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The Water Works.

Our people are now giving attention to the question of water. The great cash deficiency that occurs annually in the operation of the plant affords a theme for discussion. The deficiency has to be paid by the town council, although that body has no power to contract or reduce the outlay. The water commission receives or collects the water rents, and the council must meet the deficiency.

No complaint or censure of the Water Commission, because of past deficiencies, has been heard, and all our people seem satisfied that effort has been made to be as economical as possible in the operation of the water plant, but it appears to many that the Electic Light and Power Company has made an exceedingly liberal offer, whereby a heavy burden would be lifted from the shoulders of the people.

While we do not know the exact sums collected for water rents, we are furnished by the City Council with the following statement of the amount of deficiencies which they have paid during the last twelve months:

1899.		
May	$178 76	
July	263 41	
October	96 14	
December	55 35	
1900.		
January	867 22	
February	90 00	
April	540 00	
Deficiency in operation		$2,090 88
Additional charges:		
Sinking fund	625 00	
Interest on bonds	1,500 00	
Air compressor	1,051 30	
Freight	124 44	
Expense air compressor	193 25	
Belting	123 48	$5,708 30
Total deficiency		$7,799 18

The city of Abbeville gives her people good water. Our understanding is that it costs from four to six times as much to get the water into the reservoir as it does to pump it from the reservoir into the stand pipe. If the city gave us branch water, we might get it for eight cents a thousand gallons.

From our point of view, the users of water have no good cause to complain at thirty cents per thousand gallons, and we think when they become accustomed to the meter system, they would cheerfully pay that amount.

The great question before this people is: Will the Water Commission assume the responsibility of refusing a seemingly good offer, and run the risk of charging a big deficiency against the council?

In view of the offer of the Electric Light and Power Company, will the City Council willingly consent to the continued footing of the deficiency bills, should they occur?

While it is possible that much of our understanding of this matter may be at fault, yet there seems to be enough in it to prompt further and fuller investigation, and we know that the Water Commission will concur in any effort that may be made to bring about the best results.

The people want to be informed on the status of affairs, and they will be perfectly satisfied when they understand and know all the facts that combine for the best interests of us all.

Death of Rev. J. O. Lindsay D. D.

His many friends will be sorry to learn of the death of Rev. J. O. Lindsay, D. D., one of the ablest as well as one of the best ministers of the gospel in this County.

For seventy-eight years he lived a blameless life, and all that time he labored zealously for the upliting of the people. He was distinguished for his honesty of speech, and the courage with which he expressed himself. He was a factor in all assemblies of Christians, and the vigor with which he used pen drew attention whenever he wrote for the newspapers. In early life he was editor of the Erskine Miscellany at Due West. He sold the paper to his brother-in-law, Dr. J. I. Bonner, in January, 1852, and he has since then devoted himself to the preaching of the gospel.

The editor of the Press and Banner left the parental roof 1851 to go to his home, and to set type for the Erskine Miscellany, and we remember his kind treatment with much affection.

Free Advertisements.

The State makes a point on us about advertising patent medicines. We were caught napping that time, and we accept The State's amendment. We did inadvertantly give the patent medicine a notice free of charge, after having refused pay to publish notices of it.

Charleston's Good Luck.

It now seems probable that Charleston may get Port Royal's dry dock. This will be a great blow to the little city with the best harbor on the coast. And Charleston will be very proud of her good fortune.

Big frauds in the post office affairs in Cuba, have been unearthed, and various changes will follow.

DR. LINDSAY'S WILL.

It Was Proved Last Monday in the Probate Court.

Rev. Henry D. Lindsay, D. D., Allegheny, Pa., Dr. J. J. Lindsay, Messrs. Henry E. Bonner and Samuel Agnew, of Due West, appeared in Probate Court on Monday to probate will of Dr. J. O. Lindsay, deceased.

Dr. Lindsay gave his entire estate to his wife during her life time, and at her death to be equally divided among his children.

The Doctor's life was insured for several thousand dollars for the benefit of his widow. He also held a policy for $1,000 in favor of his wife and children.

An Old Friend.

Mr. W. A. Latimer, of Augusta, is in town. He was a member of Company G, 19th S. C. V. R. A better soldier or a better man was not in the confederate army, and Augusta has no better or more useful citizen than W. A. Latimer.

