

WRITES INTERESTING LETTER OF LONG AGO

JUDGE BENET MAKES TIMELY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING HISTORY OF ABBEVILLE.

Editor Abbeville Press and Banner.

Dear Sir:

In your issue of 5th inst. you published a letter from Mr. M. E. Hollingsworth, which I am sure all your readers were very glad to see. It was full of most interesting historical information about the Abbeville of fifty years ago—just after the war. My old friend (and once my schoolboy,) Manse Hollingsworth, was then a lively lad of eleven years, and what he then saw left a lasting impression on his mind which enables him now to give us a lifelike picture of the scenes he describes. His letter, he says, was suggested by a previous communication of mine which had appeared in the Press and Banner. That is very gratifying to me; and it makes me hope that other survivors of that eventful period, will follow Mr. Hollingsworth's example and contribute their recollections to the columns of your paper.

The history of Abbeville town and of Abbeville county, should be preserved. It is a history of which the sons and daughters of Abbeville should be proud. Why should there not be an Abbeville Historical Society? No town or county in the State could offer a finer and more fertile field. And there are men and women now living whose recollections of the years before, during, and after the war, should not be lost. Too much valuable historical material is buried in the graves of our contemporaries.

Many a time I strongly urged the late Robert R. Hemphill to write and publish his reminiscences of the war. Who could have pictured the life of a Confederate Soldier so well and so faithfully as he? Now all his numberless recollections are buried in oblivion. The history of the Reconstruction period and of the

Red-shirt Revolution of 1876,—no one took a more active part in them, no one had more or more accurate information about them than the late Col. James A. Hoyt, of Anderson. I used to urge him to publish his invaluable recollections. They too, are forever lost.

Will my good old friend, Mr. Hugh Wilson, pardon me for suggesting that he might enrich the columns of his old paper, the Press and Banner, with some of his reminiscences? He has had a long life during an eventful age, he has a good memory, and I think he has a bulky scrapbook. To save him from pen-labor he might dictate to a stenographer, and I know he could furnish your readers most interesting matter.

I am greatly obliged to Mr. Hollingsworth for correcting the mistake I made. The three old Abbeville fathers who had twenty-seven sons at the battle front were, Robert H. Wardlaw, Charles, Haskell and Mr. Botts, not Mr. Sharpe, as I had stated.

Mr. Hollingsworth refers to the last meeting of Jefferson Davis's Cabinet, as having taken place in the house of Mr. Armistead Burt. I believe that the town of Washington, Georgia, has claimed that the last meeting was held there. But there is no doubt it was held in Abbeville. It will surprise Mr. Hollingsworth, and many others, to be told that, unless my memory has played me false, and I feel sure it has not, the Confederate Cabinet held its last meeting, not in Mr. Burt's house, but in the house of Mr. Thomas C. Perrin, just across the way. Of course my testimony is pure hearsay, but in this case it is most trustworthy hearsay, for it was Mr. Burt himself who told me. On more than one occasion I heard his account of that last meeting; and he never claimed that it took place in his house. President Davis stayed at his house, while some members of the Cabinet were Mr. Perrin's guests. My memory does not mislead me when I say that Mr. Burt used to tell how he walked with President Davis through the side gate and across the street to Mr. Perrin's, the President talking cheerfully, and walking with a light, active step. Then he would tell of his escorting President Davis back to his house after the Cabinet had disbanded, and he would say that the President was a different man,—that he seemed twenty years older,—that he walked feebly, and leaned on Mr. Burt's arm, which he had not done in going over.

That is the picture of President Davis which Mr. Burt's description left on my mind. And I never had any doubt that the last meeting of the Cabinet was held in the stately, spacious drawing room of old Thomas Perrin's house, which was burnt years ago. Yet it seems to be generally believed that it took place in "the Burt House."

