

"Politics as a Profession."

The News and Courier has been doing considerable talking lately over the degeneracy of Southern Statesmanship since the war.

It makes use of the following expression: "We believe that the time is near at hand when men of brains will be able at last to turn their attention to politics, not exactly as a profession, but as an avocation of intense interest. When this happens, it will be a sad day for the mountebanks and fakirs who have been able so long to shine in the light of publicity."

There may be few men of the type of Calhoun, McDuffie, Hayne, and Cheves from the South today but it can be said, almost without exception, that the men of the South leave the service as they enter it, with clean hands. Honestly, we believe, is the first requisite of the faithful representative.

Before the war, and up to about 1840, there was not such an unequal distribution of inhabitants between the north and the south, and as there was less unanimity of sentiment in the North, the South was really the dominant party in Congress. If the editor of the News and Courier can devise any plan, other than a surrender to republicanism, by which the democrats may overcome a majority of something like two to one, the minority would doubtless welcome the information.

Some old lawyer said to a younger man who had read law under him, that the good speeches were the ones which won the cases. There is little incentive either for action or discussion, in a body that is dominated absolutely by party rule. The fault is not in the men of the minority, but rather in the conditions that handicap them. In point of ability Bailey of Texas has had few superiors in the National Legislature. Senator Money is a man of great powers. Williams, Clark and Dearmond have rendered valuable and brilliant services in contending for the right. Hampton, Butler and Tillman from this State, have all served with ability, and each in his time has been ably seconded by our representation in the Lower House.

These men have not shaped legislation to any great extent but the fault is not theirs. The combined talents of Demosthenes, Cicero, Burke and Calhoun, similarly situated would have counted for no more. The only road to influence in that body would be spurned by the honest, self-respecting representative of the South.

The News and Courier is of the opinion that the brain and talent of the South have been employed in building up Southern industries.

We grant that the South generally, and this State particularly, has developed some great "Captains of Industry" and the South owes much to these men and their northern connections. We can not concede that these men have had a monopoly on either the brain or the integrity of the country. Thomas Jefferson was a failure as a business man, and beyond rugged honesty the same might be said of Andrew Jackson and Monroe. And yet these men have all rendered valuable services to their country. The man who carries the spirit of commercialism into politics is not capable of becoming the highest type of representative. If captains of industry have eschewed politics and have embraced business instead, it is because they have recognized the bent of their minds, and they have succeeded where they would perhaps have failed in a different line. The capacity to make and save money, and even an advanced education, do not necessarily make a man better capable of representing his people than some other man of few attainments and more common sense. The thinking man is the product of the country with its disadvantages. The machine man of business detail, is the product of the city and town, with superior advantages.

We believe our representation since the war has been made up of men of honesty of purpose and of more than average ability. We believe that ultimately men of this type can accomplish more for the State and more for common people of the nation by standing firmly for principle, as they have done in the past. We will be entirely satisfied if they will undertake no short cuts either for themselves or for us to secure anything at the hands of Cannon, Aldrich, and that trust-fed gang.

Lein Situation.

The opinion of the lawyers on the Lein question is that the act of 1909 only repealed the right of a farmer to give a lein to any person other than his land lord; that the land lord has a right to make advances to his tenant and in doing so has a right to take a lein on the crop as has been done under the lein law.

The landlord cannot, however take such a lein and then turn it over to a merchant and allow such merchant furnish his tenant with supplies.

The landlord then has the right to take a lein on crops as collateral to the furnishing of his tenant, but the merchant is shut off from taking such lein.

It does not matter much. We are all going to live, anyhow, and we will have to work as we have always done.

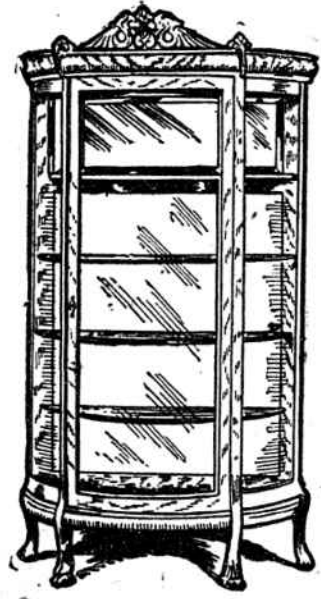
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Two minutes elapsed between the securing of a divorce and obtaining another license, in the case of Mrs. Silvey Spear of Atlanta, Ga., who divorced her first husband, Spear, to marry a second, Marshall McKenize. Why not expedite matters by issuing both the writ of divorce and license to marry on the same paper in such a case? It would so simplify matters. In other words kick one out of the back door and pull another in at the front at one and the same time.

