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RICHARD GANTT, is now prepared to do all work in his department in the best manner and at reasonable charges. Monthly customers shaving, hair cutting and shampooing $1 per month. Razors honed and put in the best condition for 25 cents each.

School Notice.

ALL persons holding school claims will have them registered at once, as I want to make up my annual report.

E. COWAN,
School Commissioner.

Oct. 25, 1893, tf

J. T. PARKS,
Fire, Life & Real Estate Agent
Cothran's Brick Office, Main Street.

FOR SALE.
Settings of Indian Game Fowls $2.00
Settings of S. C. Brown Leghorn, 1.50
Abbeville, S. C., Feb. 7, 1894.

E. F. GILLIARD,
∴ TAILOR, ∴

HAS moved, and occupies the room recently occupied by J. L. Clark, the gunsmith, and is now prepared to do all kinds of repairing and cleaning of gentlemen's clothes on short notice.
Samples of suits always on hand. Charges reasonable.

Bank of Lowndesville,
LOWNDESVILLE, S. C.

Capital Stock Paid in $20,000 00
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DOES A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS. Affords best security and facilities for depositors.
Issues time certificates of deposits bearing interest as follows: Six months 4 per cent., twelve months 5 per cent.

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TERRA COTTA WELLS
— AT —
PRICES to SUIT the TIMES.

IN THE FUTURE I propose to sink the celebrated Terra Cotta Wells at a great reduction in my former price. So parties desiring an everlasting supply of good sparkling water at a low price would do well to confer with me before making other arrangements, as I propose to make it to the interest of all to do so. WATER OR NO PAY—is my motto. I have in ten years experience standing testimonials in six counties. Address

C. M. CALHOUN,
Greenwood, S. C.
March 22, 1893, tf

A Complete and Full
STOCK OF THE CELEBRATED
Metropolitan Brand of Mixed Paints
— OF —
JOHN LUCAS & CO.
always on hand at the
City Drug Store.

PRICES IN ONE GALLON CANS by the single can $1.25. A liberal discount to painters using large quantities.
Oct. 25, 1893, tf

The State of South Carolina,
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.
PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the Estate of G. W. Calhoun, colored, Deceased.

Notice to Debtors and Creditors.

ALL persons indebted to said estate must settle without delay, and those holding claims against the estate must present them properly attested to.

P. H. McCASLAN,
Feb. 19, 1894. * Administrator.

E. BOGGERO,
GREENWOOD, S. C.

MANUFACTURER and dealer in Rough Granite, Monuments, Gravestones, all kind Cemetery Work, and Builders Work.
All orders promptly attended to.
Feb. 21, 1894, 3 m. *

SCHOOL NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING BUSINESS with the School Commissioner will find him in his office all public days and every Saturday in each month nearest the middle of the month, during the present year for the purpose of registering claims, &c.

E. COWAN,
School Commissioner Abbeville County.
Feb 2, 1892.

Vocal Lessons.

MRS. STANLEY desires to teach a singing class, and will give instruction on the most favorable terms. Of her ability and her sweet singing Miss Sosnowski, Principal of the Home School in Athens, Ga., says:
"I am happy to speak most favorably of Mrs. Ellen Stanley. She always gave pleasure in Athens by her beautiful singing, and besides the instruction she received at the Home School, she had the great advantage of instruction in vocal culture in the Boston Conservatory of Music."

Try one of Kerr's Morpheus springs at only $3, the best in the market.

Just think of it! You can buy at Kerr's 1 solid oak side board, 1 6 foot extension table and six oak high back dining chairs for $22.50.

See Kerr's job lot 8x10 picture frames at only 50c.

Solid gold filled and plated shirt stud buttons at Reese & DuPre's.

Watch Chains from $1.00 to $10.00 at Reese & DuPre's.

Aluminium thimbles now for 10 cents each at Reese & DuPre's.

See the trained monkeys at Reese & DuPre's.

Mrs. R. M. Haddon is now in New York buying spring goods.

Haddons advertize new spring goods this week. If you wish new stuff go to Haddons.

Satines 10 cents, Percales 10c. Outings 8c, Checked Muslin 8c. All much cheaper than the market. Abbeville Supply Co.

See Percales—by the pound, 25c. Come and see the beautiful line. Abbeville Supply Co.

C. P. Hammond & Co. repair shoes and harness promptly and cheaply. Send them your shoes.

The stomach has a prominent place in the influences which affect humanity. Old and young are affected by it.

SOME PLAIN TALK.

"Saluda" Just Strikes Square at our Folly and Neglect of Duty.

Ninety-Six, S. C., Feb. 26, 1894.

While every man has or ought to have some particularly profession or business, and every one ought to use the opportunities as they furnish themselves to make his business a success, which can only be done by frugality, industry and proper economy not a few in our days are continually complaining and croaking about the hard times and scarcity of money, and the high prices they have to pay the merchant for the corn and flour, meat, &c., they have to, or do buy on time, but fail to attach the blame to where it properly belongs. It has been the history of the human family from time immemorial to blame somebody else for our short comings and mistakes, and thus try to lay our sins at the door of some one else. We find this true in almost every department of business life.

