

The Press and Banner.

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Excursion Rates for the Holidays via the Southern Railway.

Account of the Christmas holidays, the Southern Railway will sell excursion tickets at very low rates to all points south of the Potomac and East of the Mississippi rivers. Tickets will be on sale December 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, and January 1, with final limit returning January 6th, 1910. For further information, call on any ticket agent Southern Railway, or J. L. Meek, A.G.P.A., W. E. McGee, T.P.A., Atlanta, Ga. Augusta, Ga.

Teachers Examination.

Teachers examination will be held at the office of the County Superintendent of Education at Abbeville, on January 7th, 1910, for the convenience of teachers who have no certificate. J. Foster Hammond, Co. Supt. Ed. A. C.

The State Teachers Association meets in Columbia on Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1. All teachers are cordially invited to attend these meetings. For information and program apply to J. E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education, Columbia. Reduced rates will be given on the railroads. J. Foster Hammond, Co. Supt. Ed. A. C.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Abbeville will be held Tuesday, January the eleventh at 12 o'clock in the Bank building. H. G. Smith, Cashier.

For Sale.

22 fat pigs. Call on A. P. Crawford, Route No. 1. Abbeville, S. C.

Mr. Cromer's Stories.

ROAD—IMPROVEMENT.

Mr. S. Foster Cromer of this city has been traveling through the County of late, and he is enthusiastic in his reports of the improved condition of the roads, where Supervisor Stevenson has been at work. The people in the neighborhoods where the Supervisor has worked are much pleased with the improved condition of the roads. Mr. Cromer says that the road from Abbeville to Antreville is nearly good enough for a trolley line.

The Steel bridge at Cade's Mill, he says, stands high above last year's high water mark, and is strong and durable. Mr. Cromer says it will last until we have all gone to rest.

RAT TAIL STORY.

Mr. Cromer has journeyed much of late, and has acquired the habit of repeating some of the strange and unbelievable stories which he hears, one of which is that a rat at Belton got his tail tangled in a straw. Other rats come to look at the rat with his tail tied up, and the number of rats that got their own tails tangled in the same string increased to nine.

GOLD MINING STORY.

Mr. J. Foster Cromer has been at the Dorn gold mine. He reports that the miner there placed oil in the tank which oil so affected the gold ore that nine-tenths of it floated off and was lost.

Last Monday and Monday night, the weather was as fleckle as April, as windy as March and as cold as winter.

Mrs. Charles Kirby of Spartanburg has been in Abbeville for a week, on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kirby. She brought the baby with her and carried it off when she went home.

Hon. C. A. Waller, Judge W. J. Moore and Mr. George C. Hodges of Greenwood, were among the most pleasant guests last week.

Quite a number of Abbeville men are now in the Conference, and all of Abbeville were glad to greet them back on their native heath.

Dr. R. Y. McLeod was a delegate to Conference. In the sixties he was an armed ambassador to meet old Sherman's hosts in the West, and he did his duty well.

It will be a great pleasure to his many friends to learn that the health of Rev. P. B. Wells has been greatly improved since he began to follow our directions about eating and not washing down his food. He has so far recovered his health that he has resumed the chewing of tobacco.

The supply of turkeys has been greatly reduced, but then we have a small quantity of pork sausage that is better than turkey.

Can't we form a company to buy the Walhalla knitting mill, which is to be sold next Sale Day?

Can't we organize a company to buy the furniture plant, and turn it into a spinning and knitting mill?

Unless we establish other industries the pendulum may swing back.

The banks in Abbeville County have about three fourths of a million dollars on deposit—a sum far in excess of previous records.

Some very nice things have been said about Mr. Wilson's book in reference to the Methodist Conference. It contains much information, and is distributed free. Read it and see if you do not think more of both Abbeville and the Methodist than ever. You can get a copy by calling at Mr. Wilson's quarters over the People's Bank.

