

Local News.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20, 1899.

In Defense of the Electric Light.

ANDERSON, S. C., Sept. 18, 1899.  
*Editors Intelligencer:* There is a local in your last issue reflecting very seriously on the Electric Light Company. We ordinarily would not notice one, but as this one is simply a series of misstatements, we thought it better to correct them. It seems that a man must want news very badly when he publishes a local calculated to damage a Company, without finding out the facts in the case. He starts out by saying, he doesn't know who is responsible for the very insufficient service given the city by this Company. He must indeed be an ignoramus if he does not know that the President of a Company is responsible for its management.

Second: "That as to the point of brilliance and constancy we have the poorest lights in the State." We are using the Helios lamp. 1300 candle power. There were more of this particular lamp in use in the United States, when purchased, than of any other make in the world. Each lamp is taken to the station and taken to pieces and cleaned perfectly every twenty-one days, and we are informed that there is not another city in South Carolina that cleans their lamps oftener than every six weeks.

That another cause of the "poor lights" is that they are not elevated enough, &c. This Company had nothing to do with the height of the lamp; that was decided by a former City Council, and was very correctly decided, for if the lights had been above the trees, the streets would have been almost totally dark; the heavens would have been lighted well, but as your reporters are probably not going in that direction we don't see why they should kick.

As to "the many dead lights" one finds in a little stroll any night, that is another "little mistake," as he could have found out by asking to examine the daily reports of our trimmer, or inspector, or the Chief of Police. The last report showed that the Company had furnished 98 per cent light out of a possible 100. There is no record in this State or in any other that can beat it. For the past year the lights have done exceptionally fine and have given satisfaction to the City Council and we think the public, and although we have expended over \$700 more on them during the past year, we have never "kicked," but were laboring under the fond delusion that the public were satisfied.

He further complains "of the arbitrary shutting off of the lights upon the approach of any little cloud." It is a lamentable fact that electricians all over the world have never been able to absolutely protect machines against lightning. There are several lightning protectors on the market, the most prominent and popular being the Stanley, the Westinghouse and the General Electric Co.'s, and while none of these will guarantee protection, yet they are the best made. We have on our circuits all three of these makes, and besides this, have had made for us specially designed choke coils for our further protection, and in spite of all this, have lost by lightning in the past two years five thousand dollars worth of electric machinery. This fact is enough to make us careful about lightning storms, and while we have run right through storms enough in past two months to burn out \$2,500 worth of machinery, yet we have shut down on several occasions. How often have the city lights been shut off for the months of July, August and to date? In July they were shut off on 25th, from 7:40 to 8:10 o'clock, just 30 minutes, no other time. In August they were shut off not a single time that the city contracted for lights. In September they were shut off on 3d from 7:30 to 8:20 o'clock, 50 minutes. On 8th, for one hour and fifty minutes, the same terrible storm that blew the roof off of White's house near Portman Shoals, (see your last issue giving account of it). So during the past three months when we have had a great deal of electricity in the atmosphere we have shut the city lights out three times, and yet your reporter would have the public believe that they have been shut off on the approach of every little cloud.

"The time is now quite ripe for the city to pay more for a better service or obtain control of her lighting franchises." If your reporter had examined the records for himself instead of listening to some "Smart Alec" gas awhile, he would have found out the facts already quoted in this article, that more efficient service could not have been obtained. Now, as for the city obtaining control of the lighting franchises. We don't think there will be any trouble about that, for we think the Directors of this Company would not only surrender them, but would give the city \$1,000 to be relieved of them.

Now, we don't suppose that your reporter misrepresents us intentionally, but he has done so all the same, and we hope in the future that all our critics will find out the true condition of affairs before condemning us again. Respectfully,

ANDERSON WATER, L. & P. Co.  
 S. M. ORR, Pres't and Treas.

In reference to the above the reporter disclaims any intention of misrepresenting the Anderson Water, Light & Power Company, and waives a reply to the soft impositions against him. His confidence in the President of the Company assures him that the President is anxious to give the city the very best service consistent with its contract, and that the President is sincere in believing this is being done. He has always been public-spirited, and is a power in the development of the city. Now, whether or not there

is any cause for complaint in the electric light service, the reporter is not disposed to argue, but is willing to leave it to the thoughtful people of Anderson to decide for themselves, as his object was accomplished when he called attention to what he considered a bar to Anderson's progress—a condition which no one would fight harder if he realized it than the able and gentlemanly President of the Electric Light Company himself.

Anderson Cotton Mills.