Now, Mr. Editor, I do not desire to get into a controversy about that "last meeting", either with Abbeville or Georgia, but I have a very distinct recollection of having heard Mr. Burt, more than once, describe the incident just as I have recounted. The main point with him was the great change which had taken place in Jefferson Davis. "Mr. Davis was a different man altogether coming back from that meeting." I can almost hear Mr. Burt's voice now after so many years. The last time I heard him speak of it was in the summer of 1879, here in Cashier's Valley, on the front porch of his mountain home, where Dr. Frank Miles, of Baltimore, and I were at the time his guests.

W. C. B.
Cashiers, N. C., Jan. 26, 1916.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Leap before you look and you will look foolish.

Kind words never die, but the unkind live quite long enough.

On the ocean of life many people sail under false colors.

And some jokes are solemn enough to make an undertaker grin.

Among other pipe lines are those written in favor of smoking.

The ex-husband is apt to think that alimony means all the money.

A coward manages to dodge a lot of things that are headed his way.

We feel sorry for some men who are compelled to listen to their own talk.

What a mother likes about a young man is usually what her daughter doesn't like.

Poverty is one of the crimes for which a man is sentenced to hard labor for an indefinite term.

It sometimes happens that a marriage license furnishes a man with an excuse for trying to drown his troubles.

After a man has looked through the bottom of a whiskey glass a few times it is difficult for him to keep his train of thought on the right track.

Perhaps a man can write a sensible love letter, but he never does.

Sometimes two women can stop talking about each other long enough to swap kisses.

If every man were taken at his own valuation there wouldn't be half enough halos to go around.

Sometimes you can judge by appearances. Many a woman appears to be strait-laced because she really is laced that way.

It does seem queer that people who are not able to make good themselves seem to think they can hand a winning brand of advice to others.

THE LAND'S FIRST NEED.

Fertility is the first word in farming. It is the first consideration in placing a value on new lands. It is first mentioned when old farms are sold. It is the first problem that confronts the beginner as well as the expert who takes up the cultivation of new crops on new fields. It is first in a list of questions asked by those seeking help in farming. The solution of the fertility problem makes many other problems comparatively easy to solve.

The quick and easy way to get fertility is to buy it. It can be had in bags in the form of commercial fertilizers or by the carload in the form of animal manure.

But this method of fertilization requires cash capital and does not fulfill all the needs of the land. Since we have learned that a fertile soil is a mixture of mineral and vegetable substance, teeming with germ life, fermenting with innumerable minute plants and chemical changes, we have learned that a soil needs more than mere mineral plant foods to enable it to grow the maximum crops.

It has long been known that legumes and green manures are beneficial to soils, but only recently have we learned to use these green manures to build a soil up permanently and to keep it up at the lowest cost.

SAVE FERTILIZER ELEMENTS.

Ingredients Existing in the Soil Should Be Utilized and Developed.

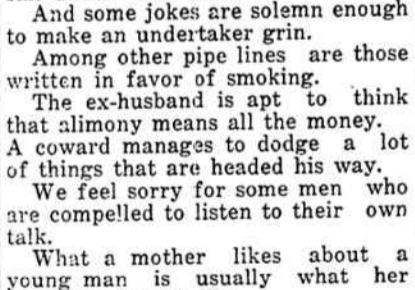
In the unusual conditions existing in the fertilizer trade, says a statement just issued by the secretary of agriculture, it is important that all fertilizing materials on the farm, especially those containing potash, should be conserved. The fertilizer ingredients already existing in the soil should be utilized and developed to the fullest extent. A great deal can be accomplished in this direction by deep plowing, constant cultivation and thorough tillage. There should be a proper system of rotation. Especially where one crop has been grown for several years a different one should be planted this year. Green manures and cover crops should be used as much as possible in their proper rotation.

Of the organic substances manure, both solid and liquid, is the most important and should be utilized whenever possible. All material of an organic nature, such as leaves and bedding of various sorts, should be composted and the compost applied to the soil. Special attention should be given also to the conservation of wood ashes. Depending on the character of the wood, they contain potash in quantities varying ordinarily from 3 to 10 per cent. All tree trimmings, brush cuttings, etc., should be burned and the ashes derived therefrom utilized.

