

**THE COURT YARD**

**Is in Bad Need of Cleaning up—  
Its Condition**

If any person desires to see something which comes nearer looking like the original way in which Columbus and the other discoverers found America it is suggested that he go on the public street and take a look at the court house square. Not so much at the court house but at the yard.

Casting the eye over the premises there is a vision of old barrels, broken up signs, brickbats, old limbs of trees, and waste paper galore. The grass looks like a meadow in May and if the person will only look at the court house yard he will be hard to convince that he is really in the center of the city.

The monument to the Confederate dead stands on the right of the grounds and all around this the trash is lying. Not only on this side but on that towards the post-office the trash, paper, and brickbats flourish. Even out to the very edge of the street they go and often they overstep these bounds.

In fact the court house yard seems to be the dumping ground. A man said the other day that it was a disgrace to the town of Bennettsville and the county of Marlboro the way in which the court house yard was kept. He said that a visitor looking at it would think that there was no civic pride here at all.

The members of the civic league have endeavored to remedy this as well as some other conditions. It would be well for them to call on the proper authorities to have the yard cleaned up or better still it would be well for the proper authorities to clean up the yard without being called on or at least this is the way a lot of people are thinking.

Stops itching instantly. Cures piles, eczema, salt rheum, tetter, itch, hives, berpes, scabies—Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

**A SAD ACCIDENT**

**Little Martin Fletcher Killed in a Runaway**

McColl, Apr. 20.—While returning from church at Pine Grove Sunday morning a very sad accident occurred to Mrs. Jno. E. Fletcher and two children. It seems that while driving down a hill near McNair's pond one of the hold-backstraps broke and at once the horse went to running. Both children were thrown out and Martin, a little boy about ten years of age, was thrown against a log badly fracturing his skull. The little girl was not hurt. Mrs. Fletcher still held to the horse for some distance until he ran into a wire fence and threw her out, bruising her right badly.

Little Martin lived until 1:45 p. m., Monday then breathed his last. The host of friends sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher in their sad bereavement.

The remains will be laid to rest in Beaver Dam cemetery tomorrow.

**Water Works for Red Springs.**

An enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of Red Springs was held last Monday to discuss ways and means to establish water works sewerage and an electric plant for that pushing little city. These things are a necessity for the health and convenience of towns, and we trust that our neighbor may find it convenient to get into the procession. The offers Maxton has received for her bonds, and the drop in the price of material ought to encourage them to extra efforts to forward the proposed improvements before the revival in trade again raises the costs of construction.—Scottish Chief.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

**Should be Observed Everywhere and Also Here**

There has been some agitation looking to the celebration of memorial day here and the matter is now being discussed pro and con.

There seems to be a sentiment that the day should be observed and it is hoped that memorial day this year is remembered as it should be.

Memorial day in South Carolina falls on the 10th of May and on that day the soldiers who gave their life for the lost cause and also the graves of the union soldiers are decorated. In many of the cities and towns of the state it is the custom to make memorial day a holiday and everyone turn out to remember the soldier dead. Usually there are some exercises, consisting of addresses and songs, and then it is customary to repair to the cemetery and decorate the graves.

As said there has been some talk of observing memorial day in Bennettsville. It has been suggested that the military company should turn out on that day and help in the programme. The 10th of May is not long off and whatever is done will have to be done quickly.

**EASTER SUNDAY GLORIOUS**

**Protracted Meeting at Baptist Church Postponed**

Easter Sunday was a glorious day in Bennettsville and the churches remembered the occasion. On account of the meeting of the Pee Dee Presbytery at Cheraw there was no services at the Presbyterian Church as Dr McLeod, the pastor, was in attendance on the meeting of Presbytery.

In the Methodist Sunday morning Rev R E Turnipseed faced a tremendous congregation. Flowers had been placed on the pulpit and around on the platform and every seat was filled, several having to take seats in the Sunday school room. Mr. Turnipseed's sermon was unusually interesting and helpful. The choir had practiced for the songs of the day and this was shown by the good music.

At the Baptist church Rev. C A

Jones faced another crowded house and here also flowers were in evidence. The Easter spirit pervaded the exercises of the day and Mr. Jones' sermon was in accordance with it.

On Sunday night there were no services at the Methodist church as they were dispensed with in favor of the Baptists and all repaired to the Baptist church. Mr. Jones preached a strong sermon on "Sinning against the Holy Ghost," and in his discussion of the great sins of the people and of the unpardonable sin he was given close attention.

Mr. Jones announced that the protracted meeting which had been announced to begin with the services on Sunday night had been postponed. Mr. Jones was unable to get one to help him and he said that he was very sorry to announce that the services had to be postponed but it is probable that at some near date in the future the protracted meeting will be held.

**A NEGRO SUICIDES**

**Cut His Throat with a Pocket Knife at Lumber**

A special to the News and Courier from Darlington says: Alford Ellerbe, colored, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a pocket knife yesterday afternoon.

Ellerbe lived and worked at Lumber in this county, with the Williams-McKeithan Lumber Company, and was at his work of driving a wagon as usual yesterday about 2 o'clock.

When it was noticed that his team had been standing at the mill longer than was necessary an investigation was made and his body was found lying under the mill shelter, his knife by his side and his throat cut, the jugular vein and the wind pipe being severed.

