HUGH WILSON, Editor.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

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Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1905.

Minutes of the Press Association. The Press and Banner is glad to receive a

copy of the "proceedings of the thirtieth an-

nual meeting of the South Carolina State Press Association, held at White Stone Springs, S. C., July 13-17, 1904." The officers of the Association are:

President-E. A. Aull, Newberry. 1st Vice President-Ed H., DeCamp, Gaffney. 2nd Vice President-N. Christensen, Beau

Secretary-C. C. Langston, Anderson. Treasurer-August Kohn, Columbia.

Chaplain-W. P. Jacobs, Clinton. The minutes of the meeting are interesting and the speeches or papers, are instructive, and well worthy of the attention of any

With no intention of finding fault, but in the hope of helping the brethren on to per fection, we make some notes—For instance: The secretary refers to "our clever host, Mi T. I. Harris," and says that "Charles Petty the venerable editor of The Carolina Spartar

delivered a most cordial and eloquent addres of welcome, which was responded to by President Aull." Upon which we would remark that Secre

taries of meetings are usually required to make a note of the proceedings, but by reference to the Article X of the Constitution no such duty is required of the Secretary of the State Press Association. Except wherein the Secretary is required to "arrange for the publication of the Minutes," no intimation i given that such record is to be kept by him But assuming that the Secretary is required to make a record of the proceedings, we sug gest that he is nowhere authorized to "char acterize" anybody's speech or paper. Did he have a right to use the words "venerable" or "most cordial and eloquent" when referring to the address of welcome?" And then in the next breath the Secretary said it "was re sponded to by President Auli." No praise for President Aull.

Next comes President Aull's report : "I be to submit herewith my annual report," etc. Wouldn't "I submit my annual report," etc. have sounded better?

While one star different from another sta in glory, a little more space is given by the President to the notice of one member death than is given to another.

There are things that struck us in an address, which made an admirable paper and brought it jully up to high water mark of

In the Secretary's report he should have omitted from the first line the word "humble." Otherwise the report was all tha could have been desired. He had no right to characterize himself, especially in that way No efficient Secretary has a right to charge

himself with i humility. The Secretary says: "A. W. Knight of the Bamberg Herald, read the following paper which, on motion, was ordered printed in the minutes." The Secretary was entirely right

Mr. Knight's subject was: "The Job Offic in Conjunction with the Country Newspaper.' A better paper would be hard to find. That is to say, it is, from our standpoint, first class, practical and sensible, and well worthy of consideration. Some of the heavenly bodies are sometimes in "conjunction," and we were glad to see that Mr. Knight discuss ed the subject of "job offices in connection with country newspapers." He said at the close that he was not in a position to discus the question of a job office in conjunction with a country newspaper."

The Secretary then, made the announcepaper, which, on motion, was ordered printed much as the other in the Minutes."

The subject of this paper was: "The Neces sity of Having Fixed Advertising Rates and rived by having a fair and fixed price for advertising Mr. Knight's paper on his expernot informed. Is this good English: "The Necessity of Having Fixed Advertising and Standing by Them?"

The Secretary appounces that "John Bell following paper, which, on motion, was erdered printed in the minutes."

was chaste in conception and beautiful in

It was the originally, the elegance and the purity of speech of John Temple Graves that Secretary to lose his head, when he said: "Mr. Graves responded in a most eloquent and interesting address, which, on motion, he was requested to furnish a copy to the Secretary for publication in these

speech of Mr. Graves was a good as his best productions. In oratary, independence of thought and freedom of speech he is not inferior to any orator with whom we are acquainted. His subject was the

"The Main Points of Excellence in a News account of his career for thirty years as editor, and gave his opinion on various mat-

As a whole, the Minutes of the Press Asso Company, Newberry, S. C.

"The Southern Home."

