

H. H. Evans Indicted.

H. H. Evans has been indicted in his hometown for accepting dispensary graft. The Grand Jury has found true bills and the case will be tried.

Pistol "Toting."

In the same paper we notice an account of a county sheriff urging a citizen to arm himself for his personal protection against men who threaten his life and also the introduction of a bill prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons.

A law against carrying concealed weapons is in many respects not an ideal law. When such a law is enacted it will be openly and flagrantly broken by those who are to whom the law is supposed to apply.

No one believes that the enactment and enforcement of the pistol "toting" law is taken seriously by the pistol "toting" class. They treat the law with utter contempt, and until our officials find some way to enforce this law it were better left off of the statute book.

And now comes the Anderson Daily Mail with a news item suggesting that Lowndesville, may in the near future start a movement, to go into Anderson county. Only so much of Lowndesville Township as lies west of Rocky River is involved in the suggested movement.

The Press and Banner is not undertaking to speak for the people of Lowndesville, but it is hard to believe that the people of Lowndesville do not appreciate the great difficulties under which this county has labored since the flood of 1908.

These matters are not mentioned as an appeal to our friends at Lowndesville, for we believe they are broad minded enough themselves to appreciate them. It is merely suggested that when time has been allowed for the county to adjust itself to its curtailed income and its increased responsibility, Lowndesville will have no ground to complain of the conduct of the mother county.

In all the years past, Abbeville and Lowndesville have been closely linked by bonds of "affinity, consanguinity, and marriage," not to mention the fact that politically they have stood close together. With no definite information on the subject, we do not believe that Lowndesville will lightly break the bonds that Abbeville so highly appreciates, and that she appreciates in an absolutely unselfish spirit.

Didn't Want the Trolley.

A citizen of Abbeville, Incognito, happened to be in a hotel in Clinton some weeks ago when the Clinton delegation returned from a trip to see the Dukes in an effort to secure the much talked of trolley line. The delegation seemed to be very much disgusted, and like the fox in the fable, said they didn't want it anyway.

They seemed to think there was no doubt but that the road would go to Abbeville. Of course this means provided Abbeville does its whole duty.

An amusing idea gathered from the conversation was that the delegation thought our former fellow townsman, Mr. A. W. Smith, was of the Dukes. Now, Mr. Smith is just one of those things in heart and soul and influence, but he doesn't belong to that particular family.

The moral that we would point is, that with L. W. Parker and A. W. Smith, two of Abbeville's sons whose influence must be felt for us, and with Captain Smythe not unfriendly to us, the signs of the times are good if we do our duty.

Postal Savings Bank.

What is to be done with a democrat when he joins in voting with a Republican? Twenty-four Democrats joined with the Republicans in voting for the Postal Savings Bank Bill. The Bill passed by a majority of ninety-four.

Opinions differ as to the advantages to be derived from a postal savings bank. Some seem to think it would do us harm. It is a Republican institution and that is enough for most southerners. It is difficult to see how such an institution will harm the individual. It will only increase his banking facilities.

Prize Fighting Tabooed.

Gov. James N. Gillette of California is taking steps to stop the prize fight scheduled for the fourth of July between Jeffries and Johnson.

It is much to the Governors credit that he is trying to stop this piece of barbarism. It is brutal in the extreme. Bear baiting and bull fighting are not to be compared to the prize fight. So long as the people of the United States wink at prize fighting they should keep their lips closed on Spanish bull fighting and kindred sports.

For Miss Blanche Gary of Columbia, the guest of Mrs. J. M. Kinard, Mrs. J. Y. McFall entertained most delightfully on Saturday afternoon at her home on Boundary street.—Newberry Observer.

Of Abbeville, Olsever, of Abbeville, Columbia may claim the old rusty men but when it comes to her claiming our beautiful girls we will not stand for it, so, say Miss Blanche Gary of Abbeville next time, not of Columbia.

Screen doors and windows at The Dargan-King Co.

Grain cradles and extra fingers, at Glenn's 200 barrels extra fancy patent flour at a bargain, at Glenn's.

Press Excursion.

