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## IMMENSE BENEFITS.

### Resulting from the Passing of the Saloon.

#### The Great Temperance Reform Marches On, and Brings Unprecedented Prosperity.

Those of our good friends who seem not to have heard that South Carolina years ago rid herself of the saloon, or barroom, are circulating little thumb paper documents to show that cities in the state of North Carolina have prospered under prohibition.

This editor is sorry that these gentlemen did not apply to him for testimony on the subjects of South Carolina's prosperity in the absence of the saloon. We gainsay no word that is contained in their paper as to the prosperity of the towns to which reference is had. We could, if our respected friends and neighbors had asked us, have given a certificate more favorable to the abolition of the saloon in South Carolina than any which they have reproduced. We could have produced proof of more good that has come to South Carolina in the absence of the saloon than they have borrowed from North Carolina.

The fact of the advantages gained by the abolition of the saloon in South Carolina is, as far as we are informed, denied by none. When the dispensary law went into effect 999 saloons were closed in the State of South Carolina. Five thousand men by that act were transferred from the destructive side to the productive side of the public economy.

The illuring and the tempting places, where weak men were victims of liquor, and where immature youth were seduced from the paths of virtue and sobriety, the places where brilliant lights, lascivious pictures, lawlessness and the aggregation of all sorts of men might assemble for drinking and gambling, were closed forever.

From the day of the closing of the saloons in South Carolina began her wonderful growth in morals and financial prosperity. And since the saloons were closed, the schools and the colleges have grown at a rate that would astonish the world. Since then Clemson, with its 700 students, was established. Winthrop, with 500 girls in its classes, had to turn away 400 others last year. Converse, with its spacious halls, its learned professors, and its unsurpassed advantages, has been given to South Carolina since the abolition of the saloon.

And this is not all. Every denominational or religious college has attained such measure of usefulness that their capacity in many instances is unequal to the requirements. For instance: Wofford today is calling upon its friends and philanthropists to build for it a magnificent dormitory for its increased hundreds of students.

Again, The Due West Female College has just finished a magnificent dormitory, costing, with equipment, some \$30,000.

And Erskine, not so long ago, built a splendid dormitory for the accommodation of girls.

The demand upon the classes of Erskine is now so great that the authorities of that institution are contemplating a plan for the building of other splendid dormitories.

Due West has built a railroad from Donalds to its business center, which railroad has revived and put new energy into every heart. All the arteries of trade and commerce in that splendid town have been awakened. All the avenues to learning, to culture, and to Christian development have been broadened, heightened and made more glorious and more attractive than ever before.

And besides all this, there is not a foot of land within all the corporate limits of Due West that has not increased in value from one hundred to five hundred per cent. since the abolition of the saloon in South Carolina.

The little old wooden shacks, which had been from courtesies called store rooms, are today giving place to magnificent brick structures with beautiful plate glass fronts. Merchants are preparing to go into business on a scale which in the days of the saloon in South Carolina would have been preposterous and suicidal for merchants at Due West.

As to Abbeville, the storm centre of all this agitation in Abbeville County:

We are sorry that the highly respected gentlemen who are running on the anti-saloon platform have not learned that the saloon was banished from South Carolina more than a decade ago. It would, therefore, be a kindness to these good men, if some good man would inform them that the saloon was banished years ago, and that the Constitution of the State forever prohibits the re-installation of the saloon. Taking up the line of their statements from North Carolina where such blessings came to that state from the banishment of the saloon, we would speak of the situation as it exists in Abbeville today.

The town, since its foundation, has never had such a decade of uninterrupted prosperity.

Without the saloon this town has grown more in one decade than it grew in the previous hundred years.

We have put in a splendid telephone system.

In that time we have put in sewerage.

We have lighted the city with electricity.

We have put in water mains throughout the city.

We have built one of the finest city halls in the state.

The county has built a magnificent new court house.

The county has paid off a large debt.

Every foot of land in the city has increased from one hundred to anywhere up to one thousand per cent. according to circumstances.

Farm lands that could hardly be sold at from \$3 to \$5, are now worth \$15 to \$20 acre. Other lands are still higher.

Within the last decade and since the abolition of the saloon a majority of the costly and elegant dwelling houses have been built.

Within the decade in which we had no saloons the number of comfortable and unpretentious houses have been more than doubled.

Within the decade in which we had no saloon three times as many poor men, as formerly, own their homes and are happy under their own vine and fig tree.

During the decade without saloons we built an \$800,000 cotton mill, giving employment to great numbers of honest toilers.

Our little one-horse oil mill has been wonderfully developed and enlarged.

During the absence of the saloon two large ginneries with many gins and presses of the latest and best make now supersede the little ginnery in the days of the saloon.

In the days since the departure of the saloon, we have built a splendid warehouse system, where farmers can keep and store their cotton until it is their pleasure to sell.

Since the departure of the saloon, we have built in town two banks.

Before the departure of the saloon, of which fact our beloved friends now running on the anti-saloon ticket have not heard, one single bank had to borrow nearly all the money which it loaned to the people. Now we have three banks, one of which has not borrowed a cent this year, it being able to do business on its deposits.

