### The Press and Banner.

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grants, breaks out at intervals in the different towns. It is now raging in Orangeburg. Abbeville, happily, has no reason to make war on any of her citizens. While there may, possibly, be a man now and then who is not getting rich, or wearing himself out at work, yet we believe it is true that there is as little crime and as little idleness in this community as the most exacting could require Our own belief is that we have as good and as industrious a community as could be found As proof of this, try to hire somebody to work bricklayers and laborers busy all the time. Laborers are receiving a dollar a day, and this price enables them to live comfortably A man in two days' work could earn enough to keep him in food and out of the vagran

Judging from what we see in the news papers in reference to their own towns, Ab- CLOAKS! CLOAKS! beville is about the best place there is on this earth, for all sorts of good people. Very few of our people drink liquor to excess. Very few of them disturb the peace. And if there is a vagrant in town, we are not informed o the fact.

### Tax Paying.

Abbeville is behind on paying taxes. Very few persons have paid. As every man has right to wait to the last day, and as the treasurer cannot receive all the taxes in one day, somebody will be left in the rush and th penalty will attach very suddenly on the first of January. We are not going to advise the Legislature, but we think it would be fair to give an abatement of one per cent for al those who pay before a given date. The gov. ernment would get the money, and the citi zen would te encouraged to pay promptly. Let the State give and take. If it takes one per cent penalty, let it give one per cent pre-

# The Lien Law, the Dispensary, and Poor House Farm.

Mr. S. F. Crompr of this city has some good ideas about practical affairs, and last week we sought his opinion on some of them. He

"The lien law is as good a law as we could have. It furnishes a good means of credit to the poor man and benefits alike the white man and the black man. To do away with the lien law would inflict a hardship upon both laborer and landowner. It would disor. ganize labor, and cause suffering to many good white men, who even now have a hard fight with poverty. Some poor men might leave for other States, where more favorable laws could be found. Some might possibly go to Texas, and some again might go to the next worse place.'

the owner of land?" "In the attempt to furnish the hands on their places three fourths of them would be ruined.'

"How would the landowner be ruined?" "He would be ruined in the fact that he would have to mortgage his own land to get money, with which to supply his hand As the law now stands, the laborer mortgages the result of his labor, and the owner of the land is not involved in the credit. I think the repeal of the lien law would be injurious to the welfare of the State."

"What do you think of the dispensary?" "I think the dispensary is all right, as it has been run in Abbeville County. It ought to run as it is now run until the debts for the city hall and she court house are paid. After the debts are paid, the profits should go to the macadamizing of the public roads of the county'

"What else will you say, Mr. Cromer?" "I don't want to say anything about the management of the poor farm at present. After the Court Superintendent pitches the cro for next year, I will tell you what he ought to have done. I will show him then what he ought to have done. I will show him then what a big mistake he has made.'

"What do you think of school bonds?" "I would advise you to sell the bonds which you have, and build another warehouse The people are now compelled to sell their cotton since the farmers watchouse is full If we had another warehouse the farmer would store more cotton. You see Mr. Chap man's cotton is lying on his lot because there is for it no room in the warehouse."

# Warmed the Pastor.

Recently the good people of Sharon church, on the Mt. Carmel circuit, presented J. W. Balley with a fine over-coat, as a tangible expression of their appreciation of his return to them as pastor for another year. Sharon is the banner church in the circuit, and paid all claims in full this year, with a handsome surplus on pastor's salary.

Winter Goods. You should see the many bargains in win er goods now offered by Tue R. M. Haddon

Wanted-Abbeville school bonds. Apply the National Bank, Abbeville.

Morse's Locals.

Unloading a ear of hard coal today. Best powdered sugar at only 8 1-3c a pound

Pure fresh mountain buckwheat and big Mince meat in 5 pound palls and also by the single pound, the finest ever.

