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MR. FRANK C. ROBINSON.

Abbeville County has not sent to the Legislature in recent years a more conscientious, able, and painstaking legislator than Mr. Frank C. Robinson, of McCormick. In private life, Mr. Robinson is a banker and farmer. He is a quiet man and has no frills about his work either at home or in the House of Representatives. But he is a business man, and he extends to business at home, and legislates in Columbia, as a business man should. He makes no great speeches; he is no speaker. He does not try to advertise himself, nor does he endeavor to display his learning. But he works for the good of the State, and by his votes, and by his legislative record, he shows that he has a clear insight into the needs of the State—that he wishes to advance the interests of the State which he serves. He is right on all moral questions.

Mr. Robinson during his first term in the Legislature served with distinction on the Ways and Means committee. At the request of the Speaker, and with his consent, Mr. Robinson was transferred, at the beginning of the last session, to the Asylum Committee. As chairman of that committee he looked carefully into the affairs of the institution and proposed and had enacted such legislation as was imperative.

When the new County of McCormick is established, if it is, Mr. Robinson should be elected as its first State senator. His services to the State, and his unselfish devotion to it, merit this honor. He is our nominee.

JUDGE JOHNSON.

Some of the friends of other aspirants to judicial honors are very much worried over the possibility that Congressman Johnson will not make an acceptable judge of the Western district.

We would like to reassure these gentlemen. The new Judge is a graduate of Erskine College, and several distinguished gentlemen have graduated from that institution, (no names given). He practiced law successfully for many years before he was elected to Congress from his district. We never heard in those days that he was not a lawyer of ability. In fact, we were constantly informed to the contrary. In recent years he has not given much time to the law, because he has been a faithful worker for his constituents in the national legislature; but this rather qualifies than disqualifies him. The wide experience he has had in Washington has only given him an opportunity to grow and to look at things from more angles. The two Senators from the State should be fair judges of his ability, his colleagues should know his attainments, the Department of Justice which passes on his fitness has inquired into these matters, and the President of the United States, we believe, has named him for the position. Under the circumstances, we are inclined to give him the benefit of the doubt, and to assure the friends of other aspirants of our belief that he will make a most acceptable presiding judge for our district, and that he will discharge the duties of his office with ability, courtesy, impartiality, and with satisfaction to every one except criminals.

FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this week's issue the Press and Banner changes to an eight page, six column paper, all home print. Heretofore we have printed only four pages at home, but modern methods and the interests of the public require the change. Though expensive we have made it because we are determined to give our readers a good county paper. The second and third pages and the sixth and seventh pages of the paper will contain reading matter as valuable to the people of the county as that contained on other pages. We are commencing to-day to publish the story of Peg O' My Heart. Two chapters of the story are printed in this issue and one or more chapters will be printed in each issue hereafter. The story is well worth reading.

On another page will be found the Sunday School lesson. This will be continued each week.

On all of the pages will be found local news from the county and the news letters from our correspondents.

A little later we will try to syste-

matize the work and devote certain pages to certain subjects. We plan to have a page devoted to the farming interest of the county and we invite any and all parties interested in farming to contribute to the columns of that page. From time to time we shall publish letters from Clemson College, articles from farm journals and other articles from sources which we believe worth while to the farmers.

The columns of the paper will always be open to the school teachers of the county and parties interested in education. We will be glad if teachers will discuss methods of procuring better school houses and of making better schools. A person who has an idea should give other people the benefit of it. From an interchange of views we are all able to reap some benefit.

If any of our subscribers have any suggestions to make at any time as to the policies which we should pursue, or as to the methods which should be adopted, we shall be glad to hear from them. We want all the information we can get about the people of Abbeville county and we desire to know their wants and the ways of helping them. No suggestion is too trivial for consideration, and no person is so humble but that his ideas about matters may be valuable.

A GALLON A MONTH.

To some persons a gallon of strong drink each month will seem considerably more than a sufficiency. People may not realize that the law is really in the interest of temperance, but it is. It strikes a death blow to two of the greatest evils with which we have been afflicted—the social club and the blind tiger. The club will not run if each man is to buy his own liquor and store it in the club, even if this were lawful. The blind tiger cannot ply his trade on a gallon a month. Consequently both of these institutions must go out of business.