Mr. S. Archibald Linley, associate editor and advertising manager of "the Southern Home," a monthly publication coming from Columbia, was in our city two weeks ago and we had the pleasure of meeting him. He is a young man of about twenty years, and seems well qualified for his business. Being of the same age that this editor was when he went into the printing business, we felt drawn to him and the fact had the effect of causing us to review our own past life. It Mr. Linley's experience for the next fortyfive years is anything like ours has been, be has a vest amount of work before him. He has entered a much larger field of labor than we did. His paper is a paper for all the people while ours has been chiefly for the people of Abbeville County. We were glad to learn that Mr. Linley met with good success in Abbeville. Abbeville people are ready to recognize merit in as good a paper as that which Mr. Linley publishes and represents.

Judge Swayne Impeached.

Judge Swayne of Florida has been impeach ed, the charge against him being that he

charged up \$10 for expenses. If only those without sin, will vote against free passes and afterwards collected the alwe believe, made the charge that Judge Swayne had no friends in Florida. This inthat no danger was incurred by voting opposition to the best acts of the opponent's against the accused.





Promptness Everywhere.

In settling its death claims or matured policies is what the Equitable not only stands for, but actually does as is shown by the quick payments every day.

During the past year all claims passing through my hands have been paid for within 24 hours after same were received in the New York Office.

PAID \$65,000.00 in 24 Hours.

Characteristic of the Equitable was the prompt settlement of the \$65,000.00 claim on the life of the late Senator C. S. McCall, of Bennettsville, S. C., which amount was paid by check the same day the death claim reached New York. The following explains itself:

LARGE INSURANCE POLICY.

Equitable Life Pays to the Late Col. McCall's Estate \$65,000.

McCall's Estate \$65,000.

Special to the State.
Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 15.—The office of the State manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York at Rock Hill paid out today the sum of \$85,000, the amount of the insurance policy held in that company by the late Senator McCall died on Decamber '81 last. The proofs of his death were received at this office on Jan. 9 and received it New York on the lith. The check for the above amount was dated and mailed on the lith. It is understood that Senator McCall had a policy for \$25,000 in another company, making a total of \$85,000. The manager of the office stated that his company paid business in South Carolina during 1904 was in excess of of \$2,600,000. More than \$500,000 was collected in premiums, while the company has over \$13,000,000 in standing policies in the State.

The Equitable Life Assurance Society,

Strongest in the World"



W. J. RODDEY, Manager for South Carolina.

J. P. QUARLES, Special Agent, Abbeville, S. C.

Small Pox.

Saveral new cases of small pox have developed among our people during the last week. The town now has about as many ment, that "R. L. Freeman of the Pee Dee cases of this disease as we have of colds. And Advocate, Bennettsville, read the following one disease seems to be dreaded about as it has been an important factor in the businesses which an motion read the following one disease seems to be dreaded about as

A great number of persons refuse or neglect to be vaccinated, and recently there has been reated something of a sentiment against Standing by Them." Of the benefits to be de- allowing persons having the disease the free dom of the streets.

While we know that well-meaning persons ence is worth its weight in gold. He uses the in every community favor quarantining card rates instead of the flat rate. The Fress small pox cases, yet we thing that, if reasonand Banner discarded the card rates fifteen able persons would reflect a moment that years ago, and adopted the flat rates. We they would not be infavor of inflicting such a favor the flat rate, as being the best. What is hardship on any one. If persons refuse to be meant by "and standing by them," we are vaccinated they do so at their own risk, and nobody should be locked in doors because of the fooltardy act of those who refuse to make

themselves immune. The most intelligent and the most scientific Towill, of the Batesburg Advocate, read the physicians recommend vaccination, and if laymen run counter to the opinion of the physicians, they have no right to expect This paper was on "Fraternity," which small pox patients to be kept out of their

We do not force men to protect themselves against pneumonia, We allow men to vio late the rules of health in keeping a pig pen under their nose. We even allow the owners of pig pens to jeopordise the health and life of their neighbors in order that a hog may

live to fill the air with typhoid germs. Then why should we pen up a citizen to keep him away from a man who goes hunt

