

Again we rise to ask what has become of the Board of Trade?

Isn't it about time to begin some active work to make the County Fair this fall the best ever?

The dispensary graft cases are now on trial in Columbia. The case of "Hub" Evans was called yesterday.

Paper dealers are daily sending out notices of advanced prices on all grades of writing and printing paper.

The Columbia Record speaks of a young man having been shot in the country. No doubt a dangerous wound.

As a producer of champion long-distance dispensers of picturesque political phraseology Georgia takes the cake, as witness the fight between Tom Watson and Tom Feiler.

With Thomas W. Lawson a candidate for the United States Senate in Massachusetts, the prospect is fair for some "frenzied" politics in the Bay State.

Perhaps by the time that century plant blooms again in Charleston they will use lawn mowers instead of cows to keep the grass out of the streets.

"It may be said that Champ Clark has placed a check on the Wilson boom."—Knoxville Journal and Tribune. Oh, no. Mr. Hearst is placing all the necessary checks.—Columbia State. And this is news; Hearst financing Governor Wilson's campaign.

The Greenwood Index has the following pleasant notice, for which it will please accept our thanks: "The Abbeville Press and Banner has certainly 'come out' in the last two issues. It looks like a newspaper now. It is a fine property and it will doubtless exert a powerful influence for good and progress in Abbeville."

Mayor Grace of Charleston, speaking through the columns of his weekly, Common Sense, alleges that money was sent to Columbia to purchase immunity for the liquor interests of his city. It is up to the mayor to explain who received this money. The public will await further light with interest.

Major J. C. Hemphill has announced his resignation as editor of the Charlotte Observer, which post he has filled with such signal ability. Maj. Hemphill will be connected with the editorial staff of the New York Times. The Major is a native of Abbeville and his many friends here wish him abundant success in the broader field to which he has been called.

For Mr. A. S. Salley, Jr., secretary of the South Carolina Historical Society, we have the most profound respect, and when he says that the seal recently presented to the Confederate museum in Richmond is the genuine seal of the Confederacy we are inclined to accept his opinion as worthy of all respect. The absolute authentication of this instrument as the original seal of the Confederacy should set at rest the many rumors as to the disposition of that interesting article.

THE UNIVERSITY.

Elsewhere is published an advertisement of the University of South Carolina. The outreach of this institution in many forms of public service is striking and its broadened scope and consequent increased usefulness is a source of gratification to the friends of the University. Excellent opportunities are offered by the University to young men of limited means to prepare themselves for their life work.

The teachers' scholarships in the University of South Carolina, worth \$100 in money and exemption from fees, offer a fine chance for the young men of this county. The University of South Carolina is now under a full head of steam. Efficiency has marked the past session to a remarkable degree. More than 400 students were present. A new auditorium is now building, which will be of great advantage. The separate Y. M. C. A. building, with a permanent secretary giving his whole energy to the moral and religious life of the students, is a fact of prime importance. The spacious gymnasium with good baths, the modern infirmary with a trained nurse in attendance, are splendid means of insuring the health of students. The outreach of the University in many forms of public service is gripping the people of the whole State. Close attention is given to the individual student.

LET GOOD WORK GO ON.

In announcing in the last issue of The Press and Banner that the Abbeville Cotton Mill had set aside funds to retire the first preferred stock of the company, amounting to one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and in addition to this had declared a semi-annual dividend of three per cent., we stated a fact that should cause every citizen of Abbeville to reflect over our neglected opportunity for contributing to the growth of the city.

There has been a lurking suspicion that the Abbeville Cotton Mill would eventually be gobbled up by non-resident stockholders, when in fact it develops that the reverse of this is true. The holders of the common stock are coming into their own.

Something more than a year ago Mr. J. Allen Smith undertook to raise subscriptions for another cotton mill at Abbeville. Subscriptions to the amount of approximately one hundred thousand dollars were raised, and with this in hand Mr. Smith went to New York. Mill men generally discouraged the building of a new mill, and few would talk of investment. Mr. Milliken alone proposed to help us, offering to raise four hundred thousand dollars which with the one hundred thousand raised here would have given the town a five hundred thousand dollar mill. Some of the local subscribers would not hear to this and for a second time the mill fell through.

This paper stated at the time that the mill was the all important fact and who contributed away from home was a secondary consideration. Events have shown that the interests of the local subscribers would have been fully protected in the hands of Mr. Milliken and his friends.

