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Communications must be accompanied by the real name and address of the writer in order to receive attention. No communication of a personal nature will be published except as an advertisement.

Hereafter obituaries of not more than 100 words will be published without cost all over 100 words will be charged for at the rate of five cents per line print.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 4, 1906

NOTE AND COMMENT.

We want to see the new fence around the court house grounds going up. The dilapidated appearance of the court hill ought not to exist any longer. A new iron fence would improve the looks very much.

We hope by the next term of court that the interior of the court house will be much improved. A carpet is needed on the floor in place of the miserable saw-dust that covers it. The people of Colleton county ought to be able to furnish its public buildings in a manner that would reflect credit upon the county. The present condition of the interior of the court house does not do any credit to any body. In fact, we feel ashamed when a stranger goes in there.

WE CONGRATULATE THE GRAND JURY.

We congratulate the grand jury of Colleton County. There is yet some hope for the country. We do not agree with them altogether in their presentation as to the solicitor, for we believe that he was actuated by the purest motives and thought that he was doing what was best. He was simply imposed upon by being induced to believe that the people of this county would be satisfied with that course in these cases.

We also think that the County Pension Board committed a grievous error in supposing that the people of this county would allow these cases to be disposed of and forgotten in a few days. We have no doubt that strong influences were brought to bear upon them. They yielded to this pressure, believing that it would soon be forgotten. But the public will not allow them to be so soon forgotten. A great moral issue is involved, a high crime was charged. The grand jury did right in presenting the parties again and we congratulate them upon their courage in the discharge of their duty. If these cases can be allowed to be pushed aside and justice fail, then there is no use to bring any prosecutions against any body again who has any influence or any political pull. We again congratulate the grand jury.

THE COLLETON SCANDAL.

Good for the grand jury of Colleton! The people of South Carolina will be gratified to know that there are men serving on the grand juries who will not aid in defeating justice and who have the moral courage to speak out against wrong, even when neighbors and friends are implicated. We cannot say, "Good for the pension board of Colleton," nor understand the acquiescence of Solicitor Jervy in the request of that board to suspend prosecution of a bunch of thieves. That is most surprising.

The moral tone of the people is too low and if there is to be a change for the better, if the grafters and thieves are to be discouraged, there will have to be crystallization of sentiment against them, and every part of the machinery of the courts lubricated with popular demand for punishment for the rascals. This is no time for South Carolina to give immunity to forgers and thieves, whatever their influence, however large their family connections. It is bad enough when juries fail to convict when guilt is clear, but when

guilt is clear and the State fails to prosecute, then the people who demand justice have a right to cry out against the inefficiency of the legal machinery. The courts must look to themselves.

In Colleton County, and perhaps in other counties, there have been pension frauds. Some persons are drawing pensions to which they are not entitled; in Colleton County a number of men were representing fictitious pensioners, signing the names of such persons and securing the pension money granted them. For fraud of precisely the same nature a New York lawyer has just been sentenced to 20 years in Sing Sing. For this fraud—stealing from South Carolina and from the disabled Confederate veterans—C. W. Umer, P. M. Varn, G. J. Varn, Henry Duboise, alias J. Duboise, alias A. E. Varn, were indicted. The charge was conspiracy. The pension board for Colleton County thereupon petitioned the solicitor to not pros, unconditionally, the indictment against G. J. Varn, and to not pros the indictments against the others on the payment of \$423.68 and costs, the \$423.68 being the money obtained by the defendants on the claims of seven alleged widows, not in existence. These three men acknowledged their guilt when they did not ask for vindication, but were willing to disgorge their ill-gotten money and to pay the costs. They stole it from the widows of veterans and from the old and crippled men who fought for their country. Why should they go free and hog thieves go to the penitentiary if he can produce the price of the pig? Why immunity to the rascals in South Carolina when we demand conviction of the rascals connected with the insurance companies? Who will give explanation? Are cobwebs spun all over sleeping Justice!

The indignant grand jury refuses to submit to this condition. It censures the solicitor for acquiescing in the pension frauds recommendation, and it presents that board for malfeasance in office for its part in aiding the defendants to escape the penalty of the law. Furthermore, it presents the four men whose indictments for conspiracy had been not prosed for fraudulent misappropriation of funds and forgery. This case should go to a jury.

Again we say, Good for the grand jury of Colleton!—Columbia State.

Black Creek Letter.

Editor Press and Standard: The Crowfield school taught by Miss Sue Haines closed last Friday, March 30. The closing exercises were attended by a few of the patrons and friends.

The pupils, though few in number, did themselves and their teacher credit both in their examinations and their recitations. After an hour or two spent listening to these, all were invited to the table where a bountiful repast had been spread. Both children and grown folks took a part in this part of the program and spent the time pleasantly together. Of the few children who attended the school through the whole term, only two deserve honorable mention. These are Mamie Lane who won the first prize for the best recitation, also one for general scholarship, including attendance and conduct. The second prize was awarded to Esther Proveaux for recitation.

Miss Lura Bryan, after a visit of two weeks to her uncle and to Crockettville, has returned to her home in Walterboro. R. G. W. B.

Dots From Getsinger.

Editor Press and Standard: Rev B F Halford, of Walterboro, preached a very interesting sermon to a large and attentive congregation at Pine Grove last Sunday. We hope to have him with us again in the near future.

Henry Brant and Julius Kinard visited Crockettville a few days ago, where Mr Brant purchased a fine buggy.

Mr and Mrs John Brown, of Barnwell county, were the guests of Mr and Mrs A H Brant, last Saturday.