But what I desire to do is not to write an essay on religion nor politics, but to endeavor to point out a few of the evils we hear so much talk about and say to my fellow farmers, for it is to them I desire to speak, that we as farmers are more to blame for the tight times than all other classes and professions combined. This is a broad assertion but nevertheless a true one which we think can be proven to any fair minded unprejudiced man.

In the first place no farmer who deserves the title of farmer can give any good and substantial reason for buying corn, meat, flour and almost everything else used on the farm. How can we as reasonable, sensible men expect any thing else but hard times when we to a very large extent buy western mules and horses, corn and hay to feed them with, all of which can be and should be raised at home on the farm. Suppose the money which has been paid out for mules, horses, corn, meat and hay had been kept at home for the past ten years, what would be the condition of the country to-day? It would be hard to even imagine, but one thing we can say with safety and that is we would have had more money, more to eat and more peace, harmony and good will toward our fellowman of all classes and professions. But some one may say if we had commenced on that plan ten years ago it is true we might have been in better shape, but it is too late now to adopt any such system and in fact I am in debt and cotton is the only thing I can sell for the cash and about the only thing I can live on with which to buy western corn and meat, and hence I am compelled to make cotton. I have heard such argument as this, and at the same time will tell you they are getting deeper in debt evey year, then can it be otherwise when it cost as much or a little more to grow a bale of cotton than you can sell it for?

It matters not how cheap corn, meat, lard, hay, mules and horses can be bought, it is cheaper in the long run to raise all these things on the farm and then all the cotton you can grow is a surplus crop.

I know of a farm upon which there is a stallion, jack, twelve brood mares, and eight colts, all of which are home bred except three mares, and home raised corn and hay to feed them, all of which has been raised at a far less cost than the present cash value. But says one I am not fixed up for raising stock and my land is not adapted to raising corn, oats and other grain crops, and therefore I must raise cotton with which to buy all these things. Well, neighbor what do you usually have at the end of the year on the all cotton system? I leave the question for you to answer but will make one little guess, that is: you have empty cribs, empty smokehouses, and lean mules and cattle, and a balance due the merchant for the past year's supplies to be carried over to the next year's account. We would say that this is very kind and clever in the merchant. Viewing it from a common sense stand point, we think it is altogether wrong to be saying so many hard things about the very men who by their kindness and accommodation enable you to "eat drink and be merry" and work only six months out of twelve, thus giving you six months out of the year to poke your nose and mouth into other peoples business and peddle in cheap scandles and street corner gossips. Many of us are great thinkers and talkers, but few good workers and managers, and why? Because we give too much time to other peoples business and too little to our own. Because we find so much good in ourselves and so much meanness in our neighbors. Now if we could only get to the point where we could see more goodness in others and more meanness in ourselves, and devote more time and attention to our own business, and less to that of our neighbors before the eloquent appeals of the next crop of office seekers shall be heard ringing from every stump in the State depicting and magnifying the misery, woes and oppression of the poor down-trodden farmers we shall witness a great reaction and improvement financially politically and morally. Try it. Saluda.

HONORS TO JUDGE BENET.

Abbeville's New Circuit Judge in the Graces of the People.

We, as Grand Jurors for the ensuing term take pleasure in expressing our sincere gratification in meeting you at this your first term as Presiding Judge in Clarendon county. In behalf of the citizens of Clarendon we extend to you a warm and hearty welcome in our midst, and we feel that your services on the bench of South Carolina will add honor to your name, a proud heritage to your offspring, and glory to the law and the judiciary of the State.

We listened attentively to your magnificent and able charge to us, delivered at the opening of the term, and the light thrown upon our duties makes us realize the gravity and greatness of those duties.

We feel anxious to perform our duties conscientiously and fully, and to do so we must keep in mind your masterly charge of instructions.

We, therefore, have requested the editor of the Manning Times, our county newspaper which reaches the homes and firesides of our fellow citizens, to publish your charge, that we may be better enabled to understand our duties as instructed by yourself, and we further made this request for the publication of your charge to enable our fellow citizens, whom we are serving to also learn and understand the grave responsibilities devolved upon us, that they as good citizens can intelligently render us such aid as will be for the welfare and prosperity of Clarendon county.

There is a spirit of unrest taking posession of the entire world. It penetrates to the school-room, and shows itself in both teacher and pupil. The teacher steadily questions whether he is not a fool to spend his time with children; the pupil insists that only such things be taught him as will advance him in life—that is, aid him in making money. There is great need of rest—spiritual rest. No one can read the newspapers without seeing that he is surrounded by unhappy people. Certainly this is not the happy era—the golden age. The need of a solution of the problem of rest must be felt by those in charge of the school-room.