In the good old days of the saloon we had to pay our banks ten or twelve per cent discount. With the same good security the farmers now get as much money as they need at eight per cent. discount or less.

Under the saloon system the payment of county and school claims was postponed, when holders were forced to shave them from

ten to twenty-five per cent. Now since the abolition of the saloon county and school claims are paid on demand in cash.

Up to the time of the decease of that lamented nuisance the saloon, the sales of cotton in this market, we believe, amounted to about 9,000 bales. We are now told that the warehouse alone handled 16,000 bales last year.

Besides the two new banks at Abbeville other banks have been organized in the county. Lowndesville, Mt. Carmel, Due West and Donalds have each one bank, while McCormick has two banks.

Abbeville, in the good old days of the saloon, had about 17 stores of all sorts. Now, we have between 60 and 70.

Abbeville had only one hotel in the old saloon days. Because of the departure of the saloon, a new and elegant hotel, has been built which would be a pride and a credit to any town, and whose keep commands the unanimous commendation of the traveling public.

In the good old days of the saloon, our only hotel of any pretensions was sold at public outcry for \$16,000. A month ago it was destroyed by fire. The insurance companies paid their policies in full, without demur, \$8,200. Last week the lot and the ruin was sold for \$25,000.

After the closing of the saloons, the City Council bought the Wilder lot and block at \$6,500, a price then considered by some as exorbitant. Since then the lot was cut in half, reserving the lot fronting on side street, the front part of the block was sold a year or two later, in 1907, at public outcry for \$8,800.

Two stores on Knox's corner were on the market for years at \$4,500, on credit, with low interest as inducement. When the saloon had taken its departure, one of these stores was sold for \$5,000 cash. The other changed hands at \$4,000. These two stores today would easily bring \$15,000.

In the good old days when we had many saloons, the lot on which John White's dwelling was, at public outcry, we believe, sold for \$1,000. A part of the bare lot was sold a few months ago for \$8,800.

A little dwelling near the warehouse was sold for about \$1,500 two years ago. It changed hands less than a month ago at \$2,700.

The Miller hotel, a structure erected by piecemeal before the war, was offered for years at \$2,000. In the absence of the saloon it sold last year for \$4,500.

The Templeton lot on Main Street was sold for \$2,800 in the presence of the saloons. In their absence the house was burnt. Insurance received. Lot sold for \$4,000. The lot since divided into several lots—one of which lots brought \$2,000.

Lorton Robertson gave \$ for a lot on which to build a dwelling. He built on half of it, and we hear that he has since been offered \$800 for the other half of the lot.

Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years away from home. When he returned to his home he found everything changed. His old friends had gone to their long home. Shall our anti-saloon friends be allowed to sleep longer, while South Carolina and Abbeville county are marching on to glorious victories in civic, moral, industrial and religious growth? Will some gentleman kindly wake them. They seem to be talking in their sleep. If they had been awake during the last decade, they certainly would know that they are fighting a dead carcass, the offensive odor of which has long since been blown to the four winds, and that since that stench has passed away the people are in that healthy atmosphere, which brings prosperity and happiness to us all. Wake them. Let them slumber no more. They may be happy yet. And we know that they will be glad when they learn of the absence of the saloon, and are confronted with a thousand evidences of prosperity and happiness among the people. The old nightmare that has oppressed the souls of our good and pious friends will disappear as soon as they wake up.

#### Col. J. Q. Marshall Dead.

Columbia Record.

The death of Col. J. Q. Marshall of Columbia, which occurred yesterday at Buffalo, Lithia Springs, Va., will cause general regret throughout the state. Col. Marshall was widely known and was held in the highest esteem. He was a noble, patriotic, upright South Carolinian.

Col. Marshall had been in ill health for several years, suffering from kidney trouble and rheumatism and his heart was involved, so that it was known to himself and to his friends that he might at any time die suddenly. Nevertheless, as his health had recently been excellent, the news of his death is a shock.

Col. Marshall is the type of citizen that can be ill spared. Just now he was engaged in a most important work for Columbia, as he was chairman of the street commission which is struggling with the problem of paving Main street and he had gone into this work with his characteristic energy and courage.

The father of Quitman Marshall was the gallant J. Foster Marshall of Abbeville, the second colonel of Orr's regiment, who fell at the first battle of Manassas. Quitman Marshall was born in Abbeville, but had lived in Columbia since early manhood. He was serving as a magistrate in Columbia when Wade Hampton was elected governor and it was he who administered the oath of office to General Hampton as governor. Young Marshall had done fine service in the Hampton campaign. He was at that time prominent in the local militia and in social circles in Columbia. He was appointed by Governor Richardson to serve an unexpired term as secretary of state.

After this he returned to the practice of law in Columbia and was very successful at the bar. He was the first president and one of the organizers of the company which built the first electric street railway in Columbia, which was at first operated by horse cars. His fight to maintain this company was one of his most signal services to the city and required ability of first order.