We believe in the largest liberty when that liberty does not endanger others, or does not infringe upon the rights of others. A man with small pox cannot give it to a man who has been vaccinated; and it is fair to assume that a man in this day and time who neglect paper and How to Make it Interesting," was to be vaccinated doesn't care if he does have the subject of General Hemphill's remark, it. And we think every man in town has a which he was requested to reduce to writing right to have the disease-if he wants it. He for publication in the Minutes. He gave an can make himself immune, if he so desires. We are not in favor of compulsory vaccins

tion any more than we are in favor of confining a case of small pox. We hope, there fore, that the town authorities will respect ciation is a most valuable little book, which the wishes of the man who is opposed to was nicely printed by The Elbert H. Aull being vaccinated, and we hope that no man may be deprived of his liberty for no better reason than his having a case of small pox. Isn't it an outrage to imprison one man ecause another refuses to be vaccinated? The origin of quarantine was in the days

> The strange thing to us is, that there should be a sentiment favoring the imprisonment vail. of a small pox patient, while the owner of a hog pen is allowed to go at large.

before vaccination was proven to be a pro-

Definite Democracy.

The Atlanta News is advocating a "Definite Democracy," and a return to Jeffersonion principles is urged by many. As to the idiot. ic cry for a return to the methods and practices of Thomas Jefferson nothing need be said. We cannot move the finger of time backward. We cannot run the hands of the clock back to former days. It is needless to urge that the former days were better than hese. The world moves and we move with it. In science, politics, religion and good government we have made wonderful progre

ackward along any of the tines. If the Democratic party, or the people of the South, would join the the offices of the United States they must, so to speak, frim off the dead wood, and take on new life and new ideas. The old, antiquated, repudiated and Judge Swayne, he will be acquitted. Let the out of date alms, objects and principles will Congressmen say if they have not ridden on never win control of this country. If we would gain ascendency, we must cast aside lowances for mileage. One man in Congress, the burdens that have brought defeat. We must rise to something higher and better, than to be scoids and fault-flinders. Blind formation, we presume, was given to show opposition to existing conditions, and foolish

in a hundred years, and we are not going

The Farmers Bank. This institution commenced business in

March 1890. Originally projected as an adjunct to The Farmers Alliance, it was found a larger field of usefulness, and for fifteen years iness. The editor "has decided to get the

County.
It was at first intended to extend assistance to the farmers particularly and especially, but for years it has been able and willing to accommodate all classes of our people.

In June 1904 its bonored and distinguished President Mr. Wm. H. Parker, from protracted illness and the infirmities of age offered his resignition. He was one of the organizers of the Bank and was its only President, conducting its affairs with skill and conse rvation.

It was with much regret to the directors and stockholders that his resignation was accepted, and the pleasant relations which had so long continued were severed.

At the Annual meeting in January 11th 1905, the following directors were elected; G. A. Visanska, P. B. Speed, R. M. Haddon, J. R. Blake, John A. Harris, F. E. Harrison Lewis W. Parker, W. P. Greene and A. K.

The following officers were then elected by the directors; F. E. Harrison, President; P. B. Speed, Vice President; Julius H. Du-Pre, Cashler; J. C. Thomson, Assistant Cashler.

The new President, Dr. F. E. Harrison, is too well known to our people to need any introduction to our people. They know that his excellent business qualifications and his good judgment in financial matters have prought to him a success which, we believe, has not been surpassed by any one in the city. His phenominal success in his own affairs is the best guarantee that the interests of the bank will grow and prosper in his hands. Assisted by such able and competent officers as now control the farmers Bank there can be but one result.

Immigration.