Hon. Wyatt Alken left his colleagues in Congress and came home that he might have the pleasure of meeting with members and delegates to the Conference.

Mr. J. H. Buchanan, for thirty years editor of the Chester Reporter was delegate to the Conference. During his stay he made a pleasant call at the Press and Banner office.

Rev. L. F. Beaty, editor of the Methodist Sunday Literature, was with us during Conference. He has charge of one of the largest printing offices in the South.

Fresh mountain buckwheat flour just in. S. J. Link.

Take Care of the Supplies And The Price of Cotton Will Take Care of Itself.

The farmers of the country and every one else in this neck of the woods wishes to see the price of cotton next fall at least as high as it is now.

That price is assured if the farmers will make their own living at home. If the farmers will make their own corn, their own flour, their own meat, their own molasses, their own potatoes, at home the present price of cotton is assured for next fall.

Furthermore, if the farmers refuse to provide these necessities and insist on planting the world and the potato patch in cotton then 6 cents cotton is assured.

Just now in the psychological moment with the farmer. If they plant wheat, small grain, and corn enough to supply themselves and if such planting is general and not sporadic, the result is inevitable. When such a course will not only guarantee 15 cent cotton but will improve the old worn out farms, it looks like it would be well to follow it.

The farmers are not going to be lulled into any false security ament next Fall's price of cotton. They have seen the price jump up and down without rhyme or reason. They know what queer capers it can cut. They know there is no confidence to be placed in the stability of the price. The only logical course to pursue is to take care that such supplies as are needed on the farm are made at home. If the farmers pursue this policy the price of cotton will be even higher than it is now.

Take care of the supplies on the farm and the price of cotton will take care of itself.

COOKED

What was the tale that Cook told? What are the facts that boosted the tale that Cook told?

Where are the esquamau all for-lorn that made Cook wish he had never been born, that denied all the facts that boosted the tale that Cook told?

Where is the data taken by Cook, taken before he wrote his big book, somewhere up about Ook—a-ka—nook, to refute these charges serious and sworn, made by Esquimaux all for-lorn, that made Cook wish he had never been born, that denied all the facts that boosted the tale that Cook told.

The brave hearted Danes, where are they who took Cooks side in the fray, examining data to show to the world that Cook is a martyr instead of a churl who took this book somewhere up about Ook—a-ka—nook. To refute these charges, serious and sworn made by Esquimaux all for-lorn who made Cook wish he had never been born, that denied all the facts that boosted the tale that Cook told? Hey! Echo answers, where.

The Methodist Conference.

The Conference has come and gone. After staying with us for nearly a week our people were in love with them when they left us.

The intercourse between the preachers and delegates on one hand, and our people on the other, was pleasant to our people, and it is with a degree of pride that we record pleasant expressions by Conference people of our people. We all love the Methodist preachers more than we did before Conference.

Whatever the Conference does in the way of change it ought not to break up the good old way of holding their meetings in the different towns.

It seems that the sentiment for a division of the Conference is growing. The favorable vote on the question has increased wonderfully over a previous vote on the same question, and the division may be set down as sure to come.

We hope therefore that the suggestion to build a hall in any city, and to hold the annual meetings in it may never be adopted.

We had fairly good weather, and all the circumstances contributed to the pleasure and profit of the occasion.

Another order has just gone in for our famous waterproof shoes for men. If they have an equal we have never seen them S. J. Link.

A new anaesthetic has been discovered by a Roumanian medico by the use of which a patient may watch his own operation without the vestige of pain. Congress should give the Republican party a dose of this before cutting out the tariff war, especially so since it is said that no reactionary effects attends the use of this anaesthesia.

We understand that the price of poultry in Abbeville and Anderson took a jump this week.—Charleston Post.

Yep, madam hon wants as much for a cluck here-a-bouts as Cook did per word or his "own story."

Latest from the Barnyard Brief. "Horrible slaughter in Abbeville! Two thousand lives sacrificed. Conference especially fatal to the turks. Flags fly at half mast from every coop. No rooster has crowed for a week."