But suppose the local stockholders had not realized on their stock for some years, the incidental advantages to the town would have more than compensated. The Abbeville Cotton Mill and the shops have added one hundred per cent. to the value of city property and three hundred per cent. to lands near the city. Another mill would certainly sustain present high values and would probably add fifty per cent. thereto.

It is a fact well known among experienced mill men that the time to build mills is when the outlook is apparently gloomiest. Then mill machinery is at low ebb; and so changing, is the outlook in the mill business that building in hard times may have you equipped for business for the flood tide of prosperity.

Such would have been the case with our proposed new mill. This year will prove one of the best in the history of mills.

Is it too late to renew the old subscription list and again get busy? Abbeville needs a mill. She should not allow the lead of neighboring towns to reach that point which will absorb all outside investment coming into the Piedmont country. The investor likes a live town and it rests with the people of Abbeville whether or not she will be set down in that class.

AN UNNECESSARY MENACE.

One feature of the shooting-up of the town last Thursday which is enough to make any thoughtful man stop and ponder, is the ease with which any person, however irresponsible, may obtain firearms with which to endanger the lives of good citizens, and perhaps of women and children.

That the fatalities resulting from the affair were no greater was more a matter of good luck than of good guidance. One shudders to think what might have happened had some innocent child been unfortunately placed in the line of fire from the weapon of this evidently demented man. That such a condition is made possible is a rebuke to our civilization, and one that all good men should endeavor to have remedied. We believe nothing but a law imposing a heavy license upon the sale of pistols and cartridges, making their cost practically prohibitive, will ever have the desired effect. Such a law, rigidly enforced, would at least tend to minimize an evil that is an ever-growing menace.

A THOUGHTFUL SERMON

Dr. Moffatt Makes Strong Appeal for Law Enforcement.

At the union services Sunday evening at the Presbyterian church Dr. J. S. Moffatt, president of Erskine College, delivered an especially thoughtful sermon. Dr. Moffatt is a preacher of great power and holds the attention of his congregation throughout his discourse. His treatment of the subject "Whatever a man sows that shall he also reap" was logical and convincing. He pointed out the danger which confronts the American people of sowing the seeds of lawlessness as evidenced in increased violations of the law against homicide, the violence attendant upon labor troubles, the ruthless disregard of the rights of the people by the great corporations, the prevalence of mob rule evidenced in lynching for crimes of different character and the seemingly growing disrespect for the courts and other agencies for law enforcement, constituting a menace to organized society that if unchecked would be bound to bring forth a harvest of wreck and ruin. Dr. Moffatt appealed to his hearers to take thought of all these matters and strive to assist in applying an adequate remedy. The sermon made a deep impression upon those present.

When you smoke, smoke good cigars—Cincos.

PITY THE POOR DOG.

A Friend Speaks Up for Dumb Brute.

To the Editor the Press and Banner: Imperturbed by the ladies of the Civic League, the City Council has put into effect a most unreasonable and arbitrary law, prohibiting owners of dogs allowing them to run at large.

Dogs from time out of mind have been the subject of hostile legislation and even more hostile treatment.

The owner of a dog in Abbeville pays a tax of 12 cents and a license of fifty cents to the county treasurer, and then a tax of six cents and a license of a dollar to the city, a total of \$1.68; and despite tax and license he must now tie up his dog or have him killed. Either the license or the restraint is wrong, and in our opinion, neither would stand the test of the courts.

Even an offending dog should not suffer death for the mere whim of the Civic League or the Council. The dog is man's most faithful friend. All the world may desert him; his wife and family may turn their backs on him, but if he has been kind to his dog he will always meet him with a wag of his tail and motion of his body that say more plainly than words, "I am your willing and faithful servant until death." You may be reduced to poverty; the cold winter's wind may blow through a hundred cracks in your humble cabin; half-starved yourself, your dog may fare even worse; yet he will lie at your door and guard your humble home as faithfully as though it were a princely palace. With instinct more penetrating than human judgment, he looks alike through rags or royal purple and divines the real man despite his vestment.

No other animal is so faithful or so affectionate. The cat, for instance, likes a close house, hot fires and warm rugs. When poverty comes in at the door the cat usually goes out at the window.

The dog's intelligence in emergency is worthy of mention. We know personally of an instance in point: A child was being charged by an infuriated bull and would most certainly have been gored and trampled to death. A large bull dog, seeing the danger, caught the bull in the nose and threw him, thus enabling the mother of the child to reach it and bear it to safety.

