

By W. W. and W. R. Bradley.

HUGH WILSON, Editor.

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Published every Wednesday at \$2 a year in advance.

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1906

The Observer confidently expects to have the pleasure of seeing the dispensary voted out of Abbeville county next summer in spite of the fact that the newspapers of the county are defenders of the G. M. I.—Newberry Observer.

The Press and Banner hopes that the Observer's pleasure would not consist entirely in its opposition to the newspapers of the County, though our neighbor gives no hint of expected pleasure from any other source. If the Observer's hope of pleasure is based upon a wish for the welfare of the people, and not upon ill-will for the county newspapers, the "expectation of pleasure at seeing the dispensary voted out of Abbeville" is commendable.

The Abbeville newspapers have had experience with prohibition, and for that reason they oppose the removal of the restrictions now placed around the sale of liquor.

From every history of the human family intoxicants have been a snare and a device of the Evil One to entrap the unwary. The whiskey question is not yet settled. And strange things still occur. Never before in the life of this editor have we seen the ranks of the customers of bars and the friends of the license system reinforced by the advocates of prohibition. As we see it, and as we believe the facts to be:

First—All lovers of the open saloon are opposed to the dispensary.

Second—All advocates of the license system are opposed to the dispensary.

Third—A few blind or misguided prohibitionists, however honest and conscientious they may be, are opposed to the dispensary.

These three elements combined are strong enough to be able to break down the restrictions now placed on the legal sale of liquor.

If prohibitionists were more earnest in their desire for prohibition, and did not assume airs of holier than thou, they ought to see and know that we have prohibition for half of each twenty-four hours, and that our dispensary has never been open on Sundays.

In some towns the back doors of drinking saloons are not always kept shut on Sundays.

In the bar-rooms days the dispensary is kept open until a late hour at night. Hour "prohibition" friends could realize the advantage of this fact, and would join in an effort to have the dispensaries closed at an earlier hour, and have them opened at a later hour, they would accomplish much good.

If our respected brother will notice all this noise against the dispensary is led by the license element and supported by the drinking men, who are re-inforced by a few prohibitionists.

We see no stock in opposition to the dispensary because of any cheating, stealing or swindling that may have been revealed by the recent investigation. The fault is largely due to the inexperience of the Legislature in providing safeguards for the institution.

As far as we are informed there is no law to punish the controllers of the dispensary for any of their reprehensible acts.

If the awarding of contracts to furnish liquor at an excessive price is quite likely that a repetition of the same will not occur.

Because our own observation convinces us that under the dispensary we have had less drinking and less drunkenness than under any other system, this newspaper stands for the dispensary. And our record for sobriety and consistency in advocating restrictions on the sale of liquor would, in all probability, lose nothing in comparison with that of the most zealous prohibitionist or the most bitter hater of the dispensary.

The Comptroller General and the Greenville County Officers.

From statements made last week by the Comptroller-General it seems that the Comptroller-General and the Greenville county officers in 1891 and in 1892 made very important or erroneous settlements in the handling of county funds for these years.

The National Banks must make five settlements every year.

The State Banks must publish quarterly reports.

The State Treasurer makes definite and specific settlements.

With all these business examples before us it is strange that the county officers and the Comptroller-General alone should have been derelict in the past.

Every County Treasurer who has gone out of office in this county has proved himself inefficient in his settlements with the Comptroller-General. And we see no reason why these officers should not settle in accordance with the law which requires that the settlements shall be correctly and fully made.

The efficiency and the activity of the present Comptroller-General is, we think, the best evidence that his successors in office may be able to do better.

Improvements.

The New Bakery.

One of the recent improvements of importance to the city is the New Bakery on Main Street, which has been opened by Mr. Brethahn.

The Peoples Bank Doing some Profitable work in the Building.

The Peoples Bank is having the upper story of their building much improved.

Politeness is not always the sign of wisdom, but the want of it leaves room for the suspicion of folly.

Religious Profanity.

Some time ago the Spartanburg Herald had something to say like this, or words to that effect:

"Physicians use whiskey for medical purposes; preachers use profanity for religious purposes."