It is said that he was of unsound mind, or at least that he had on one occasion exhibited signs of mental aberration and his rash act

**TO PLANT MELONS**

**Farmers Around Bennettsville Beginning New Industry**

For two or three years the farmers around Maxton, Laurinburg, Hamlet and Hasty have made a lot of money on cantaloupes and water melons. Last year these profitable crops were planted in the Gibson and McColl communities.

The melon industry is now reaching Bennettsville, and several will plant these crops here this spring.

E. D. Graham will plant 15 acres of cantaloupes and 10 acres of watermelons in and near town.

Arch P. Breeden will plant about 50 acres of watermelons about a mile north of town, and W. M. Smith will plant several acres of cantaloupes at his plantation three miles north of town.

Many have hesitated to plant cantaloupes and watermelons here, fearing that there would not be enough to secure adequate shipping facilities and buyers. These conditions are going to be changed, however. Messrs. Graham, Smith and Breeden will be glad to have others join in with them in loading the cars and finding the best markets.

The melon industry is said to be much more profitable than cotton. Several instances are known where more than five hundred dollars per acre, clear profit, have been made on cantaloupes. It is probable that in the near future there will be buyers here bidding on melons as they now bid on cotton, and they can be sold by the wagon load or can load right here in Bennettsville, to be shipped north.

**A Woman Editor.**

Miss Estella Smoak a teacher of Williamsburg county has resigned her position and will go into journalism having bought the Branchville Journal. She will edit and publish this paper and will be a welcome addition to the newspaper fraternity.—Abbeville Medium.

of yesterday was committed while suffering from an attack of mental derangement. The coroner held an inquest today.

**Mrs McColl Entertains.**

Mrs H L McColl gave a most pleasant luncheon Thursday morning in honor of Mrs S H McGhee of Greenwood. An elaborate five course lunch was served from 11:30 to 12:30. Those who enjoyed Mrs McColl's hospitality were: Mesdames A G Sinclair, A V Roessel, H B Crosland S H McGhee, E D Moore, F E Rowe; Misses Annie Carlisle, Martha McCall, Annie May McLaurin.

**Attention Democrats**

The Democratic Clubs of Marlboro County will assemble at their respective places of meeting on Saturday Apr. the 25 at 3 p m for the purpose of reorganizing by electing a President one or more Vice Presidents a recording and a corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer and a member of the County Executive Committee and shall have the following working committees of not less than three members each, viz: A committee on registration, an executive committee and such other committees as to each Club may seem expedient. The Club will be entitled to delegates as follows.

Adamsville	4
Bennettsville	18
Brightsville	5
Brownsville	7
Clio	
Hebron	5
McColl	11
Mill Village	3
Quicks Cross Roads	4
Red Hill	6
Smithville	4
Tatum	4

By order of the County Executive Committee

Jno N Drake Chairman  
A C Green Secretary.  
Bennettsville, S C  
April 6th 1908  
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**TIME FOR THE NECESSETIES**

Easter of 1908 is gone and we are proud of the Easter business we had. Time now to think of the dependable stuff thats to carry us thro the rest of the hot summer. Make this provision for yourself now before the cream is all skimmed.

**Clothing**

The thin 2 piece suits will now be in evidence. Just as well buy now a suit to carry you through the season, w are the ones with the goods. Remember the **HIGHART** kind is the kind that's to be depended on when you are looking for a suit that fits like tailored goods, look as well and wear as well. To get the suit that fits good, wears good and looks good be sure to get the **HIGH ART KIND** That's our kind, in all the good styles and leading colors. Prices from \$13.50 to \$22.00. Every suit warranted.

**Miller Make Clothing**

When you want to put a ten dollar bill in a suit and get fifteen dollars worth of goods put the \$10.00 bill in our hands and we will put the \$15.00 **MILLERMAKE** suit on your back. In Greys, Brown mixture and Blues, hummers. Just the fit itself of one of them is worth the \$10.00 bill to any one.

**Shoes for Summer**

It's the happy shoe customer that makes us happy, it's us that makes the shoe customer happy, it's the kind of shoes we sell that makes us both happy. Join our happy family and make your feet happy. They will need the kind of summer shoes we sell before long. Better come on and get fitted up.

Don't forget the footwear for the children. **BARE FOOT SANDALS** for women and children are here.

A new shipment just in of those warranted black taffeta petty coats for \$1.95

A suit of **ROMPERS** will save the child's clothing. We've got 'em 75c to \$1.00



WE CAN MAKE YOUR FEET SHINE IN SWELL SUMMER SHOES. WE ARE THE EXCLUSIVE AGENTS FOR THE QUEEN QUALITY SHOES IN BENNETTSVILLE. THESE SHOES SATISFY YOU. HANAN OPEN SHOES FEEL COMFORTABLE. CROSSETT AND RALSTON SHOES GIVE YOU WEAR. DO NOT NEGLECT YOUR FEET. YOU OWE THEM A DUTY. IF YOU DO NOT THINK THEY DO YOU GOOD, TRY DOING WITHOUT THEM A WHIL WHY NOT SHOW APPRECIATION FOR YOUR FEET AND GET THEM A GOOD PAIR OF SHOES?

**GET THE GOOD SUMMER SUITS FOR THE BOYS**  
right now. They are here. Anything you want is here.  
**McCALL-WEATHERLY COMPANY.**