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Wilson, Henry & Company,

Reduction Sale.

Owing to the withdrawal of Mr. Wilson from our firm on the first of January 1907, we will offer until then Special **BARGAINS** in all departments. Stop and think what this means, for we have the goods and our stock must be reduced by then.

Dargan's 5 & 10c Store.

SANTA CLAUS Head-quarters is at THIS STORE.

Toys and Dolls in abundance.

Meet Santa Claus HERE.

"Yes Little Girl I am at Dargan's Getting your Christmas Gift."

We are Ready for You.

"Hello Santa Claus are you at Dargan's?"

We have an immense Stock of Toys and Dolls and other suitable Xmas Gifts. Come early before the rush. See our big Doll in the Window that we are giving away free. Here's the plan: We have an Eight Day Clock that we will re-start at 12 o'clock M. December 17th, and the person guessing the nearest Day, Hour and Minute to when it stops gets the big $10.00 Doll Free. We give one guess with each 50c purchase.

OUR VERY REASONABLE PRICES WILL DELIGHT YOU.

We have useful, beautiful and appropriate presents for young and old. Be sure to visit us. We will have a big force to wait on you.

"Meet me at Dargan's."

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IN THE XMAS RUSH, DON'T FORGET

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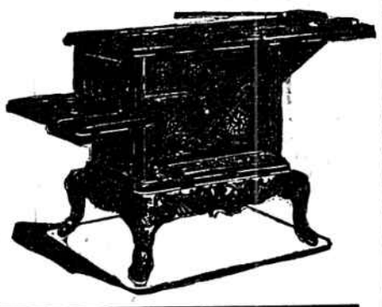

A BIG LOT OF 10 CENTS GOODS JUST IN.

Dargan's 5 and 10c Store.

EAST END.

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

WITHIN OUR CITY GATES.

One of the progressive steps of recent date is the connecting link between the "weather bureau" of Washington, D. C., and and Abbeville Telephone Company, who will furnish the weather report daily to the patrons along its line; the signal is a long ring about 12:30 o'clock. Listen for it and then if you wish the weather news, ask for it.

This report holds good for about thirty six hours.

Mr. Barnwell, the manager of the Telephone Company, deserves the sincere thanks of all who enjoy the benefit of this wonderful invention which we think is one of the greatest boons to the people, affording advantages and opportunities to the country-man as well as the city man.

A farmer 20 miles away can, from his phone hear the price of cotton as well as the current news from everywhere.

This phone system goes hand in hand with the rural free delivery mail business as a blessing to the people.

POSTMASTER LINK OUT—POSTMASTER TOLBERT IN.

Mr. Robert S. Link retired last Wednesday morning as postmaster of the Abbevill e city postoffice, after a successful career of eleven years, during which time he served the people most efficiently and faithfully, from the beginning to the end of his long term.

He leaves the office without any charges preferred, or fault of his own, but simply gives place to his successor appointed by the President.

Mr. Link retires gracefully and good humoredly, and leaves an enviable record and a white unsullied sheet upon which alone is written these words, "popular, efficient and faithful to the end." What more could he desire? What higher eulogy could he ask?

Mr. Link's removal from the office is the regret of the people at large both in the city a country.

MR. TOM TOLBERT HIS SUCCESSOR.

Mr. Tom Tolbert enters upon the duties of the office assisted by Mr. Calhoun Dar and Mr. Worth Beacham as his clerks, b of whom are hustlers in the postoffice. Th can distribute and make up mail as quick and correctly as any two clerks in the Sta or in any postoffice.

We have no doubt but that Mr. Tolbert W do his best to serve the people at large fa fully and efficiently, even as his father, J T. N. Tolbert did many years ago when p master in this city, notwithstanding t great changes that have taken place in t postoffice business since then.

The system now being rigidly looked af in every detail by experts, making the co duct of the office to be carried on with grea accuracy and more systematically.

POSTAL CLIPPINGS OF INTEREST.

A new postal scheme will be submitted Congress which contemplates the adoption special postal notes running from one to ni cents, which will be sold at their face valu but on those for larger sums a small will be charged. Its adoption will do aw with the present careless method of enclosi silver or stamps in envelopes.

The report of the operations of the rural livery service up to November 1st, made p lic by the fourth Assistant-postmaster Gen al on the 5th inst., shows that the total nu ber of petitions for the establishment of service received up to that date was 54,423 on 15,202 of which adverse reports we made.

On November 1st. there were 36,786 rou in operation, and 2,345 petitions for serv pending.

