

What "M" Sees and Hears on His Rounds About the City and Along Route No. 3.

Abbeville, S. C., Feb. 16, 1910. Under the auspices of the Daughters of Confederacy a most enjoyable Valentine party was given in Rosenberg's hall last Monday night.

Miss Kara Keaton of Antreville spent a few days of the past week with Mrs. Lambert Caldwell.

A number of farmers are buying mules and horses and hauling guano guano ready to make a big crop of plants cotton.

On last Saturday morning as the R. F. D. boys went out the sight that greeted their eyes was beyond description.

He is sitting up a number of stalls to keep his customer's stock in that come to his shop to be shod, so as to protect them from winter's cold and rain and summer's heat.

The Acker Building and Repair Company have lined up alongside and can fill your bill in their line or build you a dwelling on short notice.

Two good firms close together. One will fix you up in wood, and the other will bend you around with iron.

Mr. M. Lawton still holds his grip on the lumber business near the S. A. L. depot and will always give you the best material at rock bottom prices.

Competition is the life of a good shop in all vocations of life. The man who hustles is bound to have his share.

Abbeville is extremely quiet just now and news is scarce. The play of St. Elmore last Saturday night gave our citizens something to break the monotony of everyday life.

The play was fine and the opera house filled with an appreciative audience. Query—Why are all the fine plays presented on Saturday nights, as is generally the case?

NEWS IS SCARCE ON ROUTE 3. Measuring Party at Lebanon Manse next Friday night. Half a cent for each inch of height.

All are invited to come. The patrons along the rural route are catching on to "no pennies in mail boxes after the 15th of February, 1910."

That is, the carriers are not required to take up mail unless wrapped in "fish" put in small boxes or envelopes, so as not to detain the carriers in "fishing" them out singly, or one by one.

In short the whole meaning is that Uncle Sam wishes the patrons to buy stamps and stamp their own mail, as he is afraid the "licking" of so many stamps by the carriers will give them some new disease, perhaps the "limber tongue," or something worse.

Get into line and please the carriers, and comply with Uncle Sam's orders. Mrs. Edwin Parker entertained last Saturday afternoon at a pleasant children's party.

About a dozen children were present and a few "grown up" people also. The bill was closed and shades drawn, making the dining room dark, save the beautiful shaded lights that cast their soft shadows o'er the room adding beauty to the fairy-like scene.

The table was beautiful in the artistic arrangement of its decorations. The sun shone brightly without, while the happy hearts of the children reflected its sunshine within.

Delicious refreshments were served and all had a jolly good time. Mrs. Parker is a charming hostess.

COURT DECIDES TILLMAN CASE? That it Favors Young Mrs. Tillman, Belief in Columbia.

Columbia, Feb. 12.—Information from a reliable source is to the effect that the supreme court has decided the Tillman case, and the feeling is that the decision favors young Mrs. Tillman.

The decision will probably be handed down Monday.—Anderson Daily Mail.

It seems from the above, if true, that our people have worked themselves up into an unnecessary state of excitement over the provisions of an obsolete law.

A little of the history of the law under which the children of B. R. Tillman Jr. were deeded to his father, would perhaps throw some light on its purpose, and relieve this state of the odium of retaining a cruel and unjust law on its statutes.

The law was originally passed in England in the time of Charles the Second, at a time when the rights of the land lord left few rights in the father of the child. Even the purity of the tenants home was not safeguarded against the over-powering land lord, and the tenant had no legal redress.

The old English law was enacted to prevent the land lord from binding out a child against the wishes of his parent or father. It was, however, stated positively enacted to give the father the right to bind out or deed his own children.

When the lands of this State came to us from the English Crown, many of these old laws came to us also, among them the law giving the father the right to deed his child. It has perhaps been reenacted even in our statutes, and it has not been blotted out by any act of the legislature; still the law is obsolete from lack of use, and probably at no time was intended to overlook the rights of the mother in the possession of her children.

The law of this State, as we understand it, makes the best interest of the child the first requirement above the right of either parent. Then in settling the question of guardianship or ownership, the question arises first between father and mother as to who is best suited morally, financially and otherwise to care for the children. It seems then that it should first be decided the neither of these are suitable persons to properly care for the children before the rights of a third person could be set up.

If the above information be true, it seems that many newspapers outside of this State were in error in pointing the finger of scorn at it. The same law that has been so condemned is also the law of many other states, perhaps of some of those states from which criticism has come with loudest censure.

It is not surprising that even so take a layman as Senator Tillman might misunderstand the application of this old law, if it is a fact that it has been so misconstrued. No body has honestly doubted his purpose to do the best thing possible for the good of the children while many question his judgment in the matter.

No unprejudiced person after reading his statement to the court can question efforts to honorize the trouble of these young people as much in behalf of his daughter-in-law as of his own son. He did not spare his son in placing the

The R. L. Dargan & Co. 5 and 10c Store.

Our Big 20 Per Cent. on the Dollar Sale will be continued all through this month, closing on the last day of February.