The following paragraph from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian of last week reminds us of what the Spartanburg Herald said, as quoted above:

"Our wills may innocently differ from God's in matters concerning which God's will can be known only in its working out. In and in this the explanation of much Christian pain and sorrow. God's differing will is suddenly revealed in its providence. Our plans go to pieces; our loved ones go to him, and we suffer. Such suffering is not to be submitted to. And the submission God requires is not that we should say what he sends for its own sake, but that we say: 'Though that seems better and my heart grieves, I will let God's will be done; for in the end I know I shall find it best.'"

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain."

CLUBS IS TRUMPS.

Pub Silks Finds a Wider Field of Usefulness.

Shady Grove, Feb. 11, 1906.

Dear Gentls:

I have been grinning the drier grin that ever I had since I was a boy.

The Constitution of the State at Sparta has just turned the liquor question. How a wet man could concoct such a outrageous law reads in more than a few lines.

There you are, Section VIII, Article II of the Constitution. If I'd found them fellows were going to make that kind of a law I'd have seen the last side of 'em in Hamburg three or four days ago.

No liquor in less than half pints. Who wants to see a fellow get drunk on a bottle of beer?

No liquor to be drunk on the premises. You gents I don't know how many times I've seen a fellow get drunk on a bottle of beer.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

That's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is, that's the way it is.

WILSON,

HENRY

&

COMPANY

Have the Goods

at Right Prices.

50 inch black Brilliantine.....50c yd

50 " blue Brilliantine.....50c yd

50 " green Brilliantine.....50c yd

44 " Cheviots, all colors.....50c yd

44 " Cheviots, all colors.....75c yd

50 " blue Serge.....75c yd

38 " Grey, beautiful shades.....50c yd

Black Dress Goods.....25c to \$1.50 yd

Danish cloth, all colors.....15c yd

36 inch black Panderas Silk.....\$1.00 yd

36 " black Taffeta.....\$1.00 yd

36 " black Taffeta.....\$1.00 yd

36 " white Taffeta.....\$1.00 yd

36 " pink Taffeta.....\$1.00 yd

Colored Silks from.....25c to \$1.00 yd

White Figured Pique.....10c yd

" " ".....15c yd

" " ".....20c yd

" " ".....25c yd

Faillette Silks for

Waists

All colors.....25c yd

36 inch White Linen.....12c yd

36 " ".....15c yd

36 " ".....40c yd

90 " ".....\$1.00 yd

White Lawns.....5c to 25c yd

Percales, all colors.....8c, 10c, 12c yd

A. F. C. Gingham.....10c yd

Check Apron Gingham.....6c yd

Check Homespun.....5c yd

Cheviots, for shirts.....8c yd

Hickory Stripes.....10c yd

Unbleached Homespun.....5c yd

" " ".....7c yd

10-4 Sheeting, best quality.....25c yd

6-4 Sheeting.....15c yd

Ready-made Sheets.....\$1.25 pr

Ready-made Pillow Cases.....15c each

Cotton Towels.....10c

Linen Towels.....20c

White and Colored Counterpanes.....\$1.00 to \$2.50

Cotton Crash.....\$1.00 to .5c yd

Bed Tickings.....8c to 15c yd

All Calicos.....5c yd

Curtain Swives.....10c yd

Curtain Swives.....12c yd

Curtain Scrime.....5c yd

Table Damask.....25c to \$1.00 yd

Table Napkins.....50c to \$2.50 doz

Bleached Homespun.....6c to 10c yd

English Long Cloth.....8c to 15c yd

Corsets.....25c to \$1.00

Hosiery.....10c to 25c pr

One Thousand Dollars Worth

Em broideries

We think the prettiest and Cheapest line ever brought to Abbeville,

5c to 50c yard.

New Lot Collars just in.....10c to 25c

New Lot Ready-made Skirts from.....\$4.00 to \$6.50

Ready-made Muslin Under-skirts.....50c yd

Gowns.....50c yd

Corset Covers.....25c

Ready-made Aprons.....20c

"Star Brand Shoes are Better." We have them any price, any style. Every paid guaranteed.

