

MRS. WILSON FINDS AN INTERESTING PAPER

Editor Press and Banner:

I came across a curiosity this morning in shape of a copy of The Abbeville Press and Banner published November 3, 1859. It is so different from newspapers of today that I think your readers might enjoy a short write up of its contents. On the first page I find articles with such titles as "Increasing Mortality in the United States," "Dying," "Save Him," "Habits of the Jaboons," "Eyes Open," and "What Constitutes a Good Farmer." There is also a poem with the good advice "Keep Your Troubles To Yourself" as its title. On the second page I find a detailed account of the first day's trial of John Brown and his fellow conspirators in the raid at Harper's Ferry. The trial was held at Charlestown, Va., and besides John Brown, who was called Captain Brown, two negroes, Cope-land and Green, were tried. A lawyer by the name of Faulkner was appointed to defend the prisoners, who had no attorney, but Mr. Faulkner refused and Lawson Botts was appointed. I should like to read in detail the story of that trial which resulted in the hanging of the men guilty of the awful crime. It is interesting to know that the Daughters of the Confederacy are now collecting funds to build a monument in memory of a faithful negro slave who gave his life rather than join the men who were preparing to attack his master's home.

On the second page of the Banner I find also an account of the annual commencement of the Cokesbury Masonic Female College which account states that T. A. Connor had resigned his position as President of the Academy. Resolutions of regret at his resignation were signed by F. F. Gary, Secretary Board of Trustees. Just below this is a tribute to John B. Morrah, member of Caldwell Lodge A. F. M., who had passed away. This tribute was signed by W. D. Mars, Secretary.

The balance of the paper, consisting of two and one half pages, as large as the pages of your paper now, is filled with advertisements of all kinds. One is for a Superintendent for the Lethe School, another advertises the election of an overseer for the poor house farm. One asks why owners do not insure the lives of their slaves; some advertise hoop skirts, delaines, shawls and ladies' bonnets, as well as all kinds of goods for negroes' wear. One or two advertise cigars and tobacco and two or three men's clothing and supplies but far the greater part of the space is taken up by ad-

vertisements inserted by executors and administrators of estates. These ads contain lists of property of all kinds, land, furniture, houses, tools, grain etc., but in every one the most prominent item is the negro. By actual count there are four hundred and forty-five advertised in this one issue of the paper. I wonder if any body could imagine the grief and actual suffering caused by such sales. My mother told me how, at the sale of her father's estate, which is advertised in this paper, her maid, who had been given to her when a young girl and had grown to womanhood as her personal servant, was sold. The maid had a child some three or four years old and in spite of her pleadings, the child was sold to a slave trader while the mother was sold to a planter in the neighborhood.

I am a Southern woman by birth and at heart. I am a loyal Daughter of the Confederacy, proud of the fact that my ancestors fought for our own loved South, but I, like many other Southern women of today, am truly thankful that slavery is a thing of the past and that human beings are no longer bought and sold as "goods and chattels."

In reading and counting these ads I wonder if your predecessors, Davis and Crews, did not grow rich on the proceeds. Among the estates advertised are those of B. M. Cheat-ham, Mrs. Isabella E. Smith, A. Waller, James L. Pratt, John Ruff, Jane D. Power, Gabriel Cox, Joseph Taylor, Philip Cromer, John Gray, Willis Buchanan, Thos. J. Lyon, Aiken Brazeall, Joshua Davis, Mrs. Jane Robinson, Lewis Smith, Charles Dendy and Abram Lites.

Many of the legal ads are signed by W. H. Parker and Joseph T. Moore, Charles T. Haskell advertises his house and lands as the "Cabin" four miles from Abbeville; James J. Gregg & Co., advertise for hands for their factory at Varecluse offering good wages and a comfortable home. Chase, McKinney & Co., of Boston advertise the "celebrated copper toe" shoes which I remember as the pet aversin of my childhood days. But in the whole paper I did not find a single whiskey advertisement and I wonder if it is because the editors were temperance men.

On the whole the paper is an interesting curiosity and in spite of its sixty-three years of age, contains names and facts which will be readily recalled by many of your readers.

Mrs. F. W. Wilson.

leading educators of the A. R. P. denomination. We who know him are sure that this address will be inspiring and beneficial to all present.

Mr. Dewey A. Ashley and Miss Sue Schumpert of Ware Shoals were married at the Manse here last Saturday by Rev. J. M. Dallas. We wish the young couple much happiness.

Mrs. James M. Dallas is quite sick at her home here. She has not been in good health for some time. Her many friends hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Clifton Donalds, the popular teller in our bank, went to Columbia hospital Monday to undergo an operation. His many friends wish him well.

BUILDING OPERATIONS SHOW INCREASE OF 32 PER CENT

Washington, May 9.—Building operations in the United States increased 32 per cent in 1921 over the previous year, according to a report of the department of labor issued today. Wholesale cost of building materials, the report said, decreased 38 per cent in the same period and the average total cost of one family dwellings was \$4,314 in 1920 compared with \$3,925 in 1921.

Construction of one-family dwellings increased 71 per cent in 1921, the report said; two-family dwellings 211 per cent and multi-family houses (apartments and tenements) 201 per cent. Permits issued in 1921 were estimated to provide for 125 per cent more families than those issued in 1920.

The department's statistics were based on reports from 140 cities.

EIGHTEEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Former Superintendent of Education To Face Charge of Criminal Assault

Orangeburg, May 9.—Carlos Corbett was sentenced to serve 18 years in the state penitentiary today by Judge I. W. Bowman who is presiding over the Orangeburg court. Corbett was found guilty of manslaughter when called to trial for the murder of Julian Cooper. In September 1920, when he was tried for the

murder of Bryan Salley, one of the slain men, he was acquitted. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court. Corbett is now in the Orangeburg jail and his wife has returned to her home in Hartsville.

The case against Claude J. Rast, former superintendent of education of Orangeburg county, who is charged with criminal assault upon one of his girl pupils while principal of the East Middle school, will be called tomorrow.

A good reader will take in 12 or 13 letters at one glance.

VETERANS TO HOLD ANNUAL REUNION

Darlington Calls On Camps For Name of Sponsors, Matrons And Maids

Darlington, May 9.—L. M. Lawson, chairman of the finance committee, preparing for the annual reunion of Confederate veterans here next week, has advised all United Confederate veteran camps to send to Mrs. Ben Hill, chairman of the hospitality committee, at once the names of all sponsors, matrons and maids who will attend the reunion.

The reunion will be held Wednesday and Thursday, May 17 and 18, and a large attendance is expected. No pains are being spared to get everything in readiness and to leave nothing undone that will add to the entertainment of the heroes in gray.

National Bank Call May 5th

Washington, May 8.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the conditions of all national banks at the close of business on Friday, May 5.

Fortunes In Oil!

The Big, Quick Fortunes in Oil are always made from the discovery of new oil fields! Time and time again, people who have invested small sums in Texas, drilling new territory, HAVE MADE FORTUNES WHEN OIL CAME IN. When the Discovery well came in at Burkburnett \$100 jumped to \$20,000! \$1,000 invested with Pattillo Higgins at Beaumont brought \$43,000!

HIGGINS DISCOVERS A NEW FIELD

Pattillo Higgins, who discovered the Beaumont, Humble and Goose Creek Oil Fields—that brought Millions to poor people overnight—has discovered a new Oil Field—Barbers Hill! He got on the ground early and secured acreage of enormous value in a field that promises to be one of the greatest in the world! He NOW OFFERS A LIMITED NUMBER A CHANCE TO COME IN WITH HIM—TO JOIN HIM AT THE START ON A STARTER'S BASIS.

HIGGINS' GREAT RECORD

Made \$250,000 on Patillo Higgins



PATILLO HIGGINS, OIL WIZARD
Vice-President of S. P. R. R. Endorses Patillo Higgins
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD CO.
Office of Vice-President
Houston, Texas, August 19th, 1913.

I have known Mr. Patillo Higgins in connection with oil discovery Beaumont field for the past twelve years; his standing and reputation is of the best.

W. H. Parker

TO SHOW IT HAS COME TRUE
I have known Mr. Patillo Higgins for twenty years, I regard him as being honest and having great knowledge in locating and developing oil fields.
Mr. Higgins discovered the famous Beaumont-Spinclap oil field and induced me to go in with him to develop it, and through our efforts the field was developed. My investment in this project has netted me over \$250,000 to this date, and my interest is still bringing profitable returns.

Yours very truly,
Geo. W. Board

"Where Poor Men Got Rich Overnight"



First Texas Field Discovered by Patillo Higgins, 1901

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that we, the undersigned citizens of Beaumont, Texas, are personally acquainted with Patillo Higgins of this city; we have known him for many years, and believe him to be perfectly reliable and trustworthy. He is a native of Beaumont, Texas.

We know within our personal knowledge that Mr. Higgins discovered the Beaumont Oil Field in the year 1892, and he said when the field was developed that it would be worth millions of dollars. He said that single wells would flow thousands of barrels of oil per day. He located the exact spot where all the big gushers are now found.

Mr. Higgins deserves the whole honor of discovering and developing the Beaumont Oil Field:

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Foundry
Lumber
Sec. Oil Co.
Attorney
Local Land
Agr. S. P. Ry.
Attorney
Pres. Light Co.
VP, L. E. & W. Ry.
Postmaster
Mayor
Eyes. Beu Nat'l. Bank
Real Estate
Sheriff
Congressman
Real Estate
County Clerk
Attorney-at-Law

YOUR BIG CHANCE!

A Deep Well has already been brought in at Barbers Hill. The big companies are operating there. You have an Opportunity now of a lifetime—a Chance to get in on the ground floor and get in on what looks like the NEXT BIGGEST OIL FIELD EVER DISCOVERED IN TEXAS!

BACK A WINNER!

Higgins is a Winner—IS WINNING NOW! If you do go into Oil, BACK A WINNER! A FIVE TIMES WINNER IN A PROVEN GUSHER FIELD IS A GOOD COMBINATION TO PLAY!

GET IN AS A STARTER!

The Higgins-Mexia Oil Co. has just been organized with Patillo Higgins in charge of Field Operations. He has selected acreage of great value near the Discovery Well at Barbers Hill.

TO MAKE THE BIG MONEY IN OIL, INVEST BEFORE A STRIKE IS MADE—NOT AFTER.

YOU'VE GOT A CHANCE HERE TO GET IN WITH PATILLO HIGGINS, WHO HAS DISCOVERED FIVE GREAT OIL FIELDS, AS A STARTER ON A STARTER'S BASIS!

INFORMATION COUPON

PATILLO HIGGINS
705 Turnbow Bldg.
Houston, Texas.

Without obligation on my part, send details of your Bonus offer to Starters.

Name _____
P. O. _____
R. F. D. (or St.) _____
State _____