We see it stated that Mr. Watson, immigration agent has brought to this State about two hundred immigrants. They are of the best kind. To born and bring up a boy to man's estate cost anywhere from \$1.00 to \$2.000. At this rate Mr. Watson's immigrants are worth to the State from \$300,000 to \$400,000. If it costs a hundred dollars to raise a mule, we count the mule as worth that much to the State. If it costs \$1.500 to bring a child to manhood's estate, the same rule of valuation should pre-

If Mr. Watson would hire a ship and take it to Ireland, Scotland, or elsewhere, and offer treelpassage he could load the ship, and enrich

The Dispensary.

A few prohibitionists have joined the liouer element in fighting the Dispensary, o that is the way !t appears to us.

Keeping the Record.

Our loying Charleston contemporaries are having a hard time keeping each other straight on the record as to the Crime bus-

Pretty Stenographer and Typewriter. Miss Nettle Brunson of Orangeburg, made glad many hearts during her recent visit to Abbeville. Attractive in manner, pretty in person, she makes friends and admirers wherever she may be. She has learned short hand writing, and can now take down noise of sermons and speeches, or make an exact reproduction of the old, old story—the aweetest story ever told. She never looked trettler or more attractive than on her recent trip to Abbeville.

Putting off Iosurance is like waiting for a rising river to run by. The longer you wait the smaller becomes the opportunity to ross. Therefore get a policy in the Equitaparty, is not to be considered a winning card. cle Life right away.

Greenville Evening Herald, whose excellence is acknowledged by all, is seeking greater achievements in the newspaper busideas of its readers concerning the further

At the Top, but Would Go Higher.

improvement of the paper," and cash bonus for the best suggestions. The Press and Banner sees very little room for improvement in the editorial conduct of the Evening Herald. The mechanical make up of the paper is susceptible of but one improvement, If smaller body type, set solld was used, the whole outfit would be ideal.

It is hard to print a good paper on leaded long primer. Set the paper in smaller type and if need be, use plates to fill out the spare space. The cost of plates need be but little. If you buy farm notes, or other miscellaneous matter. After using them, lay them aside for three months and use them again. They can be used in this way for an indefinite number of times, or if you don't like this plan, reduce the size of your sheet after installing the smaller type.

The society Editor is Miss Gertrude Hoyt,

and the style of her work is excellent. She is an acquisition to the paper.

EXCITING OCCURRENCES.

Recent Fires in the City of Abbeville

Some two months ago, the alarm of fire was given in the night time, voices cried fire, and the fire bell sent a thrill through every heart. The fire company responded with their usual promptness, and soon the clang of the horn reel bell was heard on the streets. The horn reel stopped in front of Miller's Hotel, and with hand on the water ping, walted to be informed in which direction to send the stream. The fire had been discovered in George Scott's bed blanket, which he had wrapped about himsel! as he lay down to pleasant dreams. When the fire resched his heel, he was suddenly awakened, when he threw his quilt into the street. This started the cry of fire. The old negro told the fire company that he didn't care for the quilt as he had his money in his pocket.

Not long after this fire, the fire bell startled the town shout eleven o'clock in the morning. The fire company turned out in force, and the square was full of excited people. A towel in Dr. Killingsworth's office had gotten on fire.

One night last, week, two young ladies Recent Fires in the City of Abbeville

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One night last week, two young ladies warmed a brick and put it in the bed to keep their feet warm. After they had slept sweetly for a time, dreaming of angels and other nice thirgs unknown to us, they discovered that their bed was on fire. The brick had burned its way through feathers and mattress, and seemed ready to become brilliant affair. They didn't call the fire company, nor did they allow anyone to enter their room until after the fire had been gotten under control. The household was alarmed at the commotion in the room, but no doors were opened, and no admittance was allowed until after things were in order for the reception of company.

until after things were in order for the recep-tion of company. Yesterday afternoon the fire bell rung. The fire company turned out. The biaze was at Senator Biake's home. As soon as the soot was burned out the biaze perished for the want of consumable matter.