Try apple butter, only 10c the pound, and better than home made july or preserves. All kinds of nuts and fruits for your Christ mas fruit cake. They tell me musk rats, minks and all such

varmints, are mighty bad this year. Come and get one, or a dozen game traps and ge rich selling the hides. A nice lot of cucumbers in brine for pick ling. Amos B. Morse.

If you want a bargain in a hat or pair of shoes see S. J. Link.

# HILL'S OPERA HOUSE

One Week Commencing Monday, Dec. 23rd.

The Empire Stock Co.

A repertoire of high class

Comedies and Dramas fea-

Miss Helen Carmen Lenton

supported by A CAREFULLY SELECTED COM

PANY OF ARTISTS.

Prices 15, 25 and 35 cts.

6-Big Vaudeville Specialties-6

# NO NEED TO SHOP ELSEWHERE.

Like the measies, the war on alleged variation the differ- Our store is your store. It is our business to please you and merit your patronage. Our merchandise is of the best, and our prices as low as consistent busi- a failure, because we did not find the right whale, so valuable for its whalebone. The Antarotic was fitted out for the hunt of ness methods will permit.

for you. They all have jobs, which they must finish before they can work for you. And the good wages which are paid keeps carpenters, VIDING, THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE, THE BEST MERCHANDISE AND THE LOWEST PRICES THAT WE CAN.

We have just gotten in 100 Cloaks, all the very latest styles and colors Prices \$5.00 to \$15.00. This lot of Cloaks were closed out at a sacrifice so that we are in a position to save you about 25 per cent. on them.

### DRESS GOODS.

50 inch Black Panama 50c per yd. 56 inch Repellants, all colors, 50c per yard.

44 inch Black and Blue Voile \$1,00 per yard. 44 inch Cheviots, all colors, 50c

per yard. We have just gotten in a new shipment Brown and Blue Dress Goods, all grades, 50c and up per

# BELTS! BELTS!

yard.

A new line of Belts just in. Al the latest styles in this lot.

### Coat Suit Sets.

We have a big stock of Lace Collars and Cuffs so much used this UNDERWEAR. season for Coat Suits.

# "How would the repeal of the lien law affect Blankets and Comforts

We find that we have too many dawn Comforts, so have cut the price down to about cost to dispose of them. Blankets from \$1 to \$10.

# Millinery Department. GLOVES.

This department is still up to the usual standard. Always something new to show you and always glad to do so.

It is getting late in the season and we have decided to reduce the prices from now until

# January 1st,

to about cost so as to dispose of what we have on hand.

# TABLE LINEN.

72 inch all Linen Damask 50c per

72 inch Table Linen, beautiful patterns 75c to \$1.25 per yard. Doylies to match.

### HOSIERY.

We handle the Cadet Hosiery for Boys and Girls, guaranteed to last 30 days, 25 cts.

Ladies' Undervest 25 cts. Ladies' Union Suits 50 cts. Children's Union Suits 25 ets. Children's Vest 10 to 25 cts. All wool vest for children, pants to match, 50 cts. Heavy Fleeced Vest 50 cts.

16 button, best quality Kid in black, brown, white at \$3.50. 12 button in black and white \$3.00 Best quality short kid gloves \$1.00

### SILKS.

36 inch black Taffeta \$1.00. 36 inch brown, blue, garnet, gray, Taffeta, \$1.00 yard. We are agents for the "Money

### Back" Silks. We have this brand only in black. Your money back if not satisfactory as to wear.

## SHOES.

Every pair guaranteed to be as represented or your money back. Prices \$1.25 to \$3.50 for ladies. 75c to \$2.50 for children.

Cotton Flannel 10c yard. Unbleached Homespun 5c yard. Bleached Homespun 5c yard. Androscoggin 12 e yard. 36 inch Sea Island 8 1-3c yard. Teazle dawn Outing 10c yard. 27 inch Outing 5c yard. 36 inch Cambrie 10c yard. 36 inch Cannon Cloth 12 1-2c yd. Bed Ticking 8c yard.