OUR REASON

After March 1st this business will be known as The Dargan-King Co., and in addition to our lines of China, Crockery, Cut Glass, Sterling Silver, Glassware, Tin and Enamel Ware, Stoves and House Furnishings, we will put in a full and complete line of

HARDWARE.

We are going to keep what you want. We are going to have it at a price as low as it can be bought anywhere in South Carolina, and we are going to give to Abbeville City and County an up-to-date line of Hardware which will be second to none in the State.

We Will Need More Room

And to get it we are going to continue this 20 per cent. Cut Sale until March 1st.

Some lines we are going to close out entirely—Hosiery, Laces, Embroideries, Jewelry, Ladies' Belts, Toilet Soaps, Talcum Powders. In fact all notions.

Drop in and see how far 80c will go.

THE R. L. DARGAN & CO. 5 AND 10C STORE

responsibility. The only question of law involved is that Senator Tillman sought to accomplish his end by appeal, first to an ob-ol- second to a law that is not applicable to this case.

Then if this law is applicable to the case in hand it is wise for the legislature to re-visit it by amendment if there is no harm in it? Has the legislature not made a mistake in taking action in advance of the courts decision.

If the law is objectionable would it not be better to kill it out right? Charles Rice, a nigger who escaped from the Abbeville chain gang, was arrested below the city Friday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff M. M. Stuart and Mr. Charles Bruce.

He was locked up here pending the arrival of the Abbeville authorities. The nigger was serving sentence for assault and battery with intent to kill, and had been made trusty. He was sent to the spring for water, and never returned. A reward of \$25 had been offered for his capture.

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

C. D. Brown, Plaintiff, against Hattie Brown, Defendant.

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 Wednesday in March, 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 ONE-EIGHTH of One Acre, more or less, and bounded by Jerry Mitchell, Julia Brown, and by Wardlaw St., being the lot purchased by Hattie Brown from Julia Brown, on June 2, 1908.

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

The "Square Deal" Store. You get a square deal here because the goods are right, the prices are right, the treatment is right.

We train our clerks to be as particular for our customers' interests as they would be in buying for themselves.

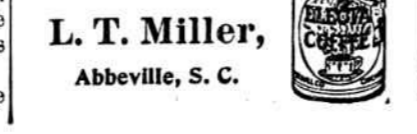
So you get, always, the freshest goods, and the purest. We allow no other kind to be sold over our counter.

Some delicacies have just arrived, among them a consignment of rare

ELECTA COFFEE for those who appreciate quality. This brand has no equal for true coffee excellence.

Get a can today so you will have it for breakfast tomorrow.

L. T. Miller, Abbeville, S. C.



LOW RATE, HIGH SPEED TELEGRAPH MAKING GOOD.

AIKEN REPLIES TO EDITORIAL.

Charging Congressional Nepotism.

The Editor of the State, it seems largely with a view to bringing out the facts, charged Congressmen without exception with nepotism and petty graft. The article was by way of comment on the employment by Senator Tillman, of his son B. R. Tillman Jr. as his secretary.

There are many exceptions. Congressman Aiken spoke out in his own behalf, whose letter we publish along with The States editorial in reply.

CONGRESSMAN AIKEN APPOINTS NO RELATIVES TO OFFICE.

To the Editor of the State: Because of the wholesale nature of your editorial charging Congressmen with shameless nepotism, I feel compelled, in defense of my own good name, to suggest that you should make some exceptions. In the light of a recent article by your Washington correspondent, you at least should have excepted the representatives of your own State who, without exception, are not guilty of nepotism even in the smallest degree.

Now I am sure that you would not willingly leave the impression on the minds of your readers that their representatives are without exception guilty of petty graft. But such you have branded the practice of nepotism, and you made no exception.

I believe, in fact, I know that you are mistaken as to the practice of nepotism by the whole body of Congress. The instances are the exceptions. I believe, as a general thing, where relatives have been appointed adequate service has been rendered, but I do not mean to take on myself the defense of the whole body or even of our own delegation.

Let Other Congressmen Speak. In the letter, which I reprint today, The States is right in willing to admit that, from one point of view, its language about "Congressmen and Nepotism" was too sweeping.

Representative Aiken "squares himself" in this matter and incidentally performs a public service in so doing—he draws attention to the abuse and inferentially condemns it in the strongest terms by establishing his own freedom from participation in it. We have reason to believe that other members of Congress from South Carolina are equally innocent, but we are not dealing to concede it in advance of their denials because we wish to elicit other such letters as that of Mr. Aiken, letters tending to wipe out a custom, which brings discredit upon the whole American Congress, by directing public attention to those responsible for it.

Curb Chat by a Live Reporter. The following has been handed in for publication. Passengers coming on the Southern Sunday night complained of the lack of accommodation on Captain William's Vestibule. It was stated that the cars were old and dark and general discomfort prevailed.

Analysis of Currants Shows High Food Value. Most Valuable Form—Less Sugar. Recent analyses undertaken to determine the exact food value of dried fruit show that dried currants contain 75 per cent of sugar in its most valuable form. This great saccharic proportion is already in the shape of grape sugar and thus is potential take up its work of producing an maintaining energy and vitality.

