The Press and Banner

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

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What of This?

The New York Press of a recent date has this to say:

"A Plague to Kansas.—There have been repeated well supported reports from Western States, where the Farmers' Alliance is in full possession of the governments, of serious disadvantages to the people in living under Alliance rule. Capitalists have withdrawn money from such States, and refused to renew loans in them or to make new loans. Even State bonds which were supposed to be gilt edged have been refused in money centers—bankers declaring that they were afraid to touch them under the circumstances. Judge Perkins of Kansas, who was a prominent Republican member of the last Congress, has been drawing a picture of his State under Alliance rule, which shows that Kansas is suffering untold disaster. Of all the plagues that have struck poor, bleeding Kansas, he says, the so-called People's party seems to have wrought the greatest havoc.

"While Peffer and Simpson and other leaders were clamoring for more money, and getting well paid for addresses in various parts of the country in which that demand was the great feature, although the circulation is now $21 per capita and, larger in proportion to the population than ever before, even in war times, and while the Alliances have been passing resolutions demanding cheaper money and demanding government loans to farmers on real estate and products at 2 year cent., besides forming societies to repudiate debt and prevent the foreclosure of mortgages, capitalists have been withdrawing their investments, realizing on mortgages and landed possessions and gradually withdrawing from the State, until there is a veritable money famine there. In many localities people will not have money enough at their disposal to move their crops, as the banks are afraid to lend it and have such trouble in getting money for general business that they hoard it up for their own necessities when once they get it.

"What is true of Kansas in this respect, as shown by Judge Perkins, is undoubtedly true in other Alliance States. The Alliance is a plague to the very persons it was organized to benefit when it operates in this manner."

Coming as it does, from the great money center of this country, it may be worth consideration. Republican orators seem to have a wonderful influence over the Southern people just now, and in order that our people may know that all Republicans do not look at the financial situation from the same standpoint, we give the above for what it is worth.

Hard Times.

For several reasons our people have gloomy prospects before them:

It seems that the cotton crops will be cut short.

The low price of the staple, with no probability of an increase in the price.

The enormous debt which our people have incurred buying stock and in making the crop.

The amount of credit extended from the stores is fully as large as in any previous year. In addition to this heavy debt, it has been estimated that the farmers of Abbeville county owe to the different banks in the county, something like a quarter of a million of dollars.

It is estimated that with as large a crop as we had last year we would still be behind on receipts more than $100,000 because of reduced price.

To add to our distress in the hour of our calamity the Northern capitalists, because of the threatened political up heavel, are refusing to let their money go to the farming districts. If they persist in their determination to withhold their money, people who are in debt may fare badly. Already money is scarce and very hard to get at high interest, even with the best of security.

From the present outlook it would seem that each and every individual should set his own house in order for the possible hard times that are ahead. It is well to contract no debts that can be possibly avoided, and economy in every department should be the watchword.

Different Defenses.

In the criminal records the excuses which are set up for murder vary, and as each excuse ceases to be effective, another is found. For instrance. insanity or drunkenness has had its day. "Self-defense" in cases where the circumstances pointed to wilfull murder has served long and faithfully. Now, the general plea seems to be "accidental" in cases where the atrocity of the crime could be excused on no other ground. A number of "accidental" murders are now before the public. In case of the some of the "accidental" murders an "accidental" verdict of "guilty" would be the proper verdict. The time has come for civilized and decent people to put some estimate on the life of a fellow-citizen.' Herctofore the juries on the flimsiest pretext have excused both black and white for offences against the person.

The Sub-Treasury.

Because we were asked by an Allianceman to present some arguments against the subtreasury, and because an opponent of that measure asks us to publish Senator Pugh's response to a request for his views, we publish his letter in full. While it is a long paper it is nevertheless a good one and well worthy of a careful reading. He deals of the question dispossionately, and his argument can give offence to none, unless offence be taken because of the evident erroneousness in supposing that such a system could ever become a law.

Battery Park, Asheville.

Mr. E. P. McKissick, recently of the News and Courier, is now in charge of Battery Park hotel, Asheville, N. C. Let every Carolinian who goes to Asheville stop at the Battery Park, and receive royal treatment, the best of fare, the choicest rooms and bedding, while breathing the best mountain air in the world. The Press and Banner extends the very best wishes for the Battery Park and Mr. McKissick.

Editoral Visit.

We had a very pleasant call from Editor Harper, of the Elberton Gazette, last Thursday. He and several other gentlement from Elberton stopped off the excursion train, and remained in town for an hour or two. Abbeville is always delighted with a visit from her Elberton neighbors. Come again, gentlemen.

