced at every man who passed with an expression that plainly said:

"Don't laugh!"—*Des Moines Leader.*

There are a great many foolish and strange things in this world. One of the strangest of religious sects is that which calls itself the New and Latter House of Israel. Its headquarters are in Chatham, Eng., in which town its devotees are building an immense temple, which will cost $250,000. They believe that they will not die, and that they are the remnant of the true Israelites, who will reign with Christ for a thousand years. Their founder was a man names Jezriel, who is now dead. His death was a great shock to the believers, but his wife claimed that it was an accident and declared herself to be his successor.

Frederick the Great was not only wise, but also very witty. On one occasion a Catholic priest refused to allow an officer, who had not complied with all his religious duties, to be buried in consecrated ground. Frederick sent for the priest, and asked him: "You say that the grave-yard is consecrated;" "Yes, your Majesty." How far down does your consecration go?" The priest, somewhat puzzled, replied: "Five feet." "All right, then, the officer shall be buried six feet under ground. He will then be one foot outside your jurisdiction."

The Chinese have a political saying which is worthy the reading even of America statesmen. It is as follows: "When is the Empire well governed and affairs go as they should go? When swords are rusty and spades are bright; when prisons are empty and grain bins filled; when the law courts are lonely and o'ergrown with grass: when doctors walk and bankers ride. It is then that things go as they ought and the State is well ruled."

"Yes, my hands are soft," said a dudish and conceited young fellow the other night in a small company, as he admiringly looked at those useless appendages that had never done a day's work. "Do you know how I do it?" he exclaimed, proudly. "I wear gloves on my hands every night to sleep in." "Do you sleep with your hat on, also?" asked a pert young woman. And the young fellow replied in the negative, and looked wonderingly because the company smiled.

An exchange recalls a statement made by Mr. Chauncey M. Depew which should be repeated over and over again in the ears of all men, and especially those of young men. These are his words: "Looking back upon a life of nearly fifty years, I remember those who started with me. All of those who were sober and industrious, and saved their money, now own their own households; but every one of them who drank is dead."

### Lynching Prisoners.

*Christian Neighbor.*

Between 3 and 4 o'clock on the morning of December 28, an armed and masked mob of about one hundred men overpowered the jailer of Barnwell county and took out eight negro prisoners and carried them about a mile from town, tied them to trees and shot them to death.

These prisoners were under charge of murdering within the last sixty days five white men of Barnwell county. Two of the eight victims were held as witnesses.

This is a horrible tragedy and the "quiet" that is said to prevail so soon after the killing does not diminish the significance of the killing of the whites or the killing of the negroes. One result of these killings will be the widening and deepening of race prejudice with a corresponding enmity between the races Another result will be an increase of carrying deadly weapons with a corresponding sensitiveness of provocation to kill on this or that side according as the "race" line may be or or may be *imagined* to be involved in other questions concerning which there may be a difference.

When viewed from the standpoint of civil law the enactments of murderers and lynchers show contempt for the enactments of the "powers that be." If viewed in the light of the moral law those who commit such deeds seem to have less regard for God's law than they have respect for the civil law. If such bloody deeds be considered in their effects on society the conclusion is forced on the minds of observing men that human life is getting cheaper with every such demonstration, so that a man however innocent may scarcely say that his life is his own, seeing that he lives and moves in the midst of men wearing as a part of their concealed toilet deadly weapons and with no thought of God in their minds nor fear of man in their hearts except men who like themselves are a "higher" law unto themselves.

The whole country North and South are reaping in gusts and spasms the "whirlwind" of violence, destruction and robbery—the fruit of sowing to the "wind" during the war, and the reason for the inability of the ecclesiastical and civil powers to control the reaping is that it was under their auspices and sanction that the sowing was done.

While the administration of civil law should be made a terror to evil doers, the peoples—the races—should "hear Him" whom the winds obey, and at whose word devils fear and fly.

### The Recent Legislature.

*Christian Neighbor.*

Much of the time of the Assembly was taken up with "bills" of local concern—or little importance. Those of general interest and which have become laws are the Clemson College bill; the bill to refund the brown consuls; the bill to codify the laws and the bill to purchase a Penitentiary farm.

It was provided that an amendment to the Constitution to do away with County Commissioners be submitted to the people.

The two mills school tax is losing its popularity with legislators as it is doing with the people who pay the taxes.

The hasty refusal near the close of the session to instruct our Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote against the Blair bill did not, we think, represent the views of the people of the State. Yet as we understand it the principle of "free" education by the State is identical with that of the Blair bill. In the one case the State undertakes to educate her children; in the other the United States would undertake the job.

The refusal to pass the marriage license bill is the counterpart of the no divorce law of the State.

The bill relating to separate accommodations for whites and blacks on certain railroads, was not passed, leaving the matter to the railroads to manage as they may judge best. The bill to sell the phosphate rights of the State, and that proposing a change in the time of holding the sessions of the Legislature both failed to pass.

Until the Assembly devotes less time to private and merely local matters the more important matters of general interest will be neglected or disposed of in a manner too hasty for that order and decency which should characterize the law makers of the State.


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