The annual meeting of the South Carolina Press Association was a most pleasant and profitable one. The Association met according to schedule at Glenn's Springs on Monday, the 13th, instant with about two hundred newspaper people in attendance.

Interesting papers were read and instructive talks made on many phases of the newspaper work. Especial mention should be made of the talk made by Mr. Poe of the Progressive Farmer of Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Poe took for his subject the development of North and South Carolina. The burden of his talk was education.

The only way to develop our country with its material resources is to develop the human resources. The speech was a plain practical talk, and was listened to with pleasure and profit by every member of the Association.

It was intended that the Association be given an automobile ride from Glenn's to Spartanburg via Cedar Springs, but owing to the rains this project was abandoned. On Wednesday afternoon, however, the Association went to Spartanburg via the Glenn Spring's Railway and was taken in automobiles to Cedar Springs.

AT CEDAR SPRINGS.

Many members of the Press Association had never paid a visit to this State institution for the education of the deaf and the blind, and to such this visit was a revelation.

On arrival the visitors were taken to the auditorium of the institution where a printed program was handed each.

The Association was greeted by an Anthem—"Gloria in Excelsis"—sung by the blind pupils. It would be a difficult matter to find a class that could sing with the same volume, rhythm, and perfect time as does this class of blind pupils.

Class demonstration work was then taken up in order to show the editors how the blind children are taught.

FORMER ABBEVILLE BOY RECITES.

All know that the blind read by means of raised letters, but all do not know that they can make these raised letters and thus write whatever they wish. By means of a small instrument they are enabled to make any character in our alphabet in raised letters. A pupil wrote from dictation, and this was read by another pupil, and typewritten by another showing with what facility the blind can express thought in permanent form. One wonderful demonstration was the statement and proof of an abstruse proposition in Geometry by Bemus Jones, formerly of this city. The facility and correctness with which he rendered his proof would do credit to an older pupil endowed with every sense. The pupil gets a mental picture of the figure with all its points and lines and then proceeds with the proof just as any other pupil would.

Exercise with the deaf and blind is just as necessary as it is with others, and even more so. A demonstration in pyramid building with the deaf pupils showed wonderful agility and strength. At a given sign they rushed into form, one above and on the shoulders of the other in pyramid form just as do acrobats in our circuses. The demonstration was worth seeing.

Gymnasium work of the deaf girls was also an interesting sight to witness. Their butterfly dance was given by them and strange to say, to music. Of course the music was only for the benefit of the audience. The girls were directed in their movements by signs made by the teacher. Their movements were just as rhythmic as those in a similar exercise at any other school. The editors were so pleased with the demonstrations that they frequently applauded the children. Applauding the deaf would seem to be wasted energy but they understand what is meant through the sense of sight.

BLIND AND DEAF.

There is at the institution one pupil that is blind and deaf. Dewey Cantrell, a child of ten or twelve years, who lives in a world of utter darkness and utter silence. He is totally blind and totally deaf. How it is possible to kindle the spark of intelligence and fan it to a flame in such a case is something difficult to understand. And yet it has been done. This child can talk rapidly with his fingers. The beginning was most difficult. His teachers said that it was necessary to make him do without several needs in order to teach him the one little word "eat," which was the first that he learned to spell on his fingers.

SINGING BY SIGNS.

Another strange sight afforded the editors in this demonstration work was the singing of the deaf-mutes. They sang by signs the hymn, "Onward Christian Soldier." At the same time it was also sung by a class of blind pupils, so that hearing the words and seeing the signs at one and the same time the observer could see the analogy between words and signs. Paradoxical as it may seem, the deaf sing at Cedar Springs.

The Superintendent of the institution, Prof. Walker, made an address to the editors which was simultaneously translated to the dumb by his son who is a teacher in the institution. To this address Mr. August Kohn, President of the Association, replied. The reply was also translated to the deaf through the medium of the fingers.

The time spent at Cedar Springs will prove profitable to both the Association and to the school.

AT SPARTANBURG.