Commissioner Watson and a few housewives are quarrelling about the price of brooms, but the cotton farmer makes no complaint. Why should he?

"Alone in a saw mill at midnight" hasn't you some dim, vague recollection of having seen it somewhere?

The Anderson Intelligencer speaks of Mr. J. L. Jolly winning prizes with his game chickens. Wonder if he is any kin to Manse, just like him to raise game chickens.



Paid Quick.

A colored man in this county bought 150 acres of land a year ago, paying \$250 cash; with leave to pay \$200 a year for five years making the purchase price \$1,250. He came up last week, after selling his cotton, and paid the whole of the credit portion when a negro can pay for a farm in one year, why should any white man not have a home of his own?

Business Lively.

Cotton continues to come to market daily and whiskey comes to consignees every day. The average number of bales would likely reach 75 a day and the gallons of whiskey is estimated at from 75 to 100 gallons daily.

The cotton ware house has 3,000 bales in storage and our banks have about half million in their vaults writing for customers.

If you can't shop early, why, by the pieper that played before Moses, shop late!

The authorities are still pouring liquor on the cobble stones and into gutters. It is to be hoped that the next Legislature will doctor us for such thin-skinned squeamishness.

The Anderson Mail says that mules walk railroad ties—at night, too.

Cook is raw, now.

Missionaries ought to be sent to Atlanta. The treatment of prisoners in the stockade seem to be unsurpassed for cruelty.

William Billy is to lecture on "The Prince of Peace." He ought to go to preaching. He would make a good missionary.

Several cotton mills of New England have closed down in order to curtail. Three and a half thousand operatives are thus thrown out of work. The New England mills should run as long as they can, for, with the present outlook, there will be curtailment for lack of cotton soon rather than high priced cotton.

Let Mr. Southern farmer get it into his head to raise his own provisions at home and then the New England mills will have something to curtail for sure enough.

The price of cloth is just as sure to go up as the price of cotton is to remain up. The Southern farmer does not care how high a price he has to pay for one shirt when he has a thousand shirts to sell, just as the Western farmer would like to pay high prices for his flour and meal for then he could sell his farm products at a high price.

Let the price of cloth soar into "the altitudinous depths of etheral expanse" for aught we care. Thereby the price of cotton will also soar.

A New Firm.

Mr. William Perrin of the Perrin Clothing Company has sold out his entire interest in the firm to Messrs. Jack Pressley and W. B. Perrin.

The new firm will continue the business at the same place. Messrs. Perrin and Pressley are wide-awake young men and are preparing to do a hustling business.

Abbeville does a large clothing business and one reason of the fact is that her clothiers know their business in every detail, and in consequence can give the customer the worth of his money.

Willington School Wins \$100 Prize.

The executive committee of the Rural School Improvement Association of South Carolina has awarded prizes to various schools over the State.

\$2000 in prizes were offered, five of \$100 each and 30 of \$50 each for the school showing greatest improvement during the twelve months.

It is a pleasure for us to announce that one of the \$100 prizes comes to Abbeville County. The school which brings this honor to the county is the Willington school, the school which years ago made the county famous. The school is near the site of the old Waddell school, one of the most famous schools of the State.

The school is at present under the management of Prof. Ralph Grier, youngest son of the late Dr. W. M. Grier, former president of Erskine College.

Other places winning the other four capital prizes are: Little Mountain, in Newberry County; Eastover, in Richland County; Lamar, in Darlington County; and West Union, in Oconee County.

What a sweet morsel under the tongue of the prosecuting are those sugar frauds.

The question of Representative Hardwick of Georgia, in congress on Monday was a pertinent one—Has the United States government been using its vessels to hunt for John Jacob Astor?

That is no part of governmental administration. If a millionaire scape-grace chooses to sail the seas in his private yacht, let him take care of himself; the government is under no obligation to do so. Besides that, Astor isn't worth it anyhow, though he is a multi-millionaire.

The government boat was on the look out for the crew of the private yacht who are all good and worthy Americans. It was not searching for John Jake particularly. Had John Jake been there alone in a dory the government boat would not have made the search.

We want all our customers to come and see us within the next two weeks and get one of our calendars. We look out for you while you are asleep. C. A. Milford & Co.

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ABBEVILLE, S. C.



WEST END.

Personal Paragraphs and News Items Contributed by Miss Lily Templeton.

Mr. Joel Morse is at home again after a pleasant trip to Asheville, where he went to attend the Fiske-Morrison wedding.

