

Sincere Convictions.

About as often as The State speaks disparagingly of others that paper lugs in some-thing of self-praise because of its alleged bon-esty or sincere convictions. The fact is, since its birth, a large proportion of the warp and woof of the editorials of the State has been made of these two things: Self-praise and evil things of others. Eliminating such things from the editorial columns of The State, and what would be left? The flies alone could tell.

Honesty in the Journalism of South Carolina is no rare quality, and it would seem strange that any newspaper should claim to be overstocked with this good quality. To claim such superiority can be but unfair and unjust to the hundred other editors who are just as honest, just as honorable and just as creditable as The State. A disinterested public would scarcely award to The State credit for a scintilla more of honesty than they would give to others. Coarseness and disregard for the rights and feelings of others cannot be mistaken for commendable character.

Honesty and sincerity are good qualities, when directed by a heart that is prompted by good intentions. Honesty and sincerity of purpose are most noble qualities, when they are exercised in a good cause, but honesty and sincerity, when wrongly directed, or exercised where it is sought to strike down another's good name, is no more honorable and no more praiseworthy than the act of the assassin who strikes down the person or the body of the individual. We presume that nobody will deny that the slayer of the President was honest and sincere in his effort to assassinate him. The honest and sincere effort to kill the President was no more honorable and no more praiseworthy than an effort to assassinate character. A good name is even more sacred than human life, and he that would destroy either deserves the respect of no high class people. The thief who breaks into a store is sincere in his effort to do a dishonest thing.

Let another praise thee, and not thine own lips. Self-praise is said to be half-slandering, and it must be a lamentable condition of affairs when an editor feels that it is necessary for him to continually remind his readers of his honesty or good qualities. The lady doth protest too much.

There are perhaps five thousand good women in the city of Columbia, whose good character is doubted by nobody. Would it not, then, be a little singular if such ladies should in season and out of season, in private and in the newspapers, proclaim their purity?

The Death of the President.

President William McKinley was shot by an assassin on the 6th instant, while holding a reception in the city of Buffalo. The best medical and surgical attention was given to him. For several days his condition gave hope of ultimate recovery, but on the night of the 12th he had a sinking spell, from which he never rallied. At 2:15 o'clock of the morning of the 14th instant he died, six months and eight days since his inauguration of his second term in office.

No ruler was more beloved than William McKinley. The people of his own country feel that they have realized a personal loss in his death, and Christian people in every land have given evidence of sincere regret at the death of so good and so great a man. No man ever possessed in a higher degree the confidence and the goodwill of the American people than was accorded to William McKinley.

In his death the whole country has met a loss, and this is especially true of the South, where he was universally respected. He had done more to bring peace and harmony to this troubled or harassed section than any man who has occupied the White House. Greater honors have never been paid to the dead than have been shown to the dead President.

Elsewhere may be found much in reference to the death and burial.

Letters Patent.

Mr. Phillip H. Bollman, who has had the position of Master Mechanic in the Abbeville Cotton Mills for several years, has had issued to him a patent on cotton mill bobbins. The improvement consists of shoulders on the bobbins, which prevent the breaking of the thread before the last of it has been drawn into the loom, thus preventing the waste which has heretofore been an incident in the use of the old style bobbins.

Mr. Bollman is an excellent mechanic, and this invention will no doubt bring him a handsome return for his inventive genius. If Mr. Bollman or some other mechanical genius would improve the construction of the looms, whereby the frequent breakage and the constant effort to keep them in running order, could be saved a fortune would come to the inventor. The constant expense in keeping the looms in good running shape furnishes grounds for the belief that the making of these machines has not yet been reduced to a science. If the looms were what they ought to be, why should they require ten thousand times as much labor to keep them going as is bestowed upon the engine? It would seem that the loom is, as yet, far from perfection.

The Trust.

Trusts have been the subject of much abuse for the last few years, and it all may have been deserved, but Abbeville seems to be able to stand the Carolina Chemical Company, which has recently bought the oil mill in this city. The market for seed opened this year at 18 cents. Last year the market opened at about 12 cents. For a long time the cost of ginning and packing cotton has been from \$1 to \$1.25 per bale, according to weight. We learn that the trust proposes to gin and pack for seventy five cents a bale.

Heretofore middle men have generally received a dollar a ton for buying seed, but the middle men have been abolished and the seed is higher.

President Roosevelt.

Vice-President Theodore Roosevelt has taken the oath of President, and he is now in the discharge of the duties of that high office. He has declared his intention to carry out the policy outlined by his predecessor.