Many authentic stories are told of dogs saving children from drowning. Moved by a sense of danger, they have been known to awaken the inmates of a burning house, who might have perished but for the timely warning.

The dog is the most intelligent of all animals. Instinct, aided by the sense of smell which they possess in such a marked degree, enable them often to outwit human intelligence. We recall two instances of our personal knowledge: A man of our acquaintance had visited his watermelon patch, and in stooping down to thump his melons, had lost from his vest pocket a small roll of money, some twenty or thirty dollars. He looked for it in vain, and finally had his son to come down and help him. The son had a retriever pointer, that had been trained to find and bring in things that had been thrown out. He suggested to his father that he let the dog smell some object that he carried about his person and make as if he had thrown it out into the patch. This was done. The dog searched the patch in a little while, and with such care that the parties were not greatly surprised to see him returning with the money in his mouth.

A professor in a near-by college had a dog of which he was very fond, that he kept at his father's home. He took him with him on one occasion to the college, and, being a little absent-minded, left his dog at the railroad station and went to the college, about two miles distant. The dog in some inconceivable way found his master's trunk on the platform and laid down by it. When the baggage man went to get the trunk, the dog charged at him so furiously that he had to retreat. All the other trunks were removed, but not this one. The dog's master had to come back and get dog and trunk together.

We make this plea for the dog because the great majority of those who own dogs can not defend them. The poorest man may have his dog, and he may not possess any other living thing on earth. Weak and defenseless though he be, and simple as is his property right, the rigorous arm of the law should not be raised against it without provocation.

I have been in the habit of coming to Abbeville and would like to keep coming, but it grates on my patience to have my dog kicked around town merely for taking a nap on the grass.

A Friend of the Dog.

ABBEVILLE CITIZENS ARE HONORED.

Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, president of the State Bar Association, has announced his appointments of committees for that organization. Among the members of the Abbeville bar included in the appointments are W. F. Greene, Esq., committee on judicial administration; and W. N. Graydon, Esq., who has been appointed as one of the delegates to the American Bar Association.

Exchange Table

Good Chance. Greenville Piedmont. A detective school ought to do a flourishing business in South Carolina. Everybody wants to be a detective.

No Time to Rest.

Anderson Mail. Judge Ira B. Jones needn't think he can sit down and rest the remainder of the summer. He has a man's size job.

Truth is Mighty.

Columbia Record. The Associated Advertising Clubs in convention at Dallas declare for absolute truth in advertisements. This is as it should be; advertise with truth, if you can—but advertise!

Men's Wear Going Up.

Boston Transcript. Positive assurances of higher prices being named on lines of men's wear for the spring of 1913 are causing some large cloth wholesalers and others to come into the market in an effort to get advance orders placed at "inside" prices.

Record Living Costs.

Savannah News. For a number of years Bradstreets has kept a record of the cost of commodities, basing an average of the cost of them on "index numbers." The agency has reported that on May 1 the level was the highest reached at any time since it has been keeping the records, or for more than 20 years. The rise was 9.7 per cent., as compared with a year ago.

The Press and Baseball.

News and Courier. That baseball owes much of its popularity to the publicity given it by the press was strikingly shown during the recent newspaper strikes in Chicago. The papers were forced to give the national game little space, or none at all. The result was a very noticeable falling off in attendance at the league games, and at amateur games also. The newspapers have made baseball the national sport. Success has never been able to resist the persistent wooing of publicity, in baseball or in anything else. One of the first men in this country to recognize this was John Wamaker, and Theodore Roosevelt has grasped the idea even more fully than the great merchant.

The Perils of Strenuosity.

St. Louis Times. Now the pendulum of popular thought has swung back, and the rank and file of men know that the strenuous life is far from being what it was thought to be. Sober minds hold that the American people are already too strenuous, the most strenuous people in the world, and that they incur special risks, and miss special enjoyments, because of their bad habit of going at full speed.

It was adherence to the rule of doing things on the strenuous plan that sent the Titanic to the bottom of the sea. Belief in the strenuous derails nearly all the trains that carry people to sudden death. The strenuous life is responsible for a major part of the physical and mental ills of the American people.

The Greatest Harm.

