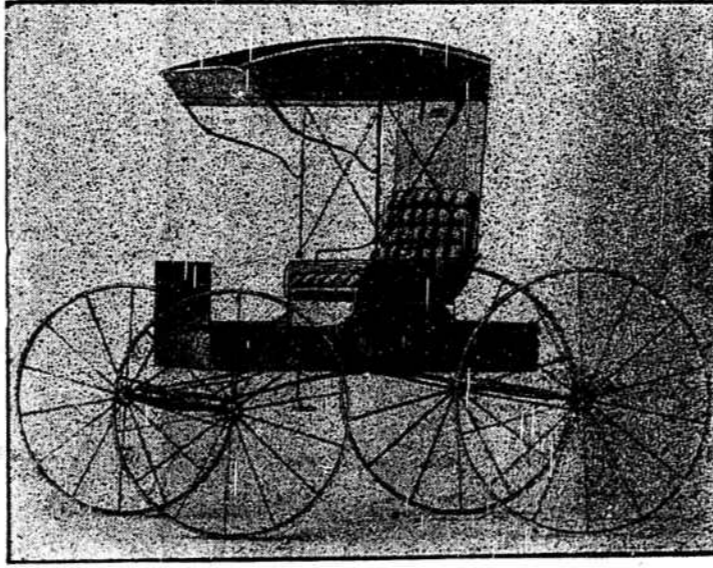


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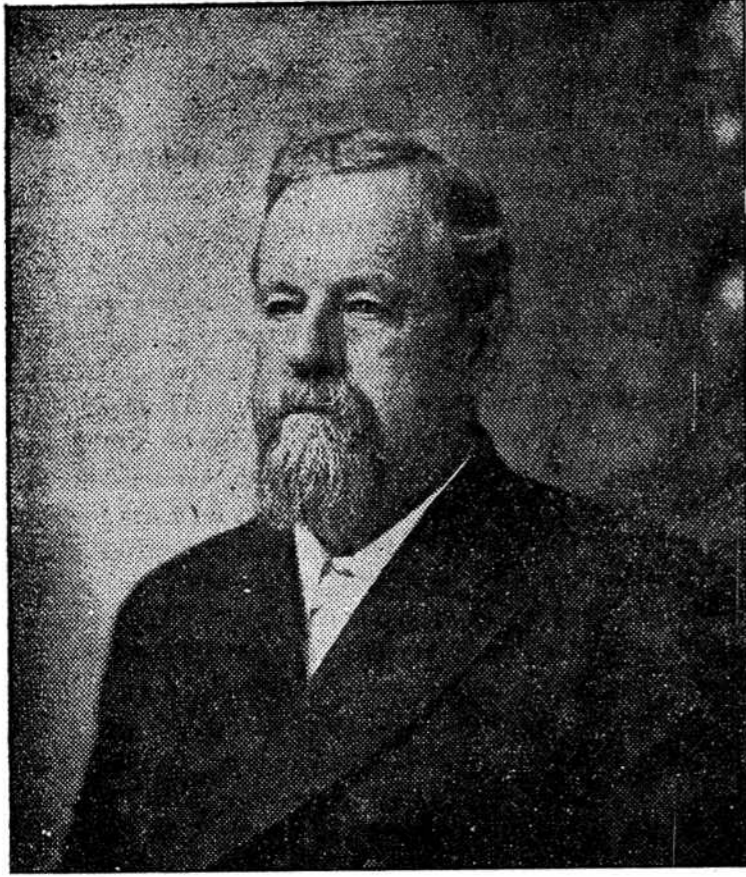
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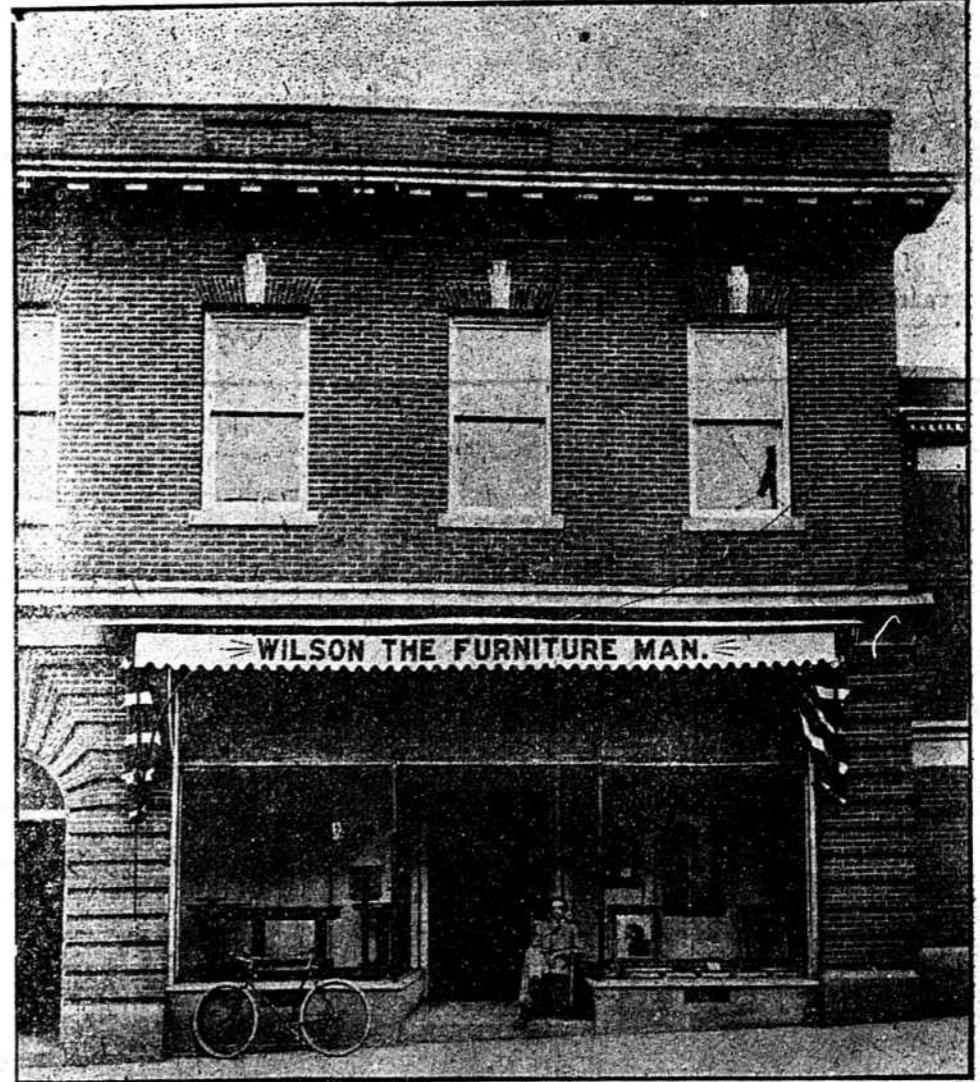


