

The Abbeville Press and Banner.

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Discussing the Press.
The Columbia Record a few days ago had something to say about the "vacuity" of the country press. The News and Courier made a most pleasant as well as a most comprehensive review of the country press, with incidental reference to The Record.

The Press and Banner does not know exactly what the city press expects of the country press. This newspaper knows only Abbeville county, and is only incidentally acquainted with either the State or the world beyond its borders.

We never try to write about the Philippines. We don't know anything of them. And if we attempted to expose our ignorance to the subscribers to the Press and Banner would not read it.

If we undertook to speak learnedly of the Panama canal nobody would digest it. If we criticized Teddy, he would pay no sort of attention to us.

If we wrote a learned article on the nature and causes of earthquakes, and their effect upon the Japanese or the Californians, the people would laugh at us.

If we wrote a good article on the reasons why Col. William Billy Bryan should sit down and keep silent, somebody would be vexed.

If we wrote on the tariff and explained the benefits to be derived from the subsidy, the reader of it might be summoned before the Probate Judge to show cause why he should not be locked up in the hospital for the insane.

If we in an able article of great force and wonderful power, tried to show Senator Tillman how to do in Washington, do you think he would appreciate it or heed the volume of wisdom which we might offer? Not a bit of it. Since he has been in Washington he thinks he is a bigger man than the editor of a little country newspaper.

So you see that a country newspaper need not try to rule the world at long range. But may be you ask if the newspaper is not a power within the State lines. Newspapers may be very useful when the Legislature is in session. They may tell the people's representatives how to vote on any proposed law. But, as a rule, Legislators do not read the country newspapers, and they must depend largely upon the daily press for information or instruction as to how they shall vote, and you all know whether a Legislator does as he is told by a daily newspaper.

But you may say that country newspapers exercise some imaginary influence within their country lines. That may be true, but when a country newspaper tries to exercise some influence he too often finds out that his efforts are resented, and then the hardheaded voters just go and vote the wrong way. We know that this is true. We have sometimes made it plain, how the vote should stand, but it didn't stand that way. The fact is, we don't believe the Press and Banner has influence enough to secure the building of a \$100,000 Court house right under our nose at Abbeville.

This, too, when the circumstances are all favorable. Mr. Jones, the dispenser, we are told, thinks that, under the new L. M. I.'s law the profits on the sale of liquor will amount to \$15,000 for this year. At this rate the whiskey and zellers and the whiskey soaks would have built a fine court house in seven years. It is men who drink liquor wish to

build a Court House, why not let them build it?

But in case the new Court house should be built by taxation, that plan would be dead easy. Poor folks would have little or no taxes to pay. And then rich folk could dodge. Honestly, kind reader, with all these facts laid bare, do you know of any reason why Abbeville should not have a \$100,000 Court house? We know of none, unless some narrow-minded, ignorant voter should come along, and threaten to intimidate somebody by placing his vote in the box against the vote of a thousand more patriotic and better informed citizens than himself.

If a poor, shabby Court house is wanted, the old barn will answer the purpose, and we need not tear it down. Acting on the suggestion to make a new Court house out of the old Court house, country editors can get a new suit of clothes by taking their old suits to a second tailor.

Fine Court House.

Let the people not give up hope that Abbeville may have at least a decent Court house. One of the counties is building a \$100,000 Court house. Abbeville is as good, as proud, and as able to have a good Court house as anybody—and Abbeville ought to have it.

Every man in the county would feel prouder of Abbeville county, if we had a fine Court house, and it is with great pleasure that we hear that members of the building committee from outside the city are anxious for a good Court house. We ought to build for fifty years when this city will have a population of fifty thousand.

With five churches, five school houses, a fine court house, a fine town hall, what is to keep us down? If we build a fine court house and a fine city hall, we will get it paid for in five or six years, and then we can enjoy our public buildings for the other forty-four or forty-five years with no cares to worry or vex us.

Let the gentlemen of the committee not forget that they are building their own monuments, each one of whom deserves a good one—it he will build it. The people are ready to pay the expense. There you are.

Old Confederate.