A reception was given the editors on their return to Spartanburg in the beautiful halls of Converse. The address of welcome was made by Dr. Snyder, while the members of the Association regaled themselves on dainty salads and coffee. After the address of welcome, the editors were taken to the auditorium where one of the largest pipe organs in the whole land is located. Here the members were treated to a concert.

On Wednesday evening those of the editors who took in the excursion went aboard the sleeping cars which had been provided for them and which awaited them at the depot. Seven sleepers and dining cars made up the train.

OFF FOR JOHNSON CITY.

Thursday morning the party left for the C. C. and O. road for the Clinchfield Coal Fields.

This road has just been finished from Spartanburg to Dante, (pronounced "dant"), a distance of over two hundred miles.

No road in the South offers traveler grander scenery than is to be seen along the line of the C. C. and O. Railway. It is one continuous climb from Spartanburg

to Alta Pass, the highest point on the road. To reach this elevation the road makes windings, tunnels, evolutions, loops and leaps which are unsurpassed in twentieth century railroad construction. From the train the sight of the great mountain, dotted with blooming azaleas and Rhododendras, towering thousands of feet into the air, is inspiring.

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After leaving South Carolina no cotton plant is to be seen along the line of this road, but at this season of the year the wheat fields golden in its ripened state make a picture that rivals the beauty of the opened cotton. Wheat, corn and oats, are in evidence every where.

Every few miles an old "over shot" water mill greets the eye and adds a quaint picturesqueness to the mountain scenery. The people along the line are not yet accustomed to the unusual sight of a train of Pullmans, and everywhere they stop to gaze. At every station, flat cars are seen loaded with poplar logs showing that the forests are beginning already to be denuded of their finest trees. Saw mills played a prominent part.

The homes along the route are on the whole much better than one would expect to see. In some instances the homes are bare shelters, and hardly that. Along the right of way contractors had built houses for their men and covered them with paper, and in one instance a mountaineer had left his log house and had taken his abode in the paper-covered cabin left by the contractors.

One striking characteristic of this Western North Carolina county is that the traveler sees no land lying idle. Every piece of arable land is being cultivated. It would be a source of a musement to the Abbeville county farmers to see some of the hill-sides that are cultivated by the mountaineers. In many places the land is so steep that it is impossible to plow it with a hoe. In some instances it is difficult to see how he gets into his field without the aid of a ladder.

In approaching Alta Pass from the south a sight of one of the finest pieces of railroad construction in the land is afforded the excursionist. This slope is so steep that in order to maintain a low grade over come, in a direct distance of 46 miles a height of 1300 feet, it has been necessary to wind the road for a distance of over 20 miles in and out among the peaks, thru tunnels and over ridges. Seven passes are necessary in forming the loops and seventeen tunnels in so many miles.

From here may be seen Mount Mitchell, named after Dr. Mitchell who lost his life climbing it and who is buried on it; Clingmans Dome, Hawk Bill, Table Rock, and many others. Mount Mitchell is the peak east of the Rockies. Here the construction of the road cost \$195,000 per mile for a distance of 20 miles. The average cost of the entire road per mile was over \$100,000.

THE HIGHEST POINT.

On reaching Alta Pass the road passes thru a tunnel and thence it is down hill to the Mississippi. Here the train stopped and gave the excursionists an opportunity to climb the Ridge and enjoy the unsurpassed scenery. Many enjoyed the wild strawberries that cover the mountain in profusion. Here mountaineers offered cherries for sale in baskets ingeniously made of poplar bark. The baskets were not woven but marked with a knife, bent and tied, so as to answer the purpose of a basket.

ANOTHER AIR STUNT.

Hamilton Flies From New York to Philadelphia.

Charles K. Hamilton successfully covered the 86 miles between New York and Philadelphia in a record breaking flight this morning. He made the trip in one hour and fifty-four minutes. At an average speed of a little more than forty miles an hour. The greater part of the way he was accompanied by a special train which traveled at forty miles an hour. He followed the exact time table in the long flight and passed most of the towns on the way just about on time, arriving in Philadelphia four minutes late. Mayor Rayburn and a great crowd greeted him on his arrival here. He expects to make a distance record by returning to New York the same way.

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