Mr. Hugh Wilson.

Mr. Wilson was connected with the Press and Banner from 1859 until 1909, during that time he was the able editor for thirty consecutive years, and has probably done more for the industrial and commercial interest, and the up-building of Abbeville and Abbeville County than any other one person.

gent, J. R. Blake, General Agent, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Blake is also general agent for the Southern States Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga., his jurisdiction extending over Abbeville, Greenwood, Laurens and Newberry counties, South Carolina. In addition to life policies the accident features are very commendable to the public. Its accident features, guaranteed dividends and loan features commends itself strongly to those wishing protection. Mr. Blake is one of our most enterprising and public spirited citizens and has been identified, and taken a lively interest in all worthy movements that tended in anyway for the ultimate good of the town and county in which he is interested. During his Presidency of the County Alliance, he organized the Farmers Bank and subsequently established the Abbeville Warehouse, subscribing over half of the Capital stock. He has always been deeply interested in politics of his county; having held position of County Treasurer for twelve years and State Senator for four years Mr. Lyon, the President of Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Association; is the present Attorney General of the State of South Carolina.



Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Insurance Association

If we were to try in this article to cover the ground of insurance since the first man had the brilliant idea of thus insuring his fellow man in all lines we would have our hands full with statistics, but suffice it to say that all agree on the one important and fundamental question of this subject—namely its value to men, relative to the amount which he has to expend on his policies. The insurance policy is more than a guarantee of payment for loss, it is more than a surety against ruin and failure; it is more than a safeguard for the future and the loved ones at home; it is more than all of this, we say, for it is the ground, basic and fundamental principal of all progress, that the worries of business life must be lightened and in every way lessened, if a man is going to be able to pay the price which success has set on her attainment. It is this which appeals most to us, the calmness with which an insured man can go home feeling that his business is safe; and can rest well on the nights when otherwise his brain would keep turning to his work. This leaves him fresh to rise in the morning ready to make a larger business career for himself and to have more goods to insure. We think we have made it clear that gain in commercial lines, and growth in industrial ways has been much fostered and bred by the insurance companies. In life insurance this has also been true, and the wife and children are now left in good circumstances in nine cases out of ten, whereas before this beneficial institution was

established they often knew want and poverty. This is shown by how few children and women are now left desolate, and how the poorhouse has dwindled in its population. We merely wish to acknowledge the great position which the Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Insurance Association of Abbeville and the Southern States Life Insurance Company of Atlanta, Ga., has filled in their years here. The Abbeville-Greenwood Mutual Association is a distinctively home institution, born, nursed and matured here, a institution that has grown from a small beginning since it was established eighteen



Mr. J. R. Blake

years ago and now has in force \$2,000,000.00; a phenomenal and enviable record. None of the finances of this company go to swell the banking capital of Eastern or New England banks; it is all kept at home.