Mr. Joe P. Young, formerly of Lowndesville, but now of Anderson, was in town one day last week in company with his friend and kinsman, Mr. J. T. Latimer of Lowndesville. Mr. Young was as good a soldier and as good a man as ever shouldered a musket for Southern Rights. Although he does not look like he is over 60 years of age, it is true that he has now passed his 81st mile post on the journey of life. He is remarkably preserved in person, and in mind he is as clear as a bell, while his cheery voice does one good. We have only one complaint to make of him. He refused to break bread with an old army comrade who loved him to war and who honors him in peace. May he live for many years yet to come.

"Please Copy Marked Portion."

We are in receipt of a newspaper under a one-cent wrapper, having written on its margin, "Please copy marked portion." We do not know whence it came. The writing on the margin made the paper liable to litter postage, which was not paid. And printers seldom comply with annoying requests.

Fremmen.

One of the Carolina towns has bought a pair of North Carolina horses at \$400.00 and the horse reels for the fremmen. Abbeville ought to buy an automobile for the same purpose. It would be cheaper than horses.

New Court Houses.

As far as we are informed nobody knows how many court houses Abbeville has had within the last one hundred years. In the last fifty or sixty years we have had at least two court houses and one old tobacco barn with plank shutters.

In the past, whenever we needed a new court house we have torn down the old one and built a new one partly with the rubbish, together with some new patches here and there. And we believe it is now proposed to build still another new one out of the old rubbish, we would prefer to see the whole thing go up in smoke the next time fire should come along. The better idea is to build it so far from other buildings that the danger of fire would be reduced to a minimum. In case, however, it must burn, let the hair go with the hide.

But unless it is meant to tear down the proposed new court house at some future time to build still another new one out of the old rubbish, we would prefer to see the whole thing go up in smoke the next time fire should come along. The better idea is to build it so far from other buildings that the danger of fire would be reduced to a minimum. In case, however, it must burn, let the hair go with the hide.

The Good Old Chronicle.

All of a sudden and without previous intimation of impending danger, the news came last week that the office of the good old Augusta Chronicle had been destroyed by fire, and everybody was sorry. But, later on, when they realized that it was not the Chronicle, but the office, that was destroyed, they were not so sorry. Our earliest recollection of newspapers is of the Erskine Miscellany, the Abbeville Banner and the Augusta Chronicle. When this editor was a little boy, serving his apprenticeship at Due West, Pink Starnes, another apprentice, would set out in the yard on summer evenings and read sermons aloud from the Chronicle to reprobates or good little boys, as the case might be.

The publication of sermons by the Chronicle in the early fifties so impressed one apprentice in the Erskine Miscellany office that, in after years when he became the owner of a little paper, he too published sermons, as our readers know. If the publication of sermons is a good thing, the influence of the Chronicle was good. If, however, such publications are evil, then the Augusta Chronicle will have a long itemized bill of indictment charged against it at the final accounting. Everybody hereabout holds the Chronicle in good esteem, and all are glad that the presses and type were insured. The Chronicle itself is indestructible.

New Houses.

Away back in the 50's an old shack in which court had been held was torn down. A new court was built partly of the rubbish.

In 1872 the tobacco barn was built of second hand rubbish, taken from the burnt ruins of the preceding court house.

In 1907 it is proposed to use the well worn rubbish now in the tobacco barn to build a court house for Abbeville county.

We are not informed as to what will become of the plank shutters.

The funny thing about the history of the plank shutters is, that some of the officers have opened and closed these shutters every day for thirty-five years.

The Anderson Daily Mail urges vaccination against small pox. There is no accounting for what some men may do.

Time for Advice.

This is about the right time of the year for editors to begin to advise farmers about their cotton crops. And then it is about time for editors to publish foolish statements about the reduction of cotton acreage.

Of course the Press and Banner knows nothing at all about the business of farming, but for all that, we claim to know as much as any other newspaper.

We retrace this way: When farmers say they have reduced their acreage and when we have notice that a farmer has discharged his negroes and knocked his mules in the head, we believe that he has reduced the acreage on his own farm. But when the discharged hands go to another farm we are inclined to think that they may, with the aid of a new mule, make as much on the farm to which they have gone as they made last year on the farm which they left.