The application of lime to many soils is of undoubted benefit. Though the availability of the fertilizing elements in the soil may not be greatly increased by its use, the resulting improvement in physical and bacterial conditions may increase considerably the productiveness of the soil.

A Screen Coop.

This drawing shows the plan of chicken coop we designed and have been using the last ten years. The coops are made in the winter time when the men are not busy with other work. They are made of twelve and six inch soft pine boards. They are twenty-three inches long, eighteen inches wide, eighteen inches high in front and a foot high at the back. The roof extends over the side walls about three inches on all sides. The floors are hinged on, as shown, and the coops are painted inside and out. Wire screen is



put in the ends, as shown, to provide ventilation. The little slide door permits chicks to come and go. The material in each coop costs about \$1. We use the coops from year to year, as they are cleaned out every fall and put away in a dry place during the winter. I have never yet lost a chicken in these coops, either by drowning, smothering or through having some animal get in.—Mrs. S. M. Gephart in Farmer's Mail and Breeze.

Value of Oats.

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POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Even those who have no sense of humor may act funny at times.

Plagiarism is merely a lack of skill in effacing coincidences.

The cost of experience is never fully realized until one goes to law.

It's their crooked ways that enable some men to make both ends meet.

If a word to the wise is sufficient, lawyers must consider jurors a lot of idiots.

There isn't a department store on earth large enough to supply every thing a woman wants.

Occasionally a man knows a good thing when he sees it, but most men are too dignified.

Fame, from a literary point of view, consists in having people know you have written a lot of stuff you haven't read.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

PROBATE COURT.

Citation for Letters of Administration.

By J. F. MILLER, Esq., Judge of Probate:

WHEREAS, W. W. Bradley hath made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of James Foster Bradley, late of Abbeville County, deceased.

THESE ARE THEREFORE, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said James Foster Bradley, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Abbeville Court House, on Wednesday the 9th day of February, 1916, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of the Court, this 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and in the 140th year of American Independence.

Published on the second day of February, 1916 in the Press and Banner and on the Court House door for the time required by law.

J. F. MILLER,
Judge of Probate.

NOTICE.

The undersigned Receivers of Calhoun Falls Company will entertain offers for the purchase of farm lands of said Company, at or near Calhoun Falls in Abbeville County, in such parcels as may be suitable for farms.

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For the Purpose of Accommodating the Public in the Matter of Making Their Tax Returns, I Will Visit the Places Mentioned Below On The Dates Indicated in Schedule.

ALL RETURNS must be made under oath, of personal property returned at its market value.

Persons not making their returns between January 1, 1916, and February 20, 1916, are liable to a penalty of 50 per cent. This penalty will be enforced against delinquents: for the failure to enforce it heretofore has put a premium on neglect of the law.

The returns of those who conform to the law are placed before the Township and County Boards, while those who disregard the law come in after the meeting of the Boards and return to suit themselves. The enforcement of this 50 per cent. penalty will correct this evil.

Employers are requested to return all of their employees after notifying them and getting a statement of their property.

Returns will not be taken by mail unless they are sworn to before some proper officer. All improvements or any transfer of real estate must be reported to the Auditor.

All tax returns must be made by school districts. So please look up your plats and find the number of acres in each school district, also amount of personal property.

My Appointments are as Follows:

Calhoun Falls, Wednesday Feb. 2.

Lowndesville, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 3rd and 4th.

Mt. Carmel, Saturday, Feb. 5.

Willington, Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Bordeaux, Wednesday, Feb. 9.

McCormick, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 10th and 11th.

Donalds, Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 14th and 15th.

Due West, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16th and 17th.

E. A. Patterson will take returns at Antreville.

RICHARD SONDLAY,
Auditor, Abbeville County.

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I. A. Keller	Long Cane
D. A. Wardlaw	Smithville
W. W. Bradley	Cedar Spring
Dr. J. A. Anderson	Abbeville
S. B. Biles	Antreville
A. O. Grant	Lowndesville
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R. J. Murray	Calhoun Mills
H. L. Rasor	Bordeaux
W. A. Nickles	Walnut Grove
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