The war on capitalists is having its legitimate effect. New York capitalists refuse to let their money come South because of the war which is now being made on money. The low price of cotton, and the destruction of our credit is a serious matter for us. We learn that money is plentiful in New York at a very low rate of interest, but it is well known that capitalists refuse to let it go to the country or farming districts at any price.

The Press and Banner congratulates Columbia on the sale of the canal. The building of the canal is another proof that pluck will win even against the judgment of the more cautious citizens. It seems that there is a good day ahead for Columbia.

Money never was as scarce and hard to get as at present. You may have noticed the fact, however.

Greenville is to have her horticultural show on August 12, 13 and 14. Liberal premiums are offered. Those of our citizens who have fruits or flowers of a superior quality should write for particulars to H. B. Buist, President, Greenville.

It is time to plant fall Turnips and Ruta Bagas. W. Joel Smith and Sons are now ready to furnish you with the best fresh seed.

A Serious Affair.

The shooting scrape which occurred near Antreville last Sunday was a serious affair, and a very grave violation of the peace.

It is said that more than thirty shots were fired. Result, three men more or less painfully wounded. From the accounts which we hear of the fuss it seems almost a miracle that nobody was killed. It is said that one man had nine bullet holes in his clothes, and that one of the combatants had more than one pistol.

The death of either of the young men engaged in this fight would have sent deep sorrow to many hearts and a gloom would have been cast over the whole community.

Sheriff Mann visited each of the wounded men last Monday, but no arrests have been made. He thought the experience of last Sunday had satisfied all the parties to this affair, and that it was not likely that the difficulty would be renewed.

Be sure to read the notice of the examination for the Winthrop Training School.

THE PEACAN TREE.

Its Immense Size—Its Valuable Fruit—Its Symmetrical Beauty.

The Yorkville Enquirer of late has had something to say of peacan culture, and a week or two ago that paper spoke of a large peacan tree in York.

Abbeville is seldom behind on any question, and we believe the peacan business is no exception to the general rule.

In 1845, or '46 or '47 Mrs. James Shillito of this village planted a peacan, which has grown and thrived, until to-day at three feet from the ground it measures 82 inches in circumference. The top is wide-spreading, of symmetrical growth, and is beautiful to look upon. It has been bearing fruit for many years, though some years the crop is larger than in other years—the largest yield being estimated at ten bushels. Since this tree began to bear, its fruits have fallen in good ground, and other trees of the same variety sprung up and are to be found in almost every part of the lot. The largest specimen being nearly as large as the parent tree, and also bears a large yield of nuts.

The trees grow and flourish readily, if the seed is planted where it is desired that the tree may grow, but not one in half dozen that are transplanted will live. They are hardy and of good growth if undisturbed where they come up, and the trees are of such shape as to be ornamental as well as profitable because for the valuable crop which they produce.

The parent tree of which me speak grows a nut which is said to be larger and thinner of shell than the paper shell variety. The tree which is next of size, and which came from a nut off the old tree, strange to say, has a shell which is noticably thicker than the nuts of the parent tree.

The only trouble with the pecan culture, as far as we know, is the depredations of the birds which carry off great quantities of the nuts. The pecan is the tree in which the jay doth most delight. They eat the nuts or carry them off as taste or inclination may prompt, and it is supposed that they often drop them, as young pecan trees are to be found in the adjoining lots.

Mrs. Shillito and her daughter, the late Mrs. H. W. Lawson, were lovers of the garden, and they delighted in the cultivation of the prettiest flowers, while the choicest fruit trees and rarest ornamental trees received their most careful attention, some of which will stand as monuments of their taste and skill for many years yet to come.

Standing to-day on the lot of which we speak may be found rare trees, such as English walnut, black walnut, pomegranite, varnish, mahogany, magnolia, mimosa, alantha, pyramidal cedar, cottonwood, ironwood, mock orange, osage orange, live oak, black hawe, aspin, honey locust, crepe myrtle and the most beautiful flowers of every description.

At the death of Mrs. Lawson,—the daughter of Mrs. Shillito—the land and the houses thereon fell to the daughters of Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. R. S. Link and Mrs. W. D. Wilson, who are now joint owners of the prettiest lot in town, while they have separate homes.

CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC.

A PLEASANT DAY AT DUE WEST.

Music---Recitations--Speeches--- Christian Fellowship--- Bountiful Dinner---Lawn Tennis.

For two weeks the people of Due West have been looking forward to the Congregational picnic which come off yesterday, to which all other denominations in the community were cordially invited to take part.

