

Minutes of the Press Association.

The Press and Banner is glad to receive a copy of the proceedings of the 12th annual meeting of the South Carolina State Press Association...

The officers of the Association are: President—E. A. Aull, Newberry. 1st Vice President—Ed H. DeCamp, Gaffney...

With no intention of finding fault, but in the hope of helping the brethren on to perfection, we make some notes—For instance: The secretary refers to "our clever host, Mr. T. I. Harris..."

Upon which we would remark that Secretaries 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...

Next comes President Aull's report: "I beg to submit herewith my annual report..."

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

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

Mr. Knight's subject was: "The Job Office in Connection with the Country Newspaper..."

The Secretary then made the announcement, that "R. L. Freeman of the Pee Dee Advocate, Bennettsville, read the following paper, which, on motion, was ordered printed in the minutes..."

The subject of this paper was: "The Necessity of Having Fixed Advertising Rates and Standing by Them..."

The Secretary announces that "John Bell Towill, of the Batesburg Advocate, read the following paper, which, on motion, was ordered printed in the minutes..."

It was the originality, the elegance and the purity of speech of John Temple Graves that caused the Secretary to lose his head...

"The Main Points of Excellence in a Newspaper and How to Make It..."

Mr. S. Archibald Linley, associate editor and advertising manager of "The Southern Home," a monthly publication coming from Columbia...

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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.

LARGE INSURANCE POLICY.

Equitable Life Pays to the Late Col. 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 \$65,000, the amount of the insurance policy held in that company by the late Senator McCall...

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. Several new cases of small pox have developed among our people during the last week. The town now has about as many cases of this disease as we have of colds...

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...

At the Top, but Would Go Higher. Greenville Evening Herald, whose excellence is acknowledged by all, is seeking greater achievements in the newspaper business...

Estate of J. R. McComb, Dec'd. Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge. TAKE NOTICE that on the 23rd day of Jan., 1905, I will render a final account of my affairs and doings as Executor of the Estate of J. R. McComb, deceased...

Haddon's Clearing Out SALE! Winter Dress Goods. Colored Silks, Dress Trimmings, Fine Embroideries, White Goods, Sweaters, Skirts, Jackets, Blankets, Shoes, Wool and fleeced lined Hose...

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 bought at prices greatly below their real value...

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...

Grip Quickly Knocked Out. Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into severe forms of the grippe with all its miserable symptoms...

SCHOOL BOOKS Tablets Pencils Ink General School Supplies. Speed's Drug Store. When you've got a bad cough just say "MURRAY'S" if a druggist gives you anything but Murray's Horobond, Mullein and Tar you're not getting the best and surest cough remedy...