

No Vagrants in Abbeville.

Like the measles, the war on alleged vagrants, breaks out at intervals in the different towns. It is now raging in Orangeburg...

Judging from what we see in the newspapers in reference to their own towns, Abbeville is about the best place there is on our earth...

Tax Paying.

Abbeville is behind on paying taxes. Very few persons have paid. As every man has a right to wait to the last day...

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

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

How would the repeal of the lien law affect the owner of land?

"If 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 hands."

How would the dispensary be ruined?

"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 the court house are paid."

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 crop for next year, I will tell you what he ought to have done."

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' warehouse is full. If we had another warehouse the farmers would store more cotton. You see Mr. Chapman'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. Bailey with a fine overcoat, as a tangible expression of their appreciation of his return to them as pastor for another year.

Winter Goods.

You should see the many bargains in winter goods now offered by The R. M. Haddon Company.

Wanted—Abbeville school bonds.

Apply to the National Bank, Abbeville.

Morse's Locom.

Unloading a car of hard coal today. Best powdered sugar at only 8 1/2c a pound.

Pure fresh mountain buckwheat and big hominy.

Mince meat in 5 pound pails and also by the single pound, the finest ever.

Try apple butter, only 10c the pound, and better than home made jelly or preserves.

All kinds of nuts and fruits for your Christmas 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 get rich selling the hides.

A nice lot of cucumbers in brine for pickling.

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 featuring Miss Helen Carmen Lenton supported by A CAREFULLY SELECTED COMPANY OF ARTISTS.

6—Big Vaudeville Specialties—6 Prices 15, 25 and 35 cts.

NO NEED TO SHOP ELSEWHERE.

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 business methods will permit.

BRING US YOUR BUSINESS AND WE WILL EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION BY PROVIDING THE BEST SERVICE POSSIBLE, THE BEST MERCHANDISE AND THE LOWEST PRICES THAT WE CAN.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS!

We have just gotten in 100 Cloaks, all the very latest styles and colors. Prices \$5.00 to \$15.00.

DRESS GOODS.

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

BELTS! BELTS!

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

Coat Suit Sets.

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

Blankets and Comforts

We find that we have too many down Comforts, so have cut the price down to about cost to dispose of them.

Millinery Department.

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

January 1st,

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

TABLE LINEN.

72 inch all Linen Damask 50c per yard. 72 inch Table Linen, beautiful patterns 75c to \$1.25 per yard.

HOSIERY.

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

UNDERWEAR.

Ladies' Undervest 25 cts. Ladies' Union Suits 50 cts. Children's Union Suits 25 cts.

GLOVES.

16 button, best quality Kid in black, brown, white at \$3.50. 12 button in black and white \$3.00.

SILKS.

36 inch black Taffeta \$1.00. 36 inch brown, blue, garnet, gray, Taffeta, \$1.00 yard.

SHOES.

Our stock of Shoes, we think, are the best you can buy anywhere. Every pair guaranteed to be as represented or your money back.

GOLD SALE.

Solid Gold Jewelry at Dry Goods Prices.

Here you can get many useful Christmas presents for 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 & Co.

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 R. M. Haddon Co.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY RATES.

Greatly Reduced Rates via 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! Carnival!

ABBEVILLE, Dec. 16 to 21

SMITH GREATER SHOWS.

As many of our people in the city and county were unable to attend the Carnival, 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.

AMOS B. MORSE.

Card of Thanks.

We, the wife and family of the late Joseph S. Britt desire to thank the many friends for respect and many kindnesses shown to us and to him through his last illness and death.

Christmas Tree.

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

ANTARCTIC POSSIBILITIES

Explorer Berchgrink Thinks There May Be a Future For Commerce There.

The recent Antarctic expedition was a commercial one, and commercially it was a failure, because we did not find the right whale, so valuable for its blubber.

I do not by any means consider the fact 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 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 observer could not easily be deceived.

As I remarked at the international geographical congress, we found few seals. They increased, however, in number as we worked eastward, and seemed afraid of the land.

I consider the guano beds which we discovered of great commercial importance, and they ought to be well worked by the means of enterprising business men.

How the Chinese Count Time.

The Chinese sundial embodied the usual principle, but was crude indeed. A rod or needle set upright reflected a shadow on a flat surface as the sun moved.

In the temples there are attendants whose business it is to hang up a placard, with a white ground, on which is indicated the hour. They strike the hour on a drum, and at night they beat a gong.

Painting the Lily.

Painting the lily has become a literal fact, not merely the poet's notion of the wildest exaggeration. An army officer's wife, writing from an out of the way western town, tells of a young woman who there, 'gaited 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.

This western artist (?) is equalled and outdone by a Berlin society woman who set out her dinner board lately with exquisite flowers, on which mottoes and quotations were painted in gold, silver and various colors.

A Step In Time May Save a Sermon.

One of the elements of a successful sermon 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, 'a few more words,' and the influence gained is frittered away.

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 iron ore, and thus, through the combing of the iron with the water, acquires very nearly the color and something of the taste of black ink.

The grandest review ever seen in this country was that at Washington at the close of the civil war. Over 100,000 men were in line.

In 1890 the value of the cotton mill product in this country was \$192,000,000. In 1907 it had increased to \$368,000,000.

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

Hill's Opera House Next Week.

The Empire Stock Company will begin a week's engagement 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.

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 outcry 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 bidder therefor, the entire stock of goods, consisting of Plumbers' Material and Fixtures, Paints, Tin Gutters, Base Ball Goods, Razors, Watches, Clocks, Bicycles, 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 until 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 meeting of the qualified electors of the School District of the Town of Abbeville is called to meet in the hall used as a Court House on

Tuesday, Dec. 31st, 1907, at half past seven o'clock.

The object of the meeting is to elect three Trustees of the said School District to succeed 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 terms expire are J. A. Len Smith, C. O. 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 mentioned Board will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, after the first Monday of January, 1908. All parties holding claims against Abbeville County for the fiscal year 1907 must present same to the Board for approval on or before the above date or be barred.

G. N. NICKLES, C. S. and Chairman C. O. 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 Drug Co.

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