MR. J. T. BIGHAM, Editor Lantern, is to be in office of Judge of Probate today with a view to taking out letters of administration on estate of the late Walter Miller, deceased.

Mrs. J. B. Britt and children of Wideman's are now on a visit to her father, Mr. F. L. Morrow.

COL. W. A. LATIMER, of Augusta, Ga., is in the city.

MR. DARGAN and wife returned from their Northern trip on Monday last.

R. M. Haddon's Locals.

For all kinds of staple or fancy goods go or send to Haddon's.

One to 3 cases of Millinery coming in every week at Haddon's.

If you need a Commencement out-fit go or send to Haddon's.

You will invariably find just what you want in Dry Goods or Millinery at Haddon's.

Now is the time for white goods. You will find them in great variety at Haddon's.

Special offer—Short ends in silks. Call early to secure the best values at Haddon's.

Ladies made skirts at Haddon's.

Ladies shirt waists—just the thing for these hot days at Haddon's.

LIBERAL OFFER.

Proposition Whereby the Town of Abbeville Would be Relieved of a Heavy Burden.

The Abbeville Electric Light and Power Co.
Abbeville, S. C., May 24, 1900.

To the Hon. Board of Public Works, Abbeville, S. C.

Gentlemen:—We take pleasure in handing you herewith our formal proposition in the form of a contract for operating the Waterworks Plant of the City of Abbeville, S. C., and ask that you consider same at your earliest convenience.

If the form of our contract does not suit you, we would be pleased to consider a new contract or a contract in any other form that you may suggest or approve of since our idea in presenting this for approval is simply to furnish the city water free of cost, and water to private consumers at a minimum rate, and at the same time protect our own interest. Awaiting your decision, we remain,

Very respectfully,
The Abbeville Electric Light & Power Co.
C. G. Sayre,
Vice-President and Gen. Mgr.

State of South Carolina,
County of Abbeville.

The Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of South Carolina, and the Commissioners Public Works of the City of Abbeville, in said County and State, have agreed together, and hereby agree and promise as follows:

First. In consideration of the promises hereinafter contained and of the sums of money agreed to be paid by the said Commissioners, the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company hereby agrees to operate the waterworks plant of said city at its own expense to furnish water to private consumers and for purposes other than those mentioned below for said Commissioners at the rate of twenty cents per thousand gallons at the maximum, and further agrees to furnish water to the said city for the purposes of extinguishing fire, for public watering places on the square of said city, and for sprinkling the said square, free of charge. And they farther promise and agree for the protection of the said city from fire to fill the standpipe of said city with water at least twice each day, and to keep the same so filled at all times as that there shall be a minimum pressure of eighty pounds to the square inch at the pump of the waterworks plant, except in cases of unforeseen accident and temporarily while the said plant or system is undergoing repairs.

Second. And the said Commissioners of Public Works of the City of Abbeville hereby agree and promise, in consideration of the foregoing to employ the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company to operate the waterworks plant of said city, allowing them the use of all machinery now owned or used by such plant, and giving them full control over said plant for the purposes of operating same, and agree to pay to the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company the sum of twenty cents per thousand gallons for furnishing water to private consumers and for purposes other than those mentioned in the proviso hereto, which same shall be paid on or before the 10th day of each and every month. Provided that the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company are to furnish water for the purposes of extinguishing fire in said city, and for keeping filled the public watering places on the square of said city, and for sprinkling the square of same. And provided that for the purposes aforementioned, the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company shall, at least twice a day, at morning and evening fill the standpipe of said plant, and keep the same at all times so filled that the minimum pressure at the pump of said plant shall be eighty pounds to the square inch.

And the said Commissioners of Public Works hereby give to the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company the right to make any changes in said plant, which they may desire, provided that at the termination of the period hereinafter mentioned it shall turn over to said Commissioners the said plant in as good condition as it now is, less the ware and tare of use.

And the said Commissioners of Public Works agree to allow the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company to place its plant adjacent to the plant of said waterworks, so as to run the two together, and agrees to give the said company the right of use of the lot adjacent to the said plant for the purposes of storing fuel and for such other purposes as may be necessary in operating and maintaining the two said plants.

And the said Commissioners of Public Works further agree to allow the said Abbeville Electric Light and Power Company at the termination of this contract to remove any machinery it may have placed on said lot for the purposes of operating the two said plants as aforesaid.