EAST END.

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

SAYINGS AND DOINGS ON ROUTE 'N'.

The oyster supper given last Friday evening at the home of Mr. David Gilliam by the ladies of the Abbeville Female Church was a most successful affair and quite a success financially. The proceeds will be applied to the building of a new school house.

Miss Susan Speer of Lowndesville is visiting relatives at Lebanon.

Mr. J. H. Wilson was in the city one day last week the first time since the accident he had in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McGraw were among the many visitors in the city last week. Mr. McGraw was in the city last week on business.

The K. F. C. Boys had a cold time last week through snow, wind and rain, but the patrons on route 1 and 2 were as always, thoughtful and kind looking after the comfort of their carriages serving with wine, coffee and hot luncheons, all of these good things were highly appreciated by the carriages and helped them to see their way through the mud and snow.

Now is a good time for the patrons who appreciate the K. F. C. mail service to fix up their boxes as many of them in each of the routes are badly out of shape falling down flags broken off, some lying on the ground and some in the gutter.

Some of the schools were snowed under last week. There was a snow on route 8, as the roads are too bad for traveling about, and the weather too disagreeable.

Miss Clara Lee Gilliam spent last Saturday and part of Sunday very pleasantly with relatives and friends at Antreville.

Mr. Richard Hill who has been quite sick for the past several weeks left last Monday for Baltimore where he will be under the treatment of the best Physicians. His friends wish for him a speedy cure and an early return home.

The many friends of Mrs. Ed. Syfan tender sincere sympathy in this her bereavement and hope Mr. Syfan will soon be fully restored.

This (Wednesday) is St. Valentine's day and the streets will be loaded down with Valentines for their best friends.

Tuesday evening the Epworth League met at the home of Mr. P. B. Speed.

The first quarterly Conference for the year will be held on Friday night at the Methodist Church at 7 o'clock.

Mr. H. M. Edson and daughter Miss Belle have returned from a delightful visit to relatives in Georgia.

THOMAS WILL BUY 500,000 BALES AT 13 CENTS AT POUND.

President Harvie Jordan closes syndicate deal with New York financiers. Contracts Being Mailed.

President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton association, returned to Atlanta Sunday night from New York, and announced that a deal had been closed with E. R. Thomas and others of New York, whereby a syndicate, composed of those capitalists, would buy 500,000 bales of middling cotton at 13 cents.

Mr. Jordan is now sending out the contract forms to holders of cotton. He announced that this is specified in the contract, that the direct sale of cotton for 13 cents does not affect those who are holding for 15 cents. They are given the privilege of holding back as many bales as they please for the price.

The contract also includes cotton made in August and September. It is estimated that there are now 1,250,000 bales sold, and judging by the rate of consumption in the mills, they will require 7,900,000 bales for their need between now and October 1st.

FORM OF CONTRACT.

Following is the form of the contract agreed upon by Thomas, his associates and President Jordan:

"I agree to sell to the order of Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton association, for the city of New York City, 500,000 bales of middling cotton at 13 cents per pound at interior points, and further agree to ship same on demand on or before July 1st, 1906. The title and possession of such cotton to remain with the owner until the purchase money is paid."

"I also agree to sell to the syndicate all cotton made by me during August and September at the then market price to the mill of the minimum price to be fixed for the crop by the Southern Cotton association."

"The essence of this contract is the securing from the planters of the south not less than 500,000 bales of cotton of the present crop at the above mentioned price."

Name..... P. O. address.....

"I also retain.....bales of cotton which I will pledge to hold for a maximum price of 15 cents."

THOMAS A BANKER.

E. R. Thomas is at the head of several New York banks, and is widely interested in financial undertakings. He has \$12,000,000 in his own right in this deal, in addition to the co-operation of several other financiers.

Mr. Jordan declares that New York bankers are ready at any time to finance southern banks in assisting holders of cotton for higher prices.

Mr. Jordan is confident that this move will assist in putting up the price, and it now remains only for the farmers to sell their cotton at the price mentioned in the contract.