HEALTH RULES.—The condition of the body has much to do with soul. Sickness is not sin, but good health is to be greatly desired, and is promotive in many ways of piety. The Scientific American puts a volume of wisdom in six words: Strict temperance, correct diet, systematic exercise.

The following conversation is given as having occurred between a plain-spoken Scotch woman and her pastor: "Good morning, Janet. I am sorry to hear you did't like my preaching on Sunday. What was the reason?"

Janet—"I had three verra gude reasons, sir. Firstly, ye read the sermon; secondly, ye didna' read it well: and, thirdly, it wasna' worth readin' at all."

Ministers may not be allowed to carry their politics into the pulpit, but they are surely called upon to teach their people how to carry religion into their politics.

A teaspoonful of salt in a glass of water is a cure in many stomach troubles, relieving colic and helping digestion.

MATTISON'S MATTERS.

Al Sorts of Paragraphs Pleasantly Printed.

Mattison, S. C., Feb. 25, 1894.

A heavy snow fall the 25th, the cold wave reaching us on Saturday. The rabbits will be hunted now for the pleasure of the small boy and cuffie.

A negro claiming the name of Lon Croft was sent to the Abbeville jail on Saturday, for entering the residence of Mr. G. M. Mattison and stealing money. The community have united on self-protection and will endeavor to put down stealing. We have never heard of as much as has been this winter. They first began on potatoes and chickens and as soon as hogs were killed began on meat. Mrs. Shaw lost the meat of several hogs after it was cured.

Miss Fleita Gambrell has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister at Due West.

Miss Belle Latimer is off on a visit to relatives in Greenville county.

Brazeale Gambrell left here some time since for Texas. He seems well pleased so far, one may find in the "Lone Star State."

Mendoza Higgins and Clifton Shaw left last week for Clemson College. Both are bright studious boys.

The school at Oak Grove, taught by Miss Nannie Mattison is in a flourishing condition. Vocal music will be taught with the other studies during this term.

The birth day of Washington was celebrated with an attractive programme on the evening of the 22nd, to a large and appreciative audience. The children acted the parts assigned in a pleasant way and the time spent will never be forgotten as one of the most enjoyable evenings ever spent at Oak Grove. I will make no distinction as every pupil did the best he could. We regretred not having a larger house as some could not get inside.

The following is the programme:

CELEBRATION OF WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Salutatory—Benton Blackwell.
2. Why do we celebrate the day?—Eugene Johnson, Claude Johnson, Emory Williams, Benton Blackwell, Miss Laura Williams, Miss Corrie Moore, Miss Fleita Gambrell, Miss Mamie Allen, Miss Lela Davis.
3. The Laurel Wreath—Ernest Higgins, Carl Monroe, Ernest Mattison, Cleveland Williamson, Miss Claude Johnson, Miss Lela Davis, Miss Alice Beasley, Miss Luvie Higgins, Miss Etta Blaickwell, and Miss Ola Gambrell.
4. Happy Boys—Masters Claude Davis, Clarence Williamson, Horace Mattison, R. L. Beasley and Zeigler Higgins.
5. Recitation by Claude Johnson—Capture of the Hessians at Trenton.
6. The years of Washington's life—Ernest Mattison, Carl Monroe, Carl Austin, Parker Gambrell, Benton Blackwell, Ernest Higgins.
7. Memorial Exercises—Miss Alice Beasley, Miss Lela Davis, Miss Claude Johnson, Miss Levia Higgins, Miss Etta Blackwell, Miss Maud Davis.
8. The Truthful Boy Recitation—Masters Claude Davis, R. L. Beasley, Horace Mattison, Clarence Williamson, Zeigler Higgins.
9. Flag Exercise by twelve pupils.
10. Song—Red, White and blue.
11. Recitation—Ernest Mattison—"Was Washington like other boys?
12. Our Flag—Miss Luvia Higgins, Miss Eta Black well, Miss Lela Davis, Miss Maud Davis and Miss Ola Gambrell.
13. Building the Monument—Miss Maud Davis, Miss Ola Gambrell, Miss Luvia Higgins, Miss Etta Blackwell, Miss Carl Austin, Miss Clinton Williamson, Miss Cleveland Williamson, Miss Audrew Allen, Miss Niram Williams, Miss Ernest Higgins, and Miss Benton Blackwell.
14. Song—Only Remembered by What I have done.
Motion Recitation—By twelve pupils.—"Our Washington." Occasional.

A PLEASANT LETTER.

Our Banquet Did Much to Cement the North and the South in Friendship—Our Hospitality Appreciated.

Albany, N. Y., Febuary 22, 1894.

Col. W. C. McGowan, Abbeville, S. C.

My Dear Sir:—Returning from New Orleans we were very much pleased to be handed your esteemed favor upon the arrival of our train at Abbeville. We also very much appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending us copies of your local newspaper, the Press and Banner, containing an account of the entertainment with which you honored our command on Saturday night, February 3rd. We have all enjoyed reading the account very much.