From these statements you may make your own inference as to whether we believe one word about the general reduction of the acreage. A sensible farmer in the cotton belt will make the biggest crop possible.

Solid Chunks of Solid Sense.

The Athens Banner is never dull. Sometimes it is sensible to the fullest measure. Last week that paper had a sensible piece on "simpler funerals." From that piece we infer that the people of Athens are about to move forward and adopt a more merciful method of conducting funerals.

While the out-of-date plan of uttering from the pulpit things about the dead which nobody believed, it is presumed, that this course was not especially disagreeable to the dead. Proper consideration for the feelings of the kindred, and a just regard for truth, would suggest that the burial of the dead be accompanied by suitable remarks to the living.

Most of the churches have set forms for funeral services, and this is best. When such fantastic performances were common in Abbeville, some editors felt an interest in noting the things which they should not say in their notice of the deceased.

Wanted.

A great quantity of old brick bats, odds and ends of second hand windows, (no plank shutters needed) and scrap tin and lumber from any old building. For further particulars apply to any person needing such things with which to build a new and elegant court house for the eminently respectable people of Abbeville county.

L. M. I.'s.

It is gratifying to notice how well the enemies of the former G. M. I. are pleased with the L. M. I.'s. The approval of the L. M. I.'s is about like going to preaching. Nothing wrong about them. Let's shake.

It has been said that ladies' hats will be trimmed this season on the right side, instead of on the left side. We thought that the ladies dressed their hats to the audience. For instance: If they sit on the right hand side of the congregation their hats would be dressed on the left side, so people might admire them. What's the use of trimming the side of a hat next to the wall?

The Columbia Record has been nagged until that paper has lost its temper. You needn't be disturbed, neighbor. You have ability enough to hold your own.

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The happiest mother in the little town of Ava, Mo., is Mrs. S. Ruppe. She writes: "One year ago my son was down with such serious lung trouble that our physician was unable to help him; when by our druggist's advice I began giving him Dr. King's New Discovery, and I soon noticed improvement. I kept up this treatment for a few weeks when he was perfectly well. He has worked steadily since at carpenter work. Dr. King's New Discovery saved his life." Guaranteed best cough and cold cure by P. B. Speed, Druggist, 50c and 1.00. Trial bottle free.

Teachers' Examination.

The next regular teacher's examination will be held at Abbeville Court House Friday, April 19, 1907, beginning at 9:30 A. M. No one can be employed as teacher in the public schools of this county without a certificate. Teachers and trustees please note this fact. R. B. Chatham, Co. Supt. Ed.

How to Remain Young.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga. did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as fannel. I am now practically 20 years younger than before I took Electric Bitters. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store." Guaranteed at P. B. Speed's Drug Store. Price 50c.

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Worked Like a Charm.

Mr. D. N. Walker, editor of that sly journal, the Enterprise, Le Va, says: "I ran a nail in my foot last week and at once applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve. No inflammation followed; the salve simply healed the wound." Heals every sore, burn and skin disease. Guaranteed at P. B. Speed's Druggist, 25c.

Little globules of sunshine that drive the clouds away.

DeWitt's Little Early Risers will scatter the gloom of sick-headache and biliousness. They do not gripe or sicken. Recommended and sold here by C. A. Milford.

Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. B. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it becomes a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Speed's drug store. Price 50c.

"In 1897 I had a stomach disease. Some physicians said Dyspepsia, some Consumption. One said I would not live until Spring. For four years I existed on boiled milk, soda biscuits, and doctors' prescriptions. I could not digest anything I ate; then I picked up one of your Almanacs and it happened to be my life-saver. I bought a fifty cent bottle of Kodol and the benefit I received from that bottle all the gold in Georgia could not buy. In two months I went back to my work as a machinist, and in three months I was well and hearty. May you live long and prosper."—C. N. Cornell, Roding, Ga; 1906. The above is only a sample of the great good that is daily done everywhere by Kodol For Dyspepsia. It is sold here by C. A. Milford.

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