# GOLD SALE.

Solid Gold Jewelry at Dry Goods Prices.

Here you can get many useful Christmas presents for gregate together in larger numbers at your friends at very low prices. Every piece of Jewelry in this sale absolutely guaranteed to be Solid Gold.

Solid Gold Baby Rings 75c each. Solid Gold Waist Pins 50c pair. Solid Gold Hat Pins \$1.50 each. Solid Gold Scarf Pins 75c each. Solid Gold Cuff Buttons \$2.00 pair.

# Philson, Henry &

# Next Two Weeks

Great Bargains can be found at HADDON'S

Blankets, Furs, Jackets, Dress Goods, Shoes, Hosiery, Gloves, Skirts, Hand Bags, Velvets, Fancy Silks, Winter Millinery. The largest stock. The best goods. Call or send to

The R. M. Haddon Co.

Greatly Reduced Rates

Southern Railway.

Account Christmas Holidays the Southern Railway announced Special Excursion Rates of one and one-third first-class one way fare, plus 25 cents for the round trip to points south of the Ohio and Potomac, and east of the Mississippi river, including Washington, D. C., and Cincinnati.

Tickets will be on sale December 20th to 25th, inclusive; December 30th to 31st, 1907, and January 1st, 1908, with limit good to leave destination not later than midnight January 6th, 1908.

Apply to the nearest Agent of the Southern Railway, or address J. C. LUSK,

Division Passenger Agent, Charleston, S. C.

# Carnival! Capnival

ABBEVILLE,

Dec. 16 to 21

As many of our people in the city and county were unable to attend the Carnival, and in this way the private individual can keep very tolerable account of the hours as they pass."—New York Ledger. owing to the bad weather, the merchants and business men of the city have arranged with the

# Smith Greater Shows

to remain in the city for another week, so as to give all who may so desire an opportunity to attend these many superb attractions with this company, also to give those who come to the city to do their Christmas shopping plenty of amusement while here.

DON'T FORGET THE DATES,

# Abbeville, December 16 to 21

6 BIG DAYS-6 BIG NIGHTS

Fun and Frolic for Everyone.

# A car of the best Block Jellico



And one of best Red Ash Hard Coal to arrive about Christmas times. Prices right. Hand in your orders so as to keep comfortable during the Holidays. A good stock of Grates, Wire Fenders, Shovels, Tongs, Pokers, Trivets and Boilers.

B. MORSE.

Card of Thanks. We, the wife and family of the late Joseph S. Britt desire to thank the many friends for the respect and many kindnesses shown to us and to him through his last illness and death. May the blessings of an all-wise God attend them and us all, is our sincere desire. Mrs. J. S. Britt.

Christmas Tree. There will be a Christmas Tree at Beulah Baptist Church on the 25th instant. The pub-ile is cordially invited.

### ANTARCTIC POSSIBILITIES

Explorer Berebgrevink Thinks There May Be a Fature For Commerce There. The recent Antarotic expedition was a commercial one, and commercially it was that particular kind of whale; neverthe less I have no doubt that the commercial result of the expedition would have been much better had we worked under more

of our not having met with the right whale in those seas as conclusive proof of their nonexistence in the bay at Victoria Land. The Antarctic found the right whale at Campbell island in the winter time; the boats fastened to five of them, of which, however, only one was caught.

Now, to me it does not seem improbable
that these whales go south to the bay of
Victoria Land, where Ross saw them, in Our stock of Shoes, we think, are the summer, and return north in the wingere the best you can buy anywhere ter. It would seem incredible that a man of Sir James Ross' standing, supported as he was by able scientists and experienced whalers, should have made a grave error when he said that this valuable whale was

to be found in large numbers in those southern latitudes. The difference in the appearance of the blue whale, as we found it there, and the right whale, in the method of spouting, is so striking that even the most casual ob-server could not easily be deceived. Very possibly, had we penetrated farther into the large open bay discovered by Ross in the vicinity of the volcano peaks Erebus and Terror, we too, would have found the right whale in great numbers. We saw very many blue whales, but had not the appliances to take them.