"Alone in a sawmill at midnight" Haven't you a vague recollection of having seen that somewhere?

And the Philadelphia Press flings at us the statement that the rabbit is vermin. That shows the spirit of "brotherly love" doesn't it.

How did the "400" like our big signs?

Now is the time to buy that sideboard or hall rack while you can get it at 80 cents on the dollar at Link's.

Read Link's ads. He proposes to make December a record breaking month at his busy store. His reduction in prices will be money in your pocket.

Link proposes to wake things up in the furniture line for the next 30 days. 80 cents will do the work of a dollar. See him.

Hygenic Drinking Fountains.

Seeing the great number of little fellows on their way to school with a cup to drink from their hands in addition to their lunch suggests the necessity of hygenic drinking fountains in the school buildings where so many use the same drinking vessel. The conditions in the Graded School as to drinking facilities are unhygenic to say the least, and unless the price of installing such fountains is prohibitive the school building should be filled up with them.

Let the board of trustees look into the matter and pass judgment on the proposition. If the hygenic drinking fountain is a good thing, then let us have it; if it is not of any value we do not need it.

Snow on the Planet Mars.

It is worthy of note that astronomers speak as little as positively and with as little concern about snow observed on the planet Mars, as if they were speaking of a snow at Columbia, or Charleston. There are either some unconscionable pretensions or some possessed of wild imagination on the astronomical jobs, if communication with Mars is not yet within the range of possibility.

LACONICS FROM TROY.

Interesting Items from a Wide Awake Correspondent.

The very atmosphere is frightened with Xmas, breezes and New Year will soon be ushered in.

Mrs. Sallie Toland and little son Robert spent from Friday until yesterday, with Mrs. Narcissa Henderson's family near McCormick.

Mrs. Fannie Thompson is here with many relatives.

Dr. J. M. Kennedy from San Francisco Cal. is expected here this week and will remain until after the holidays.

Mr. W. H. Haring came down from Anderson last week to see his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Millego Q nattlebaume came up from Callins Saturday and spent until yesterday with her brother Mr. Y. P. Beagin and family.

In a game of chance Mr. F. T. Young was the lucky purchaser of an acre of land near town owned by Mrs. Julia Little Mr. Young drawing the number "which" with 35 cts. on the lot, and he has had many offers of \$50, for it since.

Mr. W. W. Wardlaw with his handsome and gentlemanly son Master David spent last Monday in Augusta.

Are you watching for the comet? It can be clearly seen with a telescope.

Miss Jennie Wideman and brother Master Boyce attended services in the A. R. P. church yesterday.

Mr. J. W. McAlan of Greenwood paid a short call to our home yesterday.

Mrs. Jennie Martin and daughter Mrs. Charlie Dancy of Long Cane were with their kind folks Mr. J. S. Burnett and family last night. Mrs. Martin left this A. M. for Lincoln Co. Ga. to visit relatives.

Mr. R. L. Ariall Willingtons efficient depot agent, spent Saturday night here with his father Mr. A. H. Ariall and family.

Mr. Frank Keer and family of Cedar Spring are now residents of Bradley house moved in last week.

The young people enjoyed a pleasant time at Mr. Sam Young's Friday evening celebrating his birth-day anniversary.

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Quit.

Gossiping. Anticipating evils in the future. Faultfinding, nagging and worrying. Dwellling on fancied slights and wrongs. Scolding and flying into a passion over trifles.

Thinking that life is a grind, and not worth living. Talking continually about yourself and your affairs.

Depreciating yourself and making light of your abilities. Saying unkind things about acquaintances and friends.

Lamenting the past, holding on to disagreeable experiences. Pitying yourself and bemoaning your lack of opportunities.

Writing letters when the blood is hot, which you may regret later. Thinking that all the good chances and opportunities are gone by.