Third. This contract is to go into effect immediately and is to be in force for the period of ten years unless sooner agreed upon by the parties hereto.

NOTE.

This contract is subject to ratification and waits signature.

THE WATER STATUS.

Reasons for Not Going Into the Proposed Trade.

Owing to the general interest which is being taken by our people at this time in the cost and operation of the Water Plant the Press and Banner asked Judge Lyon, Chairman of the Board, to talk on the subject for publication, and we report him as follows:

Q. Will you, as chairman of the Board of Public Works, state for publication the status of the water plant, and the plans of the Board in regard to the management of the same?

Ans. Yes, I will cheerfully do so, and will say that the commissioners of public works are doing all that they possibly can to give the city the best and cleanest water of any in the State, and at the lowest possible cost for that kind of water.

The meter system which went into effect the first of April has put all patrons on the same basis, and has already placed the supply of water under the easy control of the Board. Before meters were put in the pumps were run nearly all the while, both day and night, and resulted in a heavy loss to the city, which was met by a special tax levy.

The pumps are now running on an average of four and a half hours per day. The standpipe is kept full or full enough to give a pressure throughout the plant to guarantee absolute protection against fire.

We are now at the middle of the first quarter under the meter system, and are taking the register of the meters to see if they are registered aright, and also to ascertain the amount of water used by the patrons. This information we will be pleased to give to users of water if they desire it.

Q. Is the present or meter rate for water higher than formerly?

Ans. No. The rate has not been changed. The basis has always been at 80 cents per 1,000 gallons. The amount of water now being pumped is not more than one-fourth what it was before the meters were put on, and the expenses have been reduced accordingly. During the year 1899 the expenses for operating the plant was about $6.50 per day, while it is now about $3.65 per day, or about $109.50 per month. Thus we pay the engineer who is a practical machinist, and does nearly all repairing, &c., without extra charge, per month ..... $ 35 00

The superintendent, who buys all supplies such as wood, oil, &c, keeps the accounts, collects the water rents, &c.	10 00
Fireman	8 00
To wood—	
36 cords per month at $1.35	48 60
Oil, &c., per month	8 00
Total running expenses per month	$109 60

If it is possible to further reduce the running expense account it will be done.

Q. Is your Board in favor of cheaper water rates?

Ans. Yes; and the rate will be reduced to the lowest price possible whenever it can be done without taxing the citizens to pay a deficiency. Or if the City Council who are charged with the levy and collection of taxes for city purposes will recommend to the Board any reduction of present rates, it will be done to take effect at once.

Q. Can the water plant be run without loss?

Ans. That we cannot answer now, for we have not reached the end of the quarter, when estimates can be fully ascertained. Besides this the success will depend solely upon the patronage by the citizens.

We would ask all who are interested in this matter to bear in mind that we are not furnishing the city with branch water, but artesian water of high analysis, and that it costs more and is more valuable than any other kind of water.

The Board will suggest some additions and improvements to the plant in future which will add much to its value to the city.

Charleston Waking Up.

The proposition for holding a Southern and West Indian Exposition in Charleston seems to be popular, and is gaining strength. The move is certainly a good one. If people from other sections of the country would visit the old city, they might remove the antiquated notions from the minds of the oldest moss-back in the city. The presence of good men in the city might be a revelation and a surprise to those esteemed citizens who think that there is nothing polite or meritorious outside of the staid old city.

Pecks bad boy, and his Pa at S. I. Till.

A Library of Wit and Humor at S. I. Tills.

Uncle Bens Experience with the Hypocrites at S. I. Tills.

Smith's.

WHITE FRONT.

5 c. **On Our Front Counter this Week 2,500 Yds. Plain and Figured Dimities in Remnants. 5c. per Yard.** 5 c.

10 Days Only

Will the prices of the following Goods last. Post yourself on the same Brands of 10-4 Sheeting and you will find that our Ready-Made Sheets and Pillow Cases are at a less price than you can buy the cloth.

These Sheets are all Torn by Hand and Ironed.

Warranted to Give Perfect Satisfaction when Laundried.

Sheets 81x90 H. H. 1-2 inch hemstitched border, heaviest goods, 65c. each.
Sheets 81x90 Pepperell, 2 inch border, 55c. each.
Sheets 81x90 Atlantic, 2 inch border, 60c. each.
Sheets 72x90 Pepperell, 2 inch border, 50c. each.
Sheets 90x90 Pepperell, 2 inch border, 60c. each.