The object was to give the newly installed pastor, the Rev. O. Y. Bonner, an apportunity to meet the members of his congregations and the community generally in a social way.

The various committees who had the matter in charge performed their duties well. Nothing was left undone to make the day one long to be remembered in Due West.

After a bountiful dinner the assembly were invited to the chapel of the Female College, where they were entertained for an hour by music, recitations, speeches, &c. The exercises were concluded by a short address from the pastor, followed by a prayer by Dr. Grier. After the singing of a Psalm the benediction was pronounced, and many repaired to the grounds to witness a game of lawn tennis.

Mrs J. T. Robertson, Miss Mary Robertson, Miss Meta Lythgoe, Mrs. R. M. Haddon, Miss Belle Haddon, Messrs. O. P. Heath, M. T. Coleman and Master Towns Robertson represented Abbeville village.

Antreville, Donalds, and other sections of the county had honored representatives.

BASE BALL.

Colored Nines from Abbeville and Cokesbury.

Last Friday evening the colored nine from from Cokesbury and the Abbeville nine played a game on the ground above the C. & G. depot in the presence of a large number of spectators, among whom were many white persons. Willie Lomax was umpire. When the game was called it stood 55 to 15 in favor of Abbeville. The names of the players were:

Abbeville—Sam Baker, Spencer Watt, Dennis Harris, Richard Grant, Willie Jones, Lee Rapley, Gassie Romans, James Hodges, Florence Kennedy.

Cokesbury — Quincey Wilson, Jeff Keys, Petter Reeder, Nathan Wilson, Elijah Washington, Foster Murphy, Ben Adams, James Dickson, Alex. Shaw.

A Matter of Explanation and Complaint.

LINK, S. C., July 20, 1891.

Editor Press and Banner:

Please publish this for the benefit of my brother, Thomas Wells, and all whom it may concern.

After seeing in your last issue that Thomas Wells had been brought from the asylum to Abbeville, and then taken to the poor house, I feel it my duty, and in justice to him and myself, to explain how he happened to be taken to the poor house. While I feel ever so much gratitude to Mr. Charles D. Allen for bringing my brother, Thomas Wells, from Columbia to Abbeville Court House, I feel the less gratitude to Mr. DuPre, as County Chairman, whom he had been assigned to while it was entirely uncalled for by Mr. DuPre to send him to the poor house after I had written and appealed to him as a friend to my brother and myself to please send me a notice. If it was impossible for Mr. DuPre to ascertain what day he would send for Thomas Wells it was not impossible for him to let me know early after he arrived at the poor house. Instead of all this he lay in the poor house nearly a week with but very little to eat and no attention at all, only as Mr. Ramey would be there two or three times a week. I thank Mr. Ramey for that much attention to my brother. I would much rather Mr. DuPre, as County Chairman, had put my brother in jail with the thieves and murderers of the county where they are fed well and fattened than for him to be sent to the poor house, among the halt, maimed and blind, to be, I consider, half cared for, as I found that was the condition at the poor house when I went up after my brother. S. D. Wells.

COLORED SINGERS.

They Meet at Saint Mary's A. M. E. Church, 13th and 14th August.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., July, 1891.

Editor Press and Banner:

Will you give me a small space in your valuable paper to say a word to friends that the Singing Convention will come off on the 13th and 14th of August, at Saint Mary's A. M. E. church, fifteen miles below the Court House. All of the officers are hereby ordered to be on hand on the 13th by 10 a. m. The officers of each choir that wish to take part in this grand movement will please come out. On the 14th the annual address will be delivered by Rev. C. S. Bradley, of Greenwood, and responded to by Rev. G. I. Fair, pastor and others. As this will be the last day all of the choirs we hope will be present. Come to help out the expenses of the convention.

I remain yours truly,
Jas. T. Baker, President.

The mind is the most difficult thing to bridle; the tongue comes next.

WILLIAM ANDREW GILES.

BORN IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY JULY 15, 1829---DIED AT GRANITEVILLE JULY 17, 1891.

While His Work Was Not Finished, and While He Would Live for Those Whom He Loved, He went to a Peaceful, Triumphat Death.

William Andrew Giles was born in Abbeville County (then District) on the 15th July, 1829, and died at Graniteville in Aiken county on the 17th July, 1891, having just completed his sixty second year.

His father Andrew Giles, or as he was almost universally known, Squire Giles, was one of the remarkable men of his day and time; and his son William was a worthy scion of a noble stock.

It was the writer's privilege to know them both and to enjoy, for thirty years and more, intimate association with the latter as well at his home in Lowndesville where so many years of his useful life were spent as a teacher and magistrate, as at his hospitable home in Graniteville where he died.