Mr. Stuart Baskin spent last week in Iva with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hart Baskin.

Mr. Albert Morse is home from V. M. I. where he is attending school.

Mr. T. G. Perrin expects to go to Atlanta this week to spend the holidays with friends in that city.

Miss Essie Dick and Master Leonard Dick came home Thursday from Baltimore where they have been spending some time with their parents.

Mr. William Latimer is home from Washington, D. C. to spend the holidays with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Latimer.

Mrs. John McC. Thorn and her children spent several days last week in Greenwood with Mrs. W. J. R. Kennerly and in Anderson with Mrs. James M. Giles.

Miss Joe DuPre entertained the Seaside chapter of U. G. G.'s Thursday afternoon at a very pleasant meeting.

Miss Sara Clinkscales and Miss Vera Clinkscales were in the city Saturday on their way to the home in Monterey to spend the holidays. Misses Clinkscales are students at Limestone.

Mr. Andrew Jackson is home from Clemson College to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Miss Frances Calhoun is at home from Decatur, Ga., where she has a position at Agnes Scott.

Miss Emma C. White is here from Spartanburg to spend the Christmas holidays with her home people.

The friends of Mr. G. H. Hall will be glad to know that he is better after being quite sick for the past week.

Mr. W. G. Templeton is here, spending the holidays with his home people.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wilson will entertain at dinner Christmas day. This is the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Miss Marie Gary entertained the Bridge Club Friday afternoon at a very pleasant meeting.

Mr. F. C. Link came over from Hamlet, N. C., and spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Templeton.

The euchre party given last Tuesday afternoon by Miss Elise and Miss Mamie Bowie in honor of Mrs. J. Perrin Quarles was a very delightful affair.

Miss Helen White is home from Spartanburg to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Louise DeBerry is here from the city this week to spend the holidays with Miss Eugenia Robertson.

Miss Bessie Lee Choatham is home from Greenville where she is a student at Chicago.

Miss Eunice Calhoun is home from Spartanburg where she is teaching, to spend the week with her home people.

Miss Ora Thornton is home from Asheville, N. C., for the holidays. Miss Thornton is a student at Asheville Industrial College.

Mr. Allen Robertson is expected home this week from Clemson.

Miss Lucy Calvert came home Monday from Honea Path where she is teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Clinkscales, of Monterey, were shopping in the city Tuesday.

Mr. James Perrin is here from Meridian, Miss., to spend a week with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Perrin.

Mrs. Laura B. Love is at home again after spending some time in the city with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham.

Miss Louise Browne is home for the holidays from Converse College.

Miss Mary Larkin Link, who is a student at Agnes Scott, is here for the holidays.

Mrs. C. C. Kirby and her little daughter have returned to their home in Spartanburg, after a pleasant stay here with her mother, Mrs. J. M. Kirby.

Facts About Our State University.

A few lines on the State University will perhaps be of interest to the readers of the Press and Banner. This institution doubtless, is not as well known as some of the other institutions of learning of this state, notwithstanding the fact that it has its senior by many years. Considering the fact that this is our State University and also that it could be made one of the best Universities in the United States, the people of the state should take more interest in it.

The University of South Carolina had a more successful opening this year than it has had since it was founded. The number of students enrolled being 319; several more than have been at the beginning of any year before this, and as good many more than was enrolled last year. Abbeville county is fairly well represented, having one out of this number. There are from other states, leaving a total of 302 from the other counties of this state.

Notice of Dissolution.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 3, 1909. Having mutually agreed to dissolve the partnership now existing between us, we ask all parties indebted to us to make immediate settlement, as it is absolutely necessary for us to collect all outstanding debts due us. We wish to thank the public for the liberal patronage given us. The business will be continued by W. A. Calvert. Respectfully, W. A. Calvert, W. F. Nickles.

I wish to thank our patrons for the splendid support given the firm of Calvert & Nickles, which I appreciate very much, and it will always be my aim to merit a continuance of same. Very respectfully, W. A. Calvert.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 3, 1909. In retiring from the firm of Calvert & Nickles, I wish to thank the patrons who helped the firm along the road to success, and in bidding farewell I wish to ask them to stand by the new firm. Yours truly, W. F. Nickles.

Executor's Sale.

We will sell on Saturday in January, 1910, in front of the Court House, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of James Steifle, deceased:

The James McFerrin, Sr., land on Long Cane creek, containing Sixty (60) Acres, more or less, bounded on the North by lands of A. P. Connor, deceased, on East and South by Laurence land, on West by A. T. Wide-man.

Terms of Sale—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. W. C. STEIFLE, GEO. R. STEIFLE, Executors.