Pillow Cases 45x36 Phoenix. 2 inch hemstitched border, 12 1-2c. each.
Pillow Cases 45x36 handkerchief border, 10c. each.
Pillow Cases 54x36 handkerchief border, 12 1-2c. each.
Pillow Cases 45x36 Lix. plain border, 8c. each.

Smith's Dry Goods and Millinery.

ON THE CORNER. Next Door to Farmers' Bank.

REV. J. O. LINDSAY D. D.

Members of Lebanon Church Pay an Affectionate Tribute to Their Late Pastor.

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has removed from the field of his earthly labors our friend and pastor Rev. J. O. Lindsay, D. D., who died at his home in Due West, Friday night May 11, 1900:

Therefore be it resolved, That in his death we recognize the loss of an able preacher of the Word, a faithful pastor, a wise counsellor, and a devoted friend. That his superior talent, his modest demeanor, his charity for the frailtes of others, has left their imprint upon the hearts of the people of our community. For more than half a century he has labored in the Master's vineyard, the last seventeen years of which was at this place. Like a father he has gone in and out amongst us, baptizing our children, marrying our young people and burying our dead. He has gone to his reward, and we who loved and admired him take this occasion of expressing our deep sorrow for the loss which we have sustained. That we tender our sympathies to the family of our deceased Brother, for surely we share their sorrow. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of our deceased Brother, a copy to each of the County papers, to the Southern Presbyterian and the Christian Observer and that a page of the church record be inscribed to his memory.

Respectfully submitted,
J. S. Gibert,
Samuel Evans,
J. C. Pressly.
Committee for the officers and members of Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

LITTLE RIVER.

Pebbles Picked Up on the Banks of the Purting Stream.

Little River, May 14, 1900.

There was an entertainment at Willington on Friday night at the residence of Mr. R. F. Morris, for the benefit of the Presbyterian Church.

Miss Nora Cuddy, who has been teaching for some time in Edgefield County, has closed her school, and is at home again.

Mr. Ansel Talbert was visiting in Bellvue several days last week.

Messrs W. O. Mars, and W. D. Morrah, were in Bordeaux Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Louise Porter has been in this vicinity for some time, doing some nice carpenter work.

Miss Carrie Mars, who has been spending some time in Laurens, is at home again.

Miss Jennie Wideman came down from Due West on Friday, and spent Saturday and Sabbath with her parents, Hon. and Mrs. W. P. Wideman.

Services were held at Hopewell Church on yesterday, in memory of Rev. J. O. Lindsay, D. D., former pastor of that church, who died at his home in Due West on Friday night, 11th of May.

Communion services were also held at Hopewell on yesterday, the Pastor Rev. Burgess, gave us two splendid sermons. In the forenoon his text was taken from 1st Cor. 15th chapter, 1st verse. "And if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

Miss Lillie Wardlaw entertained a number of her friends on Saturday.

Miss Lois Moffat, Miss Bessie Lowry, and Mr. Paul Pressly from Due West—Miss Annie and Miss Statie Bradley and Mr. Tatom Bradley visited friends in Bellevue Saturday.

MAY 23.

A Big Time in the Court House.

The annual celebration of the Palmetto Literary Society of the Abbeville High School will be held in the Court House on Wednesday night, the 23 of May, beginning at 8:30. The public are cordially invited.

Unclaimed Letters.

Letters in post office week ending May 1, 1900.

C—Mrs. J. E. Cothran, Miss Anie Calhoun, W. R. Carman.
D—John Henry Devlin, Mrs. Anna P. Dawkins.
G—Felton Glover.
A—Manuel Hardman, C. T. Hammonds, Elise Harris, S. M. Hill, Sam Holmes.
J—Doria Johnson, Miss Callie Jones.
L—Annie Leslie.
R—Mrs. Lesley Richard, Lemmey Read.
T—Mary J. Tate, Willie Thomas.
W—Tom Wideman, Mrs. J. F. Winston, Mrs. Lula Williams.

Robt. S. Link, P. M.

A car load of ice just received by J. L. Perrin.

"U-W-A-N-T-A"

MATTRESS.

Here it is--The Best on Earth.