As I remarked at the international geo graphical congress, we found few seals.
They increased, however, in number as we worked eastward, and seemed afraid of the land. All of the seals that we met on the shore showed much uneasiness, and speedily made for the water, a fact which strengthened my belief in the existence of a large enemy of the seal on the conti-nent. I do not doubt that the seals con-I consider the guano beds which we dis-

covered of great commercial importance, and they ought to be well worth the at-tention of enterprising business men. The specimen which I brought back with me contains a large percentage of ammonia.

Furthermore, from the analysis of the

specimen of rock which I brought back with me, the possible and probable presence of valuable minerals on the continent is proved, although the lava and the volcanic aspect of the coast line do not speak fa-vorably for the presence of heavy metals near the surface.—C. E. Borchgrevink in Century. How the Chinese Count Time.

The Chinese sundial embodied the usual principle, but was crude indeed. A rod or needle set upright reflected a shad ow on a flat surface as the sun moved.
On this were characters indicating the hours of the day. The Chinese also used a water clock called the clepsydra. It was a disk of copper or other material, with an extremely small aperture, from which the water trickled, drop by drop. The clepsy-dra of Canton is thus described by a traveler: "It is a vase of copper. It is situated in a pavilion built on a double arch that in a pavilion built on a double arch that crosses a street leading from the great south gate of the city to the palace of the treasurer of the province. Like that which existed, and perhaps exists still in the Peking observatory, it is composed of four copper vases, whence water runs from one to another by little tubes fixed at the base. The vase that rests on the floor has on its wooden cover a kind of handle, crossed by a rule mounted on a float and covered with characters representing the hours When the water has run out—that is, in the morning or evening—it is poured again into the uppermost vase. There is a little brick staircase by which the attendant as-

ends.
"In the temples there are attendant whose business it is to hang up a placard, with a white ground, on which is indicat-ed the hour. They strike the hours of the day on a drum, and at night they beat a gong. The attendants who thus look after the flight of time occupy the intervals be-tween in making sticks of incense, on which are marked the hours. These are sticks so arranged as to burn a certain length of time for every hour, and these are used by peasants and others. The stick is lighted when the gong sounds,

# Painting the Lily.

Painting the lily has become a literal fact, not merely the poet's notion of the wildest exaggeration. An army officer' wife, writing from an out of the way western town, tells of a young woman ou there, "quite the most refined person here she is, too, who related to me, with much pride, an idea of her own which she had carried out for a recent silver wedding 'I cut some of our annunciation illies,'
she explained, 'and pasted silver paper in
strips on the outside of the flowers. They were very much admired.'

This western artist (?) is equaled and outdone by a Berlin society woman who set out her dinner board lately with ex-quisite flowers, on which mottoes and quotations were painted in gold, silver and various colors. On a deep purple hearts-case was a greeting in cream color on its surface, and other flowers had been equally disfigured, at great expense of misguided skill and money. Perhaps the worst out-rage was a lovely rose, bearing the com-plete menu on its petals.—New York

A Stop In Time May Save a Sermon. One of the elements of a successful ser mon is a timely and effective close. Many a grand effort has utterly failed for lack of remembering this. A climax is reached, the impression is vivid, then, alas, "s few more words," and the influence gained is frittered away. Weariness takes the place of conviction, and the truths uttered before are forgotten. There is no use in banging away when one has commenced to fire blank cartridges.—Syracuse Chris

# A River of Ink.

In Algeria there is a river of ink. In the upper part of its course it flows through beds of decaying moss, in the lower part through strata of fron ore, and thus, through the combination of the two its waters acquire very nearly the color and something of the taste of black ink.