Carping and criticizing. See the best rather than the worst in others and of treating that you could be happier in some other place or circumstances.

Dilating on your pains and aches and misfortunes to every one who will listen to you.

Speculating as to what you would do in some one else's place, and do your best in your own.

Gazing idly into the future and dreaming about the possibility of making the most of the present.

Longing for the good things that others have instead of going to work and earning them for yourself.

Lamenting opportunities hundreds and thousands of miles away instead of right where you are.

The new law against drawing checks for amounts under one dollar, which was passed at the last session of the National Legislature and which goes into effect on January 1, 1910, will seriously affect some of us who have only 95 cents in the bank.—Abbeville Paes and Banner.

Editors and niggers' needn't lose any sleep worrying about how they are going to manage to draw on their measly little bank deposits less than a dollar. Checks under one dollar are legal now and will continue to be after the first of January. The Southern Banker, in its November number has the following to say on the subject.

The solicitor of the Treasury Department has quelled the fears of many bankers throughout the country by deciding that there was nothing in the language of section 176 of the new penal code forbidding the use of bank checks for sums of less than \$1 in the transaction of business. The language has been in the federal statutes for about forty years and the solicitor found that in transplanting it into the new code no change whatever was made in the wording.—Lancaster News.

The next attraction at Abbeville is Miss Edna Marshall in "Lena Rivers." Engagement for Grand Opera House, Dec. 15, Matinee 7:30.

Cokesbury District Appointments.

Conference closed its deliberations on last Monday, as is usually the custom, by reading out assignments for the following year. This particular part of the deliberations was of the most interesting nature, and one at which the Bishop does not have to rap for order.

The ministers do not know when they are going to be changed nor do they know where they are to be sent until the appointments are read out. The reading of the appointments at the very last of the conference has the effect of keeping all the ministers present until the very last.

The following is the list of assignments for this, the Cokesbury District: Abbeville—Rev. Henry Stokes. Butler—W. P. Way. Cokesbury—F. E. Dibble. Greenwood, Main St.—W. Kilgo. Greenwood and Abbeville Mills—E. C. Wells.

Kinard—D. P. Boyd. Newberry, Central Church—M. L. Banks. Newberry, O'Neal St. and Mollohou—W. C. Kelly.

Newberry Circuit—J. M. Friday. Ninety-Six—J. A. Cook. Ninety-Six—J. L. Lawson. Phoenix—L. L. Inabitt. Prosperity—S. C. Morris. Princeton—Foster Speer. Saluda—E. Taylor.

Waterloo—F. G. Whitlock. Whitmire—O. A. Jeffcoat.

A Knight for a Day.

Few musical plays can equal the record of B. C. Whitney's "A Knight for a Day," which comes to the opera house for an engagement of one night, Monday, Dec. 20th. It was originally produced at Mr. Whitney's own playhouse in Chicago where it ran for six months, winning friends in the eastern metropolis that has never been approached by any other attraction. It then came to New York and at Wallack's theatre it ran for six months, winning friends in the eastern metropolis in spite of the feeling against Chicago successes. From there it went to Boston where it delighted the theatre-goers of the Hub City for three months. A successful tour of the larger cities followed and it bids fair to repeat its last three seasons' achievements this season. The presentation is made under the direction of Ben Falk who positively will bring here the same cast and chorus as this season played New York.

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Auction Sale.

I will sell at public auction at my home on Route 3, Abbeville, all machinery and farming implements on my place, consisting of saw mill and engine, plows, plow, stocks, farm utensils of all kinds, mowers, scythes, wagons, harness, cotton planters, four sets gear and harness, corn, fodder, hay, &c., and cattle. The date is December 22, 1909.

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Going to India.