Greenville News. A sensible western paper remarks that Colonel Roosevelt is misleading the youth of the land through his intemperate speech and his vicious attack on Mr. Taft. He is robbing them of that pattern which has ever been the American boy's model—the President of the United States. He may destroy Mr. Taft, or so stigmatize him that he will cease to be considered as an exemplar, and that is contemptible enough; but the colonel, in his rage, is doing something far worse when he drags the high office of chief magistrate in the mire. And while the young men are thus being disillusioned it is as sure as anything can be that thousands of older men, who know something of life and politics, and who can read character and motives, are filled with dismay and disgust as they behold a humiliating performance new to their experience and unparalleled in the history of presidential campaigns. Nothing that the Democrats have charged to Mr. Taft is as bad as the accusations by Colonel Roosevelt. The latter is not alone destroying Republican regard for its own chosen leadership, but he is furnishing daily ammunition for the common enemy. He is purchasing a new lease of power, or trying to purchase it, at the sacrifice of those very elements and many virtues which in other years distinguished him as an exponent of all that was fair, square and just.

It Is To Smile

Fashion Note. Newark News. "My!" said the sparrow. "Ain't the girl narrow?"

A Good Point.

Puck. Before you sympathize with the under dog, make sure that he didn't start the scrap.

The Best.

Detroit Free Press. "How did you enjoy the play? Don't you think the plot unique and daring?" "Yes, indeed. The dancing was the best I have ever seen."

Perpetual Worth.

Lippincott's. "Why was it you never married again, Aunt Sallie?" inquired Mrs. McClane of an old colored woman in West Virginia. "Deed, Miss Willis, replied the old woman earnestly, "dat dald nigger's wuth moah to me dan a live one. I gits a pension."

Seal of the Confederacy Returned to Richmond

From the State. That there is no doubt as to the genuineness of the great seal of the Confederacy, which has lately been returned to Richmond by Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, U. S. N., retired, was stated yesterday by A. S. Salley, Jr., secretary of the South Carolina historical commission, who has made a careful study of the history of the seal.

"I see by the press this morning," said Mr. Salley, "that some doubt has been expressed as to the genuineness of the great seal of the Confederacy which has lately been returned to Richmond by Rear Admiral Thomas O. Selfridge, U. S. N., retired. To well informed students of Confederate history there is nothing surprising in this story. It has been known to hundreds since 1873 that the great seal was preserved. In that year facsimiles of it in gold, silver and bronze were issued by Col. John T. Pickett, the first Confederate commissioner to Mexico, who was then practicing law and selling Confederate curios and relics in the city of Washington. Records in the library of congress show how Col. Pickett came by this seal.

"On March 28, 1865, five days before the evacuation of Richmond, the Confederate secretary of state, Judah P. Benjamin, sent William J. Bromwell, disbursing clerk of the department, to Charlotte, N. C., with three boxes of the belongings of that department, to be put in a place of safety. Bromwell was ordered to stop in Danville and get three trunks and four boxes of records and property of the state department which he had stored some weeks previously at the Danville Female college, and take these along also. He took the ten packages of records to Charlotte, arriving there on April 1, and stored them in a room in the court house. Five days later he wrote to Mr. Benjamin that he had placed all of the boxes in six large strong boxes without disturbing the contents and had marked these boxes with his own initials instead of Confederate state department, in order to attract as little attention as possible.

"In September, 1866, Bromwell, who was then practicing law in Richmond, accepted a position in Pickett's office in Washington. Soon after this Pickett offered to

ROAD MACHINERY IS ON TRIAL BY COUNTY

"Titan" Tractor Now Being Tried on Road of County.

Supervisor Stephenson has now on trial on the public roads a Titan tractor which is pulling two road scrapes at an average speed of more than two miles an hour. The machine is on 10 days' trial and if proven satisfactory will be purchased by the county at a cost of \$1,800. So far it has justified the contention of the manufacturers that it is more satisfactory and more economical than mule power. The engine of this machine has an indicated capacity of 25 horsepower and uses gasoline as a fuel.

Furman Commencement.

The Furman University Commencement begins Monday, June 3, and closes Wednesday, June 5. On the evening of Tuesday, June 4, at eight (8) o'clock in the dining room of Montague Hall on the Furman University Campus, will take place the Annual Banquet of the Alumni, former students and friends of the institution. These occasions furnish one of the most attractive features of Furman commencement, and they serve both to stimulate and maintain interest in the institution. A good supper and abundant fellowship are promised all who are on hand. Music will be furnished by a Greenville orchestra and the Furman Glee Club. The committee are B. E. Geer, C. B. Martin, J. C. Keys and R. M. Mauldin.