In his early manhood (January 21, 1851,) he was happily married to Miss Jeanie Cunningham by the Rev. T. L. McBryde, then the pastor of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, whose memory, fragant with the incense of every Christian virtue, is still cherished within the bounds of that venerable place of worship. On its bench of elders for many years and until his death, sat his pious father adorning throughout a long life, by a godly walk and conversation, the doctrines which he professed. Zealous in all good works, humble and meek, fearing God and loving the Master—a Christian gentleman. What more need I say than as was the father in all these, even so was the son.

Seventeen years ago, his elder brother, the late James H. Giles, who had for many years held the office of secretary of the Graniteville Manufacturing Company, admonished by age and increasing infirmity, called to his assistance his brother William and made him the bookkeeper of the company. His duties were far more than the term imports. Like those silent forces in nature which noiselessly perform their great functions and astound us only by their mighty results, so did this intelligent, quiet, forceful man harmonize the discordant elements of his little community, maintaining peace and order, preventing by his wise counsels, confusion and strikes, when under similar conditions disorder and chaos prevailed elsawhere.

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God."

Allusion has already been made to his early happy marriage. This union, broken several years ago by the death of his beloved wife, was blessed with a numerous offspring of sons and daughters, some of whom in turn had married and left the natural roof tree, and, though scattered abroad in different States, it was a merciful Providence that permitted all of them to witness a father's peaceful, triumphant death, and receive in that parting moment a father's blessing. Just before the dawn of the morning of the 17th inst., during the silent watches of the night the final summons came, when with unclouded mind, and perfect consciousness to the last with every feature illumined by a vision of things by the faithful watchers unseen--hearing,unspeakable words which it is not lawful for man to utter and with the word, home, home, home at last thrice repeated, the spirit of this great man, purified by long and great bodily suffering, took its flight to his eternal home beyond the skies.

And so He giveth his beloved sleep.

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NEWS FROM LOWNDESVILLE.

All Sorts of Personals---A Runaway Trian---Bad Mail Facilities.

LOWNDESVILLE, S. C., July 13, 1891.

Mr. G. S. Bruce went to Abbeville Monday to take a position in Mr. P. B. Speed's drug store.

Rev. J. E. Beard went to Cokesbury Monday to assist in carrying on a protracted meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lomax, of Latimer, were with us Tuesday.

Mr. J. B. Franks went to Augusta on business Tuesday.

Mr. Will Mattison, of Anderson, came down Tuesday perhaps on an electioneering tour.

Miss Lillian McDavid, of Due West, came Monday to visit the family of her brother-in-law, Mr. E. R. Horton.

County Commissioner J. F. C. DuPre was in town Thursday looking after some matters connected with his office.

Mr. John Baker, of Anderson, came in Thursday evening, and was the guest of Mr. T. Baker that night.

Miss Becky Wood who has spent sometime with her sisters Mrs. R. A. McConnell left for her Mississippi home Monday.

Mr. J. M. Moseley went to Abbeville Saturday.

The Methodists did some necessary cleaning up around their church Saturday, which considerably improved the appearance of its surroundings.

There was preaching yesterday only in the Methodist church, in all of the churches there were Sunday School services.

Mrs. J. W. Bodie, of Enoree, is now visiting relatives in our town.

Mr. B. P. Hutchinson, of Louisville, Ky., spent several days last week in our midst.

We had several nice showers of rain Tuesday. Not enough to last long or do much good. Crops are now suffering for rain.

A force of hands, with Mr. J. D. Tate in charge, is now building Miss Othello Hutchison's dwelling upon her lot, and when finished it will be quite an addition to that end of town.

Mr. P. B. Allen had the misfortune to lose by fire his commissary, which contained sixteen barrels of flour, a considerable quantity of bacon, and other things in proportion—supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Thursday evening as the mixed train was coming down from Anderson, the passenger and mail coaches, together with two or three boxes loaded with coal, broke loose from the engine, and other part of the train, a mile or two above here, and the two began a rather wild and exciting race. It being down grade one could run about as fast as the other. The engineer put on all steam, passed our depot without stopping, and on to Latimer before it was thought safe to stop. The passengers not fancying a longer wild ride, than could be helped, put on all brakes, and effected a landing a short distance above the depot.

Just now we seem to be somewhat unfortunately situated in some respects. Our railroad communication with the outside world is pretty good, but our mail facilities are rather out of joint. A few hours by rail lands us almost anywhere, but it takes from two to three days for a letter to pass between this point and our county seat, and other places places at the same rate, and it would therefore appear as if some one of the route agents, through whose hands mail matter passes, is very negligent. This proves to be quite a serious affair, when letters of importance are thus delayed in their transit. And any one who will divise and carry out a plan to remedy the evil, will be "liberally rewarded"—in thanks, if nothing else. Troupe.