Yesterday the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Anderson Cotton Mills was held in the Court House. Mr. R. S. Hill was called to the chair, and after ascertaining that a quorum was present or represented, the meeting proceeded to business. Mr. J. A. Brock, President, and Mr. R. E. Ligon, Secretary and Superintendent, submitted their reports, which were adopted. These reports showed the mills to be in a prosperous condition and were very satisfactory to the stockholders. The old Board of Directors was unanimously re-elected. There was one vacancy in the Board, caused by the death of Col. J. W. Norris, and Mr. T. M. Whiting, of Massachusetts, was elected to fill the vacancy. The assets of this plant are now \$791,786, and the stock commands a fine premium.

Epworth League Reception.

The members of the Epworth League gave their regular monthly reception Friday evening, at the home of their President, Dr. W. H. Nardin, Jr. The entertainment committee furnished each person a card, on which was printed a love story with many of the words left out. These blank spaces were to be filled with words that named flowers. Miss Ellie Seel succeeded in filling more blanks than any other person, and for her diligence was awarded the prize—a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Unfortunately, for himself, Mr. Frank Osborne left forty blanks upon his card, and since he did so well "in not doing," the committee gave him the "booby" prize—a package of flower seeds. Mr. C. Ban. Allen, having had no experience, knew nothing of flower-languages in a love story. But he did know many humorous names and varieties of strange flowers, and for bestowing his knowledge so freely, the committee gave him a bag of snap dragon seed.

Deaths.

Mrs. Mattie E. Frierson, the beloved wife of Dr. Edward C. Frierson, died at her home on West Benson street yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock. She had been in feeble health for several months and confined to her bed a number of weeks. A few days ago a stroke of paralysis rendered her helpless, and she gradually weakened away until death claimed her as its victim. Mrs. Frierson was the second daughter of the late A. B. Towers, and was about 39 years of age. In her girlhood she joined the Presbyterian Church, and throughout her life was a most devoted and exemplary member. Her character was beautiful and rounded. Her warm, affectionate disposition made her most lovable, and her influence in the home and church and circle of friends and acquaintances was quiet, but wonderful. Those who knew her best loved her most, and her departure has left a void in the hearts of all her friends, who deeply sympathize with the devoted husband and four little sons in their sore bereavement. The funeral services will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 4 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. J. N. H. Summerville, after which the remains will be interred in the Churchyard.

Mrs. M. Adelia Richardson, wife of Mr. J. D. Richardson, died at her home two miles west of the city last Sunday morning of fever. Mrs. Richardson was about 34 years of age, and the eldest daughter of Mr. Newton Whittaker of this County. In her girlhood she made a profession of religion and joined Prospect Baptist Church, where her remains were interred, the funeral service being conducted by Rev. W. B. Hawkins. In all her relations of life she was a most estimable woman, and was greatly beloved by her friends and neighbors, who deeply sympathize with the devoted husband in his sore bereavement.

Rev. Jas. A. McLees died suddenly at his home in Ruston, La., on Sunday morning, 3rd inst., of heart disease, aged about 59 years. A wife and five children survive him. Mr. McLees was the fifth son of the late J. J. McLees, of this County, where he was born and reared. He was a graduate of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Columbia, and shortly afterwards was called to the pastorate of a Church in his adopted home. He leaves many old friends and relatives in this section to cherish his memory.

Mrs. Annah G. McKee, widow of the late Wm. A. McKee, died at her home in Hall Township on August 25, after a very brief illness, in the 94th year of her age. Mrs. McKee was a native of Edgefield County, her parents having moved to Anderson County when she was a child, and she has resided here ever since. She was a most excellent woman, and leaves a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn her death. Three sons survive her. She had long been a devoted member of Good Hope Presbyterian Church, where her remains were buried, the funeral service being conducted by her pastor, Rev. R. C. Ligon.

Special Rates to New York and Washington.

via the Southern Railway, account of Admiral Dewey's Reception. On September 26th-27th, the Southern Railway will sell from all points round trip tickets to New York and Washington at a rate of One and One-Third First-Class fare, limited to October 5th. For full information apply any Agent Southern Railway, or address: J. B. HEYWARD, T. P. A., Augusta, Ga.

Belton Items.

In spite of the hard times our little town is putting on a hustling appearance. The streets for more than a week have been crowded with cotton and cotton seed wagons. Your correspondent was informed to-day by one of our largest cotton buyers here that the cotton receipts to date were double that of last season. Our merchants are enterprising, and believe in always paying the highest market price, instead of letting the trade and interest go elsewhere.

Mr. H. W. Kirby, who went on some time since to buy goods for R. A. Lewis, has returned and is at his accustomed place in the store.

