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'Twas Ever Thus.

We notice that some of our esteemed brethren of the press are urging upon the State and County officers the necessity for enforcing the law in such counties as have voted out the dispensary. This is right, and it is hoped that the officers may stop all illicit sale of liquor. If they show to other counties that they can or do enforce the law, then the anti-dispensary people will have a large accession of temperance people to their ranks.

Our observation would lead us to believe that few or no prohibitionists ever do anything themselves toward enforcing the liquor laws. In order to get prohibitory laws they are much in evidence and are vociferous until the law is secured, and then they subside and call upon others for the enforcement. They seem to think they have done their whole duty when the law is secured, and they must then urge others, and not themselves, to enforce the law. Did you or any other person ever know a prohibitionist to make the slightest effort to enforce the liquor law? We never did.

The fact that the opponents of the dispensary are now urging the enforcements of the law is proof that there is, or may be, need for vigorous effort along that line. If such opponents of the dispensary were ever clamorous for the enforcement of the restrictions in the sale of liquor we have forgotten the fact.

But whether the opponents of the dispensary are consistent or not, we hope that they may be successful. If they can have more temperance and less liquor-drinking, they will prove their superior wisdom.

Kickers.

We sometimes see remarks about the fitness of the Phillipinos for self-government. Does the Southern States show greater fitness for representation in the Washington government? Southern representatives seem to be governed by little principle, except in religious opposition to the President and the Republican party. No matter what originates at the White House or in the Republican ranks, it must have the solid opposition of the South. Southern representatives seem able to do very little, except to kick.

New Store Front.

The Kerr Furniture Co. have nicely dressed their store front. It is admired by many. The awning is a beauty and something new in Abbeville. One window is furnished as a bed room. The opposite window shows off the nicest dining room furniture.

The store in which Mr. Jones F. Miller does business has just had a new front put in and when the work is finished it will be quite an attractive place.

Dr. G. A. Neuffer has bought the store adjoining Mr. Millers new front is now in process of completion. When finished it will be quite a different appearance in front,

The store which was occupied by Mr. Maxwell as a market will hereafter be a drug store. Mr. Maxwell has moved his market to the store on Washington street once occupied by Mr. Tate.

In the A. R. P. Church,

The services in the Associate Reformed church was well attended last Sunday morning. In addition to the regular exercises was baptism of a young professed believer. After which the pastor announced the names of several men and women who had connected themselves with this church.

The prayer after the baptism was grateful alike to all who heard it. The preacher was not unmindful of those miserable sinners, who, for any reason refrain from a union with the church, and neglect to make a public declaration of their faith.

His sermon was a pulpit talk to the pews The preacher appealed to the heart and reason of all to strive for the richer and the higher things. Jacob in his dream saw the angels on the ladder which reached from earth to heaven.

In like manner we might have communication with our heavenly Father. The human body had been denominated the temple of the soul. Temples in all ages had been regarded with veneration. We ought to regard our bodies as living temples, and we should keep them pure by keeping our minds and hearts pure. And from these temples the souls of those of us who looked to the Father might rise from earth to heaven.

The service throughout was meek and sweet. The preacher expressed a welcome to visiting friends, and pronounced a benediction to all.

It is very gratifying to the preacher as well as pleasing to each member of the congregation to have friends worship with them. Those who have no churchly affiliation are especially invited to come every Sunday and those who have communion in other churches, are asked to come when their churches are closed. Polite ushers are always glad to show friends to good seats, which await their coming. Come and receive a heartfelt welcome, and hear the preacher who always has something to say, and never fails to stop when he has said it.

To the Legislature.

We have not heretofore given the Legislature any fatherly advise as to what they should, or should not do. But we venture to suggest that the law-making body do nothing with the dispensary law. Let it stand as it is until next year. By that time we will know more about prohibition. With more light the Legislature can act more wisely.

Senator Tillman made a vicious attack upon the President last week because of the forcible removal of a woman from the White House grounds. His resolution to investigate the matter recieved four votes in the Senate. Such speeches as that of Mr. Tillman last week and such as Bacon and Clay can make, lead us to hope that Southern representation may be reduced in Congress.

No Resemblance.

As far as known, there is no sort of resemblance between "Men of Mark" and "Town Topics." It is therefore, wicked if anybody associates the two enterprises. In subscription for "Town Topics," it is said, thousands of dollars has been paid by single individuals. On the other hand, "Men of Mark" is a valuavolume, giving photograph engravings and beautiful word pictures of such citizens as have reached that degree of prominence as would entitle them to places in its pages. No tribute is demanded of anybody. Nobody is expected to buy it, unless the individual desires to possess himself of the book which contains so much valuable information about living men. The beauty about this publication is, that the editors are not influenced by the subscription or non-subscription of anybody. The book can be bought or not, at fixed prices, ranging from $250 down to $150, or even down to $100. The de luxe binding is a fine binding, and is very costly. The agent for the de luxe volume was in town last week or the week before, and took at least two subscriptions for the de luxe volume or set, at $2.50 each.