The entertainment that was provided for us and the warmth and large-heartedness of your greeting was something as unexpected as it was agreeable, and in behalf of the Burgesses Corps permit me to thank you, and through you, to thank your honored father, the military and the citizens of Abbeville. We feel that you are all our friends now and our chief regret is, that you are not all members of our Corps. Should any of you ever have occasion to be in New York State, or better still, in Albany, you will learn that the Burgesses Corps never forget, and you must bear in mind that their latch-string will always be extended to your people. We greet you as brothers and of your welcome we speak as one of the most cordial and pleasing of any that we received while among our southern friends.

It is possible that the Corps will again attempt the journey to the Mardi Gras, and in that event we shall surely grasp you by the hand in sunshine rather than in darkness. I shall take pleasure in sending you and your father and any other persons whose names you may send me as likely to appreciate it, a copy of our souvenir volume containing a complete history of our trip, which will be issued in about six week. Kindly send me the names of any of our friends at Abbeville whom you would like to have receive a volume. I will also mail you some of our home papers containing a history of the trip.

I earnest believe that our trip has done more to cement the North and South than any like event that has occured since the war.

I hope some day to have the pleasure of meeting you and detailing our experience in your country.

Thanking you again for your kindness and presenting my most cordial greetings to your distinguished father, in which both General Carr and Colonel Danforth would join me were they here, I remain,

Very cordially yours,
James Otis Woodward.
Commandant.

Let the cow frisk in the open air once in a while; continuous stable life is not good for her.

A hen in her prime and properly cared for will produce three times her weight in eggs yearly.

Give the cow water once a day at least in winter, and always fresh from the well; never ice cold.

There is always a best way of doing everything, if it be but to boil an egg. Manners are the happy ways of doing things; each one the stroke of genius or of love—now repeated and hardened into usage. Your manners are always under examination, and by committees little suspected—a police in citizen's clothes—but are awarding or denying you very high prizes when you least think of it. Look on this woman. There is not beauty, nor brilliant sayings, nor distinguished power to serve you; but all see her gladly; her whole air and impression are healthful. Manners require time, as nothing is more vular than haste.—Emerson.

There is no flower in the field that owes so much to the sun as I do to Jesus Christ. That love which has redeemed my soul I fain would bear as an atmsphere, "speaking the truth in love.

If a man makes a foolish bargain, the memory of it will stick to him. If he gives up the future for the present, he will hear from it in the future.

How foolish it is for a man to choose something to eat and to drink at the cost of his integrity and manhood?

DUE WEST DOTS.

Preachers and People—Lovers and Marital Vows—Distinguished People Coming.

Due West, S. C., March 5, 1894.

Rev. E. E. Boyce, D. D., of Gastonia, N. C., is to deliver the next lecture in course to the students of the Seminary.

Mr. Black, of Erskine College, and Mr J. R. McGee are conducting a mission Sunday School in the Hagan section.

Mr. J. O. Belle, formerly of this county, is most pleasantly situated at Henrietta, N. C. He has a good position in the Henrietta Mills.

The monthy meeting of the Y. M. C. A., occurred last Saturday evening. Mr. J. J. Grier addressed the meeting. Messrs. Caldwell and Williamson, the delegates to the State Convention at Sumter report of the proceedings.

Mr. J. T. Pearson, of Anderson, paid Due West a short visit last week.

Rev. John C. Kilgo, of Wofford College, will deliver the anniversary address for the Due West Female College in June. He is one of the rising young men of the State.

Miss Alma Brock not having sufficiently gained her strength, from a recent attack of fever to continue her school near Mt. Carmel has arranged for Miss Ersie Ellis to take her place.

Speaker Ira B. Jones and wife will attend the Young People Convention in May. Mr. Jones has been invited to preside.

Mr. Boyce Ellis was happily married last Thursday to Miss Armstrong, a daughter of County Commissioner Armstrong, of Level Land. The bridal party left immediately after the ceremony for the home of Mr. Rice Ellis, the father of the groom, where they met a numoer of friends and partook of a sumptuous dinner. Dr. Grier tied the "silken knot."

Prof. Wm. Hood has a host of friends in this county who will be pleased to hear that he is meeting with such abundant success in Bartow, Fla. The school he has in charge has greatly increased in numbers since the opening in September. There are now over 350 pupils, with eight grades in the school.

R. S. G.

TALK AT TROY.

People Going and Coming—All Sorts of Mention.

Troy, S. C., March 5th, 1894.

We are having some fine weather after such a disagreeable spell.

Dr. W. E. Link of Willington is in town on professional business. He has many friends who are glad to see him.

Quarterly Conference commenced here Saturday, preaching by the Presiding Elder Rev. Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Sen from Thomas ann Barton's music house in Augusta met with the Associate Reform Presbyterian choir at the Park Hotel last Thursday night, and acted as organist, which was much appreciated by the choir.