The number of regular rural carriers n employed is 38 657. Illinois leading in t number of routes, having 2,714. Ohio secon having 2 475 and Iowa third with 2,296.

The balance of the appropriation availab for new service during the present fiscal ye is $1,427,892 32.

Rural carriers now deliver letters to mo than 3,000,000 families, or to almost 14,000,000 persons.

Taking the population of the United States at the round number of 88,000,000, fully one person in every six gets his daily mail by rural delivery.

The cost of the rural mail service the past year was over $24,000,000, while the appropriation for this year exceeds $28,000,000

The actual revenue on the mail matter dispatched by the patrons amounts to about 18 per cent of the cost, but it is believed that the rural service brings the department an increased revenue from other sources.

It is very popular and has been valuable in the general increase of business, and in the diffusion of intelligence.

The Association of rural carriers now have their own insurance, carrying accident and sick benefit policies, at small cost.

Rev. P. B. Wells preached his last sermon here last Sunday night to an unusually large, attentive and serious congregation. His subject was influence as exerted consciously and unconsciously, which was delivered in an earnest and forceful manner.

We believe every church in the city was closed, the different congregations uniting in this last service. The following ministers taking part in the service: Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Kennedy of the A. R. P. church. Rev. J. C. Shive of Upper Long Cane and Rev. Wilkins of the Baptist church.

At the conclusion of the services resolutions complimentary to the efficiency and faithfulness of Rev. P. B. Wells in his ministerial work at Abbeville for the past four years were offered by Hon. W. N. Graydon, which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the congregation.

Mr. Harden of the Presbyterian church expressed his personal regret, as well as that of the community, at the departure of Mr. Wells in a very tender and feeling manner.

The memory of Rev. P B. Wells, his kind attentions, faithful ministerial work and especially as a dutiful and loving pastor will long linger in the hearts of this people who pray God's richest benediction upon himself and family through the coming years, both temporally and spiritually. Our new pastor, Rev. Roper is expected to arrive the last of this week and will preach next Sunday.

ALONG ROUTE NO. 3.

On Friday evening, December 21st, there will be a box party at the home of Mr. J. R. Thornton, of Lebanon, given by the children of Lebanon school. This is something quite novel, delicious lunches being put into each box by the girls, and the boys to buy them as they are auctioned off.

There will also be music and other attractions to make the evening pleasant to all.

Miss Katherine Whitley, the principal of the school, will recite, and perhaps others.

The public are cordially invited and are promised a delightful evening.

The receipts will be for the benefit of the Lebanon school house. Hours from 7 to 10 o'clock.

On Monday the 24th inst., there will be a Christmas tree at Lebanon school house for the patrons and children of the school.

Mr. Hiram Lawson has added to his flock a large and beautiful bronze turkey. Suppose he will run the turkey business as a side line to his farm.

On last Monday morning at an early hour the home of John Howland was totally destroyed by fire. Not long since the stable and out buildings of his uncle William Maxey, were destroyed by fire, burning up his mule. These men are sure the fires were the work of an incendiary and if so it would seem such person or persons are no respectors of persons. These men live on the Kennedy place in the flatwood and are hardworking, industrious colored men and deserve the sympathy and help of all.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Norris of Easley, with their infant daughter, are spending a while with home people, Mr and Mrs. J. R. Smith of Lebanon.

Mrs. Mattie Wilson and sons have moved to the old home of the late Arthur Ramey.

Mr. John Edwards and family will in a few days move to the Hartzog plantation in the flatwoods.

An oyster supper will be given on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., at the home of Mr. Tom McNeil, of Sharon, by the ladies of the Presbyterian church.

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He was carried home and everything done for him that probably could be, but he never regained consciousness and quietly passed away about half past three oclock Saturday afternoon.

The deceased was a bright young man, the youngest son of Mr. N. S. Schram, being about 17 years of age just verging on to manhood not yet in the prime of life.

His voice is heard no more in the home circle, and his life work is ended on earth, and he has passed into the great beyond.

His funeral services were conducted at Sharon Church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Boulware in the presence of a large congregation of sorrowing friends, after which his remains were gently laid to rest in the cemetery close by.

The bereaved and grief stricken family have the sincere sympathy of many friends, and in their great grief should find comfort in the thought that.

"Earth has no sorrow,
That heaven cannot heal."

DEATH OF MRS. J T. MCCOMBS.

Lena the beloved wife of Mr. J. T. McComb after a short illness died at her home near Abbeville last Sunday morning about 6 o'clock, and her remains were interred at Lebanon Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

The deceased had been in declining health for some time, but was only confined to her bed a few days before the end came.