THEY DID RIGHT.

Contract for Building a Splendid Iron Bridge at Boyd's Mill for $5,750.

County Commissioner J. F. C. DuPre met the County Commissioners of Laurens last Monday at Laurens Court House, and awarded the building of an iron bridge across Saluda River at Boyd's Mill to George H. Crafts & Co., of Atlanta, Ga., who represented the Smith Bridge Company of Toledo, Ohio. The bridge consists one iron span of 160 feet in length, 80 feet of an approach on the Laurens side, and 460 feet of an approach from the Abbeville side. The bridge to be 30 feet and above low water, and all the approaches, as well as the bridge, to be above high water.

The price for the iron bridge is $4,900, and the approaches were let at $850, making the total cost $5,750, on which a guarantee of three years is given.

The counties of Abbeville and Laurens divide the expense of the bridge, each paying one-half.

We believe it is conceded that iron bridges, which are well built, are practically indestructible, and it has been demonstrated beyond a doubt that the original cost of a long iron bridge is not more that the cost of a first class bridge of wood of the same length. For this reason, we believe the action of the County Commissioners was right and for the best interests of the people. The fact is, every important bridge should be of iron, even if the cost should be double that of wood. The railroads now never think of putting up a wooden bridges in important places.

ALLIANCE ROSTER.

Presidents and Secretaries of the County Alliance and of the Sub-Alliances.

COUNTY ALLIANCE.

J. R. Blake, Jr.....President
W. J. Gaines.....Vice-President
J. Y. Jones.....Secretary
G. W. Collins.....Treasurer

Sub-Alliance Roster.

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Samuel Evans, Secretary.....Abbeville

GOLD BRANCH.

John Lyon, President.....Hunters
O. P. Morey, Secretary.....Hunters

SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

Happy Children—Delighted people.

TROY, S. C., July 20, 1891.

Editor Press and Banner:

Your correspondent was invited to a picnic and exhibition of Miss Ada Cowan's school on Thursday last. We arrived at the school house in the woods at 11 o'clock, and found that the house had been turned into a stage with curtains, &c., beautifully decorated with ferns and flowers, and to make it more picturesque there were rustle seats in front to seat the audience. When the curtains were drawn we beheld in the beautiful arbor, happy, cheerful, and lovely children waiting to please their friends which they did to the satisfaction of all. The program was as follows:

Chorus by school—"To-Day is Holiday."
Calisthenics.
Essay on Music—By Miss Lois Davis.
Music—Canary Polka—Miss F. Robinson.
Dialogue—"The City Visitors."
Speech—Master Dave Dowden and Miss Nora Davis.
Speech—Masters White and Cheatham.
Music—"Spring Flowers"—Miss Lois Davis.
Essay—"Joan of Arc"--Miss Mamie Dowden.
Speech—George White.
Tableau—"The Gipsy's Warning.
Music—"Home, Sweet Home"—Miss May Davis.
Dialogue—"Poor Old Maids."
Recitation—"Goody Blake and Harry Gill."
Dialogue—"The Broken Promise."
Ethiopian Break Down.
Song—"Old Folks at Home."
Valedictory—By John T. Cheatham.
Song—"The Hour of Parting."

After which all were invited to partake of a fine dinner, and everybody was well pleased with their day in the woods. Miss Ada should be proud of her scholars and they should be proud of their teacher.

Matters at McCormick.

MCCORMICK, S. C., July 20, 1891.

There are a great many visitors here at present. It seems that our town is very popular.

Rain is much needed in this section. Both corn and cotton are suffering from the continued drouth.

The Sons of Temperance have been invited to participate with their sister lodge at Troy in an ice cream festival on Tuesday night, July 21st. They have quite a flourishing order at that place, also here. I believe this lodge was over one hundred and has done much good both in this place and surrounding country.

Rev. Mr. Steadman preached in the Methodist church yesterday morning. It was an excellent sermon.

It is unusually healthy here; there is not a case of sickness of any kind that we know of.

Fruit is very scarce; there are a few apples and pears, but peaches are a rarity.

The Savannah Valley train stops over at night here now instead of Anderson. The schedule is not so convenient as it was for persons visiting Augusta.

The Friendship Alliance met here on last Saturday afternoon. The attendance was very good.

There are three hotels here, all prepared to entertain the travelling public.

Whooping cough is prevailing among the children, but are yet no serious cases.

