

Notice. The annual meeting of policy holders of the Abbeville- Greenwood Mutual Insurance Association will meet at Greenwood at 12 o'clock M. on Tuesday Jan. 2, 1906.

Stockholders Meeting. The regular meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Abbeville will be held on Tuesday the 9th of January 1906 at 12 o'clock.

Sale Day in January Tuesday 1906. The first Monday in January 1906, being a legal holiday the legal sale day will be Tuesday January 2nd.

Mr. Beck with who recently married Miss Penn, will have moved to town and will occupy the Templeton House.

J. F. Bradley Promoted. Mr. J. F. Bradley, who has been in the employ of Messrs D. H. Spencer & Co., of Martinsville Va., for only about seven months, has been promoted to the office of assistant manager.

The Abbeville Telephone exchange will observe Sunday hours Monday and Tuesday the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth of December.

Home for a Short While. Misses Fannie and Mary Starks have returned for the holidays after completing their musical course in Atlanta.

Marriages. Today, at Due West, the marriage of Mr Julius Haskell Denny and Miss Eliza Caroline Wideman will be solemnized at the home of the bride's father, Dr. J. V. Wideman.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Sprout have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Lily, to Mr. George Fred Kitch, the ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents, at Greenwood, S. C.

Mr. J. H. Allen has issued invitations to the marriage of his sister, Elizabeth, to Dr. John G. Edwards, the ceremony will take place in the First Baptist Church of Edgfield, on Dec. 27, 1905.

The Antreville Dramatic Club. The Antreville Dramatic Club will exhibit their new show on our stage Friday Dec. 22, 1905.

Personal Property For Sale. All personal property, farm implements, stock etc will be sold at the residence of J. A. Graves last Wednesday in January, 1906.

Criticism. A test of a well balanced character is his question, are we ready to heed criticism as to hear praise? If we can not hear our shortcomings menaced with those on the fence there is too much leaning toward self-conceit.

The Press and Banner believes that a man's enemies, if they are treated right, are often worth more to him than his friends. We believe that both adverse criticism, and favorable criticism, are necessary for the development of the best character.

When we are adversely criticized we should examine ourselves or our acts. If they are right we should have the courage to stand by them. If they are wrong we should have the courage to admit the fault and allow our critics to take the conceit out of us, without taking offence, even if they are less civil than they might be.

Nature creates her thousands who are ever ready to criticize unkindly anybody who dares to say or to do anything. None of these vast multitudes should excite our resentment for killing another white man, does not whom they speak spitefully, and those on the higher level should take their remarks more as a basis for self-examination than for vexation or resentment.

As a rule, however, thousands of people speak unthinkingly in what would seem to be in unkindness, but in fact, they speak without malice and without intent to injure. Their criticisms, instead of wounding, hold the mirror up to nature in which may be reflected the faults which they think we are committing. Unkindness or malice from high places are often recorded in one's book of remembrance. At the proper time the printer is not at loss to "get even," if he so desires.

Our neighbor of the Presbyterian seems to think there can be but one kind of criticism, and we are not quite sure if he did not mean error or obstinacy when he said "self-conceit." Self-conceit is all right, except on occasion, when it ought to be knocked out of us, and we should not be surprised if our neighbor, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian, should proceed to knock it out just now.

Deserves Thanks. The people of South Carolina owe the State newspaper a vote of thanks for its recent editorial on "Crime-At Gaffney and Elsdwhere."

In many cases our juries have not done their duty. For this failure we think the judges on the bench are not blameless. Even if white men are convicted of taking life, their punishment seems light when compared to the punishment inflicted on a negro for offenses against property. Is it not true that a negro's punishment for stealing a pig is in excess of the punishment usually inflicted on a white man for killing a negro?

And then, when a jury convicts a white man for killing another white man, does not the judge, who imposes sentence, too often fix the penalty in a fine, instead of imprisonment on the chain gang? Would these purple proud managers and their friends, the jurors and judges, place a price in money, on life? Are not the judges too often very kind?

In our opinion, the judges, more than the juries, are to blame for the lack of the enforcement of the laws for the protection of life. And then, on the Supreme Bench are not blameless. Even if white men are convicted of taking life, their punishment seems light when compared to the punishment inflicted on a negro for offenses against property.

