

SMITH'S STATEMENT.

His Wonderful Success and the Miraculous Power of Gas-A-Spice in Business in the Hands of an Amateur.

(The State.)

Since the untimely end of that infant industry, "The Amos Owen Cherry Tree Company," the skeptical have been predicting the failure of the father of them all—the Smith newspaper concern of Monticello, Fla., which is the first of the "get-rich-quick" schemes to be started. The napkin ring concerns and other abortive infringements on the Smith copyright have been failing and now comes the announcement that Smith has made an assignment.

For several weeks he has been slow in making remittances, and now his agents are being informed that they are apt to come out losers in this matter. Smith's vaudeville is very affecting, has a "touching" ring about it. He is, or was, the publisher of the Weekly Constitution and the Monthly Reporter, notoriously "sorry" papers but they have brought him over 40,000 subscribers through his system of giving employment to agents to do writing at home. Some of these agents in Columbia are sadly in need of the money which they put into the business and would almost be willing to sacrifice their claims for pay for work they have done if they could get back the money advanced.

The last of Smith's venture is summed up in the following statement, which he issued under date of January 4.

To the Public: Leaving the University of Georgia in 1890, I moved to Monticello and in a few years afterwards—I haven't the exact date before me, but seven or eight years ago, I took charge of the Monticello Weekly Constitution, and have continuously edited and published that paper to the present time.

When I look back on that paper it had less than one thousand subscribers, and by continuous hard work I was rapidly building up a large job printing business and had a prospect of doing about \$50,000 worth of advertising per annum.

In October, 1901, I bought and moved to Monticello the best newspaper press—a Webb perfecting—in Florida, with the exception of one in Jacksonville. I also purchased other costly and valuable machinery with which to operate the plant, and have nearly completed a new building, all at a heavy expense.

Monticello being a small place it was necessary that a large per cent of our business in the way of subscribers, job printing and advertising, come from a distance. To get this business it was necessary to have a good many paid representatives in the territory from which we expected patronage.

The business was gradually increasing and promised well up to a few months ago. At that time I encountered some opposition, but by continuous and persistent effort managed to withstand it for a while. This opposition came from parties or newspapers who were and are not personally acquainted with me and had no correct conception of my work, from parties whose main hope of keeping their own heads up, depends on pulling down the heads of others. Their unfriendly criticisms consisted of statements and publications that were wholly untrue, and without the slightest foundation. In fact, statements that were conceived in malice, made in jealousy, and circulated with a desire and hope to injure.

As above stated, I was able to withstand this opposition for a time, but to do so I was compelled to toil day and night, which under the strain I have had to go, has seriously impaired my health. I am now unable to give the business the energy and attention necessary for its successful continuation under the difficulties briefly mentioned.

Had it not been for this opposition, I would have successfully built the business up to the point desired, given employment to many who needed it, and made a fair margin of profit on the business transacted. But bad news travels at a rapid rate and in many instances a substantial institution under ordinary conditions has been quickly ruined by the circulation of untruthful reports, regardless of who their authors or their motives are.

In conducting my business I have ever endeavored to keep faith with each of my representatives and am sure a reference to my past record will satisfy any one on this point. And I shall yet keep faith with them, even though to do so, makes it necessary for me to sacrifice everything I have worked for, for the past 12 years.

I have carefully and carefully considered the situation for several days, and have firmly concluded that the only safe course to take, considering the interest of all, is to assign all my property for the purpose of satisfying the just demands against me.

I have therefore, this day, voluntarily assigned all my property, real, personal or mixed, including money in the bank, and excepting only my household and school furniture, to the purpose named. The assignee has taken charge of it and will make the proper disposition of same.

It is a matter of deep regret and a great disappointment to me and to my friends—and I am glad to say that I feel that every one who is personally acquainted with me is my friend—that the course taken seems best.

Respectfully, etc. This is accompanied by a statement from "E. D. Clark, assignee," in which he gives formal notice of the assignment, and says: "You will therefore discontinue your work in soliciting agents in behalf of this establishment, and that you will send forward a sworn itemized statement on the enclosed blank to the undersigned assignee of the amount of this establishment's indebtedness to you. In making up this statement it must be duly sworn to before some magistrate in your vicinity. I will kindly ask that you send this statement forward to me as soon as possible, and I will endeavor to make the best disposition possible at an early date."

MORSES LOCALS.

Do you want a nice trunk, telescope or dress suit case? If so come and get one cheap.

I have a few over coats that will keep you warm and cost you very little money. Come and select a nice warm robe before they are all taken out.