Look out for cold weather. The news papers give reports of coming blizzards.

District Attorney Capers will be superseded by Mr. Cochran of Anderson. Hon. Wyatt Aiken says that he did it.

Gen. Joe Wheeler has pneumonia. He is with his sister in Brooklyn. The physicians regard his condition as serious.

EAST END.

What "M" Sees and Hears on His Rounds in Country and in Town.

NEWS ON ROUTE 3.

Mrs. Mary Parker is spending a while with relatives and friends in Greenville, S C.

Mrs Edwin Parker is now supplying the Abbeville market with that fine peavine hay he raises every year; it is nicely cured and neatly baled.

Mr. John A. Wilson has been wrestling with the gripp for the past few weeks but is now slowly convalescing, and his many friends hope he will soon be quite well.

Mr. and Mrs R. P. McNeill with their infant daughter were expected in the city yesterday from Kinston, N. C., and will spend a while with homefolks at Sharon.

Mr. Joe Link is now lulled to rest by the melodious strains of music from a beautiful phonograph recently purchased, "M" was greeted with a set piece for his special benefit "I'm old but I'm tough" it was a fine selection and quite appropriate to "M" in his hard every day service, and he enjoyed it hugely.

Mrs. J. J. Edwards and Miss Lillie of Lebanon have both been sick with gripp. Miss Lillie is about well but Mrs. Edwards improves very slowly.

Mr. L. B. Ramey has been hauling lumber for the past week with which to add to his dwelling, as well as to repair and rebuild out houses.

Rev. L. W. Brown of Lebanon writes that he is having a most enjoyable visit in the "Land of Flowers."

Many friends along route No. 3 express much anxiety in regard to the recovery of Mr. J. B. Wilson, and regret the sad affair that has caused two families suffering and trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wilson of Glendale spent several days of last week very pleasantly with friends and relatives at Watts.

Our County treasurer W. T. Bradley has the finest field of oats to be seen on route No. 3. Mr. Bradley is not only a fine treasurer, but a first class farmer as well.

Mr. Walter B. Wilson has joined the popular or "poplar" gang and is now hauling some of the biggest, and finest poplar logs to be seen anywhere.

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY.

Mr. R. M. Haddon has been quite indisposed, confined to his room for the past week, we wish for him an early recovery.

You correspondent was unable to write last week as he was suffering from sprains and bruises and a general "all over" shake up. His faithful horse took a notion he could beat the train, and as he was drawn up near the trestle waiting for the trains to move off, he made ready, and as the shrill whistle sounded he took an even start and left the train behind throwing "M" out agd breaking up things generally, making double quick time downthe road.

"M" is grateful for the timely assistance of several colored men who acted the good Samaritan, gathering up the fragments and helping on his way to the city.

Miss Nance, one of the faithful and efficient teachers in Abbeville's graded School was called to the bedside of her mother last Friday, who was quite ill. We are glad to note her return and that her mother is better.

Mr. Will Syfan got a fall last week which confined him to his bed for several days.

The many friends of Mr. R. H. Cochran regret to learn of his long indisposition which has confined him to his bed and room for several weeks and hope he will soon be fully restored to usual health.

We understand from a reliable source that Mr. J. S. Norwood has sold his plantation to a company from Anderson who expect to erect a fine hotel at Calhoun Falls in the near future and perhaps will inaugurate other enterprises that will largely develop that "land of promise," we speak thus because we believe that section of Abbeville County will, in the next decade, blossom as the rose.

The first government seed for this season reached the Abbeville Postoffice January 16th, and were sent by the Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken who is always on the lookout for the best interests of his constituents, He is a live congressman and the 34,000 R. F. D. boys over the United States should know him as "we do" in Abbeville, as he is "our friend" looking to the progress of the R. F. D. System and the better salary for the carriers. We hope he will hold his seat in Congress until our boys are old enough to vote for him.

Mrs. Wilkinson and Miss Nancy McIlwain left last week for an extended visit to relatives in Florida.

Mrs. M. C. Gary has been quite ill for the past week, but we are glad to note she is now more comfortable and getting on nicely.

Miss Lula Power has returned from a delightful visit to relatives near Due West.

INTERESTING R. F. D. NEWS.