SOUTHERN SOIL POSSIBILITIES.

On creek valley land and hillides near Tuskegee, Ala., W. W. Thompson is demonstrating what drainage and scientific farming can do for iron-bound soil, according to Thomas W. Nicol in the Mobile (Ala.) Register. These lands were farmed in a crude way by negro tenants for twenty years before Mr. Thompson took hold of them, and they showed the effect. He cleared abandoned fields, overgrown creek bottoms, hillides covered with sugarbrush and small pine, and now has, through drainage and proper cultivation, gained 3100 acre of cotton, corn, clover and outfields. Land which had a few years ago yielded but half a bale of cotton an acre is now yielding from one bale to one and a half, and the yields per acre of oats have increased from 15 to 100 bushels or more, and corn from 25 to 75 bushels or more. This year, according to Mr. Nicol, there are six experimental farms under National, State or private auspices, and the property has become a model for agriculturists. There are hundreds of thousands of acres of the same character in the South with which the same policy may be pursued with similar results. Of the total acreage in farms in the South, aggregating 384,117,000, only 173,982,000 are in cultivation. Some of the remainder are in woodland, but other parts of it are just the kind of acres that Mr. Thompson has reclaimed to productive agriculture. Until all the available acreage of the South is cultivated up to its full capacity, anxiety about the supply of food for the country should not be felt.—Manufacturer's Record.

DECIDE YOURSELF.

The Opportunity is Here, Backed by Testimony. Don't take our word for it. Don't depend on a stranger's statement. Read Abbeville endorsement. Read the statements of Abbeville citizens. And decide for yourself. Here is one case of it: Mrs. C. A. Smith, Fort Pickett, Abbeville, S. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills are certainly an excellent kidney medicine and are safe and reliable. My kidneys were in bad shape and I had dizzy and nervous spells. My head ached and I could hardly drag myself around. I obtained Doan's Kidney Pills from P. B. Speed's Drug Store and they restored me to good health." Mrs. Smith is only one of many Abbeville people who have gratefully endorsed Doan's Kidney Pills. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mrs. Smith had—the remedy backed by home testimony. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. "When Your Back is Lame—Remember the Name."

WANTED—By young man, recent graduate in stenography, position in Abbeville by June 1. Address "Stenographer," care The Press and Banner.

CANDIDATES

- For House of Representatives. We are authorized to announce J. Howard Moore as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce J. S. Gilbert as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to action of the Democratic primary. For Sheriff. We are authorized to announce Joseph L. Joliffe as a candidate for Sheriff of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce C. J. Lyon as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce Joseph B. Wilson, a farmer of Sharon neighborhood, as a candidate for Sheriff of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. County Supervisor. We are authorized to announce George S. Wilson as a candidate for the office of Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce Capt. G. N. Nickles as candidate for County Supervisor, subject to action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce W. A. Stevenson as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Auditor. We are authorized to announce Richard Sondley as a candidate for re-election to the Auditor's office, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are hereby authorized to announce J. E. Jones as a candidate for Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. For Coroner. We are authorized to announce L. R. Wilson as a candidate for Coroner of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce W. L. Darraet as a candidate for the office of Coroner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are hereby authorized to announce R. B. Armstrong as a candidate for Coroner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are requested to announce Mr. M. J. Link as a candidate for Coroner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce H. W. Bowie (better known as "Dock") as a candidate for re-election to the office of Coroner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I hereby announce myself a candidate to the office of Coroner of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. R. W. Smith. We are authorized to announce B. H. Williams as a candidate for the office of Coroner of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce W. A. Gallagher as a candidate for Coroner of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Superintendent of Education. We are authorized to announce Renwick Bradley as a candidate for Superintendent of Education of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are hereby authorized to announce A. F. Calvert as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are hereby authorized to announce B. M. Cheatham as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce John B. Gilbert as a candidate for Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are authorized to announce J. Foster Hammond as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. C. E. Williamson. Sub-Supervisor. We are authorized to announce G. W. Calvert as a candidate for re-election for Sub-Supervisor of Abbeville County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. For Treasurer. We are authorized to announce J. F. Bradley as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. We are hereby authorized to announce B. C. Wilson as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. Charleston and Western Carolina Ry Schedule in effect November 25, 1912. Table with routes and times.