We see from the Young Worker that Due West is putting on some extra preparation for the Convention which meets in May. We think our town will be well represented then, and we heard one of her citizens say that the latch string of that town being on the outside and they had never seen the time there was not room for one more.

Mrs. Dr. Boozer of Greenwood and Mrs. Wess Jennings of McCormick are with their brother Capt R. W. Liles.

Miss Eva Dorn after an extended trip in South Western Georgia has returned.

Dr. L. N. Kennedy one of our kindest and best citizens took all the young people sleigh riding last week. Many thanks, Doctor.

One of our most prominent citizens was out driving his stock last Sabbath morning at 5 o'clock in the sleet and snow. "He careth for his cattle," for further information call on the proprietor of the Park Hotel.

Judge F. A. Cook lost a good horse last Saturday.

One of our young men wrote a note to his best girl to escort her to the Temperance thinking it was Friday night, when it was only Wednesday night he received a kind note accepting his kind invitation but please wait until Friday night come.

A goodly number of Bradley friends worshipped in town Sunday.

Miss Kittie Hermon and Miss Fannie Jay are on the sick list.

Two stores were broken into in McCormick last week we learn that about $75 worth of goods were stolen, a week before this done some one broke into the smoke house of Mr. Joseph Patterson, four miles from this place, and stole 150 pounds of ham and beacon.

Mrs. —— Shanks died at her home on the 27 of February. Her remains were buried in Long Cane cemetery, Rev. R. E. Bradley conducting the funeral service. Nick.

Household Hints.

To keep oranges and lemons in perfection, hang them in a wire net in a cool and airy place.

Cut-glass should be washed with hot suds and a brush to cleanse all the small divisions of the pattern.

When ink has been spilt on a carpet wash at once with tepid water and soap, or ammonia, greatly diluted.

Butter put in clean pots and well surrounded with charcoal will keep good for several months.

One of the greatest conveniences a kitchen can have is a flap table, which when not in use can be folded up and fastened against the wall.

The lampwicks should have the charred part rubbed off with a rag, kept for that purpose. They should very seldom be cut.

Much of the heavy cake and bread is the result of the oven door being banged in closing. It should be closed as gently as possible.

Potatoes should be kept in barrels, while other vegetables should be placed on hanging shelves in a cellar that is cool and dry.

Rugs, when in need of shaking, should be hung on a line in the open air and carefully beaten with a whipper bought for the purpose.

Silk underwear should be washed in tepid water with ammonia, thoroughly rinsed and hung up to dry with perfectly clean clothespins.

Crude oil is an excellent polish and cleanser for both floors and furniture of all sorts, except highly finished wood, such as mahogany or bird's eye maple.

To sweep carpets thoroughly, wet a pint of corn meal slightly with water. Sprinkle it over the carpet and sweep. It lays the dust and is a good cleanser.

The farther north, the more injurious to the human system is the use of coffee. Greenlanders have found it necessary to prohibit its use by the young.

Morality of French Infants.

Owing to the enormous morality of newly-born Parisians put out to nurses and owing to the great morality of infants, principally among the laboring classes, from diphtheria and measles, and the high morality of the citizens from consumption, the average life or average age of those who die in Paris appears to be only twenty-eight years, while for the wole of France the average age is forty. Nevertheless the population of Paris increases more and more by the incessant immigration of provincials and foreigners, who make up two-thirds as against one-third of natives. But owing to their feeble natality and high morality of the families which are not united to these immigrants die out in three, four or at most five generations.

GREENWOOD'S LIFE.

HER PEOPLE — THEIR ACTIVITY — THEIR ENTERPRISE AND THRIFT.

Accidents and Assassinations—Brides and Bachelors—Politics and People—Counties and Constables—Gants and Grievances — Governors and Greatness — Royal Reformers and the Rigid Righteons.

Greenwood, S. C., Feb. 5, 1894.

Mr. J. W. Wells is preparing to begin the manufacture of brick.

The Oil Mill Company will probably rebuild their ginnery on a much more extensive and improved plan than the one burned.

One or more brick cottages will be erected at the Orphanage next summer. Onward and upward is Superintendent Vass' motto.

There is at least one thing common with our Governor and President—both are like old man Collin's sheep.

Mr. A. T. Brown, of the firm of Hartzog & Brown, has removed to Newberry where he will continue the livery business.

I would have it understood, once for all that, in choosing matter, framing sentences and couching paragraphs, I make no attempt to suit newspaper critics. To please the common people is the extent of my ability, the end of my ambition.

Correspondents often have to make corrections, sometimes retractions, neither is dishonorable, but both are annoying. I said last week that Conductor Youngblood broke his arm here on Sunday. It was one of his train men who only suffered a dislocation.