Messrs. Rice Bros. have just finished putting in extensive improvements in their ginnersy. The cotton is now handled from start to finish by pneumatic arrangement, which precludes the possibility of any waste.

Mr. W. C. Latimer and Misses Anna and Olive Latimer left last Friday for Washington. Mr. Latimer will enter the Law department of Columbian University, and his sisters will enter the city schools.

Misses Ora, Bessie and Antonia Smith will leave to-morrow for Winthrop College. Miss Ora will teach English in the College, and Misses Bessie and Antonia will pursue a literary course. Miss Mamie Poore leaves to-morrow, also, for the Greenville Female College. Mr. J. D. Hunter and Taylor Breazeale have entered Clemson, and several others will go away when Furman and Wofford open. We will miss these young people from our town, but we congratulate them on possessing such rare opportunities, and trust they will all be wise enough to improve them.

Misses Mattison and Dunn, of Donalds, visited Miss Stinger last week.

Miss Zula Brock, now a teacher in the Anderson Graded Schools, has been visiting Mrs. R. A. Lewis.

Miss Mallie Geer, of the Piedmont schools, visited her mother Saturday and Sunday.

Dr. W. E. Campbell, an associate of Dr. Calhoun, of Atlanta, is here among relatives recuperating from an attack of fever.

Prof. B. E. Geer, of Furman University, after visiting here for some time returned to Greenville last week to make ready for the opening of school.

Miss Daisy Rice has returned to Darlington, where she will continue her work as music teacher.

Students continue to come into the Belton High School. The roll is much larger than ever before on the corresponding date. There is a spirit of devotion to duty in the school that is gratifying indeed. XXXX.

Annual Meeting at Old Stone Church.

The annual meeting of the Old Stone Church and Cemetery Association will be held on the first Friday in October, 1899, the 6th day of the month. A full meeting is desired. There will be an address by one or more distinguished gentlemen. The public is cordially invited to meet with us and spend the day at this sacred spot where so many of our friends lie buried. By order of the committee.  
 B. F. SLOAN, Secretary.

National Expert Exposition.

Commencing Tuesday, Sept. 19, and on each succeeding Tuesday and Thursdays, up to and including November 23rd, the Southern Railway will sell from all stations round trip tickets to Philadelphia at rate one and one-third fare, plus 70 cents admission to the Exposition. These tickets will be limited 30 days from date of sale. For full information, Pullman car reservations, call on any Agent, or address J. B. HEYWARD, T. P. A., Augusta, Ga.

Rev. Wm. Theodorus Capers will take as many as eight special pupils for the coming school session. Apply to him for terms, &c.

Brock Bros. have just received a car load of Peerless Engines made by the Geiser Mfg. Co. They are so well known they need no praise in the papers, for every one who has ever used one can tell you what they will do. They received a Traction Engine on same car, and it was quite a curiosity to see it running around by itself. Go and see them when you are in need of an 8 to 12 H. P. Portable Engine. They have them and will sell you something good at a close price.

The biggest, best and cheapest stock of Shoes in the city at Vandiver Bros.

It looks reasonable that Cobb & Crayton can save the people money in their Shoes, for they buy them in two solid car lots. Just think of it.

Have hot water pipes run from your stove to bath room. Try Osborne & Osborne.

Iron King Stoves are considered the best. Buy one. Osborne & Osborne Sole Agents.

If your Piano or Organ needs tuning or repairs, it will pay you to see Mr. Jas. A. Ruddock of The C. A. Reed Music House, who will guarantee perfect satisfaction to all.

The proprietor of the Anderson Brick Yard, west of the Savannah Valley R. R., has a stock of excellent Hard Brick at bottom prices. Orders filled promptly. Estimates furnished on application. 11-1.

Twenty years experience is what tells in Sullivan Hardware Co.'s business. In that time they have learned much from customers, at home and in the markets of the world. How to buy is how to sell. Absolute certainty of being pleased is the reward for trading with this old reliable firm.

You may read much and believe nothing. Seeing is believing when it comes to Sullivan Hardware Co.'s big drive on Rubber and Leather Belting, Machine Supplies and Fittings.

Claims are cheap and easily made, but Sullivan Hardware Co. has the proof to establish the worth of the Oliver Chilled Plows.

A paper once contained this ad: "Bull-dog for sale; will eat anything, very fond of children." This shows that an ad. may go too far. Sullivan Hardware Co. do not spoil things by claiming too much. Go to them and let them show what they can do for you with their Iron, Steel and Brass.

