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ON GREENVILLE STREET.

Like almost everything else that takes place in Abbeville, the principal happenings connected with the great storm of last Friday took place on Greenville street.

The chimney to the residence of James A. Hill was blown down, falling on the roof, and breaking its way through, crushed everything in the room. Residence on Greenville Street.

The chimney to the home of Horace R. McAllister was also blown down, causing damages to his residence, which is on Greenville Street.

Col. T. G. White also lost a chimney in the proceedings, which was blown from the roof of his house near the heart of Greenville Street.

Mrs. McDill's residence is also minus a chimney, while Chief Justice Gary is looking for a few bricks blown from the top of his chimney on Greenville Street.

The tall chimney at the rear of the residence of M. T. Coleman was also blown down, although firmly supported, after it had first deposited a train load of real black out on all the new carpets recently installed in the house, and completely blackened everything and everybody in the house. Greenville Street.

One panel of fence at the residence of Col. Foster Barnwell, of Greenville Street, was blown down. And as the wind whistled and moaned under the residence of Col. J. D. Kerr, also of Greenville Street, the Colonel called his wife and told her that he had always said the world was coming to an end during 1918, and as he expected, it was starting on Greenville Street.

And if a lady gets a new dress, or a boy a broken arm, or a husband a bunch of bills, or a girl a big box of candy, or a dog a kick, or a cat a rat, in the city of Abbeville, take it from us, the event will take place on this street.

NEGLIGENCE PER SE.

The cement sidewalk on the West side of the public square, in front of the stores of Philson & Henry and The L. W. White Company, and those intervening, is a constant menace to life and limb not only to the people of the City of Abbeville, but to visitors and others who use it. The sidewalk is a substantial piece of work, and but for the excessive fall which it has from the store fronts to the street would stand perhaps for all time.

Nobody should be blamed for its condition. The sidewalk was built first of all of those in the city, and it was supposed to be built properly, but the slope given it was too great. It has been all along uncomfortable to walk on, and unsightly to look at, matters which might be overlooked, were it not at all times, and especially when ice and snow are on it, a dangerous place to walk.

The sidewalk should be rebuilt. We do not know whether another application of cement can be made on that already there, or whether it is necessary that the present sidewalk be removed. Whatever is necessary should be done during the present summer.

Juries in the past have been indulgent towards municipalities in the matter of assessing damages for personal injuries suffered by pedestrians on streets and side-walks, but it will not always be so. A lady in Columbia some years ago secured a substantial verdict against that city on account of a hole in the sidewalk, into which she stepped, suffering injuries therefrom. A verdict was rendered sometime ago in

Chester for \$850 against that city on account of a party suffering a fracture of the ankle from slipping on slippery stones in a sidewalk. It is only a matter of time until somebody secures a verdict against the City of Abbeville for an amount sufficient to rebuild the present mentioned side-walk. Therefore, time should be taken by the forelock, and the sidewalk rebuilt. To delay matters will be but to invite trouble by continuing a structure which is seriously dangerous to the people who use it, and who must use it.

The town bully should have a stop put to the kind of weather we have been having.

With cotton selling at three pounds for a dollar, we should worry when we have a bale.

We move now that the legislature pass an Act changing his name to Ander Jonson Betty.

We do not know what has become of her, and we don't care what has become of the pretty girl with shapely ankles who wore the long skirts.

If there is anybody who owes us anything whom we have forgotten, will they please step forward and make themselves known.

We have heard of men being handicapped by size, by voice, by manners, and some men are even handicapped by the names which they bear—for instance at this season of the year a man named Bill.

We understand that the local lighting system was out of commission on Friday on account of a few live wires being at large. We have no reference to the Superintendent nor any other person connected with the system.

DOES HE WANT LIGHT?

Representative Moore, of Abbeville, wants a referendum to the people of South Carolina on the question of this state voting for the Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for national prohibition.

Mr. Moore is more obtuse than he appears to be if he does not already know the mind of the people of South Carolina on this question.

People who desire liquor sold in South Carolina, or shipments of liquor form outside sources into the State, had as well cultivate a taste for coca-cola, root-beer, or pinderale. The band-wagon of prohibition will over-run them else.

