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**A HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Along with the other business interests in Abbeville, The Press and Banner has enjoyed a good year in business. The results have been even better than we expected. For the good things which have come to us we thank our subscribers and the business men of Abbeville, all of whom we have sought to serve to the best of our ability.

The Press and Banner undertakes to be of service to the city of its residence, and the people of the county we all love. No one connected with this paper wants any preferment other than what comes, to those who undertake to do their best, even though the effort be a feeble one—we only want to give our readers a newspaper worth while—that is our sole ambition in running this paper.

We have no friends to reward and no enemies to punish. We are called on sometimes to disagree with the views of others, but we have no quarrel with any individual; we wish them all well.

Therefore, it is the pleasure of the management of this paper to wish for every legitimate enterprise in the city of Abbeville and in Abbeville county, and for every man in the county, whether he be minister, lawyer, doctor, dentist, farmer, railroad man, artisan, or what not, a happy new year, with peace and prosperity.

**A YEAR OF PROSPERITY.**

The merchants of Abbeville have had the best year in the history of the business in Abbeville, especially during the fall and early winter months. Looking forward to an immense trade owing to the good price of cotton and the prospects of a fair crop, our merchants bought large stocks of goods for this trade.

The new year will find them with these goods sold, with money in the banks, with satisfied customers, because the merchants of Abbeville as one man sell the right kind of goods, for the right kind of prices, and with every prospect of further increases in business in the spring season.

We wish them all well. They have patronized the columns of The Press and Banner and they have reached the people. On the other hand the buyers have read of the wares of these good merchants and they have come to Abbeville to buy. We are glad that they came because we know that they are.

With the best people on the globe, with fine business conditions in the city and county, with men of responsibility at the head of business in all lines, we may well be contented to live in the best city in the state. It is worth something to tell the people abroad that you live in Abbeville.

**PROHIBITION.**

The Christmas season has come and gone, and there has been little drinking and no disorder in Abbeville so far as we have heard, and there must have been little, if any, else we would have heard it. All of which shows the good which prohibition is bringing to the people of the United States and to South Carolina.

And the time has come for the Southern Express Company to be stopped from the business of running a liquor shop in every community of South Carolina.

The people of South Carolina have closed the doors of the barrooms in this state, decreeing that liquor is not an article of commerce in which the individual is entitled to deal. The government itself as a police measure understood to sell liquor only to have the good name of the state brought into disrepute, and a question mark put behind the name of every man who put his hand into the affairs of the State's rum mill. Then the people rose in their might and declared that liquor is an outlaw in South Carolina.

the wishes of the people who elect its members. Only by virtue of the provisions of the United States Constitution with regard to interstate commerce, may the Southern Express Company haul liquor into this state where the people do not want it. And the people had as well know that the Southern Express Company is doing this thing because of the fact that our representatives in Congress have not been mindful of the rights of the people in those districts which have sought to banish liquor.

Such being the case we are of the opinion that no man should be elected to Congress in the future who does not stand for National Prohibition. We are prepared to vote for our old friend Wm. Jennings Bryan for the next president of these United States because he seems to be the only man in the nation with the moral courage to lead a fight against the rum shops of the country. And we are prepared to make the fight along the whole front to see that no man is sent to the legislature, to congress, to the governorship, or to any other office who does not stand for prohibition from principle and not for office.

**LET US PAVE.**

The time has come when the city of Abbeville should begin to pave her streets. The public square and the two streets to the depots have needed paving for a good many years, and the other streets now have reached the place where more permanent ways are imperative.

The delegation in the General Assembly should secure a constitutional amendment which would allow the city authorities to assess abutting property holders to pay in part for the construction of paved sidewalks, and provision should be made for the construction of these walks whenever a majority of the property holders residing on a certain street petition the council asking for paved sidewalks on that street.

The paved streets proper should be constructed by an engineer employed by the city, and the cost of the work must be paid by a bond issue. We will undertake to advise the people of the city shortly as to the amount of bonds which the city may now issue for this purpose.

In the meanwhile the proper committee of the city council might make certain investigations as to the cost of paved streets and the most reasonable means of obtaining the best which can be had considering our means.

As the new year begins, let us all get busy and make Abbeville grow. Of course it means taxes, but the men who pay the taxes will not lament the expenditure if only the money is properly and economically spent, and this the city council will guarantee. Today is the day to begin.

**ROBERT E. GONZALES.**

Pneumonia has taken from the newspaper readers of South Carolina the most gifted writer in the state. It has claimed many a shining mark, but nowhere has its hand fallen more untimely than when it called Robert E. Gonzales to rest.