By the accident at the Spartan Mill several hundred operatives will be out of employment for several weeks yet to come. Among this number there are doubtless many who are hard run and will undergo many privations, but I know that the kind hearted President Capt. John H. Montgomery will not allow any of them to suffer. However it affords a golden opportunity for Hon. Stanyarne Wilson, Editor Gantt and Judge Hill to show, in a tangible way, how much love they have for the "dear factory people."

A good bit of trenchant wit, is there in the reported statement of a South Carolina murderer recently captured in Texas. He fell into the clutches of the law in the Lone Star State for stealing. He gave it out to his custodians that there was a large reward offered for him in this State, he having killed a man. In due time our State officials were notified and the sheriff of one of the upper counties went for him. He readily consented to come back without requisition papers, saying he would rather be tried for murder in South Carolina than for theft in Texas.

A great many are of the opinion that the Supreme Court is going to decide the dispensary law unconstitutional, but is giving the State time to run off the stock on hand. Having done this it can get out of business on short notice, having no bar fixtures to pack up or dispose of.

A great many of our farmers have money on deposit in bank, those who haven't will have no difficulty in getting all they need. This entire section was never in better shape for making a crop.

Dr. J. B. Hughey has moved into one of Mr. Giles's houses until he can rebuild.

When you have an item of news remember that if inserted in the Press and Banner, almost every person in the county will have an opportunity of reading it. This paper is paid to visit four fifths of the homes in the county and a large per cent of the other fifth borrow it.

Editor Rowell has been confined to his room for several days.

Associate Editor Thompson has moved into the Cheatham house in old Greenwood.

For several years the cotton mills of New England have been unable to compete with those of the south in the manufacture of staple goods. It is now thought that the still further advantage given the southern mills by the passage of the Wilson bill in its present shape, will force all manufacturers of cotton goods into the south. A great many seem to think that our adverse legislation, and war against corporations and capital, puts South Carolina in bad shape to bid for any of them. As an offset to this we can offer unparalelled advantages, in the way of water powers, of which no State in the south has an equal. So that it is quite probable that our State will continue in the lead in this important industry until all of her most important water powers shall have been developed.

We can now speak definitely about the population of our town. The census, shows a considerable increase over the most extravagant guesser. That it was correctly taken needs no verification. The name of Mr. S. G. Major as enumerator is sufficicient proof.

Mr. J. T. Harris is doubling the capacity of his hotel by his Lithia Spring near Waterloo. When finished he can accommodate several hundred guests, the increasing popularity of his spring made the extension necessary. Greenwood has a spring if she only had a Harris to develop it and bring it into repute.

Granting that the New County question is a proper one to inject into State politics, the plying of it to the gubernatorial candidates at Abbeville is nothing if not farcical. Everybody knows where Mr. Evans "is at" and if every other candidate was there too he would still be the choice of the Court House lawyers, politicians and new county opponents and very likely through their influence the choice of a selected delegation.

Mr. M. B. McGee, of Greenville, has been on a visit to his daughter Mrs. J. W. Sproles.

Miss Maggie Williams is off to Anderson where she will take part in the approaching carnival.

Mr. Tul Ellis, the handsomest bachelor in Due West—the Adonis of Chickasaw was in town last week.

Mr. E. A. Reynolds has awarded the contract for building his residence to Cook & Greene.

Mr. Thos. R. Riley is at home for a few days.

The formation of new and consequently smaller counties, seems to be growing throughout the State. There is no question about our large counties being a great barier to our material progress and general prosperity. The advantages of smaller counties are so many, so great and yet so common that any school boy can easily comprehend them. If the question of a division was left to the people it would pass overwhelmingly. In fact its only opposition would be from the few around the old Court Houses, which opposition would spring from purely selfish motives but being perfectly natural would be admissible.

Besides, when a community or a society of individuals, desire to separate and establish themselves into a new compact, in conformity to the law, and to remain a part of the whole it should be allowed, without any attempt to coercion whatever may be their motives.

In the matter of establishing new counties it is simply a question of States rights localized. And Abbeville, the birthplace of secession should be the last place in the State to make objection. The establishment of a Court House at any particular place is another and very different question, one that should be decided by the people within the proposed territory after the metes and bounds have been established.

One of our erstwhile anti's has just finished paying his taxes. He says he has not paid it all at once, nor before the time expired since Radicals, by the kindness of Treasurer Blake, he is able to preserve his record even in these record breaking time.

Mr. J. H. O'Neall and wife, of Greenville, are visiting his father's family.

Mr. Statcher is erecting two cottages on his vacant lots on New Street.

Conductors Armstrong and McManus and engineers Manning and Morris with their crews lie over here every night and Sunday. They are all fine men and we would be delighted to have them as citizens, but under the circumstances Mr. Major could not enumerate them as such.

Maj. S. P. Brooks, of Greenville, is looking after his interests here.

Drs. Neal and Cobb performed an operation on a little son of Mr. Wister Golden last Thursday—they taking out the necrosed bone in one leg caused by a bruise received sometime ago. The little fellow is doing very well.