Without a peer, equal of any $40 hair Mattress at only one-fourth its cost. It weighs 50 lbs., 7 inches thick, made biscuit tufted and side stitched. This Mattress is made with layers of felt as shown in cut. The layers of felt are built up so as to become highly elastic, and it is impossible for it to lump. A guarentee that it will never lump, backed by a factory of unlimited capital is stamped on every Mattress. We place them in your house on 30 days trial, and if not satisfactory, return same. What more could you ask? You run no risk. Call and examine same. Better still, have one sent to your house on trial. It will stand the test. Sold for the next 30 days at introductory prices.

A complete stock of Pillows, Bedding and Furniture of all kinds always on hand.

J. D. KERR.

Come Now!

THE EASTER TRADE HAS PASSED INTO HISTORY, AND the last great fight for the Spring trade will be in the next six weeks, and those who visit may store with the ready cash will reap

Bargains FULL WORTHY OF THEIR ATTENTION.

"I'll Be Hanged,"

Says one of our customers, if yours is not the cheapest store I ever struck. I have tried the biggest stores in Abbeville, and those who claim that their prices could not be beaten by anybody, but I find they cannot touch yours. We hear these and lots of other expressions every day. The one point we aim at, is to give our customers Good Values at the

Lowest Possible Price!

Long before the season commenced, we made our contracts for such Goods as we handle at such prices as the SPOT CASH only can buy, and we can justly claim to be the only Bargain Store in Abbeville. Goods have not advanced one particle with us.

Just Come, Look Through Our Goods,

Get our prices, compare them with others, and see if they can be beaten. Don't allow yourself to be "fooled," we can sell you goods cheap, save you 15 to 30 on every dollar you spend.

Yours for business.

The New York Racket Store.

S. I. TILL, Prop. | The Yellow Front.

CONTRIBUTED LOCALS.

What "M" Sees and Hears on His Rounds About the City.

Abbeville, S. C. May 16, 1900.

DELEGATES TO ANNUAL MEETING KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

On last Monday the following delegates from the Abbeville lodge of Knights of Pythias left for Charleston to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias, viz:

Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Grand Chancellor of S. C.
C. D. Brown, Committeeman.
L. T. Miller, Grand Representative.
John M. Gambrell, Grand Representative.

OTHER VISITORS TO CHARLESTON.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Hammond and son,
Mrs. C. D. Brown,
Mrs. L. T. Miller and son,
Mrs. M. H. Wilson.

All the above visitors after their arrival at Hodges left in a private coach for the K. of P's, beautifully decorated in the colors of this order especially for the occasion, which will go straight through to its destination without stopping.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. and Mrs. James [illegible] of Due West, were in the city last Sunday the guests of Mr. R. M. [illegible]. Rev. Bryce preached a [illegible] Presbyterian Church of this city on [illegible] according to arrange and [illegible] was in the city [illegible] Sunday in [illegible] prettiest [illegible] Charleston [illegible] of K. of P's.

Mr. W. [illegible] spent last [illegible] Col. J. T. [illegible]

Dr. J. L. [illegible] from Bal[illegible] went on [illegible] turned feeling quite well and we hope he will soon be himself again.

Dr. L. T. Hill has been quite [illegible] the past week, but is out again attending the calls of his profession.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Marshall of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city with homefolks. Calhoun was around Monday shaking hands with his many friends who gave him a hearty greeting.

Messrs. R. S. Link and Col. Wyatt Aiken have just returned from a delightful trip North. When it is said they enjoyed themselves and had a fine time, "only the half has been told." We heard it was said they were two of the finest looking men that were two of the finest looking [illegible] walked the streets of the C[illegible] A grand compliment when so far from [illegible].

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dargan arrived in the city last Monday via. Southern and will be welcomed home by hosts of friends.

Miss Hubbie Bays after a very pleasant visit among her Abbeville friends, returned to Charleston last Monday.

SPORTING WORLD—JEFFRIES AND CORBETT.

The fight for the heavy weight championship between these two famous pugilists came off last Friday night at Coney Island, in the presence of about 10,000 spectators and although Corbett was knocked out in the 23rd round, yet by his generalship, speed, and skilful boxing he regained much of his former prestige and was pronounced by those present to be the most "expert boxer in the world." After a hard and fair fight Jeffries put Corbett to sleep in the 23rd round by a left hand punch on the jaw, and by so doing still wears the belt as the heavy weight champion of the world. After the fight, Jeffries said: I won the fight because I forced it, and then tired the other fellow." Corbett said: "I did my best. Up to the time I was knocked out I would not have sold my share of the purse for $50,000."