Speaking for this newspaper, we have no fears as to the fulfillment of that promise. President Roosevelt will be true to the best interests of the country, and it is our belief that he will make an acceptable officer. At any rate, we shall, until otherwise convinced, believe that he has no enemy to the South.

Religious Services—Public Meeting.

In obedience to the proclamation of the President religious services will be held in our churches tomorrow morning.

Previous to the religious services, a public meeting of our citizens will be held in the Court House at 10 o'clock to pass appropriate resolutions in reference to the death of President McKinley.

FALL R. M. HADDON & CO. FALL OPENING Wednesday and Thursday, SEPTEMBER 25th and 26th.

WE WILL DISPLAY AT OUR OPENING Millinery Department ON THE ABOVE DATES IN OUR Fine Dress Fabriques, Ladies Fine Broad Cloths, Etc., In all the leading styles and colors. Our 50 cts. Venetians in all the latest colors and shades is one of the many attractions for the coming season.

Black Dress Goods Department. This Department is fuller than ever before. We have some new attractions to show our customers in this line.

Silks, Silks, Silks! We have a new supply of those fine 36-inch Black Taffeta Silk that pleases everybody. Those new Peau de Soie Silks are all the go for skirts. Our line of Fancy and Colored Silks for ladies waists excels any stock ever shown by us.

French Flannels. We are showing a line of fancy and solid colors in all wool French Flannel for ladies waist at a very low price for such pretty goods. Our stock of red and white flannels is very full. Have you seen our silk finish and embroidery white flannel for baby's undershirts.

OUR Millinery Department. Is very full and we will display at our Opening some of the most attractive designs and patterns in all the latest shades and colors to be seen this season. Our stock of Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Brades, etc., is very full.

We Have an Elegant Line of Ladies Silk and Kid Gloves in Prices to Suit Everybody. We have secured the exclusive agency for the sale of the famous

Queen Quality Shoe for Women. There are few women who are not acquainted with the reputation and general character of these shoes, from the extensive advertising which has been given them in the magazines and family publications of general circulation; and we wish to assure the women of our city that "Queen Quality" shoes are all that has been claimed for them, and that we cordially endorse them as phenomenal values and high grade in every particular. Fashionable Elegance, Absolute Ease, and Excellent Service. THE MOST PERFECT FITTING SHOE MADE.



The Queen.

The QUEEN QUALITY Shoes. Is our leader. "They are made to wear, they fit where others fail." Our stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes is very full. A new supply of Infant Soft Sole Shoes in colors and blacks. BUTTERICK PATTERNS! A full stock of Butterick Patterns can now be had at our store. They are the most perfect fitting patterns to be had. October Delineators for sale. A full supply of Fashion Sheets for free distribution.

DEATH HAS CROWNED HIM AS A MARTYR. In the midst of sunny waters, on the mighty ship of State Stagers, bruised and torn and wounded by a delirious hate, One that drifted from his moorings, in the anchorage of hate. On the deck our noble Pilot, in the glory of his prime, Lies in woo-impelling silence, before his hour of doom, Victim of a mind self-centered, a godless tool of crime. One of earth's dissonant breeders one of Hate's unreasoning tools, In the annals of the ages, when the world's hot anger cools, He who sought for Crime's distinction shall be known as Chief of Fools. In the annals of the ages, he who had no thought of fame, (Keeping on the path of duty, caring not for praise or blame,) Close beside the deathless Lincoln, writ in light will shine his name. Youth proclaimed him as a hero; Time, a statesman; Love, a man. Death has crowned him as a martyr, so from goal to goal he ran, Knowing all the sum of glory that a human life can span. He was chosen by the people, not an accident of birth, Made him ruler of a nation, but his own intrinsic worth, Fools may govern over kingdoms—not republics of the earth. He has raised the lover's standard, by his loyalty and faith. He has shown how vile manhood may keep free from scandal's breath, He has grazed, with trust unshaken, in the awful eyes of death. In the mighty march of progress he has sought to do his best, Let his enemies be silent, as we lay him down to rest, And may God assuage the anguish of one suffering woman's breast. —Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in New York Journal

McKINLEY DEAD. By Richard Le Gallienne. "Hats off!" they said, "The President is dead;" And somewhere overhead, A dark bell tolled and tolled; "Hats off!" we said, "The President is dead." And women—all but only women—cried, Because the President has died. I was standing in Broadway, And the long glad lights Seemed suddenly to lose their heart and fall, And down the shining street There fell a hush of feet, And a kind of smothered wail; For a bell tolled overhead, "The President is dead." And some of us—not only women—cried, Because the President had died. True man, pure soul, brave heart, How fool a thing to do! Why didn't they kill anyone, Dear President, lying there, But you—how could they dream Of dream of hurt to you, True American if ever an American were true. God knows! He knows your worth, And He knows how much we care, Ah! I wish you could have seen, Dear President, lying there, Our eyes before you died, And I wish you could have heard The earnest living in our love, When the news was verified. Well, a fool has shot you down, A fool in freedom's name, Yet, you're living all the same; You're living in our love, Though you're lying in the grave— True, pure and brave. The tears of all the world Lie on your face like dew; The eyes of the whole world Are wet for loss of you. For you and the brave life That lived so near to you. —New York Journal.