Cut Flowers, Pot Plants and Palms for sale. Mrs. J. F. CLEMENTS, 242 Main St.

To the Public.

You are requested to attend the Millinery Special Display of Stills & Fall Millinery—Friday, September 22nd, 1899.  
 Mrs. T. S. CRAYTON,  
 Rear of Cobb & Crayton's Shoe store,  
 Masonic Building.

To please the hardest customer is our pride and purpose if he is worth pleasing. Any man who can't be pleased with Sullivan Hardware Co.'s Belting and prices is simply beyond hope.

It is the particular customer, the investigating, well-informed buyer that we like to strike when he comes to town for his hardware, implements or machinery. We, that is, Sullivan Hardware Co., know that all such will snap bargains when offered.

Twenty-five Dollars will buy a fairly good square practice Piano at the C. A. Reed Music House. They are intrinsically worth double that amount.

Iron and Steel are way up, but Sullivan Hardware Co. is keeping prices down on the great Oliver Chilled Plows.  
 \$40 to \$100.00 a month for bright hustler for special position. Good chance for advancement; no capital or experience required. K. & K. Manufacturing Co., 56 N. 6th St., Philadelphia, Pa. 11-4

Mrs. F. S. Riley has rooms to rent.

When you have any kind of Plumbing I would like to figure with you on it.  
 8-14 John T. Burris.

Sullivan Hardware Co. are Morgan & Wright's regularly appointed distributing agents. They can always furnish these well known Tires and Inner Tubes at lowest prices.

Now is the time to examine your Evaporators. If rusted out buy a new one or have it repaired by Jno. T. Burris. 6-8

Iron King Stoves are sold in Anderson only by Osborne & Osborne.

How is this for Shoes? Cobb & Crayton received the largest shipment of Shoes ever brought into Anderson. Two solid cars. Just think of it. 12-3

The best and cheapest stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods in the city at Vandiver Bros.

FOR RENT OR SALE—Good seven room House, good location, well improved. For particulars, terms, &c., call on Chas. E. Cobb, at Cobb & Crayton's Shoe Store.  
 Ballard's Obelisk and Guthrie's Finest Patent Flour for \$1.50 per barrel at Vandiver Bros. Free city delivery. 'Phone 75

When you want a nice Dress Shoe, and something up-to-date, don't forget that Cobb & Crayton have them in all styles and colors in a \$3.50 Shoe that they are going to sell at \$2.00. 12-3

Cobb & Crayton are now showing the largest stock of Shoes ever shown in Anderson before. If you intend wearing Shoes this Winter see them. 12-3

If you want the finest Texas Seed Oats cheap, get them at Vandiver Bros.

EVERY ONE CAN BE DECEIVED IN . . .  
**CLAY WORSTEDS.**  
 Ours at . . . \$7.50  
 All Wool, colors warranted fast.  
**HALL & MILFORD.**

**Notice to Debtors.**

PARTIES owing us open and secured Accounts due in the Fall are notified that said Accounts are now due and must be settled at once. GUANO NOTES are due and payable on or before October 1st, and must be paid promptly out of the first sales of Cotton. We appreciate the general desire to hold Cotton for higher prices and do not object, but must insist that it be not held at our expense and risk. You can store it and borrow enough on it to pay your Account; therefore, do not expect to ride us when we are needing our money. This is strictly business, and we mean every word we say, for we will have our money if we have to put out Special Collectors to get it. Save yourself trouble and expense by giving us prompt settlements.  
 Yours truly,  
**DEAN & RATLIFF.**

**WHEAT AND OATS FERTILIZERS.**

HALF crops of Cotton don't pay as well as half crops of Wheat. Your land needs a change, anyway, and with proper manuring will pay you better in Wheat and Oats than in Cotton. We have the—  
**Fertilizers specially made and adapted for Wheat Culture.**

Recommended by eminent Chemists and practical Wheat growers all over the country, and it is suitable to the character of Anderson County soil. It is well pulverized and in nice shape for distributing.  
 Let us sell you if you want—  
**THE BEST GOODS.**  
**DEAN & RATLIFF.**

**OUR SPECIAL OVERFLOW.**

IN a vast business like ours there's always an overflow of real good things. No matter how much we advertise there's bound to be some overflow prizes crowded out, and these are ANXIOUS to hurry to our customers. Our three mammoth floors are just now overflowing with Bargains of all.