WE WANT ALL INTERESTED IN MACHINERY

TO HAVE OUR NAME BEFORE THEM **DURING 1905**

Write us stating what kind of MACHINERY you use or will install, and we will mail you FREE OF ALL COST A HANDSOME AND USEFUL POCKET DIARY AND ATLAS OR A LARGE

COMMERCIAL CALENDAR Gibbes Machinery Company.

COLUMBIA, S. C. A STOOK OF HORSE POWER HAY PRESSES TO BE CLOSED OUT AT SPECIAL PRICES.

L. W. WHITE

HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING AND NOW HAS A GREAT MANY BARGAINS TO OFFER THE TRADING PUBLIC.

He has a great many

Remnants

of all kinds of goods which can be boughts at prices greatly below their real value. He has reduced prices on Percals, Ginghams, Flanneletts and Outings, and great bargains can be had in goods of this kind.

Winter Dress Goods

are going at cut prices, and if the ladies will only give us a look, they are sure to conclude that now is the time to buy a dress cheap.

It is needless to say anything of

Embroideries.

We have the largest assortment to be found in the city and, our prices are always the lowest.

Now is the time to get bargains in

RUGS.

We have a large line of them and they are going fast at popular prices.

Don't forget our

Clothing, Hats and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

We can give satisfaction in a Suit, Overcoat or Hat if anyone can. Only give us a trial.

We have a very large Stock of Goods which we are anxious to reduce to make room for Spring Goods.

Come to see us.

L. W. WHITE

Estate of J. R. McComb, Dec'd.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 28rd day of Jan., 1905, I will render a flual account of my actings and doings as Executor of the Estate of J. R. McComb, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville Councillation. office of Judge of Probate to.

ty at 10 o'clock a. m., and on the same day

ty 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 authenicated or
be forever barred.

R. S. McComb,

Dec. 22, 1904.

Executor.

It Will Pay You to See a Lot of

Drummers Samples

SILVERWARE, CARVING SETS and POCKET CUTLERY

Which We Have Just Bought.

FISH SETS, SALAD SETS, PIEKNIVES. JELLY KNIVES, SOUP LADLES, COLD MEAT FORKS, CAKE KNIVES, OYSTER LADLES, GRAVY LADLES, SUGAR SHELLS, BUTTER KNIVES,

CHAFING DISHES. FIVE O'CLOCK TEAS, And full line SILVERWARE.

Abbeville Hardware CO

Grip Quickly Knocked Out.

"Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of la grippe with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Egieston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, mucles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, aiding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver. Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completea dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver.
Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." These Tablets promote a healthy action of the bowels, liver and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the rip. Sold by C. A. Milford, Abbeville. H. M. Youog, Due West. J. W. Morrab, Mt. Carmel.

Say "Murray's".

When you've got a bad cough just say "MURRAY'S." If a druggists gives you anything but Murray's Horebound, Mulicin and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy. Make him give you Murray's. Acts quicker and you get a 50c, size bottle for 25c. Every druggist has it.

Haddon's Clearing Out SALE!

Winter Dress Goods.

Colored Silks, Dress Trimmings, Fine Embroideries, White Goods, Sweaters, Skirte, Jackets, Blankets, Shoes, Wool and fleeced lined Hose, any many other seasonable goods new offered regardless of profit. You can save money by taking advantage of this special

R. M. Haddon & Co.

"At Christmas play, and make good cheer, For Christmas comes but once a year," And when your Christmas gifts you buy, Remember Johnson can supply-

EVERYTHING!

In the Gold and Silver line. Watches, Jewelry, Cut Glass,

Fine Chinaware, Etc.

Everything in his line is up-to-date in style and workmanship. Guaranteed goods always satisfy. Johnson fixes watches, mends jewelry.

W. E. JOHNSON.

Johnson satisfies his customers.

THE JEWELRYMAN.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Pencils **Tablets**

Ink

General School Supplies.

Speed's Drug Store.