From the report of William E. Curtis, the veteran correspondent of the Chicago Record Herald we condense the following, showing the growth of the rural free delivery business in the United State for the past 9 years, ending June 30, 1905, believing it will interest the readers.

Within the last nine years the routes have been increased flom 5 to 34,660, the number of people served from 1,000 to 13,000,000, the daily distance traveled by carriers from 96 miles to 708,000 miles; the number of carriers from 44 to 34,660; the annual expenditure from $10.000 to $30,819,944. Tried at first as an experiment, rural free delivery has evolved into one of the most popular institutions maintained by the government.

Applications for new routes are still flowing into postoffice department at Washington faster than they can be passed upon or put into operation, althoug each month sees the inauguration of several hundred new routes.

The system has been charged with the deficit in the post office appropriation, but it is not likely that any representative or senator, however parsimonious, or desirous of obtaining a reputation for statesmanlike economy would venture a suggestion to pare down the appropriation for this purpose, or to stay the steady development of the existing service as it has already won too firm a grip on the hearts of the people north, south, east and west.

The following table will also show the present importance of the rural free delivery and the tremendous volume of business transacted through its instrumentality. The amount of mail delivered and collected by carriers the past year.

Pieces delivered	1,209,796,200
Pieces collected	177,261,511
Total delivered and collected	1,387,057,711
No. money orders sold	3,979,620
Stamps sold	$3,848,471
Postage collected	3,421,857

At the rate of growth for the past nine years, it is difficult to prophesy accurately the progress of this wonderful institution for the coming ten years.

When one considers the direct and indirect development and improvement following in its train, he is confronted with ample food for speculation and the play of applied imagination.

Meeting of County Cotton Association.

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Frank H. Weston, Secretary of the South Carolina Cotton Association, saying that he will be here on next salesday to address the farmers of the County on the cotton question. He will come prepared to convince the most incredulous that cotton will advance to fifteen cents before the first of next April. I trust therefore that there will be a full turn out on the part of the farmers and all others, on that occasion. I. A. Keller, Pres.

Jan. 23, 1906.

BELLEVUE.

A number of us upon getting the paper out of the mail boxes, looked for the Bellevue News, but failed to find any notes from this place. We were very much disappointed. We hope your correspondent will not forget us next time.

We are very glad to report the sick convalescing. Mrs. Eugenia Cuddy has been quite ill but is much better at present writing. Miss Mary Morrah is up again. Mr. Adam Wideman has been suffering some pains from rheumatism but his aches are much easier.

It was reported that Mr. A. B. Kennedy had decided to make a change in his mode of life; that he was shortly to become a Benedict. He tells us, however, that, while he does not make light of the idea as Benedict did at first (not knowing how soon he might fall a victim to the sharp wit of the fair Beatrice) he has no immediate idea of 'entreating the pains' of Friar Francis.

Messrs. C. D. Brown and L. T. Miller of Abbeville came down last Friday to help Purity Lodge, K. of P. initiate Mr. Wm. Miller of Mt. Carmel into the mysteries of Knighthood. Messrs. Brown and Miller are well versed in Pythianism and gave us some very helpful instructions.

Miss Kittie Morrah is home again at Mr. W. D. Morrah's. She has been helping her aunt, Mrs. Cade of Mt. Carmel in her store.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Parker and children and Miss Sue Blackwell are visiting Mr. J. L. Kennedy and family.

Messrs. G. W. Long of Troy and Joel Sanders of Bordeaux visited Purity No. 152 Friday night.

The young people enjoyed a social gathering at Mr. W. D Morrah's Thursday night.

Mrs. G. W. Cade entertained a number of young men and ladies Saturday. One never visits that home without carrying away pleasant recollections.

Mr. Wm. Franklin who recently married Miss Mathis will live with his father-in-law Mr. Wm. Mathis. Mr. Mathis is fortunate in having such an industrious young man with him.

WEST END.

Happenings and Incidents of a Week About the City.

Miss Marie Gary came home Thursday from Columbia where she has been spending a few days with Judge and Mrs Ernest Gary. Miss Gary went to Columbia to attend the dance given by the Cotillion Club.

Mr. Bradley Reese left Sunday for Uniontown, Ala., where he will visit friends for a few days.

Mrs. J. M. Wilkinson left Thursday for Jacksonville, Fla., where she will spend some time there with her sister, Mrs. Boyd.

Mr. J. Townes Robertson came here Friday from Raleigh and stayed until Monday with his home people. He left Monday for Birmingham, Ala., where he will spend a few weeks before going back to his position in Raleigh.

Cadet Terrell Jones of Clemson College spent several days in the city last week with his sister Mrs. J. E. McDavid.

EUCHRE CLUB.