We see by the papers that Rev. R. A. Rawson, of Spartanburg, is going to India as a missionary for the A. R. P. Church. The Rev. is perhaps no better man than the Associate Reformed Church, but we would like to see the member of Synod who lay his hand on his heart, and say he believes that Mr. Rawson is qualified for the work, or that he believes the money expended for Mr. Rawson's trip is a wise one. Mr. Rawson has had, for several years, charge of a church in Spartanburg where everything is favorable. Did he succeed in building it up? If he succeeded, he should stay there. If he failed in Spartanburg, where everything is favorable, how is he to go to a strange land, with no knowledge of the language, and make proselytes from any religion where the people are more tenacious to their religion than we are to ours?

If there was a circumstance outside of this irreproachable disaster that would commend Mr. Rawson as a suitable man to become a missionary to India it is unknown to us, and his going will entail a heavy expense for which no sane man could hope for good results. It is, therefore, a mistake for Mr. Rawson to undertake a work for which he is wholly unprepared. He spent time and money to prepare himself for the ministry in this country. If, therefore he could not establish a church in Spartanburg, and if his desire to go to India is a tact acknowledgment of the fact, wherein do sincere and intelligent handlers of church money see the advisability of taxing the church to support men in a field where no sane man could hope for adequate returns for the cost and the labor.

From our viewpoint Mr. Rawson, outside of his good character, does not possess a single qualification for the work upon which he proposes to enter, and it is not clear to us how an honest and an intelligent body of Christians could consent to employ a man who is totally unprepared for the work.

WEST END.

Personal Paragraphs and News Items Contributed by Miss Lily Templeton.

Mrs. Thomas Syfan of Gainesville, Ga., is in the city spending a while with Mr. and Mrs. Saturday.

Miss Ruby Wells of Mt. Carmel was in the city Saturday on her way to Sunny Slope School.

Mrs. Will Pennell of Monroe, N. C., is in the city, spending sometime with her sister Mrs. E. Bailey.

Mr. George Miller was in the city last week, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Horace McAllister. Mr. Miller has been living near Savannah for some time and this is his first visit to our city in eighteen years.

Mrs. R. L. Dargan entertained Friday afternoon at a Euchre party in honor of Mrs. J. Perrin Quarles. After a number of interesting games Mrs. S. G. Thomson was found to have the highest score and was given a lovely jewelry case. The consolation prize fell to Mrs. Harry Wilson.

Mrs. Quarles, as guest of honor was given a dainty filique toilet bottle. An attractive menu of salad and coffee was served.

Miss Elsie Bowie and Miss Mamie Bowie will entertain Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. J. P. Quarles.

The reception given last Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Quarles in honor of Mr. James Perrin Quarles and his lovely wife was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the week.

The Quarles' residence on Vienna street, was exquisitely decorated with roses, ferns and palms making a scene of grace and beauty. At a daintily appointed table in the hall Miss Lona Smith and Miss Mamie Bowie served refreshing frappe. Mr. and Mrs. Quarles received their guests in the parlor. Mrs. Quarles wore a handsome black silk dress. In the receiving party were Mr. and Mrs. J. Perrin Quarles, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. McGee of Spartanburg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dargan.

The bride wore her wedding gown, a lovely lace robe over white satin, made princess with long train. She carried lilies of the valley and roses.

Mrs. Dargan was lovely in a becoming toilet of green braided net that suited her well.

Mrs. McGee wore an attractive gown of old rose mesoline.

In the dining room green and white were the colors used. The dining table was laid with a lovely cherry center piece over green satin. A tall rose of carnation and asparagus fern graced the center. Tall cut glass compote filled with green and white mints were gracefully arranged on the table.

The electrolier above the table was beautifully festooned with long loops of white tulle and ferns.

Miss Katherine Link, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Lella Link and Miss Adelma Thomson served the guests to cake and wine. Miss Lella Link pinned tiny little wedding bells on each guest as they were served.

Mrs. S. G. Thomson and Miss Plevna Seal received in the dining room. Mrs. Thomson served a handsome toilet of rajah silk beautifully fashioned. Miss Seal was lovely in a beautiful gown of pink mesaline.

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