"They may sell it outright at this price," said Mr. Jordan, "they may hold for 15 cents. In either event they are made safe. You will notice that the contract specifies not only the cotton now on hand, but also that of the new crop in August and September. Now if the mills take at all the cotton they need at their present rate of consumption, they will require 7,900,000 bales by October 1st."

SPINNERS CAN PAY 14 CENTS.

"The yarn and cloth print spinners are quite able to pay 14 cents a pound for cotton." Mr. Jordan resumed, "Cotton print cloth advanced 15 of a cent a yard last week. The Fall River mills will not pay a dividend on their investment, but also 7 per cent on the wage earnings of their employees."

"You can see by this that the mills are plenty able to pay for cotton at a reasonable price. It is not a question of working a hardship on them. They simply wish to keep the prices down so that they can make more money."

Mr. Jordan added that options contracts will be mailed to any holder of cotton whose address the association did not have. As soon as the contracts are accepted for 500,000 bales, then Thomas and his associates will take the cotton.

The amount of money involved in this deal is approximately \$25,000,000.

Now is the time to plant Irish potatoes. Link has the finest Eastern stock now ready for you.

R. M. HADDON & CO.

QUALITY THE HIGHEST—PRICES THE LOWEST

A GREAT DISPLAY OF NEW SPRING GOODS.

CHINA AND JAP SILKS—36 in., a special price, 50c yd. Just received a new and beautiful line—all the leading colors.

BLACK AND WHITE HABUTAI SILKS—23 and 27 in. 50c yd. 36 inch wide worth \$1 yard, our special price 90c.—absolutely waterproof and perspiration proof.

EVENING SILKS—Just marked up a new line, all colors, at 50c yd. 1 yard wide beautiful White China Silks at 50 and 75c yard.

COLOR TAFETTA SILKS—The new silk for spring and the designs are beautiful. 1 yard wide and only \$1 yard. These patterns are the newest out.

NECESSITIES—50 White Marseilles Quilts at \$1.00 each—a good value at \$1.25. 50 White Marseilles Quilts at \$1.25 each—the biggest and best for the money.

READY MADE SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES—at the same old prices.

LACE CURTAINS—Something new in designs and prices. Extra long and wide at \$1.50, \$2.50 and \$3.00 pr. The new Arabian Lace Curtains at \$3.00 pr.—Special Price.

R. M. HADDON & COMPANY.

As a renovator of soil and as a food for stock, the cow pea is unsurpassed. To get the largest possible yield of cow peas from any given soil, a plentiful application of POTASH is necessary.

The best methods leading to certain success are fully explained in the 65-page illustrated book, which we send free to farmers who write for it. It tells of the remarkable results attained with cow peas nourished upon POTASH.

Address, GERMAN KALI WORKS, New York—93 Nassau Street, or Atlanta, Ga.—227 So. Broad Street.

TIN - SHOP!

At Dargan's you will now find again a Tinner. This Tinner has had 20 years experience.

Give us a trial, we will do expert work at reasonable prices. Come to see Dargan on Tin Work.

TIN - SHOP!

In the District Court of The United States for the District of South Carolina.

In the matter of Patrick L. McCelvey, Bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Patrick L. McCelvey, in the County of Abbeville and District Aforesaid, a Bankrupt.

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of Feb'y, A. D. 1906, the said Patrick L. McCelvey was duly adjudicated Bankrupt; and the first meeting of creditors will be held in my office in the City of Abbeville, S. C., on the 21st day of February at 11 o'clock in the forenoon at which time creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.

M. P. DEBRUHL, Referee in Bankruptcy

SHERIFF'S SALE. Delinquent Lands.

By virtue of Sundry Tax executions to me directed by the Treasurer of Abbeville County I will sell to the highest bidder at public Auction, within the legal hours of sale at Abbeville, S. C., on Monday the 27th day of March 1906, the following described property returned in the name of the following persons to wit:

25 acres of land in Long Cane Township, bounded by the line of the property of Sherman Johnson.

<