The Euchre Club was delightfully entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. William W. Bradley. After cards an elaborate salad course was served. Mrs. Bradley's guests were, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dargan, Mrs. E. K. Thompson, Mrs. Greene, Mrs. Bullock, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, Mrs. Frederick Minshall, Mrs. T. G. White, Mrs. Harry Wilson, Mrs. G. A. Neuffer, Mrs. H. G. Anderson, Mrs. S. G Thompson, Mrs. McClung, Miss Kate Marshall, Miss Marie Gary, Miss Plevna Seal, Miss Emma Harris, Miss Sara White, Miss Maude McClung, Miss Grace Smith, Miss Sara Lee, Miss Josie Lyon, Miss Lily Templeton.

Miss Blanche Gary came over from Greenwood Saturday and stayed here with her mother Mrs. E. B. Gary until Monday.

Mrs. Edgar C. Horton and pretty little daughter of Ithaca, N. Y., were in the city Saturday and Sunday the guests of Miss Lily Templeton. Mrs. Horton is pleasantly remembered here as Miss Carrie Belle Giles.

Mr. Courtney B. Wilson of Anderson came down Sunday and stayed until Tuesday with his home people.

Miss Nancy McIlwain left Thursday for Ocala, Fla where she will spend the winter with her nephew, Mr. Will McIlwain

Mrs. L. T. Miller is in Monroe, N. C. staying a while with her sister Mrs. Al Dearing.

Gen. R. R. Hemphill came home from Columbia last week and spent a few days in the city.

Miss Mary Starke and Miss Fannie Starke are in Columbia the guests of Miss Louise Bailey. The Misses Starke have received many delightful attentions during their visit Miss Bailey entertained the Welcomane Club last Wednesday afternoon, the pleasure of the afternoon was added to by several solos sung by Miss Fannie Starke.

Mrs. John McC. Thorn and Miss Sara T Thorn left Monday for their home in Millersburg, Ky after a several weeks stay here with Mrs. W. A. Templeton.

Mr. T. C. Liddell of Lowndesville was the guest of Mr. L. T. Miller last Saturday.

Mr. C. D. Brown and Mr. L. T. Miller went to Bellview last Friday on Knights of Pythias business.

Senator J. R. Blake came up from Columbia for a few days stay last week.

The friends of Mrs. Anna M. Maxwell are glad to know that she is convalescent after a ten days illness from pneumonia.

Mrs. W. J. R. Kennerly of Greenwood spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with her cousin Mrs. Templeton.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Highsmith have returned from a two weeks stay at Wilmington N. C. where they were the guests of Mr. Highsmith's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Mallard have gone to Darlington to spend a while with relatives.

SED FLITS AROUND THE CANDLE AND GETS HIS WING SCORCHED.

Shady Grove,
Jan. 22, 1906.

Deer Gents—I wuz in Abberville one day last week sorter peekin' aroun' ermong you Abber Villians and incerdentally drapt in to see Joe Jones. Ov course I wer'ent goin' to loof erroun' 'thout byin' suthin so I wrapt myself eroun er half pint of stuff en walked out. Deacon Smith wanted to know how cotton wuz goin so I Jes mosed over to thet place under the Ureeker hotel, whut they call the Cotton Exchange. The Deacon calls it a "Bucket shop," but how in the dickens he got that name fur it I don't know, they ain't a bucket in site.

Well the thing wus new to me, I never hed seen nuthin like it before. They wuz elegent cheers an' tables an' desks an' things an' a monstrous big black board. Severel Abber Villians wus roostin erroun comfortable like, smokin seegars and spittin red, an the scene wus so interestin' I went to roost too, put in er chew uf "ole Hickery," flung my thums in my veskit, an rared back to wait developments.

Ther wus a feller listenin' to a ticken merchine an writin down figgers on the big black board, an ever now an then he'd go to a little printin mershine an dash off a letter an fetch it to ther table. By this time I was feelin' perty good an' in a talkativ mood so I accosted a gent settin' by me.

Sez I, nabor, whuts that feller doin writin quotashuns, sez'e quotashuns on whut; sez I cotton an stocks, sez'e cotton an stocks, scz'e cant yer read? Look up there.

I hed already seen N. Y. cotton writ up ther in big gole letters an a grate long line on I, O, U's and U, O, M, es an I, C, s and W, E, Cs, et seters. It reminded me uv a line in potry I heard when I wus a kid. It run suther like this "I saw Esaw Kissin Kate, this is whut we three saw I saw Esaw he saw me an Kate saw I saw Esaw." Bout this time my pard spoke up and sez:

What yer doin byin or sellin?

Nuther, sez I.

Better buy, seze'e, she's goin up.

Whats gion up? sez I.