**FALL AND WINTER GOODS,**

On which we can SAVE YOU a big per cent. Our Buyer is now in New York picking up Bargains that could not have been had a few weeks ago, when Mr. Neill's tremendous Cotton report came out. But the New York merchants are getting frightened now, and we are buying our Dry Goods, Shoes, &c., far below what any of our competitors had to pay them for the same Goods. Therefore, we are in position to save you money, and will, if you will only inspect our Stock before buying.  
 Yours with overflowing bargains,  
**D. C. BROWN & BRO.**  
 (NEXT TO POST OFFICE.)

**FRESH LOT OF . . .**

**TURNIP SEED**

Just received at . . .

**F. B. GRAYTON & CO.**

Roofing tin work, galvanized iron work and plumbing done on short notice by Osborne & Osborne.  
 Deering Ball Bearing Mowers are the best on earth. Inspect them before buying any other make.

**C. F. JONES & CO.**

**GRAND DISPLAY OF PATTERN HATS!**

Unexcelled in style, beauty and original designs and practical effects. Each Hat represents individuality not found elsewhere. Our pride to show them to every one. Golf Hats in great variety. Second shipment ready for sale.  
 Advance in every Department is our aim every season, so we will endeavor to make our Millinery attractions this season greater than ever. Prettiest, most stylish Hats possible for the least minimum price. Our Hats are practical, from 50c. Sailor to the effective Golfs and beautiful Dress Hats.

We are the Dress Goods people, judging from expressions of patrons and amount we are selling. You will never find prettier Dress Goods than we are offering at 25c. to 50c. We are anxious for every one to see our wonderfully attractive line of Dress Goods.

Our Silk Department is, as usual, bright, sparkling and attractive. Will say more about Silks next week.

Boys' Clothing still on our minds. We want to impress it on the minds of all the mothers that we can dress the little Knee Pants Men. You will like our Suits from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

In talking about the little men we are not unmindful of the young men. No, not that, only just can't talk everything in our big Stock at one time; besides our reputation for a strong line of Young Men's Clothing. They are so well established that we trust our reputation for a few weeks to draw the young men customers.

We have said already that our Clothing Department must do the business of its existence this Fall. Well, we know this means a great deal, but we are not faint-hearted about it; neither will you doubt when you see our wonderful values we are showing at \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00. Upon these popular prices and attractive patterns we hang our hope.

We want to get on talking terms with every individual that has an idea of buying anything this Fall. Can't sell Goods without people. They are the ones that make the trade. Yes, we will have the business if we can get Stock before you.

Like to have Country Merchants visit us now. Will give advantage of our early buying. Our Stock has been bought low. Our prices will be very reasonable.  
 Yours very truly,

**C. F. JONES & CO.**

**LESSER and COMPANY.**

**LOAN WANTED!**  
**Big Interest Guaranteed.**

**THE LOAN. THE INTEREST.**  
 We ask your eyes—they're 15 to 25 per cent, payable immediately, on every bill of their shrewdness we confidently appeal.  
 There is only one way to get the high interest on your money—come and

**INVEST IT IN OUR BARGAINS.**

We bought our entire Fall and Winter Stock for Spot Cash. We took great pains and plenty of time to select the same, and we again beg you to follow our invitation. Come with your highest expectation and you will not be disappointed. Your eye will rest with pleasure upon a beautiful assortment of—

**DRESS GOODS,**

At prices as low as you never heard of before. Our buyers are now in the Northern market. Supported by a shrewd buyer in New York, they had the rare opportunity of buying a full new stock of—

**Notions and Fancy Goods**

Of an "Importeur" who was unable to meet his bills. Our money had the power of getting them at a ridiculous low price.

**Insurance of Shoes.**

We can't afford to keep quiet when we know that you like to hear it again that "we handle only Reliable Shoes." If you want a cheap Shoe, made from poor stock and paper insole, don't come to us—we don't handle such line. But if you want to buy a solid leather Shoe of latest style, a good wearer, come with all confidence. You will be satisfied with our Shoes. We know how to fit your feet. Your feet will be glad and laugh, because our Shoes give comfort and full satisfaction.

**Our Clothing and Gents' Furnishings**

Won us a great many new friends, and we hope that our selection of Fall and Winter Goods in this line will satisfy the keenest buyers, as we have bought only latest styles of modern materials.

**OUR MILLINERY**

Well selected a beautiful selection of latest shapes and styles, and the carefully selected Trimmings will, like a flower garden, delight your eye.  
 Small lots, but still smaller prices, on Remnants of Summer Goods.  
 We sell this week a lot of our Odds and Ends in Ladies' and Men's Solid Leather Shoes at 75c.  
 Yours truly,  
**LESSER & CO.,**  
 UNDER MASONIC TEMPLE.