ABBEVILLE BALL TEAM.

The Abbeville ball team will "play ball" about the first of June next, and will then enter the diamond "open to the world." Manager Cobb informs us they have already closed with several fine players, and if the people of Abbeville will give the home team their encouragement, they promise to make things lively on the Abbeville diamond this coming season.

BICYCLE PARADE.

This splendid track will soon be put in the best shape and the "Abbeville Bicycle Club" anticipates some lively riding. A bicycle parade is already being discussed and when the plan is mapped out will be the crowning feature of this season's amusements.

A WOMAN AT THE BOTTOM OF IT.

On last Sunday morning one George Jackson colored journeyed to the Blue Hill, in search of his wife, as he wanted her to go with him to the "Sun rise" prayermeeting, he was told his wife was not at the house, but George was somewhat doubtful, and by gently tapping the "lady" of the house with a nice little mallet effected an entrance, but all of a sudden he heard the clicking of a gun hammer, and saw another woman advancing on him without ceremony, whereupon he succeeded in seizing the gun and saving himself; when another woman appeared on the scene with an axe, which she brought to bear, blade foremost, upon the cranium of Mr. Jackson, almost dividing it assunder. George did not find his wife—neither did he attend the "Sun rise" prayermeeting, but now lies in rather a critical condition awaiting the result of the Sunday tragedy.

ROBERS ABROAD IN THE CITY.

One night last week an unknown person, or persons, entered the following up-town dwellings searching the trouser pockets, quietly appropriating the contents to their own personal use, leaving the quiet sleepers unmolested and everything else in the apartments undisturbed. At the residence of Senator Graydon they hauled in something over eight dollars. Next they rifled the pants pockets of Mr. A. B. Morse from which they obtained about 45 cents. Still unsatisfied, they entered the home of Mr. John Harden and for this trouble they secured the small sum of 5 cents, this only increased their greed for the "filthy lucre," when they next entered the home of Prof. Gilliam when they were bluffed without any remuneration whatever.

FARMERS AND COTTON CONVENTION.

What's the matter that the farmers of Abbeville county can't get up a cotton convention, looking to the establishment of bonded warehouses, as well as to the marketing, and sale of their c tion? Will they join this new movement and make themselves a "unit" against the world, and all that class of sharpers, and tricksters who rob them every year out of many millions of dollars, or will they simply be content to go on in the same old rut—"the road their fathers trod"—and be mulched annually out of their hard earnings, and many even out of their homes?

The farmers are the sinew and backbone of the country. Upon their efforts depend all classes of trade, and business; then why not organize, as almost all other classes through the land have done, and rise in their might equal to the occasion. Upon their receipts from a bonded warehouse any bank would gladly loan them money, as well as upon any remaining cotton to their credit, which would be the very best collateral. By such arrangements the farmers would be enabled to borrow money at a low rate of interest to pay off his debts, as well as to hold his cotton until he realized for it the price wanted. Why not the farmer have a say as to the price of his products as well as any other class of men?

This movement would hurt none but that class who annually legislate against the farmer in "cotton estimates and cotton statements," which in the main are intended to dupe and swindle the farmer out of his hard earnings. The world is obliged to have the cotton and by united effort it does seem that those who make it should control it to their best interests.

SMOKE YOUR GLASS AND HAVE IT READY.

A very interesting article in last Saturday's Atlanta Journal reminds us that we may expect a total elipse of the sun on Tuesday the 28th instant, which will commence here about 6 o'clock a. m. Don't miss seeing this grand phenomena which many of our readers may never see again.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC.

Last Friday the Baptist Sunday School of this city had a most delightful outing in the way of a picnic at Brook's Mill. About 120 persons were in attendance and the day spent in innocent amusements and pleasure will long be remembered by all present.

RELIGIOUS NOTES.