Why cotton, sez'e

I know thet, sez I

Sez'e, then why in the John Henry don't yer buy an get rich?

I wuz ez dumb ez a Simmon log in the Okeetenokee swamps, an dident know whut to say, so I jest begin to think an I thunk and I thunk. In the mean time my pard explained how ever pint up or down meant $5,00 an thare that feller wuz writen, I ken see, im now 60, 61, 61, 62, 65, 66, 66, 64 67, an so on. sez I, Do you mean that if Id bought when that feller writ 60 that now Id be in' $35,00?

Ez shore ez yer roostin in that cheer, sez'e.

Well, sez I to myself, ole spote, here's yer chance. Ez I say, my visit to Joe Jones hed got me in a most gratifyin frame of mind an I felt several persent better off then I raly wus, immeedyetly went over an invested in cotton to ther ermount of—well its sort uv a delicate subjec, an not nessary ter mention.

Then I resoomed my roost, after which it is needless to say, I wus a much more interested spectater.

She soon begin ter climc 66, 67, there, I'm in $5,00 said I to myself, 68, 69, 71! Jeemses River, thot I to myself, whut hev I ben plowin an cleanin up brier patches an grubbin' all my life fur, this is er dead sinch. 71, 73! an I begin ter wunder whut I'd do with the muney. I felt like I wuz ridin in er morris cheer on a cow ketcher of a mile er minit train, er wus bein wafted by the gentle zephers over peaceful valeys an green hills to a land uv milk an hunny.

74, the feller wrote an then 75, an I almost yeld booraw fur hamton! rite in the shop I made up my min I'd get Maddam Sed such a lot uv glad rags as she never dreamed uv since she used ter slide down the guilles, dam up the branch, an eat green apples. 78, $15 at a jump, an I made up my min I'd buy me a rubber tired buggy an give ole Deacon Smith the cold stare. 79 she registered, an I felt like I wus paddlin' roun in a jem decked canoo in a shady lake of Eckstacy where glorious feathered birds touched on notes Olympian, and flowers of er thousan' hues transplanted frum the Elysian fields reveled with earth, sky an air in makin one gran', sublime Eckstacy uv delight.

I wus settin there, almost entranced, until she reached 80, an I felt like my fortune wus made.

Just erbout here the refloeent tide struck me. She begin to dip like a kite when its tale is too short, dip, dip, dip, she went. In the words of the immortel Tillman, "Shall I speak, or shall I keep silent." All at once like er buzzard thets a mile hi an wants to come down quick, she folded her wings, stuck her head under her leathers an fell with er scoop that wud do justice to Lucifer. Erbout the best way I'kn describe my feelins at the time is to say that I felt zactly like I did when I wus to Atlanta an climbed up the stairs uv one of them skyskrapers. I thought I'd try a elevater fur onet, and did. Do you know how it feels? That's just the way I felt when cotton took thet swoop. I lost several plinks.

Just let me say here whut I beleeve bout the whole thing. You know thet a seet on the New York exchange is worth enny wher frum 75 to 100 thousand pinks. Now I'm under the impreshun that you ken by a lether bound maybogny morris cher frum ether McDill er Kerr or Calvert and Nickles fur less munny. Here it is, suppose me an Pab an the deacon deals in futurer, jus fur ninstace, uv course thers more, an me an the deacon beleeves its goin down an we sells And Pab believes its goin' up and he buys. Whuts the result? Them Wall Street scoundels cost up accounts, they git together and asks whats in sight, an ther henchmen tells them thers $200 bought an $100 sold. Airite, says they, draps cotton 20 points, take Dacon Smith's munny an pay Pab Siltz and divide Guilermo Sed's ermong us.

The erbove is weut I beleeve to be the tru state uv affairse.

Enny thing that costs 75 to 100 thousand dollers is bleeght to have sum graft erbout it, thet hes no more intrinsic value then a seet on the stock exchange.

I don't beleeve I'd er ever got caught in the thing ef it haddent been fur that ole dispensery licker. Good home made licker never wud er done it.

Yours truly,
Guilermo Sed.

P. S. I beleeve I'd reether you wouldn't publish this es its a rether delicate subject with me jest now,

BORDEAUX.

Mr. Clifford Cade is in Atlanta attending Draughon's Practical Business College.

Mr. J. B. Harmon after a four weeks visit to friends and kindred is home again. Mrs. Harmon will return about first of February.

Mrs. S. T. Cade has gone to attend the celebration of the twenty fifth anniversary of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Slaughter's marriage.

Miss Dora and Mr. Ellison Andrews of Willington were visitors in town Friday.

