

THE WAKEFIELD PATENT.

S. J. Wakefield, of Antreville, went to Washington last week and made application to the patent office for a patent on a gin roll, which he states will increase the ginning capacity of the ordinary cotton gin one hundred to two hundred per cent. and at the same time make a better sample, as well as clean the seed. The device has been successfully tried out by Mr. Wakefield in the gin at Antreville which he is operating there, and he has undoubtedly worked out something worth while. Samples of cotton ginned from the same wagon load made on the gin with this device, and on a common gin without it, were shown to cotton buyers here last week, and the first was pronounced to be a quarter of a cent per pound more valuable than the latter. This would mean in itself a saving of twelve to fifteen millions of dollars a year to the farmers. In addition to this Mr. Wakefield says that his device cleans the seed better, and that he will gin from ten to twenty pounds more from a bale of seed than on the ordinary gin, which means from twelve to twenty-five millions of dollars every year for the farmer of the South.

On the other hand, if the gin with this device gins twice as much cotton as in the old way, a person wishing to establish a gin need only buy half as much machinery, thus cutting down the expenses to that extent in establishing a gin plant. It will cost only half as much to gin a bale of cotton, which will save the farmers some, and enable the ginners to make a better profit. It will make it possible with the ginners now in existence to gin twice as much cotton, so that a wagon going to the gin need not await its turn all day, but may return home at once and haul another bale.

Altogether the patent seems the most important in the cotton ginning industry since the days of Eli Whitney.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

The many friends of Conductor W. D. Carroll, one of the faithful employees of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, will be delighted to know that he is improving after an operation for appendicitis at the Pryor Hospital on Monday. Mr. Carroll had been in Chester for several days before being operated on. His friends hope to see him in Abbeville again shortly sound and well.

A GREAT DAY AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Dedicatory Services Will Be Held at the Baptist Church Next Sunday.

Next Sunday is scheduled as "Red Letter Day" at the Baptist church in Abbeville. The handsome basement will be completed and then dedicated. The basement consists of two rooms, a large front room to be used Sunday mornings for the Men's Brotherhood Class and through the week day evenings for recreational enjoyments. The smaller room will be used for reading, writing, and more quiet games, such as checkers dominoes chess etc. A committee has gone to Atlanta today to purchase games for the two rooms. In the larger room basket ball volley ball, and other games are to be installed. Sunday the games are all to be in place and the basement artistically decorated. It is to present a most pleasing view to the many hundreds of visitors. All will be requested to leave the dedicatory service by way of the basement. The following programme will be carried out at the 11 o'clock service:

- Organ Prelude.
 - Inocation.
 - Song, "Onward Christian Soldiers" by congregation.
 - Scripture, by Dr. Bristow.
 - Organ Interlude.
 - Prayer, by the pastor.
 - Song, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus," by congregation.
 - Announcements and offerings.
 - Offertory, "Pizzicate," Delides.
 - Song, "The Sure Foundation," by the choir.
 - Address, "An Appreciation," by Mayor Gambrell.
 - Sermon, Rev. Louis J. Bristow of Columbia.
 - Remarks, by the pastor.
 - Song, "How Firm a Foundation," by congregation.
 - Benediction.
 - Organ Postlude.
- The church organist, Mrs. Lorena Johnson, will preside at the organ. Exit from the church by the basement. All members of the Men's Brotherhood Class are urged to be present as a special section of the auditorium is to be reserved for them. Badges will be furnished the members during the Sunday school hour. All members urged to come at 10 o'clock.

GENERAL BONHAM IN THE CITY

Gen. M. L. Bonham, who has as many friends in Abbeville as he has acquaintances, was here Monday on legal business. He was looking fine. His friends were glad to see him again.

A GOOD SERMON.

Dr. J. L. Daniel preached a fine sermon in the Methodist church Sabbath night on the "Tongue." Physicians, he told us, look first to the tongue to learn of the physical system, and that the words spoken by the tongue correctly indicate the state of the moral system. The idea advanced was well developed in the progress of the discourse, which showed study and preparation. The doctor is a pleasing speaker, and an impressive one.

The Methodists of Abbeville have cause to rejoice that he has been returned to them for another year, and we hope that this year will be as prosperous with him and his church as the past one was.

BAZAAR POSTPONED.

The Bazaar to be held by the Ladies Working Society of the Methodist church, has been postponed until Friday, December 15th. This will be a splendid opportunity to secure beautiful and useful Christmas gifts at reasonable prices. The ladies will meet next Tuesday afternoon to complete plans for the Bazaar.

COL. ROCHE RETURNS.

Col. Patrick Roche has returned from Anderson, where he served on the jury in the Federal Court last week. He tells us that one of the jurors fainted in the jury room when he was informed that Col. Renwick Bradley was thinking of going to work.