In 1898 Col. Marshall was elected to the state senate from Richland county, and was re-elected in 1900 without opposition. He was not a candidate for a third term. During his services in the senate he was chairman of the commission to complete the state house and only within the last few months did he complete his work, the commission being continued in power for several years. He developed the matter which was brought out in connection with the work done on the capitol under the supervision of Architect Milburn, which was a sensation at the time. His work on the state house commission was another characteristic service rendered the state.

When the Columbia street commission resigned several months ago, Col. Marshall was elected by city council and then was made chairman and had devoted much time to this work since that time.

He was chairman of the commission appointed by Governor Heyward to

erect the equestrian statue to Wade Hampton and the magnificent figure of the great warrior and political leader which stands on the capitol grounds and patriotism of Quitman Marshall. Col. Marshall is survived by his wife, who is a daughter of Capt. J. H. Brooks, of Greenwood, and by several children.

He was a good man. He was a patriot. He had rendered splendid service to his state. Peace to his ashes.

**Protracted Service.**  
Service will commence at St. Stevens, Wilmington, on the third Sunday, the 16th of August.

On the Fourth Saturday service will be resumed at Trinity, Abbeville, and then often on the first, second, and first Sundays of each month. Hours of service will be 11 A.M. and 6 P.M.

#### MCCORMICK.

Miss Minnie Wise who has been visiting Miss Gladys Rankin here returned to her home in Aiken today.

Mr. and Mrs. Gullinger, accompanied by Miss Gene and Maggie, have returned to their home near Amity, Ga., after a few weeks' vacation with friends and relatives in and around Troy and McCormick.

Miss Margaret Sondley of Abbeville is here on a few days visit to Misses Ruth and Ethel Price.

Miss Kate Weeks from Harlem, Ga., is visiting with relatives in and around McCormick now.

Miss Sophia Ozols from Greenwood spent Sunday with Misses Stella and Ethel Price.

Miss Corrie Killingsworth who has been spending her vacation in Abbeville returned to her work here a few days ago.

Mrs. J. M. Fryer accompanied by Miss Nellie, and Master who have been and friends in Spartanburg County for the past few weeks returned home Friday afternoon.

Miss Lucy Lyon from Troy spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sibert here in town.

Miss Corrie Vaughn from Augusta is now visiting with Misses Stella and Ethel Price.

Miss May Belle Whitten of Columbia, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Finley returned home Friday.

Miss Oriana Milford leaves this morning for Columbia and Johnston after spending a week with Misses Alla Mae and Suddie H. H. here.

Misses King and Rosa Hamlin are now visiting friends here in town.

Miss Ethel L. Stowers was happily married to Mr. W. L. O'Bryan Sunday night about ten o'clock. Rev. J. M. Fryer officiating. Miss Fannie Cannon has returned home after being with friends and relatives in Allendale.

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### DUE WEST.

Newsy Paragraphs from the Classic City—Visitors Coming and Going.

Mr. James Fleming arrived in Due West Saturday, to spend several weeks.

Miss Alice Lee Humphrey of Donalds, was the guest last week of Miss Helen Galloway.

Miss Mildred McCain returned Wednesday, after a pleasant stay with her brother, Mr. J. R. McCain in Rome, Ga.

Misses Ruth Todd, Lula Nance, Louise Young, Mildred McCain and Helen Galloway are attending a house party at Mrs. Susie Glines near Abbeville. They left town early last Thursday driving through the country.

Mr. J. J. Ellis paid friends a hurried visit last week. In a few weeks Mr. and Mrs. Ellis will make this their home.

Rev. Bertie Melvill spent a few days the first part of the week with home people. In the fall he will resume his duties at Clemson.

Miss Jennie May Haddon returned home last week after several months spent in the mountains of North Carolina, with friends.

Mr. Lowry Pringle is at home after several months stay in Greenville, as one of the players on the major league team.

Mr. Lawrence Brownlee is in Winnsboro, South Carolina for the week.

Miss Virginia Edwards is at home after a few weeks visit to her grandmother in Laurens.

Mrs. E. P. Kennedy is visiting friends and relatives in York, South Carolina.

Misses Lulu and Georgia Haddon returned last week from a pleasant stay in Newberry, with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bonner of Pelzer, are visiting at the home of Mr. R. C. Browlee.

Mr. J. R. Devin of Abbeville, who is interested in the firm of C. A. Milford, spent last week with his mother, Mrs. M. L. Devin.

Miss Maggie Brooks of Abbeville, spent a few days in town last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. John Bonner returned to St. Louis after a few days in town with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cochran of Bristol, Tenn., are spending the week with Prof. and Mrs. Lee, Mr. Cochran's grandparents.

Mr. Hale Brice, who has a position in Barr's Drug Store of Anderson, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Alice Brice.

Mr. Mac Nickles spent a few days the last of the week with home people.

Misses Frank Epps and Barron Caldwell spent Thursday in Abbeville.

Miss Virginia Edwards is at home after a few weeks visit to her grandmother in Laurens.



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