The grandest review ever seen in this close of the civil war. Over 100,000 men

In 1880 the value of the cotton mil product in this country was \$192,000,000; in 1890 it had increased to \$968,000,000.

If you want the best flour on Drug Co. earth try ours. S. J. Link.

### Hill's Opera House Next Week.

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The Empire Stock Company will begin a weeks jengagement here Monday Dec. 23rd presenting a repertoire of high class Comedies and Dramas among which are "The Child Stealer," "In Old Virginia," "Circumstantial Evidence," "A Bachelor's Troubles," "Wife in Name Only," "The Convict's Daughter," and others. The leading lady, Miss Helen Carmen Lenton, is a very clever actress as well as a whistler-singer of renown. She is supported by a carefully selected company of actresses. Six big vaudeville specialties between acts. Remember the date, One solid week of good entertainment at copular prices. This Company has played Birmingham, Knoxville, Charlotte, Newport News, and other large cities. Prices, 15, 25, 85 cents.

### Laundry and Ice Plant,

Work on the Abbeville Laundry and Ice plant is progressing rapidly. In a couple of months it is expected that the laundry will be ready for

work.

Within a very few weeks the house will be ready for the machinery. The manager, Mr, Beasley, is much pleased with the progress that is being made, and hope to give the people of Abbeville a first class laundry in two months, and an ice plant by the beginning of Summer.

# And none too soon!

# TRUSTEE'S Bankrupt Sale

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF an order of the United States District Court of the United States for the District of South Carolina, the undersigned will sell at public outery in the City of Abbeville, South Carolina, at the store house lately occupied by the firm of Harrison & Waldrop, on the

# 2nd day of January, 1908, at 10 O'clock A. M.,

to the highest and best bidders therefor, the entire stock of goods, consist-ing of Plumbers' Material and Fixtures, Paints, Tin Gutters, Base Ball Goods, Razors, Watches, Clocks, Bi-cycles, Tinners' Tools, Machinery, Tools, Fixtures, one Olds Touring Car. one Electric Runabout, one Olds Runabout, belonging to the estate of W. C. Waldrop, bankrupt.
Said property will be sold in lots.

Sale to continue from day to day un-til all property has been disposed of. Terms—Cash.

An inventory of said property may be seen at the office of the undersigned at Abbeville, South Carolina. G. M. BEASLEY.

Trustee in Bankruptcy.

# Election of Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A neeting of the qualified electors of the school District of the Town of Abbeville is called to meet in the hall used as a Court

# Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 1907,

t half past seven o'clock. The object of the meeting is to elect three Prustees of the said School District to sucseed those whose terms expire, and one Trustee to take the place of one member who resigned; also to transact any other business pertaining to said School District, which may

properly come before it.
The Trustees whose ter len Smith, C. C. Gambrell, and G. A. Visanaka. C. A. Milford resigned. By order of Board of Trustees,

F. E. HARRISON, Chairman. FRANK B. GARY, Secretary.

# ANNUAL MEETING County Board of Commissioners

The County Board of Commissioners will meet on

# Thursday, the Second day of January, 1908,

to approve claims. The above men-tioned Board will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, after the first Monday of January, 1908. All parties holding claims against Abbeville holding claims against Abbeville County for the fiscal year 1907 must present same to the Board for approval en or before the above date or

G. N. NICKLES, C. S. and Chairman C. B. Com.

# XMAS!

# Christmas Presents

for those who have outgrown Santa Claus are not easily selected, but we are offering a few suggestions to help you.

### Steere's Candies in all size boxes and all them

beautiful. Stationery

# in special holiday boxes. Fountain Pens

at any price you like

# **Perfumes**

in exquisite cut glass bottles.

The McMurray Drug Company

We are compelled to admit that we have the prettiest Xmas cards in town. McMurray

Cigars for Xmas presents are O K, if you get them of The McMurray Drug Co.