Mrs. McCombs was the daughter of Mr. William McCaslan and was a most estimable young woman having a sweet amiable disposition and quiet manner that won the respect and esteem of all who knew her, this is another very sad death as she was a young bride of less than a year.

The bereaved husband and entire family have the deepest sympathy of hosts of friends.

Waterman Fountain Pen the best on earth an be had at Milford's Drug Store.

A Plea for the High School.

The weakest and most neglected part of our Educational System, is that stage between the Public School and the College. Therefore the greatest need of the Educational System of South Carolina today, is the High School.

If this is true of the State, it is preeminently true of Abbeville and Abbeville County. With all our boasted heritage of an aristocracy, and material prosperity, and educational growth, there is not a High School in Abbeville County; and yet scores upon scores of our youth are growing up with nothing better than the old field school of five or six months in the year. It does not take a prophet to predict the future of this lamentable state of affairs. And so I repeat: *The greatest need of our Educational System is the High School.*

I. I argue first, from the standpoint of the public schools. By far the majority of them are taught by one teacher. There are from 20 to 50 pupils crowded into one small room—a conglomeration of a dozen grades to be taught by one teacher, and if this is the only hope of an education, because no better school is within reach, there is but little aspiration beyond reading, writing and spelling, and the vast majority of our noble sons and daughters are growing up in illiteracy and doomed to poverty. The near by High School would serve as an incentive to look beyond, upward, and onward. But suppose we remain as we are—without the High School; if there are a few pupils in the public schools who have enough ambition to pursue their studies beyond the point of reading and, writing, they require at least one third of the one teacher's time, and hence the majority of the children are left to themselves to idle away their time,—simply because the teacher is trying to do the advance work with the few who ought to be in the High School. Again, many of these schools through the country are taught by teachers who never attended a High School, or any other, higher than that which they are trying to teach. Hence the sad result is often simply "playing at school," and in some instances our country schools are a failure. The "Summer Schools" are well enough, as inspirational factors, but they do not supply real scholarship.

The High School, near enough and cheap enough, is the only hope for the supply of good teachers for the public schools. College graduates are out of the question as teachers for these small rural schools.

II. I argue in the second place for the High School from the standpoint of the College.

During the strengency of hard times the colleges had to resort to all sorts of methods in order to fill up the required number of students necessary to meet the running expenses—it was a matter of life and death. Every body who knocked at ther doors, whether prepared or not, had to be admitted, in order to maintain an existance; and so colleges were filled with many boys and girls who had no business in the world in a college. The result necessitated preparatory classes to be taught by the regular college professors, who gave much of their time and energy to these "preps." But things are changing. The colleges are no longer dependent upon this ever enlarging number of poorly prepared students for their existence. No where else is the wonderful prosperity of the South manifesting itself so signally as in the large number of students now overflowing nearly every college in the land.

Therefore the colleges will soon pay but little attention to the Sub-freshman classes, and many are already eliminating the preparatory department,—for two reasons, first, because they are no longer dependent upon their patronage for livelihood, and second because they have no time for this primary work.

Thus we are now right up against the problem of the "High School." We must have it! Without it we will sink to ignorance, and oblivion. With it, we will swim to victory and power.

One of the Professors at Clinton remarked to me not many days ago, that he was glad that Abbeville was soon to have a High School; that he wished the Synod of S. C. had six, instead of one; and that one of their greatest needs was to be relieved of all subfreshmen work,—that it was not only a hindrance to the best results of the college, but was a positive burden, and such a drudgery that it left but little time for their real college work.

Time and energy are thus expended on the preparatory classes that ought to be given to the regular College classes. The prepared students are neglected, while the professor is trying to bring up the deficient students. May God speed the day when well equipped High Schools shall fulfil their missions, and thus unloose this mill-stone that is tied about the necks of our college professors!

According to the United States' report, there were over 1000 students last year in the preparatory departments of the colleges of South Carolina.

My experience and observation have convinced me that there are very few boys and girls seeking admission into our colleges, who are really prepared for college. And I further know from experience that to go to college *unprepared*—with no foundation, is the most hazardous thing in a boy's education. It makes his whole course a life long drudgery, or he soon becomes discouraged, gives up the fight, and goes home to resign himself to a life of ignorance.

But this is not all the argument for the High School. If to establish feeders for colleges were all our plea, we could appeal only to the select few. It is indeed a grand and important work to prepare students for college, and it is a gratifying observation of recent years, that the number of college students is constantly increasing, and yet it remains a fact that the vast majority—the great *controlling masses*, never set foot on college soil.