Their Honey Month. Greenwood and Abbeville in Their Honeymoon. Mr. Charles E. Klugh of Greenwood, his good wife, who was Miss Ethel Lyon Abbeville, were in Abbeville last Wednesday to spend a few hours around the beautiful light of the parental residence for which Mrs. Klugh was so lately taking leave for a Northern tour after the 1st will be at home to their friends in Greenwood, Ala. Among the out of town guests will be Miss Elizabeth Riley Mrs. B. Powell and daughter of Evergreen, Ala. From Greenwood a number of friends are expected.

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For Sale. 200 bushels Unknown peas. The L. W. White Co.

Reaching Out. R. M. Haddon & Co. are reaching out for business. They call attention in this issue to their large stock of ladies goods.

New Schedule for Seaboard. No. 33 due 1.15 p. m. Southbound vestibule. No. 50 due 3.45 p. m. Southbound local.

Cotton Seed. Hagen's Improved Big Bolled Cotton. It is a thrifty cotton; limbs well and fruits well; makes a pound to forty bolls and makes more cotton to the acre than any other cotton I have found.

Cabbage Plants. J. W. McKee, Sr. will furnish you all kinds of cabbage plants from now on. Varieties to suit this soil.

For Sale. Eggs from a fine strain of Rhode Island Red fowls: \$1.50 per setting. J. Allen Smith, Jr.

Wanted. To buy two or three tons good brown-raised hay. Amos B. Morse Co.

Wanted. Want all travelling carpenters please stay away from Columbia. Some of our competitors are doing a thing to do.

Wanted. To sell one good second-hand top horse wagon; one extra good three or four-horse Fish Box wagon. Amos B. Morse Co.

ORPINGTON CHICKENS FOR SALE. I have some Orpington hens and several cockerels which I will sell at a reasonable price. W. W. Bradley.

Those who have an unpaid account with us, we urge to come in and settle same by March 1st, for we will need the money and we wish to wind up the affairs of the old concern on that date.

Funeral of Mrs. Clary Will be at 4 o'clock. Mrs. W. F. Clary died after a lingering illness at her home here on yesterday morning, Feb. 15.

THE CIVIC CLUB. The regular business meeting of the Civic Club will be held Thursday afternoon Feb. 17th at four o'clock in the club rooms. A full attendance is desired. By order of the President. Mary H. Green Secty.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES. FOR MAYOR. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Mayor of the City of Abbeville, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. WM. P. GREENE.

Former Pastor of Newberry A. R. P. Church Passes Away. Newberry, February 13.—Special: Dr. Ebenezer Pressly McClintock died at his home in this city at 10 o'clock on Saturday night. He had been in feeble health for the past several years, and the end was not unexpected.

Dr. McClintock was born June 11, 1845, near what is now Coala, in Lincoln County, in the bounds of Bethel A. R. P. congregation. After attending the schools of the neighborhood he entered Erskine College, graduating in 1861 under the presidency of Dr. E. L. Patton. The College exercises were interrupted that year on account of the war between the States, and the young men left the institution in May to join the Confederate army. The class of '61, however, were awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts by the Confederate army and made a brave soldier.

Following the war, in 1867, he entered Erskine Seminary, having previously connected with the Second Presbyterian as a student of theology at Bethel, his former church. After completing his theological studies he was licensed by the Second Presbyterian at Prosperity, S. C. in July, 1869. He did some missionary work in Mississippi and Kentucky for four months, and was then sent to Thompson Street and West Creek churches in Newberry.

On May 17, 1870, Dr. McClintock married Miss Elizabeth Jane Young, of Due West, daughter of Prof. John N. Young and Eleanor Euphemia Strong. In Dr. McClintock's work Mrs. McClintock has ever taken deep interest, and she has been a great help to him in his arduous labors.

To this union five children were born, of whom only two survive. Dr. McClintock was chaplain of the James D. Nance Camp, United Confederate Veterans, from the organization of the camp until the time of his death.

Dr. McClintock is survived by his wife and two daughters—Miss Euphemia, who is president of the College for Women, Columbia, and Miss Mary Law, who is conducting a select school for young ladies in Boston. Both are graduates of the Woman's College, of Baltimore.

We Have Added a New Line of the R. H. HALL CO.'s Electro Brand Coffee, Teas and Spices

Chase & Sanborn Coffees O & O and Tetley's Teas a specialty.

Kingan's Hams and Breakfast Bacon always appeals to taste of all.

Sealship Oysters This Oyster comes to us with the flavor of the sea still retained. The Oysters are packed in ice and specially they are very delectable.

National Biscuit Co.'s Oysterette Crackers, Uneeda Biscuit, Nabisco Wafers etc.

Canned Goods If you are in doubt as to your menu call up 75 and ask for some of our Canned Soups, Beans, Beach Nut Bacon, Corn, etc.

Fresh Bread and Cakes Daily We have a Bakery that is the best in the up-country. Our Bread and Cakes are baked in a sanitary place. Everything as clean as soap can make it.

Dr. Hess' Powders for Stock This is the time of the year that you should feed powders to your stock. This powder will increase your milk cow's flow one-third.

Dr. Hess' Panacea For Poultry.

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