EXPLAIN THIS. McMill's Hindoo God, and the Picture of a Christian Preacher Also Escape Injury by Fire. Mr. J. Hayne McMill of this city is an orthodox Christian of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian faith. Last week a destructive fire damaged everything in his store except the Hindoo wooden god and the picture of a distinguished Associate Reformed Presbyterian preacher. The latter was hung upon the walls, while the former was stored away in the hidden recesses of the establishment. We have not seen the picture of the learned Associate Reformed Presbyterian divine, since the night of the destructive fire, but we have been informed that it is still all right. We saw with our own eyes the Hindoo idol, it seemed to be in a perfect State of preservation, and looked as serene as did a printer's monkey-wrench after it had attempted to pass through the printing press, which it broke into pieces. The idol had the appearance of perfect innocence and exhibited a total unconsciousness that anything strange had happened. Well, now, can anybody explain why the picture of a good Christian preacher and a Hindoo idol alone should escape damage in so destructive a fire? As far as we are informed only these two articles escaped injury in the fire which ruined everything else in a well filled storehouse. Did the fire stand aloof in respect to the Christian picture or did the Hindoo idol control the consuming element? Of course there was nothing supernatural about any of this. The picture being near the door, somebody carried it out. The Hindoo idol must have been in the rubbish pile at a depth to which the fire did not penetrate.

HEAVY RAINS. Two Wagons Washed Down a Swollen Branch. Last Monday afternoon we had heavy rains at Abbeville. The Fort Pickens branch that runs through the high railroad embankment was very high. A wagon belonging to Mr. Thos. Gaston, loaded with wood, in attempting to ford the stream, was washed down the branch and lodged against the railroad embankment. The empty wagon was being towed up. It entered the branch at the ford, and landed at the same place, beside Mr. Gaston wagon. The harness was cut from the mules in each instance, thus saving the animals.

INSURANCE. McMill & Lyon's Company Pay Promptly in Full—P. Rosenberg's Company Have Not Settled. Messrs. McMill & Lyon were insured with the Phoenix of Brooklyn, represented by Mr. J. H. DuPre, and that company paid the policy immediately, without discount or waiting the sixty days allowed by the terms of the policy. Messrs. P. Rosenberg were not so fortunate. Their company refuses to pay, but it may be fairly presumed that they will pay, or Mr. Visanek will know the reason why.

7300. If you want \$700, and can give the best of security, it is possible that Mr. R. S. Link can accommodate you.

The Warehouse. The second ware-room is now ready for the roof, and it is thought that it will soon be ready for storing cotton and other goods. Capt. John Lyon is manager, and daily he receives or puts out goods that have been left with him. He seems to be the right man in the right place, and all seem to be pleased with the acceptable manner in which he treats customers and stockholders. The most up-to-date candy sold is Huyler's the Speed Drug Co.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. Probate Court.—Citation for Letters of Administration. BY R. E. HILL, Esq., JUDGE OF PROBATE. WHEREAS, J. W. CADE has made application to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Richard W. Wright, late of Abbeville County, deceased. These are therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Richard W. Wright, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Abbeville C. H., on Wednesday, the 23 day of October, 1901, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this 17th day of Sept., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and one, and in the 19th year of American Independence. Published on the 18th day of Sept., 1901, in the Press and Banner and on the Court House door for the time required by law. R. E. HILL, Judge of Probate. Sept. 18, 1901.

OPENING OF Books of Subscription. State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville. Pursuant to a commission issued to the undersigned as executors by M. R. Cooper, Secretary of State, on the 16th day of September, 1901. NOTICE is hereby given that books of subscription to the capital stock of the Abbeville Furniture Factory will be opened at W. G. Chapman's store in the city of Abbeville, State and County aforesaid, on Thursday 19th instant, at 12 m. The said proposed corporation will have a capital stock of \$25,000, divided into 250 shares of the par value of \$100.00 each, with its principal place of business at Abbeville, and will be empowered to engage in the business of manufacture and sale of furniture, handles for tools and implements of trade. J. S. STARK, J. R. BLAKE, JR., W. G. CHAPMAN, R. E. COOPER, Executors. Sept. 18, 1901.