The social club, even when run under the strictest regulations, is an evil. People will frequent such places, and drink, who will not take liquor or beer to their homes. It is impossible to guard against violations of the law in conducting such clubs, even though the members earnestly endeavor to do so. There will be friends of this and that member in whose favor exceptions must be made. Men in a little while learn that drink of one kind or another is to be had in the clubs. A friend can always be found to introduce the party desiring a bottle of beer. The result is that beer and sometimes liquor is sold in violation of the law. And we are speaking of those clubs whose members try to be law-abiding people. Their clubs, run in a manner not particularly objectionable to some people, furnish an excuse for the organization and operation of other clubs not less objectionable than open bars. There is but one safe course for dealing with such organizations—the complete elimination thereof.

The pocket of the blind tiger is the liquor box, or the locker, for the man who does not belong to the club and for the negro. He is worse than the club, though it furnishes an excuse for his existence. He is the meanest and craftiest criminal with which we have to deal. He takes no pride in the quality of his wares. He does not do business with the idea of keeping customers. He is after the cash. And he is everywhere. You can find him in the hotel, and about the public places; if he is not there his henchman is. He frequents the restaurants and pool-rooms, and makes the acquaintance of the minor. He plies his trade in the dark, in the low places, in the dives, and everywhere except in the light of day. South Carolina has no place for the illicit liquor dealer; it has no place for a liquor dealer at all. If the officers of the law shall enforce the law, and see that common carriers also enforce it, and obey it, the blind tiger must go. And we hope that his like shall not be seen again within the confines of the State.

THE DEATH PENALTY.

The crime for which Albert Talbert has been sentenced to pay the death penalty was a most atrocious crime. No legal excuse could have been offered for the homicide; at least, none was offered. He should be punished, but he should not be punished more severely than the slayer of Thurmond, in Edgefield. The one evidently sought out an opportunity to slay, and he shot down an unarmed man in the public highway, as he rode along it, with his little children on their way to school. He deserved no more mercy than did Talbert. He did not deserve as much. Talbert was not, and is not insane; but he is a man of little in-

telligence, a man without proper training, and a man without friends. When he was yet a boy in school he was dull, he was stupid and peculiar. He went to school but he did not learn to read or write. His excuse for killing his wife that she had broken up house-keeping for him "two times," and his utter failure to comprehend his awful predicament, furnish the best evidence of his low mentality. His testimony on the stand shows that he has had no opportunity. We do not believe the state should demand the life of any man. We are sure it should not demand the life of a man like Talbert, who as a child was dull, who went to school and could not learn to read and write, especially when so many others, equally as guilty as he, have escaped with less punishment. Imprisonment in the penitentiary for life may not seem severe when taken in comparison with some crimes, but it is a terrible punishment. If the power to pardon were taken away, and the certainty of punishment were increased, it would be still more terrible. The certainty of this punishment would be a greater deterrent to crime, and manslaying in particular, than the occasional execution of a poor offender like Talbert. The fact that a great many men do not believe in capital punishment, which the law inflicts, causes them to mistrust the law, and furnishes an excuse for setting it aside.

Besides, why should the state take human life? Does the state gain anything, which it would not gain by life imprisonment? The protection of society is, we believe, the excuse for law. Is society any less protected from the criminal by life imprisonment, than by death? It has not been so long ago that the statute books were full of crimes for which the death penalty was the punishment. At the common law, we believe, more than one hundred crimes were punishable with death. With the advance of civilization, the rigors of the law have been lessened, and the number of crimes punishable by death has constantly decreased until there are but three crimes so punishable in this state. The pillory, the stocks, corporal punishment, and many others have passed away, capital punishment has been abolished in many states, and civilization still advances. We once had public hangings, but civilization decreed that this was barbarous, and it was abolished; then we had private executions by the sheriffs, but the public conscience revolted, and prisoners must now be carried to Columbia and electrocuted by the state's own infernal machine, out of sight of the public. The public will have none of it. It takes a little nerve to go to one's death in so unromantic a way, but can any man tell us of any particular good that an execution has ever done? Does it not produce in the

executioner an utter callousness of human life, while the public is shocked, and the blood runs cold in our veins? Are we filled with doubts? Do we feel that conscience accuses?

Civilization demands once more the abolition of the death penalty as a punishment for crime. People do not believe in it. The verdict in the Thurmond case proves it, as does the verdict in many other cases. The state gave no man his life, and it has no right to take it away. The state has a right to protect society, and it can be done by life imprisonment. It takes us a long time to get free from the barbarous methods that have been handed down to us, but the time is coming when we will.

In the meantime manslaying has not decreased on account of the executions we have had; we do not believe it has. The counties which have sent men to the electric chair still have homicides, while in others which have had no executions manslaying is less common. As long as the State punishes men by death, the man seeking private revenge will seek the death of his antagonist. The State should not set the example.