Mr. Norwood Harmon of Parkesville with his permeating smile and contageous disposition joined his brother John, on his return home. Wonder if "Nord" has had any more express packages to go astray?

Mr. Paul Lyon of Troy visited our town looking after Mr. Baggots' interests.

Mr. J. L. Gibert of Atlanta is visiting friends in town. Mr. Gibert is well known to us. For a number of years he was our post master and Station agent, which offices he filled with capebleness and competency.

Mr. C. C. Clinkscales and Fred Baggot were in town a few days ago prospecting for a prospective prospect. We understand that Fred was also in quest of something to rhyme with "Magnolia." We did not learn the results of the quest.

Furious Fighting,

"For seven years," writes Geo. W. Hoffmad, of Harper, Wash., "I had a bitter battle, with chronic stomach and liver trouble, but at last I won, and cured my diseases, by the use of Electric Bitters. I unhesitatingly recommend them to all, and don't intend in the future to be without them in the house. They are certainly a wonderful medicine, to have cured such a bad case as mine." Sold under guarantee to do the same for you, by P. B. Speed, druggist, at 50c a bottle. Try them today.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY MAY BE DECREASED.

The South Likely to Suffer Most by Any Change.

SERVICE IS NOT APPRECIATED.

Postoffice Department Has Adopted a Policy of Economy which May Affect This Section.

The State Bureau,
1417 G Street, N. W.,
Washington, Jan. 20

Something is going to be done in the rural free delivery line before very long. The postoffice department is going to discontinue a large number of routes, those on which the is not "appreciated" is the way it put in the office of the department. I asked Mr. Spilman, the superintendent of the rural free delivery service. yesterday what he meant by "appreciated"

"Why," said he, "where the people are not using the service."

"But you have recently issued an order directing that the counting of the mail pieces be discontined, how are you going to tell whether they are using the service or not?"

"Whenever we have reason to believe that the service is not being appreciated we will send our inspectors over the route and have them report on it. Then we will order the number of pieces handled counted for a given period."

"I understand, Mr. Spilman, that there is a disposition to cut off a number of routes in certain sections."

"Well, upon that point you will have to go and talk with somebody else. I can only tell you the facts. If you want to know about disposition I suggest that you go and talk to the fourth assistant postmaster general himself."

The fourth assistant postmaster general is Mr. P. V. DeGraw, a most genial man, who was willing to discuss facts, dispositions or anything else. I put the same question to him, "What do you mean by appreciated?" Are you just going to haul up a free delivery route and cut it out whenever you feel like it, or have you some basis of determining when a thing is appreciated? You know people have sundry ways of showing their appreciation of things."

"We will count the mail pieces for a given time and if they are not sufficient to warrant the continuance of the service we will cut off.

"What do you mean by warrant the continuance?"

"Why, that the service is appreciated."

After a while, though, Mr. DeGraw told me that it was their determination to discontinue all routes which do not handle as much as 2,000 pieces of mail a month: that in fact, they considered the route did not pay if no more than 4,000 pieces were handled but that they had fixed upon 2,000 as the minimum. But in this he appealed to Mr. Spilman, the superintendent, who chanced in about that time and who declared, "Still each route must stand on its own merits. There are other circumstances than the mere number of mail pieces. For instance, we have just discontinued a route in Wisconsin because out of 52 families on the route, only 22 were using the service. Another route was not far away and it was more convenient for a number of the patrons of that route to use another. You see in that case the number of mail pieces had nothing to do with it at all."

I have talked with a number of congressmen of late upon this subject. Some of them are inclined to believe, Mr. Lever especially that there is an effort on the part of the postoffice department to make a discrimination in this matter against the Southern States. The rural free delivery was first inaugurated on the mation of Southern members, and the idea was to give the South, which is almost altogether rural, some of the benefits of the North which is largely urban. But the North was not slow to realize what a good thing it was. The Northern States were interwoven with a network of rural routes, and now the service is to be restricted. If they count the families on a route, the South will show up fairly well for there are a number of negroes which swell the number. But they are about to quit counting the families and count the pieces of mail. When the South begins to take daily newspapers in the country, they stop counting the number of mail pieces and go to counting the cost.

"If there are 2000 pieces of mail," said Mr. DeGraw, "and all of them lettess at 2 cents each, that would make only $40. The carrier gets $75 a month. But we know of course that not half of the pieces of mail are letters. Thus, you see, the thing doesn't pay."

Mr. DeGraw says however, that there is no disposition on the part of the department to discontinue any routes where they are appreciated. Efforts are being made to improve the service all up and down the line. "All we want to be sure of is that the service is being appreciated and will warrant continuance."