This company writes fire, wind-storms, cyclone, tornadoes, lightning policies and pay losses promptly. The officers of the company are Messrs J. Fraser Lyon, Presi-

Farmers Bank

Among the monetary institutions that have been prominent in the development seen in this city of late years, and one which has always given a good account of itself when it came to movements that tended to give us an advancement commensurate with the natural and acquired advantages enjoyed by this city, there is no better known name or more highly thought of institution than the Farmers Bank of Abbeville, the subject of this sketch, which is located in the heart of the business section of the city. This bank has been in operation for the past twenty years and its name is well known and has been identified with the most active business circles of this community. The men who have made such a bank a possibility are Messrs. Dr. F. E. Harrison President; P. B. Speed, Vice President; J. F. Barnwell, Cashier; J. C. Thomson, Assistant Cashier. The Farmers Bank of Abbeville is a State, County and City depository, and the business which is being conducted includes everything in the banking lines and no pains are spared to make their services of the most valuable character to their depositors and patrons.

The bank has a paid up capital of \$75,000.00. Surplus and Undivided profits of \$16,000.00, and deposits to the amount of \$143,673.82. Their savings department pays 4 percent compounded and paid quarterly, and we dare say that there would be no need for Postal Saving Banks if all of the banking institutions offered such excellent safety and convenient accommodations to the public as the Farmers Bank does in its Savings department. This is an independent corporation, free of all outside influence, and its relations to the public being governed solely by its officers and Board of Directors are much closer in touch with the requirements of the people than those of the average bank. Their motto is fairness to all

and an equal chance for each business house in the city. No partiality or prejudice being shown by the institution in any of its dealings with the people of Abbeville. The directorate comprises the following well known gentlemen: Messrs F. E. Harrison, P. B. Speed, G. A. Visanska, R. M. Haddon, W. B. Moore, Dr. C. C. Gambrell, W. P. Greene, J. F. Clinkscales and J. H. DuPre. The officers and directors of this bank have always been numbered among our most public spirited gentlemen and can be relied on to do their best for the development of the town and country in which they are so much interested.

S. S. Turner, Merchandise

In our thriving city a recognized leader in the general line of merchandise is Mr. S. S. Turner, one of our best known business men and a citizen of which the community is justly proud. Mr. Turner's establishment is located on Trinity Street. The line comprises dry goods and notions, dress goods, shoes for ladies and children, ready made waists, a line of W. J. and R. & G. corsets, embroideries and laces.

Mr. Turner has been engaged in the mercantile line for a number of years, and is thoroughly familiar with all its details. He is a native of this section, and early in life entered the mercantile line in the capacity of a clerk. By strict attention to business he rose rapidly and a few years ago opened his present establishment. During his business career he has shown himself a man of the highest integrity, and now enjoys the esteem and respect of all who know him. He always takes an active interest in the promotion of the city's interests.



Mr. C. B. Wilson

Wilson, The Furniture Man

Furniture has been one of the keystones of civilization, since time immemorial when a nation began to get civilized the cooking of their foods and the furnishing of their huts or homes have been the fundamental corner stone on which they have hung their future greatness, so it is not amiss to say something of the furniture houses which we have in this city and which are among the best to be found in cities this size. We will make special mention of the above company, who is well known as "Wilson the Furniture Man." This house has been located here since November 1909 and is being operated and managed by Mr. C. B. Wilson who is the active member of the firm.

The stock comprises parlor and bed-room suites, dining-room and kitchen furniture, desks, couches,

kitchen cabinets, refrigerators, stoves and ranges, matings, art squares, rugs, pictures, and in fact everything that is manufactured in the way of household goods. They also handle a line of beautiful trunks, suit-cases and bags. The company sells either for cash or on terms to suit the convenience of the customers, and controls an exceptionally large trade. Mr. R. C. Wilson the senior member of the firm is manager of the Farmers Warehouse. Mr. C. B. Wilson is one of our most enterprising young business men and has spent the greater part of his life in Abbeville, where he was born and reared, he has been connected with some of the best business firms in the city.

On June the first, this firm gives away a beautiful kitchen cabinet to the lucky winner.

It is not the place, nor the condition, but the mind alone that can make anyone happy or miserable.