Blue Ridge Railway Co.

Table with columns for Stations, No. 12 No. 10, No. 8, Daily, Daily, Daily, and Eastbound. Lists stations like W. A. Hall, W. West Union, etc.

We will stop at the following stations and see out and set off passengers—Phinney's, Lam's, Tokway, W. W. Anderson, Superintendent.

Master's Sale.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

Court of Common Pleas. Guilford Cade, as Administrator with will annexed of Guilford Cade, deceased, Plaintiff, against John L. W. White and John W. Morrish, Defendants.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at public outcry, at Abbeville, C. H., S. C., on Saturday in January, A. D. 1910, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing TWO and ONE-EIGHTH (2 1/8) Acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of J. W. Morrish, J. O. Swift, J. N. Knox and by Main street in the town of Mt. Carmel.

Terms of Sale—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. R. E. HILL, Master A. C., S. C.

NOTICE OF Election of School Trustees!

The qualified electors of the School District of the Town of Abbeville will meet in the Court House on

Tuesday, 28th December, 1909, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.,

for the purpose of electing four trustees for the School District. The terms of office Messrs. Speed, Ellis and Gary expire at that time and three vacancies Mr. J. S. Norwood has tendered his resignation and the vacancy caused thereby will also be filled. Any other business may be transacted. F. E. Harrison, Ch. Board Trustees.

Frank B. Gary, Sec.

Advertisement for Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs, Colds, and Lung Troubles. Includes text: 'KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS' and 'DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS, COLDS AND ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES'.

The State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. J. L. Pruitt, Plaintiff, against C. E. Pruitt, Allie L. Clinkscales and Kittle L. Rush, Defendants. Copy Summons. For Relief. (Complaint not Served.)

To the Defendants above named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is on file in the office of the Clerk of Common Pleas, for the said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina, within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated 10th day of December, 1909. J. M. Nickles, Plaintiff's Attorney.

To the absent defendant, Kittle L. Rush: Take Notice, That the complaint in this action, together with the summons of which the foregoing is a copy was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, South Carolina, on the 10th day of December, 1909.

J. M. Nickles, Plaintiff's Attorney. December 10th, 1909.

Alone in Saw Mill at Midnight unmindful of dampness, drafts, storms or cold, W. J. Atkins worked as Night Watchman, at Banner Springs, Tenn. Such exposure gave him a severe cold that settled on his lungs. At last he had to give up work. He tried many remedies but failed till he used Dr. King's New Discovery. "After using one bottle," he writes, "I went back to work as well as ever." Severe Colds, stubborn Coughs, inflamed throats and sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Croup and Whooping Cough get quick relief and prompt cure from this glorious medicine. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by B. P. Speed.

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Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Pills. They cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years standing. It certainly is a good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." C. A. Milford & Co.

MORE DANVILLE PROOF Jacob Spruill, 422 South St., Danville, Va., writes: "For over eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole time was treated by several doctors and tried several of the best kidney pills. So on weeks ago I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and in a few days every day and will be glad to tell anyone interested just what Foley's Kidney Pills did for me." C. A. Milford & Co.

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Master's Sale The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

Court of Common Pleas. I. H. McCalls, Plaintiff, against Mary Frazier and S. P. Crouser, Defendants.

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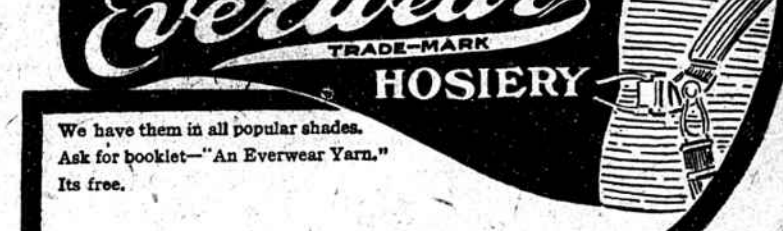
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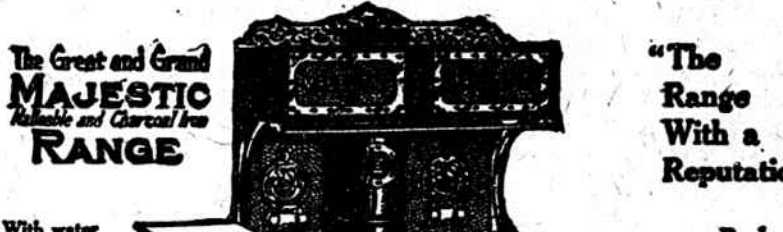
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