The average number of pieces of mail per month handled on these routes in South Carolina is 2,400. In Iowa the average is 4,500. In North Carolina it is 1,900. In Virginia it is 2,000. In Ohio it is 4,400, in Texas, 2,300, South Dakota, 3,300, Kentucky, 2700, New York, 4,200. From these few figures given me by Mr. Spilman, it does not look as if there is any great probability of routes in New York, Ohio and Iowa being cut off for not having the minimum 2,000. But fellows in North and South Carola who are interested in a daily delivery service had better look out.

Representative Johnson in talking with me about this matter a few days ago said that the best way for the country people of South Carolina to maintain their routes is to begin using them more, and the best and cheapest way to do this is to begin taking more daily papers. Each paper counts a piece of mail handled, the paper is a good thing for the man to have, he ought to take it anyway; and so like the quality of mercy it blesses him who gives and him who takes.

Zach McGhee.

Dargan's Locals.

At Dargan's 5 & 10c store you will find a desirable line of heaters.

Ladies, come in and let us show you the Rosette Irons. Fashion has smiled its approval of these dainty little Rosette Irons, here, 50c. Dargan's 5 & 10c store.

A large line of books just in. In the lot are the Poets, an rich russet leather coverings and then the Alger Series, for boys, the Hurst House Series for girls are attractive and instructive. Come in and see the line. Dargan's 5 & 10c store.

School children should see our line of tablets, pencils and paper. Tablets from one cent to 10c each.

We are offering some specials in clothing to Christmas trade. A few $15 and $18 suits to be closed out at $10. Get in line for one of these bargain's. P. Rosenburg Co.

J. M. NICKLES,

Attorney at Law

Abbeville, S. C.

Office with W. N. Graydon.

To Extend Cotton Trade in Foreign Countries.

Washington Jan. 15—Senator Clay today submitted an amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, appropriating $250,000 for the study of conditions in Central and South America and in the Far East in order to extend the markets for American cotton goods.

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie holt of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bed-side forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healty woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c and $1.00 at P. B. Speed druggist. Trial bottle freee.

State of South Carolina,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

PROBATE COURT.

Complaint to Sell Lands to Pay Debts.

Patrick L. McCalvey as Executor &c., Plaintiff,

against

The Trustees of Estate of Dr. John DeLabews, et al.

In pursuance of an order of the Probate Court I will sell at Public Outcry at Abbeville Court House, on Saleday in February, 1906 next, for the payment of debts, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of James McCelvey, deceased, situate in said State and County to-wit: All that tract or parcel lands known as the McCelvey Homestead, situate lying and being on Rumley Creek, waters of Savannah River, in Abbeville County' State aforesaid, containing

500 Acres

more or less, bounded by lands of T. G Baker, A. W. Cole, Thomas Brock and others, near Mt. Carmel, S. C.

TERMS—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers

R. E. HILL,
Judge Probate Court.

January 8, 1906.

Trespassers Notice.

All persons are hereby forbidden to hunt or fish on the land owned and controlled by me. Trespassers will be prosecuted.

T. W. Miller.

10cts. outing for 7 1-2cts. and 7 1-2cts. grade for 5cts. during month of Jan. These low prices are more in keeping with 5cts. cotton than 11 1-2 cts. P. Rosenburg & Co.

STATEMENT OF The Bank of Donalds,

DONALDS, S. C.

At close of business Dec. 31, 1905.
Began business September 25, 1903.

ASSESTS.

Real Estate and Banking House	$ 1,734 82
Furniture and fixtures	1,452 54
Loans and discounts	44 725 57
Cash on hand and in banks	6,949 66
	$54,862 59

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$ 14,590 00
Deposits	34,778 26
Net profits	5,494 33
	$54,862 59

State of South Carolina,
County of Abbeville.

I, Jas. C. Booker, Cashier of the Bank of Donalds, Donalds, S. C., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Jas. C. Booker.
Cashier.

Sworn to before me this 31th day of Dec., 1905.

J. C. Martin, Mag. A. C.

Attest:
J. J. Dunn,
R. L Barmore,
W. R. Dunn, } Directors.

OFFICERS.

W. K. Stringer, President.
Robert A. Lewis, Vice-President.
Jas. C. Booker, Cashier.

DIRECTORS.

Ellison A. Smyth, Robt. A. Lewis,
W. R. Dunn, J. J Dunn,
R. L. Barmore, M. B. Clinkscales,
W. K. Stringer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR MAYOR.

We are authorized to announce the candidacy of C. D. BROWN for the office of Mayor of the City of Abbeville, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

We are hereby authorized to announce R. W. CANNON as a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Abbeville, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Abbeville, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

O. H. COBB.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Abbeville, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

J. S. HAMMOND.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor of the City of Abbeville, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

A. G. FAULKNER.

For Sale.