The great need of the High School is to prepare *this* class for the common pursuits of every day life and intelligent society. We need the High School within reach of the *masses*, in order to put the stamp of grace, and dignity, and refinement upon our society, and lift the rising generation to an intelligent conception of the christian life.

The College is a grand institution, filling its mission in the world nobly well; but it touches life only here and there. Now and then a boy or a girl is priviledged to enter its walls. But establish the High School within walking or riding distance, on an economical basis, and you put a good, practical, business education within reach of every home.

There are hundreds of youth in South Carolina, out of school, and growing up in pitiable illiteracy, who would not go to college if they could, and *could* not if they would. But plant the High School *in their midst*, with a curriculum adapted to their needs, and they will be educated; and instead of ignorance, we will have a center of intellectual light and influence. And not only have you made better farmers and better merchants, but you have given many a boy and girl a thirst for *knowledge*, and fired him with a determination for a College Education, who otherwise would never have thought of such a thing. The reason more of our youth do not go to college is not because of financial poverty, but because the taste for an education has never been awakened.

In conclusion, and to sum up—a High School of a high grade, will lift the educational standards of the community, will furnish the Public Schools with better teachers, will increase the efficiency of the college, will make the way towards college easier and more attractive; and finally, it will decrease the illiteracy of the masses as no other system of education is now doing. If this school becomes the child, *the much beloved* child, of all our people, and their prayers, and their interest, and their money are bestowed upon it, it will do more for our community than all our other enterprises combined.

J. C. Shive.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION, WHICH IF GRANTED WILL CONFER AMONG OTHER THINGS, POWER TO CONDEMN LANDS AND OTHER PROPERTY FOR ALL CORPORATE PURPOSES.

Notice is hereby given, that under and pursuant to the provision of Article IV, Chapter XLVIII., of Volume I., Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina, 1902 and Acts amendatory thereto, the undersigned Board of Corporators will on Wednesday the sixteenth (16th) day of January A. D. 1907, at 12 o'clock m, of that day, make application to the Secretary of State, of the State of South Carolina, at his office in the City of Columbia, in the said State, for a charter for the South Carolina Public Service Corporation, in pursuance of the Declaration heretofore filed and the commission issued.

If the said charter be granted, the said Corporation will be authorized and empowered to condemn lands and other property for its proposed Railroad or Railway tracks or stations, and landings for its proposed Steamboat business or system, and for all other corporate purposes of the said Corporation, as fully set forth and stated in the said Declaration of Petition, now on file in the said office of the Secretary of State, to which Declaration reference is hereby specially made as a part of this notice, and proposed to condemn land and all other property for all of its corporate purposes, if necessary, in the following counties to wit: Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, Orangeburg, Richland, Lexington, Saluda, Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee, York, Chester, Fairfield, Union, Newberry, Laurens, Aiken, Colleton and Bamberg, in the State of South Carolina, and Mecklenburg County in the State of North Carolina; And also in the following towns and cities: Charleston, Orangeburg, Columbia, Lexington, Saluda, Greenwood, Abbeville, Anderson, Greenville, Gaffney, Yorkville, Rock Hill, Chester, Union, Laurens, Newberry, Aiken and Bamberg, and other cities and towns in the counties above mentioned, and to own, construct, equip and operate a Railway or Railway System for local business, within the said towns and cities.

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NOTICE OF THE OPENING OF BOOKS OF SUBSCRIPTION TO THE CAPITAL STOCK OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a Commission issued to the undersigned Board of Corporators by the Hon. Jesse T. Gantt, Secretary of State, for the State of South Carolina, and dated the nineteenth (19th) day of November, 1906, Books of Subscription to the Capital Stock of the South Carolina Public Service Corporation will be opened, by the undersigned Corporators, at the office of said South Carolina Public Service Corporation, Edisto Building in the City of Orangeburg, State of South Carolina, on Wednesday, the ninth day of January, A. D. 1907, at ten o'clock, a. m., of that day, and will be kept open until the whole of the Capital Stock, as provided in said Commission, or a sufficient part thereof as required by law shall have been subscribed.

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November 23, 1906.

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NOTICE! NOTICE!!

Weather Forecasts.

We receive daily, at about 11 o'clock weather forecasts and special warnings from the Weather Bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture. On Rural lines No. 180, 212, 215, 219 and 220, Central will ring one long ring to signal that she is ready to read the report. All subscribers will please answer their phones when this ring is given so Central can serve all at one time.

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