Pure Mountain buckwheat flour, Maple New Orleans and rock candy syrup to go with it.

I have a good stock of guns and you will do well to look at them before buying. Almonds, pecans, brazil and english walnut, fresh and nice.

Chitron, raisins, currants, cocoanuts, fruit candies and crackers ready for Christmas. Amos B. Morse.

L. W. WHITE

Has determined for the next Thirty Days to make

GREAT SLAUGHTER OF READY-MADE CLOTHING!

He will sell during the time specified all his Men's Suits of Colored Cassimers and Colored Worsteds at Cost for Cash.

Now is the time to buy.

Great Bargains await all buyers. Come to see us. We will sell you the cheapest suit you ever bought. Only give us a look and we will surely sell you.

WEST END.

Happenings and Incidents of a Week About the City.

Abbeville, S. C., Jan. 14, 1902.

Miss Mary Hill has returned from a pleasant ten days stay with friends in Anderson.

Mr. Lewis Perlin went over to Greenwood Saturday and spent Sunday in that city with friends.

Mrs. Greene Sandler, of Rock Hill, who has been in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles D. Brown, has returned to her home after an extended stay here.

Miss Wakeling returned last Thursday from a visit to friends in Atlanta.

BUCHER CLUB.

The Bucher Club was delightfully entertained last Friday evening by Miss Lucia Parker.

Miss Maize Canon is in the city spending some time with her grandmother Mrs. P. H. Batesville, Ark., where she has had charge of the Millinery Department of a large store.

Miss Florence Kirby returned last Thursday from a short visit to her sister, Miss Eva P. Kirby in Spartanburg.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson was in the city last Friday on business.

Mr. Paul E. Anderson is at home again after a short stay with relatives in Watkinson.

Miss Helen Mower, one of Newberry's most accomplished young ladies, was in the city several days last week the guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. W. White.

Miss Leona Blake with her guest, Miss Emily Verner of Columbia, went over to Greenwood last Thursday to attend a meeting of the Chiquita Circle.

Miss Rena Allen is at home again after a pleasant trip to Columbia where she was the guest of her brother Mr. Warren Allen.

Mr. Philip Rosenberg left last Thursday for Baltimore, where he goes for treatment. His many friends hope he will soon return fully restored to health.

Mrs. Theodore H. Forman of Atlanta, is in the city the guest of her grandmother Mrs. Renny Allen.

Mr. A. C. Cater of Monterey, has come to Abbeville and will make her home here with her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Templeton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Templeton, of Monterey, leave in a few days for Columbia, where Mr. Parker goes to attend the Legislature.

Where Mr. J. E. Jones has moved into their new home next to Mr. Mansfield Hollingsworth's house.

Mrs. E. E. Roper has returned to her home in Trenton after spending some time here with her daughter, Mrs. C. D. Brown.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

The Woman's Club had a very pleasant meeting Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Claude C. Campbell.

Interesting papers were read by Miss Leona Blake, on Society in the South before the war, and Miss Mary E. Jones, on the war, and Miss Mary E. Jones, on the war, and Miss Mary E. Jones, on the war.

An instructive program of study has been arranged for the year, the club is taking a course in the history of the South.

Gen. R. E. Hemphill has gone to Columbia where he goes to take his position as chief clerk of the Senate.

Hoar, M. P. DeBruhl and Master Calhoun DeBruhl left yesterday for Columbia. They will be away for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Nickles have moved into the house recently occupied by Mr. J. E. Jones. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nickles have moved to Abbeville from their home near Hodges.

In the last issue of Leslie's Weekly is a page of South Carolina's handsome women and among them is a picture of Mrs. Frank Boyd Gary, one of Abbeville's fairest daughters.

SLIGHT BLAZE.

Sunday morning the Chapel at the Factory caught fire from the chimney flue. The alarm was sent in, but the blaze was extinguished before the fire company arrived.

Mr. J. Jennings and family will move to Atlanta in a short while. Mr. Jennings has a fine position to travel, with headquarters in Atlanta. He has been in the city for four years.

Mr. T. H. Forman, of Atlanta, was in the city Sunday to take his position as chief clerk of the Senate.

Mrs. W. H. Long has been quite sick, but her friends will be glad to know that she is some better.

Rev. Mr. Childs, of Greenwood, Presiding Elder of Cokesbury district, preached in the Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Mr. Albee Bowles left yesterday for Chicago, where he goes to take a position with Swift & Company. The best wishes of all his friends go with him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owens went to Greenwood North Carolina, last Wednesday. They will be in the city on a visit to his father, Dr. J. W. Marshall. Mr. Marshall left Abbeville twenty-three years ago, and this is his first trip home.