We do not know what shall become of Talbert. We do not know whether he will seek another trial at the hands of the Supreme Court. But we do hope that the State of South Carolina shall not be responsible for snuffing out his miserable life. There has been little of happiness in it already; there has been little of hope, because there was no mind to hope; there has been little of opportunity. His untrained mind has imagined many grievances; he has not been able to see the right as others have; perhaps he has had some burdens to bear, perhaps he has been nagged at and tormented; or perhaps he has been utterly worthless; we do not know; but we believe that it demands too much when the State of South Carolina demands such a life.

EDITORIAL BREVITIES.

Who said hog?

Who said sidewalk?

John D. has not yet commenced to sell gasoline on the street corners.

We are glad to comply with the request of Col. Percy W. Miller to send Col. Kerr one hundred copies of "Killing Kansas."

Col. Miller must have "dined" with Col. Kerr when he was in Abbeville recently.

It would be a great misfortune if no one should run for Sheriff.

We thank Brother Horton for nominating us for Chief of the fire de-

partment. Just now we prefer to see em crawl.

Dick Sondley is a friend of ours. He is afraid the geographers will hem us in the "Bostic" straits.

The city council has put down several rough-edged rocks in Greenville street for the purpose, we suppose, of cutting automobile tires, and giving the riders the Belgian bounce. We hope the jury will see that only actual damages are recovered.

The thanks of the public will be due city council if it continues to pave our streets with good intentions.

We understand that Williamston has sidewalks on both sides of every street. But Williamston is a progressive city.

We now have a white elephant for a watch charm.

If Dr. Pressly is elected alderman from his ward he should be chairman of the committee on sanitary hogpens.

President Wilson should send the DOVE to Mexico. None of the other birds seem to be able to hatch out a peace program.

It is now believed that another man could be found ready to accept the position if Mr. C. J. Lyon should decline the appointment as United States Marshal. If a suitable man could not be found in Abbeville, a fairly well qualified man might be found in Anderson.

Mr. W. W. Bradley is from Abbeville, and Mr. C. J. Lyon is also from Abbeville. As stated last week, Gen. Jones is from Abbeville. In fact, all Abbeville men are ready, at all times, to serve their country. Mr. Bradley lives on Greenville street.

It begins to look as if Lyon and Bradley, geographers, knew something about sliding geography. Turkey seems about to slide. And we are not sure that she will be able to cross safely over the Bosphorus.

THE CIVIC CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Civic Club will be held Thursday afternoon, in the club rooms over Philson-Henry's store. The meeting will be devoted to the discussion of "Home Economics" and will be full of interest. A full meeting is desired.

Mrs W. P. Grene, Pres. Mrs C. H. McMurray, Sect'y.

Comparison is the highest form of flattery. All cigars sold in Abbeville are represented to be as good, or better, than Speed's Cincos. There is nothing like them. Stick to them. They keep a good taste in your mouth and a clear head.

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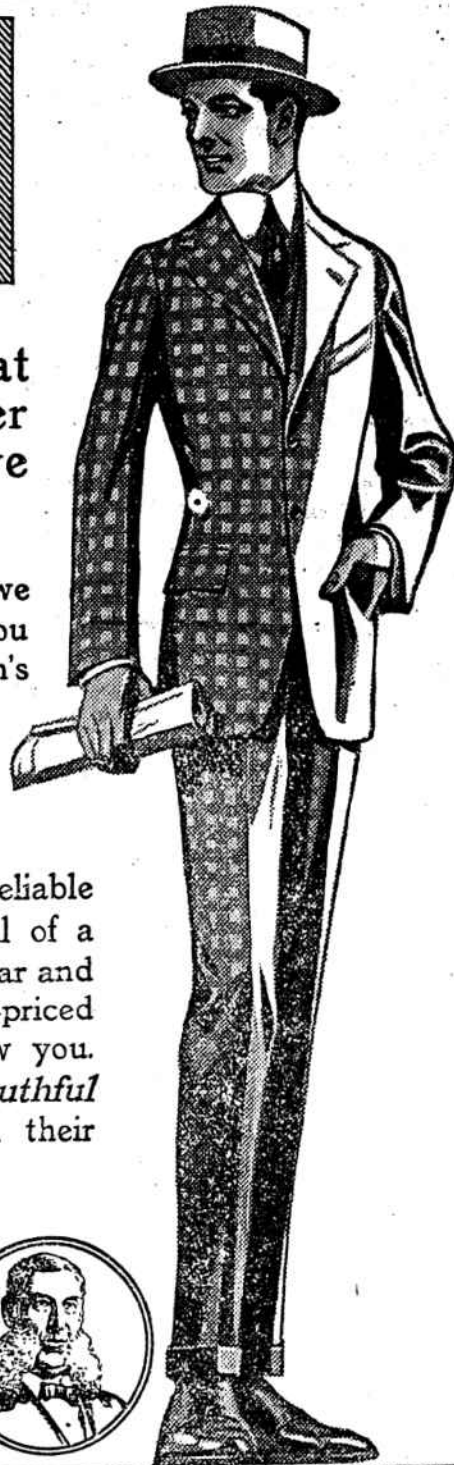
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Parker & Reese