Delays are dangerous. Let the enemies of liquor get in the middle of the road. There should be no side-stepping by the friends of prohibition.

CLASSIFIED ON DEPENDENCY.

We were disappointed that we were unable to continue the publishing the list of registrants in Class 1 but on account of the confusion it seemed to cause we were requested to wait until the final classification was made, which we will do. This is how it is: When a registrant gets his Questionnaires he has to fill it out either by himself or with the assistance of the Legal Advisory Board or the lawyers or those who have kindly offered to assist with the work. Then the Questionnaire is returned to the Local Board and it is examined and classified as to dependents. If a man has no one dependent on him for support he is placed in Class 1, no matter what is wrong with him from a physical standpoint. If he has a family that is dependent he is put in Class 2 or Class 4 as the case may be. The District Board has to pass on each registrant again for their industrial and occupational claims.

When the final classification is made we will then publish the list.

MUCH BETTER.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gambrell will be glad to learn that they are both improving in health. Mr. Gambrell has been sick for about a week while Mrs. Gambrell has not been well for several days. Their daughter, Mrs. W. E. Cason, came down from Anderson Friday to stay until they get better.

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NEWS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

The Governor's Message.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—The General Assembly of South Carolina convened Tuesday for its first war session. In the afternoon it heard the annual message from Gov. Richard I. Manning, in which he urged primarily—full and earnest cooperation with the prosecution of the present war. Until it was won no other aim should be kept in mind.

He praised highly the work of the State Council of Defense, saying it was rated as one of the six best in the nation. He related how it helped the food conservation campaign, floating the liberty loan, and other important results, and urged the passing of legislation giving it an official status, and also the appropriation of \$50,000 if needed.

Governor Manning recommended the equipment and support of a "Home Guard" regiment as a necessary precaution. In order to help the labor situation Governor Manning urged the passage of laws giving the chief executive power to suspend labor laws, when requested by the national and state councils of defense. Sufficient precautions must be provided against the abuse of this power.

Vice conditions also received consideration in Governor Manning's message, and he asked that a home for immoral girls be founded, that vagrancy be made more definite and triable in the Sessions Courts, that the age of consent be raised to eighteen years, that laws be enacted to but owners of property used for immoral purposes, and that the principles of the Mann White Slave Act be made applicable to intra-state tropic.

Besides these war measures Governor Manning also urged the adoption of the Australian ballot system in all cities, towns, and large voting places. Persons applying for registration should present themselves in person.

Governor Manning recommended that the activities of the Department of Agriculture, Commerce and Industries be defined, and that it have only jurisdiction in the regulatory matters dealing with the inspection of oil, commercial feed-stuffs, etc. All matters germane to the production of crops, educational work, should be left entirely to Clemson College. This would prevent duplication of effort.

The appointment of the Chief Game Warden should be taken from the Audubon Society, and vested in the Board of Fisheries, who should then be charged with enforcing the game laws.

The office of Insurance Commissioner should be consolidated with that of Bank Examiner, said the Governor.

The Hospital for the Insane, a school for the feeble-minded, and the State Board of Charities and Corrections were all endorsed. Due to the investigations of the latter there were about two and a half times as many paying students at the state schools than at any previous time.

Governor Manning urged the passage of an amendment to the constitution for national prohibition, but opposed it for woman's suffrage. The states should retain their power of local government in the latter proposition, he said.

Election of Speaker.

Hon. T. P. Cothran, of Greenville, (a native of Abbeville) received 77 votes for Speaker of House against 17 for his opponent, Hon. J. A. Berry of Orangeburg. This vote is a distinct compliment to the new speaker, and its decided majority is a striking testimonial of the opinion in which he is held.

An Early Adjournment.

Sentiment for an early adjournment is very strong. In the House a resolution for a 20-day session passed, and the Senate set February 2 as the day to quit. Night sessions are being held and the work is being rushed, but whether the session can be materially abbreviated without loss to efficiency is doubted by some.

National Prohibition.