Mr. Harry Pinkney, of Anderson, spent Sunday in the city with his grandfather, Dr. J. W. Marshall.

Mr. James H. Perrin returned Tuesday from a week's stay in Charleston with her cousin, Mrs. Sarah Edith Simons. A small frame house just back of the house recently occupied by Mr. W. W. Bradley was burned Monday evening about seven o'clock.

Estate of Elizabeth Weeks, Deceased

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 25th day of January 1902, I will render a final account of my actions and doings as Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth Weeks, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County 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 substantiated or be forever barred. F. A. Weeks, Administrator.

Dec. 21, 1901.

CHARLES P. PRESSLY,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,

302 and 304 Leonard Building.

Commissioner for South Carolina.

Augusta, Ga.

All the ingredients of the best quality for making fruit cake can be had at the grocery store of L. W. White, raisins, currants, citron, almonds, etc.

Abbeville-Greenwood

MUTUAL

INSURANCE

ASSOCIATION.

\$ 550,000.

WRITE TO OR CALL on the undersigned or to the Director of the Association for any information you may desire about our plan of insurance.

We insure your property against fire, theft, fire, windstorm or lightning.

and do so cheaper than any Insurance Company in existence.

Remember we are prepared to prove to you that ours is the safest and cheapest plan of Insurance known.

J. R. BLAKE, Jr., Agent,

Abbeville, S. C.

J. FULLER LYON, Pres.

Abbeville, S. C.

BOARD DIRECTORS.

W. E. Leslie, Abbeville Township

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J. M. Coker, Cokesbury

S. F. Cromer, Smithville

G. M. McKinney, Bordentown

H. H. Society in the city, Yeloid Township.

P. E. Callison, J. Add. Calhoun and Joseph Lake, Kinards.

J. Add. Calhoun, Joseph Lake and R. W. Townsend, Fellowship Township.

J. Add. Calhoun, Joseph Lake and R. W. Townsend, Brooks Township.

J. W. Lyon and A. K. Watson, Indian Hill Township.

Abbeville, S. C., Jan. 17, 1902.

My Dear Santa Claus:

DuPre, the Toy Man, has a large

stock of Dolls, Dogs, Cats, Horses,

Engines, Drums, Horns, Banks,

Games, Blocks, Vases, Tea Sets,

Cups and Saucers, and other Toys,

and we want you to go there,

and buy our Christmas presents.

His Toys are better and his prices

are lower than any other dealer.

Yours affectionately,

Little Girls and Boys.

Overcoats and Clothing!

Our line is now full and we

invite you to call and see our

line of Clothing. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Lamps to burn. Prices from 20c. to \$1.50. Be

sure and see them before you buy. J. Allen

Smith, Jr.

Call and see our line of holiday stationary,

C. A. Milford, The Drugist.

The most complete line of brushes to be

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brushes, nail brushes, hair brushes, clothes

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More school books just received.

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... ALL ...

Jewelry

Looks pretty in a picture

providing the picture is

good work, but don't be

deceived into ordering

from a catalogue under

the impression that you

are saving money, the re-

sult is often disappoint-

ment. We can save you

money, give you the lat-

est designs and you see

you buy before you pay

for it. Remember our

line of

Holiday Goods

are coming in every day.

Buy now and have us lay

it aside for you. No trou-

ble to show goods.

THE THEILING CO.

JEWELERS

Inspectors S. A. I. Hotel Block.

Fine Repairing a Specialty.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

HIS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN

FROM TUESDAY, OCTOBER

15th UNTIL TUESDAY,

DECEMBER 31st.

The Rate of State, County, School

and Special Tax, Including One

Dollar Poll Tax, One Dollar

Commutation Tax.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACT TO

raise supplies for the fiscal year commencing

January 1, 1902, notice is hereby given

that the office of County Treasurer of Abbe-

ville County will be open for the collection of

taxes for said fiscal year from Tuesday, Octo-

ber 15th, until Tuesday, December 31st, with

out penalty. Rates per cent of taxation are as

follows:

State Tax..... 5 mills.

County Tax..... 2 1/2 "

Special County (Road)..... 2 1/2 "

Sinking Fund..... 2 "

School..... 8 "

Total..... 12 1/2 "

In addition to the above a special tax will

be collected for school purposes as follows:

Abbeville Special School..... 3 1/2 mills.

Abbeville Special R.R. bonds..... 1 1/2 "

Burke..... 4 "

Due West..... 4 "

Lowndesville..... 4 "

McCormick..... 4 "