The following South Carolinians registered at the Eureka during the past week

J. N. Hudgens, Laurnes; V. J. Shoemaker, Spartanburg; A. Frank Cox, Columbia; J. R. Blake, Greenwood; H. T. Ferguson, Spartanburg; J. H. Chiles, Bradley; Miss Vera Cash, Due West; J. D. Hagan, Due West; W. L. Luther, Greenville; W. A. Moseley, Prosperity; E. P. Harsell, Greenville; L. A. James, S. C.; H. L. Hagerman, Greenville; E. S. Pleasants, Greenville; A. E. Davis, Jr., S. C.; W. W. Bradley, Latta.

"Billy" Lyon in New Quarters.

"Billy" Lyon yesterday moved his jewelry business from the Cox Book Store into a store of his own, in the Ligon and Ledbetter building. This popular jeweler has a "nifty" place. He is having all his old fixtures worked over and made to look like new. He has a number of new fixtures ordered and they are expected to arrive shortly. Mr. Lyon's new place is equipped with an elegant show window. This week he is displaying in it a very wonderful clock, which will run 400 days with only one winding. Of course, one would not be allowed by the police to stand in front of the window for 400 days to see if "Billy" did not sneak in at night and wind the clock, but his word is as good as his bond, and there is nothing else to believe but that this clock will run 400 days with only one winding. —Anderson Intelligencer.

CANDIDATES.

Alderman—Ward 3.

We are authorized to announce G. W. Godfrey as a candidate for Alderman, Ward 3, subject to the action of the primary election.

SYMPTOMS

Slight Symptoms Sometimes Presage Serious Results.

Do you feel tired, have you a sallow complexion, constipation, headache, bad breath, sleeplessness or circles around your eyes? If so, you are undoubtedly suffering from some liver complaint.

Perhaps you don't feel very badly now, but delay is dangerous. To allow your liver to continue on of order, is to invite a serious chronic illness. Whenever you have the slightest symptoms of liver trouble, stop it immediately. You can do it harmlessly and mildly by taking **LIV-VER-LAX**, the natural vegetable compound that is replacing calomel everywhere. It has all the effectiveness, not the effect of calomel. It is on getting the original **LIV-VER-LAX**, bearing the likeness and signature of L. K. Grigsby, which is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. For sale by any druggist.

Salesman Wanted.

Salesman wanted to look after our interest in Abbeville and adjacent counties. Salary or Commission. Address Lincoln Oil Co., Cleveland, O.

Supervisor's Notice.

Any person doing work on any roads or bridges of Abbeville county without authority from the Supervisor's office will not be paid for same.

Persons cleaning off their hedges along the road side must not throw their trash in the public road. Such violations of the law will be prosecuted.

W. A. STEVENSON,
County Supervisor.

Final Extension of Taxes.

Pursuant to an act of the last legislature, the time for paying taxes without penalty was extended until April 1st. On that date the treasurer's office will be closed and all taxes not paid will be executed with 5 per cent penalty and cost, and turned over to the Sheriff for collection.

J. F. BRADLEY,
Treasurer Abbeville County.

\$25 Reward.

I will pay reward for information or capture of two bay horses, stolen February 21. Horses weigh about one thousand pounds each. One with white hind foot; other with large left ankle. Both have white spots on forehead. If located, write or wire. W. T. SMITH,
Greenwood, S. C.

French Remedy for Stomach Troubles

The leading doctors of France have for years used a prescription of vegetable oils for chronic stomach trouble and constipation that acts like a charm. One dose will convince. Severe cases of years' standing are often greatly benefited within 24 hours. So many people are getting surprising results that we feel all persons suffering from constipation, lower bowels, liver and stomach troubles should try Mayr's Wonderful Remedy. It is sold by leading druggists everywhere with the positive understanding that your money will be refunded without question or quibble if ONE bottle fails to give you absolute satisfaction.

Huyler's candy, Martha Washington and Monkey candy always fresh at Speed's Drug Store.