Mrs. Carrie McGee and children are off on a visit to relatives in Columbia and Darlington.

Miss Cecelia Winstock, of Charleston, is visiting her sister Mrs. A. Rosenberg.

The cotton season being over Mr. W. A. Riley has returned home from Raleigh where he has been engaged the past season by a large cotton firm. A very flattering report from his employers preceeded him which was very gratifying, though not surprising to his friends. All know Mr. Riley to be an honorable, manly young man, incapable of doing a small thing. Yor all such there is always room at the top, where by his assidnity, inflexible will and indomitable perseverance, we expect to see him in this the coming business of the south.

For reasons somewhat personal the time was when I would have been pleased to see Treasurer Blake defeated by some other good man. Now that the Reformers have it exclusively their own way, I will be equally well pleased to see them elevate him to a position of honor and emolument equal to his aspirations and merit. Although the pin-feathers of a Court House politician are sometimes visible he is far, very far from a full fledged demagogue. He is of, and from among the people and knows what they need, and we believe would labor honestly for their amelioration without the hope of reward. He is a staunch Reformer, whose public and private record is above reproach. I have long since pardoned him for issuing a poll tax execution against me.

Miss Allie Ellis, of Hodges, is visiting the Misses Martin.

Governor Tillman's constables might have learned before now, that the tigers do not receive their whiskey by express. They can't afford to pay the express on such large quantities. Nor do they receive it through the freight office at the point of distribution. Nine-tenths of the packages seized are for private parties and is often strictly for medicinal purposes.

I have heard a great many dispensary patrons complaining about the whiskey's from there being too strong. This is no doubt because it has not been watered. Whiskey that hasn't had water is crazed by thirst and don't know any better than to burn you.

Attorney General Olney decided sometime ago that the silver certificates were not legal tender, but like the income tax, it affected me so little that I really forgot to make a note of it.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Dean celebrated their tin wedding Saturday evening.

What, with a State constable, and a salvation army preacher on our streets every day the tiger stands no show, hardly.

After a visit of a few days to her daughter Mr. W. H Mars, Mrs. W. E. Barmore has returned to her home at Donalds.

At the request of a number of citizens the Seaboard Air Line had excursion tickets on sale for Mr. Pearson's meetings, inclusive of Sunday. As Sunday trains, especially excursions even for religious services, is, in the minds of many good people, attended by more evil than good, it is perhaps well that circumstances made it necessary for Mr. Pearson to dispense with his Sunday morning services.

Jerome informs me that his mantle of bacherlorhood fell on Billy Anderson to whom I can go in future for Society news. Thanks, awfully.

Mr. E. K. Snead of Kirkseys was in town on business Friday.

We were delighted to see the happy face of Mr. John W. Pratt of Due West on our streets last week.

Acting, presumably on the advice of editor Gantt in his open letter to him, our governor suggests that each county elect one member of an executive committee whose duty it shall be to bring order out of reform chaos.

We notice that the papers are again dicussing the atrocious deeds of bloody Bill Cunningham. I am waiting expectanly for some of them to discover that he was an anti and the founder of conservatism.

Col. Gantt and Judge Hill of Spartanburg spent a short while in town Friday enroute to Georgia. On being assured that they were not going to be at Abbeville to assist in the Evans boom we allowed them to proceed unmolested. Editor Gantt is a hustler—a writer in a storm and whatever else may be said of his paper for general State and county news the Piedmont Headlight is the best weekly news paper in the State. Col. Gantt was charmed by what he saw of our town and promises an editorial visit at an early day.

Rev. Sam Jones has promised our Methodist friends to give them a lecture in the early spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Chiles and little Tommie—the finest one year old boy in the country—of Bradleys were in town Saturday.

The Greenwood Coal Company has increased its capital and will carry a stock of lumber and builders supplies. It will be known as the Greenwood Coal and Lumber Company.

Mr. Ward has moved into the Merriman cottage.

Mr. Robert Bullock has our thank for a choice selection of scions from his orchard which grows so much luscious fruit.

Mr. Ben Harvley, of Street, one of the Press and Banner's staunchest Edgefield friends was in town Saturday.

Master T. J. Crymes, Jr., was on the streets Friday evening, in charge of his nurse. In about fifteen years he will be as tall and handsome as the old gentleman.

Mr. C. M. Calhoun received intelligence Saturday that his son Mr. R. A Calhoun of Shrevesport, La., was confined to his room from a flesh wound in the leg caused by the accidental discharge of his gun while duck hunting.

Abe Wise (colored) was seriously if not fatally shot, by two or more parties from ambush Saturday night. Eight shots were fired, three of which took effect in his arm, hip and leg. He was returning from his home to the square and was fired upon from behind a clus of pines near the G., C. & N. depot. Abe's own record is not at all savory but the dastardly attempt the assassinate him is deplored and condemned by all good citizens. His assassins are supposed to be those engaged in the nefarious tiger business. He has been aiding constable Rankin in the prosecution of his work. All the parties to the unfortunate affair are colored.

