

NOT MUCH OF A RAILROAD

Newberry Herald and News.

There has been some discussion in some of the papers over the suggestion of Hon. William P. Greene, editor of the Abbeville Press and Banner, to remove Erskine college from Due West to Abbeville, and the proposition of Mr. Greene that Abbeville would put up \$250,000 to secure the college for that town.

Editor McKissick says it would be a fatal calamity to even entertain for a moment the thought of such a terrible profane thing as taking the college from the quaint old town of Due West and refuses to think even of the suggestion. Editor Hemphill of the Spartanburg Journal himself a Secedar and an alumnus of the college does not approve the proposition either, but suggests if they are going to think of moving the college why not go to Greenwood or Spartanburg. And Editor Watson of the Greenwood Index-Journal of course approves the suggestion of Editor Hemphill if the college is to be moved that Greenwood is the very place for it.

Well, all these gentlemen write well and present their views in a very entertaining manner, and Editor Greene answers all of them in fine style, but we cannot help but agree with Editor McKissick that even the thought of moving Erskine college is almost to think profane. There is no better community for a college than the good old town of Due West, and the very fact that it is quiet and away from the busy whirr of industry is the biggest point in its favor. We once thought that the building of the railroad to Due West would be against the town as a college town, but since no trains are permitted to be run on the Sabbath, and as a lawyer in this county, was once reputed to have said in answer to the question if he was a lawyer when he was campaigning for a seat in the legislature when the sentiment was somewhat against electing lawyers to the legislature, "Well, yes," he said, he was a lawyer but not much of a one. Well, with apologies to Brother Galloway, this is not much of a railroad, not enough to disturb the quiet of the place nor to interfere with the meditations of those who desire to be studious, and the trains go in and out quietly and do not have much of a tendency to distract from the things that are essential to the student life. By all means let Erskine college remain at Due West.

Money is essential in this day to the proper running of a college, but it is not the only prerequisite.

WORKS OF ART ENDURE

New York Herald.

Among the thousands of New Yorkers who were discussing the gift of Henry Clay Frick to the city were two men on a street car. One of them obviously a believer in the desirability of the ambiguous thing known as "the social revolution," said—"It would have been better had he given his fortune to the poor or sick." His friend disagreed, pointing out that such a disposal of the vast fortune would have resulted in no permanent benefit to the community.

In the year of unrest 1848 a deputation of radicals waited upon one of the Rothschild and told him that he ought to divide his fortune among the people of Frankfort.

"I am sorry," replied the capitalist, "that my business engagements prevent my doing so, but if you gentlemen will call at my office next week each of you will get the twenty marks which would be his share. Good morning."

Germany, our lately defeated enemy, taught the world a lesson. Even at the time when she was planning world conquest and had elevated the fighting man to the highest place in public esteem she was lavish in her support of universities, art museums, libraries and opera houses—in fact, everything that had to do with "cultural" progress. And as soon as her troops got across the border they began to send back spoils which would add to the importance of government controlled collections.

France, magnificent in war and splendid in craftsmanship, holds a special place in the world as the abode of taste. Threatened with destruction in the great Revolution, and again in the Commune, the splendid treasures of the past that make Paris a place of pilgrimage have been preserved throughout the innumerable political changes and disturbances that upset

the country. France knows what is important.

Greek art and poetry survived Greek political power. Latin literature law and architecture survived the Roman empire. Spanish literature and art survived the Spanish conquests. The Code Napoleon is the great legacy of the Napoleonic era, and no doubt English law and the things written by Englishmen will, in time, survive the British empire.

America, still young as a nation, has displayed individual genius in the construction of her system, the greatest experiment of that sort ever made. She holds a commanding place in the world trade. It is through the aid of such institutions as the Frick museum

that she is obtaining the foundations on which to develop her own independent art future. For all art must have a background.

Besides, those who pass through the doors of the Frick museum will find there things making for joyousness of the spirit and elevation of mind—another means of escape from the burdensome details of humdrum daily existence. There is delight in singing though none hear except the singer." So there are things which are important in themselves because through them the race increases and sharpens its sense of beauty apart from all utilitarian considerations.

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