Delinquent LAND SALE. BY virtue of sundry Tax Executions to me delivered, I will sell on the 7th day of October, 1901, within the legal hour of sale at Abbeville Court House, all the right title and interest of the following named parties, in the following property to wit: Nine acres, more or less, of land in Donaldville township, bounded by lands of Cabell, Norwood and others, bounded as the property of John Smith. Half interest in house and lot in the town of Due West, containing one acre and 43 perches, bounded by lands of Harrison Clinkscales, J. F. Kennedy and R. S. Wakefield. Nineteen acres, more or less, in Indian Hill township, bounded by T. J. and Jane B. Crosswell paper ranges, J. C. Bradley and Margaret McBride. Leveled on as the property of D. W. Jay. Two acres of land in Abbeville township, bounded by lands of W. H. Long, Cottrhan estate, Nelson Williams and others. Leveled on as the property of Hutson Butler. One lot in the city of Abbeville, bounded by H. T. Tustin, Mrs. K. E. Hill and F. B. Gary. Leveled on as the property of the estate of W. T. Wilson. Sixty-five acres of land in Bordeaux township, bounded by lands of Cabell, Norwood and others, bounded as follows: Leveled on as the property of Calvin Morgagne. Forty-five acres in Calhoun Mill township, bounded by lands of Cabell, Norwood and others, bounded as follows: Leveled on as the property of Agness A. Tustein. Two fresh boxes of Huyler's and Nannally's (Our box paper ranges in prices from 5c. to 50c. per box—we have something very nobby at 30c. a box at the Speed Drug Co.

SEE THE Big Bargains in CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES, TRUNKS, VALISES AND GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS. JUST RECEIVED A NEW STOCK. I am able to give you a nice suit of clothes, ranging in price from \$3 to \$12. A special line of Ladies' Capes. Call and see them, and see the prices, which are the cheapest ever offered. D. POLIAKOFF. One door above Dispensary.

GLENN'S. Estate of Daniel Adkins, Deceased. Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge. TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of October, 1901, I will render a final account of my settlements and doings as Executor of the Estate of Daniel Adkins, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County, S. C., at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such Executor. All persons having demands against said estate will present them for payment on or before that day, proven and authenticated or forever barred. W. P. Adkins, Executor. Sept. 10, 1901.

Shoes! Men, Women and Children. Men's good \$1.25 shoe for 50c. Large stock of Staple and Fancy Groceries. Barley, Rye and Clover Seed, Onion Sets. —ABOVE PRICES SPOT CASH—

GLENN'S. Tablets from one cent up, at DuPre's Book Store. The School will open Sept. 30th. Another shipment Mason's P. L. fruit jars and extra rubbers just received at Glenn's. Prescription work is a specialty with us. We only allow graduates in pharmacy to compound prescriptions in our place. Milford's Drug Store. New arrivals today at Haddon's in notions, ribbons, white dimities and lawns, at 50c. per yard.

WATCHES Are our Specialty. WE SELL THEM, REPAIR THEM. The best of it is our guarantee goes with every one that leaves our hands. IF YOUR WATCH DOES NOT KEEP TIME BRING IT TO US, AND LET US FIX IT UP. IF IT CAN'T BE FIXED LET US SHOW YOU WHAT A BARGAIN WE CAN GIVE YOU IN A NEW ONE. We insure perfect satisfaction WITH EVERY PIECE OF WORK WE TURN OUT. YOU CAN DEPEND ON IT TO BE EXACTLY AS REPRESENTED.

THE Theiling Co. JEWELERS. Inspectors for S. A. L. 10th ANNUAL SESSION —OF THE— ABBEVILLE Graded School WILL BEGIN SEPTEMBER 30th. PROF. PITFER has been elected Music Teacher for the ensuing year. The School is free to anybody in Abbeville County who may wish to attend.

S. F. Killingsworth, Chairman. F. B. Gary, Secretary. Sept. 11, 1901.

Henry Gilliam, O'NEAL BLOCK. Gilliam has moved THE CITY RESTAURANT TO ROOM in O'Neal Block, where he is better prepared than ever to supply Oct. 1901. Call and get your dinner or lunch. Prompt service. Meals at all hours. Give me a call if you are needing a place to board. If you want anything in the way of drugs at night, press the electric button by our door and our Dr. Vialt will answer your call at once. Milford's Drug Store. Phone 107. There is nothing but the very best extra money will be used in our syrups, pure fruit juices and fruit. Give us a call. The Speed Drug Co.