Dr. Robinson is improving his house. The doctor in progress in everything.

Miss Lillie Calhoun from Ninety-Six is the guest of Mrs. Mayward.

The young people are having gay times attending the parties these lovely moonlight nights. Croquet is a popular amusement during the afternoons.

There will be a series of meetings in the Baptist church, commencing next Saturday, July 25th.

Mr. N. O. Pyles from Coronaca is here traveling in the interest of the Press and Banner, which is in our judgment is the best country paper in the State.

Mr. Dave Wardlaw furnishes the public with excellent soda water and other refreshing summer drinks.

The Epworth League meets this evening at the residence of Mr. Steadman's. A full attendance is desired. L. W.

DUE WEST AND THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

New Livery Stables---Good Wishes for Our Cantata---Abbeville's Duty---Bachelors, and Other Things.

DUE WEST, S. C., July 20, 1891.

Mrs. B. C. DuPre, of Columbia, is visiting in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bonner are visiting at Waterloo.

The Picnic here on 21st is expected to be a nice occasion.

There are several houses in Due West that can be rented to advantage now.

Seven delegates from this society were appointed to attend the County Bible Society which meets in Abbeville next Wednesday. We hope a number will go. Due West will send her usual cash contribution, about $50.

Prof. Hood reports a pleasant time at Little Mountian on last Saturday.

A good many melons are coming into town.

Due West is to have two livery stables. The Messrs. Kennedy will build on the lot between Mr. R. C. Brownlee's and Mr. McGee's store. Mr. Power will build near the cross roads on his end of town.

We hope the coming ladies cantata at Abbeville will be a success. It is probable some will attend from here.

We are getting very dry.

We trust the County Bible Society will make full arrangements for the State Bible Society which meets in Abbeville next time. Abbeville must make more of a success than Columbia has.

The boys have quite a joke on one of our young bachelors. He has warned us not to publish it and we wont. But we hope to give a real nice notice about September next.

The young people of the 2nd A. R. Presbytery expect to have a convention at Troy, S. C., soon. We are not posted on the program. R. S. G.

Open and shut Fans 2 for 5 cents. W. E. Bell.

CONDITIONAL DEMOCRATS.

THE POLITICAL CONDITION OF THE COUNTRY.

Colonel W. P. Calhoun Writes a Letter in Which he Discusses Politics.

Abbeville, S. C., July 13, 1891.

Editor Press and Banner:

I have been watching political events in the State for some time with a great deal of interest, and, at the same time with grave apprehensions of the result of the measures being advocated by certain men who seem willing to destroy the democratic government of our State in order to advance their personal interests.

They may say what they please to the contrary, but every step taken by Messrs. Talbert, Stokes, Terrell & Company is to prepare our people for a bolt from the democratic party, if they think they can gain a sufficient number of followers to reasonably insure success. There are, in my opinion, only two things that will prevent this bolt. The first is this:—If the men referred to can secure their political advancement by means of the alliance within the democratic party, all may be well. The other and, perhaps, the most powerful reason to prevent the bolt, will be their failure to control a sufficient number of the Alliancmen of the State to follow them to insure success.

This is not only my individual opinion, but that of a great many of our people, including farmers, Alliancemen, merchants, lawyers and men of all professions.

A very prominent allianceman in this county said to me that he "smelt third party in the air," and "that in his opinion it was time for democrats to go to work, if they proposed to hold the party together."

There are mutterings in this section against the doings of the men referred to above that means much; and as soon as it is heard, that crowd had better heed at once. The opinion is freely expressed that the democracy of South Carolina should be at once organized to do battle against the third party demon, and to make the men now suspected of a tendeney to third partyism declare themselves in such a manner as to leave no doubt as to where they stand. No doubt many of them would declare in words that they are democrats, but that declaration should not be accepted as sufficient proof. Let their actions and conduct, or some other test to be hereafter determined on be the test.

To delay in this matter while the enemy is in the field actively fighting democracy and our constitutional government, is suicidal to the cause of democracy. We should not keep idle and inactive till it is too late to act.

Immediately action on the part of the democracy is absolutely necessary to put a stop to the third party movement. If State Chairman Irby refuses to aid us in organizing the democracy, there are other methods of organizing for which we have sufficient precedent; and if we, in this emergency, follow the precedent, we cannot be blamed nor criticised for so doing.

Alliancemen who openly say that if they can get their demands within the democratic party, that they will remain in the party; and that if they cannot do so, that thsy will seek them in another way, cannot call themselves democrats. They are merely conditional democrats, upon whom we cannot depend. We do not want such men in the party, and they ought not to remain members of our democratic organization. By this call for the organization of the party at this early date, it is meant to weed out all such from our ranks and to give them the privilege of seeking their political advancement outside of the democratic party, as we cannot afford to support and advance such men.