On last Sunday morning Rev. J. W. Daniel, D. D., preached upon the subject of "Christ's Crucifixion," taken from St. John 11, 49 and 50. He started out by asking "why was Christ crucified?" which he answered by saying it was through envy and jealousy, and to get Him out of the way politically. He proved conclusively that it was all a political scheme while he showed by the scheming and working together of the Sadducees and Pharisees who from their convention sent out a delegation tempting Christ by asking "Is it lawful to pay tribute to Caesar?" and upon receiving His answer they misrepresented Him, and to propitiate the Roman government, cried out, "we have no King but Caesar." He also showed how they used money in their political scheming in the way of bribes, and electioneering among the people to carry out their political plans. He also said the Bible was full of politics, and he was sorry for those who read it without seeing politics in it, as in so doing they must be reading with closed eyes, or no eyes at all. He said the Bible touches politics, statesmanship, governments and empires, and in all these is fully up to-date.

The people wanted political reform, but Christ showed them political rottenness and evil in all their works, while He alone sought to reform the hearts of men, and amid all their evil machinations and political traps He stood firm upon his own convictions and in His own might and power.

As a Democrat he said, he had the profoundest respect and admiration for President McKinley because he stands by his convictions. As for Bryan he has no faith in him because he shifts his position.

In conclusion he said he never had, nor never would vote for any man who puts aside the great laws and government of Christ, and all men should cast their ballot for all that is pure, noble and good, and the church should eliminate wicked men from politics.

The above are in part a few of the thoughts presented so ably and earnestly, and that claimed the undivided attention of his hearers throughout his entire sermon.

DEATH OF REV. JOHN OLIVER LINDSAY, D.D.

Rev. John Oliver Lindsay, D. D., after an illness of several weeks died at his home in Due West last Friday night, the 11th, about 10 o'clock in the 77 year of his age. In his death the Presbyterian church has lost one of its brightest lights, an able worker in the Master's Vineyard and a faithful minister. His work on earth being ended he has now gone to his reward. His remains were in interred in the cemetery at Due West, Saturday afternoon in the presence of a great number of sorrowing friends.

GIVE US MORE LIGHT.

The Water Commission are Asked to Give a Statement of the Profit and Loss in Running the Water Works.

Editor Press and Banner:

In a late number of your paper, you held out the hope of "cheap water."

If rumors are reliable, the "wish is father to the thought." We call upon the Water Commissioners to give us information as to expenses and amounts realized from the water works, no statement for which has ever been submitted for information of taxpayers since the water works have been in operation.

The statement of the City Treasurer, upon Court House door, shows about $5,600 paid out last year by City Council on account of water works including $1,500 interest on water bonds, besides expenses of meters lately put in, which does not appear to be included in said statement—perhaps not yet paid but incurred.

It is stated that the income from water rents for last year was some $500, perhaps something over, and the expenses, incident to running the plant, including engineer's salary, wood, collecting rents, and other matters largely exceed the collections from water rents, and so no amount from water works were turned over to City Treasurer.

It is also said private consumers are charged 80 cents per 1000 gallons, while Anderson is supplied at 20 cents, and Greenwood at 10 cents per 1000 gallons.

If this be so, why is Abbeville water so much dearer?

If the water works are to cost annually some thousands of dollars, besides the interest, it would seem to be an expensive luxury. How many of the property owners have the water pipes on their premises? How many have not?

Taxpayer.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS.

Need of a Chapel at the Cotton Mill.

Below is the copy of a letter which should cause every Christian of our community a remorse of conscience. When people in our midst plead with us for spiritual food is it not time for us to act? Sometime ago a few of our good ladies undertook to raise the means to build a chapel in the neighborhood of the factory, but after hard work could only secure a small amount. It is to be hoped that this good cause will be revived and in a very short while our Christians may erect a chapel where these people can worship.

Abbeville, S. C., May 3, 1900.

My Dear Mrs. Morse: We ladies desire that you come down and meet with us one evening in every week and have Bible reading and prayer. We have need of it. We are cold and indifferent, and seldom get to church. We want to live better and set a better example before our families and our friends. We want to meet together this evening at Mrs. Gena Blanchett's for an hour, beginning at three o'clock, and we shall rejoiced to have you with us.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Thayer.

DENTAL NOTICE.

S. F. Killingsworth,

No. 4 Seal Block, Abbeville, S. C.

Dissolution of Partnership.

THE PARTNERSHIP EXISTING UNDER the name of Milford & Liddell is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All debts due the firm must be paid to T. C. Liddell.

J. K. MILFORD,
May 16, 1900. T. L. LIDDELL.