Miss Ethel Odum, from the Land of Flowers, will spend the summer with her aunt, Mrs J B Padgett. We greatly welcome her in our midst.

Mrs Philip Herndon, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, we are glad to say is improving.

Cleve Hudson, after spending a few days in Charleston, returned home Wednesday.

D E Benton visited Weimer last Monday on important business.

G. I.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for superintendent of education for Colleton County in the next Democratic primary, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.
T B CALDWELL.

News From Adnah.

This community was shocked to hear of the death of Mrs Lizzie Duet, of Lodge. The interment took place at Peniel Baptist church. Rev Thrower, pastor of Adnah church conducted the funeral services.

Miss Jessie Smith and George Warren were happily married Sunday, the 18th, at 10 o'clock.

An interesting protracted meeting has been conducted at the Rice Patch Christian church and has been very much enjoyed by those who attended. Baptismal services were conducted on the 18th at 6 o'clock.

H A Cummings and family, of Lodge, visited the home of W E Carter on the 10th and 11th.

Misses Janie and Ella Cummings of Lodge, and Miss Jessie Carter, of this place, visited the home of A Harvey on the 10th. They all enjoyed themselves very much.

Miss Mollie Bishop has returned home, after an extended visit to friends and relatives in Georgie. We all welcome her back.

H. Harvey, of this place, visited the home of A E Rentz on Sunday, the 18th.

Miss Mamie Rentz, of Islandton, visited her cousins Misses Ella and Lillie Godley, of this place last Sunday.

Miss Lillie Bishop visited Misses Anna and Daton Polk, of Islandton, on the 11 and 13th.

P L Polk and family visited the home of Mrs Mary Ann Bishop on Sunday the 18th.

Misses Mamie Murdaugh, Anna and Daton Polk, of Islandton, visited at the home of W E Carter.

Easter Lily.

Agricultural Organization.

By order of the notice in The Press and Standard of the 12th inst. the names appended below met and organized the Black Creek Agricultural Club.

President, R G W Bryan; Vice-President to be supplied, Secretary and Treasurer J H Slowman, Chaplin to be supplied, Ex. Com. to be supplied.

Members—A M Proveaux, M P Proveaux, E A Proveaux, G J Nettles, T Z Blocker, G A Blocker, J T Hiott, E L Hiott, J D Nettles, C W Thompson, Frank Benton, A L Blocker.

Next meeting to be held on Saturday, April 7, at 2 o'clock, sharp, at which meeting the organization will be completed. By order of

R G W Bryan, prest.
J H Slowman,
Sect & Treas.

SPRING GOODS.

I have just put in a large and up-to-date line of clothing, viz: Men and Boys Suits, the very latest styles, prices to suit. Hats of the latest styles and shapes, felt and straw. A beautiful line of Shirts, Collars and Ties and underwear. I carry a full line of shoes. Can suit the most fastidious customer.

Easter Suits a Specialty

A visit to my store will prove the above statement. It costs nothing to call and get prices. Courteous attention given to all. Yours truly,

J. W. CARSON,
Islandton, S. C.

TAYLOR'S

We usher in the new Season by this announcement of our

SPRING OPENING.

With the advent of Spring time the public instinctively turns to this store for authoritative information on dress for all occasions. That we have fully anticipated the requirements of Fashions devotees is clearly apparent in our immense stock of Spring and Summer merchandise.

Everything that is real clever and new in color, weave and style is shown here in unparalleled variety. The all-important feature of this style event, the magnet attraction is the display of Shirts and Ready-trimmed Hats. In design and elaboration these famous Hats and Waists reflect the style ideas of the world's best designers. The prices reveal a pleasant surprise, reflecting your own ideas on economy. See business locals for specials. TAYLOR'S.

Walterboro's Leading and Busy Store.

Grand Millinery Opening

To my friends and patrons of Walterboro and Colleton County: I will have my spring millinery opening Thursday and Friday, April 5th and 6th.

I have a beautiful line of spring hats, laces, embroideries, lawns and everything that is carried in an up-to-date millinery store.

Miss Lillian Kessler, will have charge of my opening, and she will take pleasure in showing my goods and giving prices. Everybody will receive a hearty welcome. A visit will prove to the most fastidious customers that my goods are the very latest. Don't forget the date of opening—Thursday and Friday, April 5th and 6th.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs W. A. Black.

MILLINERY OPENING

—at—

Mrs. E. M. Jones'

APRIL 4th and 5th.

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On April 4th and 5th I will show a new and beautiful stock of hats for Ladies, Misses and Children.

We have the correct styles. We sell the famous GAGE hats. We are determined to delight our customers with lovely hats this season. No prettier hats can be bought than ours.

Miss Ennis Howell, my accomplished milliner, is well known in this community and never fails to please.

Our friends are cordially invited to come and inspect our stock and make selections. Respectfully yours.

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Mrs. E. M. Jones.

Rain Continues to Fall.

Mobile, Ala., March 31.—After being out in the Little Bigbee and Warrior rivers for the past four weeks, the steamer Ouachita arrived Saturday, passing the overflowed district of the Tombigbee, but brings no additional information. Her officer's report while passing through the inundated district Friday night, the river still rising, with no indications of the water receding within the very near future. They say rain continues to fall in the upland district which will cause back waters to spread further over the lowlands.

4 Per Cent.

COMPOUND INTEREST.
INTEREST ALLOWED FROM DATE OF DEPOSIT.

STATE

Savings Bank,

KING STREET, OPPOSITE HASSELL

CHARLESTON, S. C.

JOHN B. REEVES, President.

R. B. GILCHRIST, Cashier.

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