I do not think that the farmers of the state will quit the democratic party. It is the only safe anchor that they have in politics; but an effort should be made to stem the tide that now threatens the democratic party. Give each man the the chance to say where he stands; and whenever a man presents himself, claiming that he is a democrat on certain conditions or on any conditions, strike his name from the roll, because such a man cannot be a democrat.

I make this motion for Abbeville county. Now let all the counties that second it, speak out.

Wm. Patrick Calhoun.

Latimer's Ladies and Gentlemen.

LATIMER, S. C, July 13, 1891.

Watermelons, watermelon-, green rind, red meat, full of juice and so sweet. This is the cry on our streets, and the melons are certainly nice, fresh from Augusta's noted market.

Our farmers are all blue, too much dry weather. The gardens too are all burning up.

Miss Ida McAllister, of Mt. Carmel, is visiting her sister Mrs. Foster Blackwell.

Mrs. Willie Bell, of Abbeville, spent several days last week, with the family of Mr. Robert Bell of our town. This lady's sweet bird-like voice added no little to the pleasure of our Sunday School last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Robert Watkins and a friend Augusta are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lomax.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, of Antreville, are visiting the family of Mr. C. G. McAllister.

The young people of our neighborhood are agitating a moonlight picnic or lawn party to be given at the old croquet ground next Friday evening. Our Latimer young ladies are noted for the success of their intertainments, and if the lawn party is a reality, every one may be assured of a delightful evening spent in charming society.

Misses Lallis and Eunice, the two beautiful daughters of Mr. Edwin Calhoun, are home for their summer vacation after an absent of nearly a year in Washington, Ga.

Our high school is closed for six weeks vacation, while our popular teacher seeks rest and recreation visiting relations and friends who are always glad to welcome her bright sunny presence.

Little Willie, the seven year old son of our esteemed friend Mrs. Nina Taggart, was thrown from his horse and had his arm severely sprained. Willie is a little soldier with his sufferings and bears pain like a man.

Miss Rosa Calhoun, of Due West, spent a week with her sister Carle on her way home from Washington, Ga., where she has been at school for the past ten months.

As stated before the Bible Society of Rocky River church will meet at Salem church next Wednesday the 15th. Mr. Beard, of Lowndesville, will preach and Mr. Wm. Bell, of Antreville, will deliver the annual address.

After an absence of a year Miss Lelia Swearinger is home for the summer with her unusually sweet face and modest manners. Miss Leila adds no little to the society of our town. Phyllis.

Works Like a Charm.

CAVE SPRING, GA., May 13, 1891.

Mr. H. W. Hubbard, Atlanta, Ga.

DEAR SIR:—I can fully recommend the Cotton Bloom Gin and Feeder. I have been in the Ginning Business for several years, and I am better pleased with the Cotton Bloom Gin and Feeder I bought of you than any I ever used for its light running, good sample and ease to regulate. Can be set to cut close without stopping the Gin. The Balance Wheel on the Brush works like a charm. Any person wishing to hear from me further will write to

Yours truly, J. M. LATHEM.

See advertisement of these Gins in another column.

Greenwood's Dots.

GREENWOOD, S. C., July 21, 1891.

Fine showers of rain have fallen and the hopes of the farmers are revived.

Protracted services are being held in the Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Reid from North Carolina is assisting the pastor, Rev. W. T. Matthews.

Prof. Cunningham, from Harlin City, is visiting old friends in town. Prof. Cunningham was at one time editor and proprietor of the Greenwood Light.

Work is being pushed on the dwellings of F. M. Allen, M. Strdwham, Mrs. Taggart, R. P. Pinson, J. L. Carr and others. Many of the new buildings now being built are very ornamental and will add much to the beauty of the town.

Dr. J. C. Maxwell and wife have gone on their summer vacation. They will be away for a months or six weeks.

A large crowd of excursionists camr over from Elberton, Ga, last Thursday, and spent the day in seeing the sights of the town. They were a very orderly and well behaved lot of visitors, and we hope that they will not make this their last visit.

The Maxwell Rifles will meet in Bailey Hall for their first drill this afternoon.

Mr. W. Z. McGee is at home from the Citadel. Mac.

Smith & Sons have just opened up quite a variety of fresh Rota Baga and Turnip seeds, call on them and supply yourself.

MODERN TROY.

Her Business Men, and Her Society Talk.

TROY, S. C., July 20, 1891.