Our courts furnish to strangers their strongest plea for securing to the negro the right to vote.

EAST END.

What "M" Meets and Hears on His Rounds in Country and in Town. WITHIN THE CITY GATES.

A merry Xmas to the editors, patrons, and correspondents of the Press and Banner. Before another issue of the good old paper Christmas will again have dawned upon us and all will be in the midst of the holidays.

Santa Claus is the busiest of all the men we see, he is rushing around in Abbeville from store to store, buying the dolls and toys of every kind, fixing them up for the children; we don't know whether he will carry his presents around Saturday night, or Monday night. Last Christmas came on Sunday and this year Xmas comes on Sunday.

Our merchants are bustling ready for the Xmas trade, their stores are being gaily decorated with all sorts of pretty goods and fancy articles. The holidays will be beautiful and more tempting.

Our Graded High School will open again on Tuesday the 2nd of January. Teachers we presume will be largely absent from the schools, and there to make merry on this joyous festival of all the year.

Abbeville's social circles will be largely absent from the schools, and there to make merry on this joyous festival of all the year. The Abbeville social circles will be largely absent from the schools, and there to make merry on this joyous festival of all the year.

Mr. Eddie Reiche the faithful and efficient clerk of the office of the Mayor, in connection with the office on the first of January next having already accepted a situation with the American Cigar Co. of Greenville S. C.

As clerk he will be greatly missed for he was courteous and friendly and personified his duties with marked correctness. In his new situation he will work for promotion and we have no doubt but that he will soon climb to topmost round and win the place of merit his faithful attention to business will gain for him.

Mr. C. W. Hammond returned last Monday from Spartanburg where he went to attend to business. Mr. Hammond was accompanied by his wife and children. They will be here for some time.

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Happenings and Incidents of a Week About the City.

Miss Marie Gary returned the first of last week from an extended stay with her aunt Mrs. Marie Gary Eason in Charleston.

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A. M. SMITH,

Now is the Best Time to Begin Christmas Buying.

The greatest display of Holiday Goods we have ever shown. We invite you to begin with your Christmas buying. The whole store is filled with gift things of every kind. That means first choice while assortments are fresh and at their best.

Many Kinds of Dolls. Beginning at 25c for kid body or jointed Dolls, blondes and brunettes, up to large and very handsomely dressed Dolls at \$3.00 The display is extraordinary in greatness and variety. Every imaginable sort of Doll is here.

Toys, Toys! Games, Games! Never before in the history of Abbeville has such a display of imported Toys been shown, consisting of mechanical Toys, the latest Games as well as full line of Drums, Carts, Whistles and other Toys usually sold at this season.

A. M. Smith.

Stylish Clothes for the Holidays

This is the time of the year everyone wants to look his best. Why shouldn't YOU look well-dressed and prosperous? Surely it isn't because you can't afford to. Think how different a man looks in "good clothes." You like his looks--because he's neat and clean-cut and seems to amount to something. You'd give him a job or an order twice as quick as if he were shabby.

Men's Suits. The latest styles in neat, becoming patterns. Plain colors and quiet mixtures. Single and double-breasted in medium or extreme lengths, as your taste prefers.

\$5.00 to \$22.50

Men's Overcoats. A great variety of handsome models including Box Coats, Tourist and Belt Coats, Rain Coats and all the new styles. Handsome, fashionable, overgarments everyone, and each a credit to its maker--and its wearer.

\$4.00 to \$16.50

H. G. Anderson & Co. "THE CLOTHIERS."

You Get the Best Values From R. M. HADDON & CO.

Our Holiday Equipment is Extensive and Attractive and We are Ready for the Final Rush. Recent addition to our Stock of Holiday Goods enables us to offer new varieties all over the store. MILLINERY. Midwinter fashions portrayed in the most becoming Hats of the season. Special Prices This Week DRESS GOODS. All kinds and prices to suit the most fastidious taste. Special prices on goods for evening wear. SILKS FOR CHRISTMAS, in all that is new and stylish, all shades. SPECIAL, an odd lot of Silks that were \$1.50 and \$1, now 25c. yd. NEW FURS just in by Express and they are handsome ones prices up to \$12.50. A nice line of Fur Sets for young folks. Special Christmas Rug Sale and some pretty patterns to select from, All prices.