The Press and Banner joins with the newspaper men in this state and in the country at large in deploring the great loss which has come to us all. There should be comfort, however, in knowing that he lived longer in the few years that were his than many men live in the three score years and ten. He began a great career, and though his life was cut short, his work had been done. He had taken his place with the masters in his line.

**MEETING OF THE FACULTY.**

The Faculty of the Greenville Street Set-back College met in the office of the President Saturday night. President Kerr took the chair and undertook to call the meeting to order. As the President wore no gown, the meeting refused to come to order. Prof. McMillan then took the floor, and after gaining the attention of the members, stated that he had learned from reading The Press and Banner that the President had lost his gown, and the charter of the institution as well. Mr. McMillan said that the College authorities demanded to know what the President was doing wearing the gown of office around at night, and what he was doing with the charter. He stated that certain parties to wit: Col. Patrick Roche and Col. Thomas P. Thomson, claiming to be the owners of both the gown and the charter, had been down on Long Cane trying to trade them for the old Bill Devlin plantation, and he was of the opinion that the President should be sentenced to give a turkey supper, and get out of office, even if Col. Percy Miller, the cousin of the President, who has been on Broadway at night, was not here for Christmas.

Just then some one rode up on a fine black mule and hitched it in front of the institution. The person riding it was strangely dressed, and the members crowded to the window to see whether it was "Sandy Clors," or a clown who had come to

town. It was seen in a moment; however, that it was Prof. Stark, wearing the gown, and that he had the charter hung to his belt much like an Indian carries a scalp. As soon as this was observed by the former President he vacated the chair and stated that he had eaten certain pecans, which made him a little under the weather, and that as his rich brother-in-law from New York was in the city he would resign, rather than give a supper, and join in the College of Will Barnwell, Herbert Allen and Bob Mabry. He said he would offer for no office in that institution, but that he would act as teller when the President was elected, Will Barnwell having acceded to this arrangement on the promise of Col. Kerr to support him for the Presidency.

Col. Stark then took the chair. Prof. McMillan observed that the gown was a little short for the President and he moved that ninety cents be appropriated to buy some tating to put a frill on it, which was unanimously carried.

The President stated that Hon. R. E. Hill of Upper Main street had bought a turkey and applied for a place as Professor of the Stunt Department in the Greenville Street College, and that without any motion at all, he declared that one had been carried electing him. He also stated that he would make his inaugural address at the next meeting and that he wanted it printed in full in The Press and Banner, as it would be a matter of considerable importance. He wishes to lay down some rules and regulations which will fix matters so that a President cannot be put out of office until he gets tired holding it, and he also thought that as mules had gone up, the term of the President should be made longer.

Prof. McMillan stated that as the President was only serving an unexpired term he thought that he should not assume too much authority, and that it would be well to have an election pretty soon for the new President. He stated that he knew one of the old professors who would, in his opinion, make a fine officer, and that he was trying to arrange with some of his friends to nominate him. He thought that a professor should not be elected to a regular term as President unless he had already given a supper, and he stated that his candidate had done this, though he said he would call no names at this time.

One of the members of the faculty having announced that Mr. T. G. White had purchased a thirty-three pound turkey, the faculty by a rising vote asked that Mr. White be made a professor in the institution and given any two chairs of instruction which he desired. It was also decided to send a written invitation to Mr. White which was to be signed by all members of the faculty in typewriting so that he would not misread any of the names.

About this time, the former President knocked on the door and upon investigation it was found that Herbert Allen and Bob Mabry had gotten on to the trade between him and Will Barnwell, and that they refused to allow the former President to act as teller, or to be connected with their institution at all unless he would contribute something to the endowment fund. He therefore stated that he had come back to take his place in the Greenville Street College, but President Stark and Prof. McMillan objected until satisfactory arrangements could be made. The former President brought Presi-

dent Stark partly around when he threatened to demand more salary in the buggy and furniture business unless he was reinstated.

Just then some body on the outside shouted that there was a dancing bear down town, and all members left with a rush.

The inaugural address of President

Stark will be in this column next week.

**HERE FROM ANDERSON**

Henry Cason and Judge Nicholson, of Anderson came to Abbeville on Tuesday and spent the day with Mr. Cason's homepeople. They were enroute for a business trip to Atlanta.

**RESOLUTION**

The McMurray Drug Company wishes every body all the joys of a happy and prosperous New Year; thanks heartily its friends and customers for their unstinted patronage during the year, 1916, and solicits a continuance of same upon a renewed resolution to serve you even better during the ensuing year.

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