Troy is a beautiful little town situated on both sides of the A. & K. R. R., seventeen miles south of Greenwood. It is supported on all sides by a fine farming country. We feel free to say, without fear of contradiction, that a more highminded, more social, more intelligent and more hospitable people are not to be found in any town of its size in South Carolina. It contains between one hundred and fifty and two hundred inhabitants, has 7 churches (3 colored and 4 white), two schools, one hotel, one grist mill, one saw mill, one planing mill, one cotton gin and several stores.

The following is a list of business firms of Troy:

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Robinson & Dendy,
Wideman & Pressley,
J. S. Harris,
J. T. Solomon,
Bradley & Kennedy,
J. S. Burnett,
J. L. Russell,
Crespwell & Leard.

DRUGS, &C.

T. C. Lites.

MILLINERY.

Miss J. Caldwell.

Park Hotel is a large, well furnished and pleasantly located building. It is within easy reach of the depot and post office, and is just in front of a beautiful park. The domestic affairs are presided over by Mrs. F. T. Bradley who sees that everything is kept in perfect order, and that her guests are provided with a bountiful supply of wholesome food.

We would here state that all the wells of water in Troy are limestone, just strong enough to make it taste well. Lime water is said to be good for indigestion.

The four white churches in Troy are Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Associate Reform Presbyterian. The colored churches are Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian.

Mrs. Mary Keller is visiting her relatives near Troy.

We are of the opinion it would be to the best interest of the town to unite the two schools and have a graded school.

Miss M. Annie McCaslan is one of Troy's most worthy and most industrious young ladies. She is now correspondent for three newspapers.

Mr. W. R. Thompson, supervisor of A. & K. R. R., and family have recently become citizens of our town. We extend to him a hearty welcome.

Mr. T. C. Lites is our polite and accommodating postmaster.

An ice cream festival will be given by the Sons of Temperance next Tuesday evening. We wish them a pleasant evening.

Miss Maggie Eakin of Greenwood, is visiting the family of Mr. J. W. Lyon.

A child of Mr. Marion N. Banks died a few days ago of cholera.

Mr. Geo. Rosenswick is making some improvement on his dwelling.

Miss Iola Gifford, of Hampton, is visiting her cousins the Misses Smart.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the closing exercises of Miss Ada Cowan's school. The program was a most excellent one, and everybody was well pleased. This is the fourth year Miss Cowan has taught the Oak Grove school and this fact within itself speaks well for her as a teacher.

The Sirens is the name of an organiztion here, the object of which is to promote the social interests of the town. J. S. Harris, president, G. W. Kennedy, secretary and treasurer. The ice cream festival given by this society last Thursday evening in the Hotel Park was a splendid affair.

The health of Rev. H. C. Smart we are glad to state is improving.

Miss Laura Johnson, of Greenwood, is visiting her sister Mrs. T. N. Dendy, who has been quite ill. She is now convaleseing.

Mrs. Mattie Bowen, of Pickens, is visiting her parents and friends.

Mr. W. T. Jay has recently completed a course in Osborne's Business College, Augusta, Ga., and Mr. J. E. Chiles has also completed a business course in the Davis School, Winston, N. C. Both of these young men are sober, worthy and industrious.

The Knights of Honor have a membership of 35 or 40, and the lodge of United Workmen have a membership of 15 or 20.

The Ancient Free Masons meet every 4th Saturday afternoon.

Miss Belle Neel closed her school in Troy about the middle of June. Her work was appreciated by her patrons.

Rev. Foster Bradley is of the opinion that our people do not need cheaper money, but simply more money.

Considerable interest is manifested here in the Cantata to be given this week in the Court House at Abbeville.

Mr. L. O. Beauford spares no pains in pleasing his customers. He gins his neighbors' cotton, grinds their grain and supplies them with either rough or dressed lumber from his mills.

Mr. Frank Russell runs a machine shop, and is always ready to serve the public in the way of repairs.

Judging from the appearance of the Academy one would conclude that either a maniac or a cyclone or both had passed through the lower part of this building.

Mr. John W. Tittle, of Rockmart, Ga., is here visiting his many friends and numerous relatives. Mr. Tittle is a native of this county and moved from here to Georgia several years ago.

Maj. W. A. Glover is just as jolly as ever. He certainly enjoys a good joke as well as any man we know of.

Miss Eva Smart is to be congratulated for her success in securing a position as teacher in the Greenwood Graded School. She is a most excellent and deserving young lady, and is highly complimented by the patrons of her school here. M.

Mr. G. W. Connor, of Hampton, visited our town a few days ago in the interest of Moore, Marsh & Co., At