A firm, with capital and experience has bought the plant of McClintock, Reynolds & Co. and will convert it into a coffin and furniture factory.

And now that the Prosperity Press and Reporter has been subsidized by the enemies of reform. Another and truer paper is to be started at the same place.

Mr. Hugh Wilson, Sr. was on our streets Saturday, although ripe in years he enjoyed excellent health, and moves along with a and steady step without the aid of a stick. Few men of his age are as well preserved.

The gentleman from Aiken, Mr. Evans, is evidently a John on a reform boat, every reformer in this, Laurens and Spartanburg counties with whom I have talked—and they are many—are opposed to him for governor. Many of them are likewise opposed to an early convention but will support Tillman for anything he wants—in the language of Mr. Baskins. If it isn't in the State they will order it—even for a third term but will draw the line on his Lieutenant, if it be the Hon. John G. Evans.

They have given the lawyers enough they say, especially the Gary family, and want an unadulterated Allianceman—a chemically pure farmer for governor next and are going to have him.

Upon the whole all things, except the court house bosses, point unmistakably to the probability that, when the convention convenes in Columbia, by whomsoever called, the gentleman from Aiken and other aspiring politicians will be related to the rear. If the dispensary law is constitutional the Reformers agree that any one of a dozens farmers—alliaceman—in their ranks will have the backbone to enforce it, hence it is no argument in favor of Mr. Evans to say that he alone can enforce it, because he has received his training at the feet of the dispensary Gamaliel. But in it all there is no special cause for rejoicing among conservatives.

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It is all very well to tell me that a young man has distinguished himself by a brilliant first speech. He may go on, or he may be satisfied with his first triumph; but show me a young man who has not succeeded at first, and nevertheless has gone on, and I will back that young man to do better than most of those who have succeeded at the first trial.

A Mother's Practicing.

A young man, who was being examined preparatory to uniting with the Church, was asked, "Under whose preaching were you converted?" "Under nobody's preaching," was his reply; "I was converted under my mother's practicing." What a tribute of a consecrated motherhood was that young man's answer! How very near to Christ must that mother have lived!

It is a waste of time and money to try and grow profitable crops upon low, wet ground. The best thing that you can do, if you have such a piece, is to invest a little of your suplus in draining it. Probably it is rich, and the extra crops that it will produce will soon repay you for the outlay.

Fresh eggs are heavier than the old ones. Therefore, when put in water the older ones will float higher.

Never have high roosts for heavy fowels. It is the comfort of the fowels first, other considerations afterward.

When frost glitters in the stable the crows will be poor before the summer time.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

TO CANVASS THE RETURNS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY.

Who They Are and What is Expected of Them.

The returns of the various Townships will be forwarded to the Township Board of Assessors by or before March 6th; they will then have until March 12th for examining the returns. Try and forward the returns to this office by the 12th or 13th of March. It is clearly the duty of this Board to scrutinize each return carefully and to see that each item of property listed thereon is assessed at its true market value. There is no rule to return property at 66⅔ per cent. of its actual value. Where parties are suspected of having credits above their indebtedness or any other character of property that does not appear on their sworn return, it is the duty of the Board to enter such property or report the case to the Auditor for investigation.

This is also the year for the re-assessment of real estate. I hope the Board will see to it that land is assessed at its true market value. For example, as it would sell at Master's sale.

In every instance where there is a material change in the return of an individual be sure and notify the party, so that he may have the power to appeal to the County Board of Equalization.

The County Board of Equalization will hold its annual meeting in the Auditor's office, Friday, March 16th. The work of the County Board may require more than a day.

The following freeholders are hereby appointed Boards of the various Townships:

Ninety-Six—J. P. Phillips, J. W. Fouche, J. A. Calhoun.

Greenwood—C. A. C. Waller, W. H. Mays, James F. Coleman.

Cokesbury—T. J. Ellis, G. B. Riley, W. R Dunn.

Donalds—E. L. Waldrop, W. J. Donnald, B. J. Martin.

Due West—J. E. Todd, M. B. Clinkscales, Jno. T. Bryant.

Long Cane—A. F. Calvert, W. A. Stevenson N. P. McIlwain.

Smithville—N. Anderson, Jr., J. L. White, W. W. Purdy.

White Hall—A. J. Pounds, D. W. Jay, J. L. Ward, Sr.

Indian Hill—J. L. Russell, J. C. Kennedy, R W. Crawford.

Cedar Springs—A. K. Watson, John Lyon, R. O. Hunter.

Abbeville—James McMillan, Jones F. Miller, P. A. Cheatham.

Diamond Hill—S. B. Knox, A. F. Carwile, J. C. Tribble.

Lowndesville—I. H. McCalla, L. C. Mauldin, Dr. A. J. Spe