While the resolution ratifying the amendment to the federal constitution for nation-wide prohibition appears likely to pass a spirited opposition will defend this invasion of the province of state rights. It is too early to estimate the strength of this opposition.

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INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Mr. W. W. Bradley, Deputy Income Tax Collector, will be in Abbeville County, at the Court House throughout this week—ending Saturday, January 19th, for the purpose of taking personal income tax returns.

A single person having a gross income of 1000, or married person of \$2000, is required to make returns, though after deducting business expenses he may not be liable for the tax.

Attention of our readers is called to the fact that failure to make this return prior to March 1, 1918, subjects the individual liable to a fine, in addition to the taxes levied.

SPEAKER COTHRAN.

Not only Abbeville and Greenville, but the entire Piedmont section is honored in the election of Hon. Thomas P. Cothran as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Cothran is a lawyer of great ability and his long experience as a legislator admirably fits him for the high position of presiding officer.

By the way, his election reminds us once again that Abbeville county is still producing men for high office. Although Greenville claims Mr. Cothran, he got his start, as the saying is, in Abbeville and no doubt the training he received there laid the foundation for his success as a lawyer and parliamentarian.—The Greenwood Journal.

CALLS TO SEE US.

Young Augustus W. Smith, of Greenville, called to see the office force while in the city last week. He wore his long pants. He is very much interested in the printing business and especially in the machinery. The Linotype attracted his attention, and he inquired of Miss Carrie Cochran, the efficient operator of the big machine, where he might be able to get one. He said that he would prefer a small one rather than a full sized machine.

We are always glad to see our young friend, and we hope he will call to see us again. Some day he will grow to be a big man like his father. We hope that the city in which he lives will not be so blind to his good qualities as to allow him to go to another city, but that he will be appreciated where he is known the best.

DR. MARTIN TO PREACH.

Dr. J. L. Martin will preach in the Presbyterian church Sunday morning in the absence of Mr. Pratt.

FISH AND BLOOD FERTILIZER

We have our old well established and deservedly popular Fish and Blood Fertilizer to offer you again this year. It is higher in price than it has been, but there is a mighty good reason for it being higher. Take bags, for instance, we have bought them for less than 7 1-2c a piece, they cost 35c a piece now. There is a difference of about \$2.75 a ton right there, it takes ten bags to sack a ton of fertilizer. We get Pyrites from Spain. We have bought it for \$8.00 a ton landed at Charleston, it costs \$20.00 a ton landed at Charleston now. We have bought fish for less than \$3.00 a unit, the last we bought cost us \$7.00 a unit. In 10-2-2 there are ten units of Phosphoric Acid, two units of Ammonia and two units of Potash. That is what is meant by units—it is the same as per cent.

Labor costs us \$1.75 a day. A year or so ago we got it for \$1.00 a day. While fertilizer is higher now, a bale of cotton will pay for more fertilizer now than at any time for the last 30 years. This means fertilizer has not advanced as much as cotton. Even at these higher prices there is not as much profit in it now as there was a couple of years ago. The manufacturers have kept the price down as much as possible in order to get a bigger tonnage. That is where they expect to save their bacon—in getting a bigger tonnage.

We believe it will pay you to fertilize liberally this year, for while we do not care to go on record at the present writing in predicting the price of cotton next fall, we will venture to say it looks now like it will bring a good price. The war seems to create a big demand for it and that means a good price—and it brought a fine price for several years after our Civil War and there will probably be a big demand for it after this war just as there was after that. The boll weevil and the scarcity of labor combined will probably prevent a bumper crop this year. The weather has not been severe enough all over the cotton belt to exterminate the boll weevil entirely. The price of all farm products promises to be good for some time. A good friend of ours who cleaned up \$10,000 on his cotton crop last year says he will use 1,000 pounds of fertilizer to the acre this year, he thinks the price of cotton next fall will justify it. When you get ready for your Fish and Blood goods we have it for you.

You can't do better than use our Fish and Blood goods—there isn't any better. We have plenty of Potash—gray lands need Potash and one per cent of Potash will help the crops on any land. It will cost something, but at present and prospective prices of cotton, it is well worth it.

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