We were also informed that Colonel Roche was standing out in front of the Chiquola Hotel one morning when a gentleman asked another Abbeville man who "the old gentleman, standing there," was. He was informed that it was Col. Roche of Abbeville, who fought all through the Mexican War, the War Between the States, and was still a fighter. The gentleman replied that he was prepared to believe all that was said as he had played a game of set-back with the Colonel the night before, and had gotten a licking to the tune of fifteen games.

AT THE PARK.

The Park commission has made a start in the way of a Zoo for the Abbeville public park and have secured a pen of rabbits and guinea pigs, which are proving an unfailing source of amusement to the children who go to the park on Sunday and during the week.

The city is anxious to have other animals and any one who has an elephant and cares to donate it, can do so with the assurance that it will be accepted.

A MONKEY-FACED OWL

The Anderson Daily Mail gives an account of the killing of an owl with a monkey face in Anderson. This species of owl it is stated is found only in "furrin" parts, and it is the first one ever seen in this country. We have always been told that owls look wise, and evidently they know where they belong when they wear monkey faces.

Trouble never disappoints the chap who is looking for it.

PROF. McMILLAN TO ENTERTAIN

Prof. J. L. McMillan of the Greenville Street set-back College, who teaches in the grunting department, will entertain the professors at a turkey dinner on next Thursday evening at his home on Magazine street. President Kerr, of the Greenville street institution, wearing the gown of office, has been invited, and will attend and referee the game and "be fed." Prof. McMillan knows the ingredients it takes to make up a good combination turkey dinner and set-back game, and his guests-to-be are looking forward with great anticipations to the going down of the sun on Thursday.

HERE FROM ANTREVILLE.

Mrs. Enoch McCarter was in the city Monday shopping and seeing her friends. Mrs. McCarter takes an interest in the affairs of the world and makes use of her brain for the benefit of the affairs of her community. She was one of the largest exhibitors at the Abbeville County Fair and carried off many prizes for the excellence of her exhibits.

TALKING TO OUR GIRLS.

It was our pleasure on Thanksgiving day to have a chat with two of the liveliest young girls of the city in Mrs. John G. Edwards and Mrs. John M. Gambrell. They were on their way home from a fine dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Gambrell and they were discussing the ways of the world as they walked.

Mrs. Gambrell has been sick for some time and her friends will be glad to know that she can walk with the aid of a stick and is as lively and as gay as she was thirty years ago. Mrs. Edwards has a youthful and kindly heart and both women are beloved by their children and a host of friends and neighbors.

GIVING THE CHILDREN A GOOD TIME

The city council gave the children of the city permission to skate on the sidewalks on Thanksgiving day and the square was thronged with bright and happy children who were having the time of their lives, enjoying this pleasant and healthy pastime.

SEABOARD OFFERS REDUCED FARES TO NORFOLK, VA.

Account Southern Commercial Congress, December 11th-14th. Thru observation sleeping car line and convenient schedules. For specific rate and other information, call on nearest ticket agent or write Fred Geissler, Asst. G.P.A., S. A. L. Atlanta, Ga.

Many a good man who condemns a sinner secretly envies him.

HONOR ROLL OF LETHE SCHOOL FOR PAST MONTH

- High School.
- Samuel Todd,
- Bettie Morrah
- Mary Tolen
- William Parker.
- Grammar School.
- Mallie Cade
- Daisy Hutchison
- Warren Templeton
- Marion Gambrell
- Francis Templeton
- Edwin Broadwater
- Genevieve Scoggins
- Marion Watkins
- Henry Lewis.
- Primary Department.
- Katrina Morrah
- Juanita McClelland
- Eilmer Coleman
- Robert Tolen
- Gladys Broadwater
- Mabel Richardson
- Mary Sue Watkins
- Jimmie Lewis.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MEETING

Rev. H. Waddell Pratt has begun a series of meetings at the Presbyterian church. Services will be held every night at eight o'clock during the week. Mr. Pratt preaches an inspiring sermon and, no doubt, these meetings will result in great good. No services will be held during the day.

GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Mrs. Harris leaves today for her home in Courtland, Ala., after an extended visit to her daughters, Mrs. L. C. Parker and Mrs. R. S. Link. Mrs. Harris has been coming to Abbeville for some years and her visits always give pleasure to a wide circle of friends.

Glenn Baskin is rapidly improving from his recent operation and will return from Chester within the next few days in his accustomed good health which will be good news to the people of Abbeville.

Mrs. D. E. Penney left Tuesday for Dr. Pryor's hospital for treatment.

Only Nineteen More Shopping Days



This is intended as a special invitation to YOU to visit my store before you buy that Christmas present. Most every person has one or more Christmas present to buy and with my stock and experience in the jewelry business it is only a question of what you wish to pay. It will be a real pleasure to find just what you want in my store.

Bracelet Watches are extremely popular for the ladies and I have the biggest and best selected line of Cameo Brooches that has ever been shown in Abbeville.

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