On Reasonable Terms.

A model farm just beyond the incorporate limits of the City of Abbeville. containing One Hundred Acres, more or less, of highly improved farming lands.

Upon his place is a commodious dwelling, containing nine rooms in good repair; also three double formed cabins, comparatively new, a large barn and stables and all other necessary out buildings.

For terms and particulars apply to the undersigned.

Richard Sondley, Agent,
1-06. Abbeville, S. C.

Abbeville-Greenwood MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

Property Insured, $1,150,000
January 9th, 1906.

WRITE TO OR CALL on the undersigned or the Director of your Township for any information you may desire about our plan of Insurance.

We insure your property against destruction by

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, Gen. Agent
Abbeville, S. C.
J. FRASER LYON, Pres.
Abbeville, S. C.

BOARD DIRECTORS.

J. H. Crawford	Greenwood
J. T. Mabry	Cokesbury
W. B. Acker	Donalds
M. R. Clinkscales	Due West
W. W. L. Keller	Long Cane
I. A. Keller	Smithville
A. K. Watson	Cedar Spring
A. M. Reid	Abbeville Township
W. W. Bradley	Abbeville City.
Dr J. A. Anderson	Antreville
S. S Bell	Lowndesville
A. O. Grant	Magnolia
J. R. Tarrant	Calhoun Mills
S. L. Edmonds	Bordeaux
H. L. Rasor	Walnut Grove
W. C. Martin	Hodges
J. D. Coleman	Coronaca
D S. Hattiwanger	Ninety-Six
J. M. Payne	Kinards
I. B. Taylor	Fellowship
Joseph Lake	Phœnix
Rev. J. B. Muse	Verdery
J. H. Chiles, Jr.	Bradley
J. W. Lyon	Troy
W. A. Cheatham	Yeldell
G. E. Dorn	Callison
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Caleb Walton	Brooks

Abbeville, S. C., Jan 9 1906

Cabbage Plants

I am again ready to fill your orders for early and late varieties of Cabbage Plants. They are grown in open air, near salt water, and will stand hard cold without injury.

Prices $1.50 per 1,000; larger the lots smaller the price per 1,000. Special inducements to dealers.

W. F. Carr.
Meggetts, S. C.

BUILDING MATERIAL

I am now receiving a stock of

DOORS,
SASHES,
BLINDS,
FLOORING,
CEILING,
SIDING

and FINISHING LUMBER, also SHINGLES, LATHS, LIME, CEMENT and HAIR.

Come in and let me give you prices.

A. G. FAULKNER,
TRINITY ST.
Opposite A. B. MORSE.

Real Estate for Sale.

Mrs. Ellis Graydon has placed her elegant residence and the house and lot adjoining in my hands for sale. This is very desirable residences property being so conveniently located

The Kinard house and lot has been placed with me for sale at a very reasonable price.

R. S. LINK.

W. D. ADDIE

has open up his business in J. S. Cochran old stand.

Bicycle and Sundries,
Picture Moulding.

Yours for business,

W. D. ADDIE.

FAULKNER'S LOCALS.

Just received by Faulkner 1 car of sash, doors and blinds all sizes and prices.

Mouldings of all kinds and prices. Don't forget the place, "Faulkner's" on Trinity street. Come in and let me figure with you whether you buy or not, I like to give prices and make the other fellow sell you cheap, if I can't sell you. If it is shingles you want, I am the man to see.

SAW MILLS.
LIGHT, MEDIUM AND HEAVY
WOOD-WORKING MACHINERY
FOR EVERY KIND OF WORK
ENGINES AND BOILERS
AND SIZES AND FOR EVERY
CLASS OF SERVICE.
ASK FOR OUR ESTIMATE BEFORE
PLACING YOUR ORDER.
GIBBES MACHINERY COMPANY
COLUMBIA, S. C.

A Name Worth $5,000 a Day

In 1889 P. T. Barnum, the great showman, journeyed to the Pacific coast to visit a relative. On his way back east he stopped at Kansas City to see the great Barnum & Bailey show. To the editors of the local dailies who called upon him Mr. Barnum said: "Gentlemen, Mr. Bailey tells me that my presence at the performances of the Barnum & Bailey circus is worth $5,000 a day to the show. If this is true it is my name that is so valuable. It is known in every town, city and hamlet; it has become a house word throughout the country.

"Now, gentlemen, all of this was done by newspapers, and if advertising can make a name worth $5,000 a day what is it that advertising can't do?"

You lose much of the value of your business reputation if you do not keep your name constantly before the public in our columns.

No Opium in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

There is not the least danger in gi