

The Easley Messenger.

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THE LOCAL PAPER.

The Chicago Tribune, one of the leading papers of the West, tells a great deal of truth in a few words in this article:

What tells as readily the standard of a town or city as the appearance of its paper? And its youth or its age can as well be determined as by a personal notice. The enterprise of its citizens is depicted by its advertisements, their liberality by the looks of the paper. Some papers show a good, solid, healthy foundation, plethoric purses, and a well-to-do appearance generally; others show a striving to contend with the grasping thousands around them, trying to wrench out an existence from the close-fisted community around them. An occasional meteoric display in its columns shows what it can do if it had the means, but it cannot continue its expensive work until support comes which ought to readily be granted.

A newspaper is like a church; it wants fostering; then it can reflect credit on its location. Take your home paper. It gives you more news of immediate interest than New York or other papers; it talks to you when other localities belie you; it stands up for your rights; you always have a champion in your home paper, and those who stand up for you should certainly be well sustained. Your interests are kindred and equal, and you must rise or fall together. Therefore, it is to your interest to support your home paper not grudgingly, but in a liberal spirit; as a pleasure, not as a disagreeable duty; but as an investment that will amply pay the expenditure.

Will all the readers of the above weigh the truths contained therein, and continue to act accordingly? The new year of 1884 is now upon us. It is a time for the formation of new resolutions, for the revision of old plans, for the renewing of energy, and for putting into operation all those forces, that may tend to the upbuilding of both public and private interests. As a town grows up, business firms, and all such like, grow with it. It is to their interest to contribute their share to the maintaining of all the enterprises which are apt to redound to the public good.

In soliciting future patronage to THE MESSENGER, we feel that all will be benefited by it. The pa-

per is read in many households, and we are glad to learn that it is generally liked. We want to see the enterprise nurtured in the future, as it has been in the past. Let all accept the thanks due them, from the editor, for their kind patronage, and now as we enter upon the threshold of '84, let us carry forward this enterprise until it has reached a high plane of success. Within the space of a few weeks, we hope to have THE MESSENGER enlarged. As it spreads out itself before the people let all grasp it, and let it be welcomed in every household, in and out of the County. The editor shall attempt to make the journal worthy the patronage it might receive.

EXCHANGING POSTAGE STAMPS—

The Postmaster General has issued the following letter to postmasters:

"In consequence of the recent reduction in letter rate of postage postmasters are directed to exchange for the public, as applications may be made, three and six cents denominations of postage stamps and stamped envelopes for others of different denominations. Postmasters are informed that under no circumstances must money be given in exchange for stamps or envelopes. Stamped envelopes will be exchanged at their full current rate. Stamped envelopes bearing printed cards and special request, as well as ordinary stamped envelopes, are to be exchanged. Also, stamped envelopes, that bear printed addresses. Stamps and envelopes of issues prior to 1861 must not be exchanged for stamps received by postmasters in exchange, but must be held as part of their stock in hand until notified to return them to the Department.

INTERNAL REVENUE REPORTS.—

For the first five months of the present fiscal year the total internal revenue collections have amounted to \$51,279,438, being \$11,843,971 less than during the corresponding period of last year. In spirits there has been a total increase of collections amounting to \$2,174,771 and in fermented liquors an increase of \$497,388. The total decrease in the collection of taxes on tobacco has amounted to \$9,191,607; in taxes from banks and bankers \$1,068,292, and in miscellaneous taxes, \$3,656,231.

—At the suit of the East Tennessee, Virginia & Georgia and the Louisville & Nashville roads, the United States Courts have granted a temporary injunction against the Railroad Commission of Tennessee to restrain it from interfering with freight rates.

—Subscribe for THE MESSENGER.

—The saloon keepers of Lawrence, Kansas, have given up their fight against the prohibitory law, and the saloons are all closed—back doors as well as front.

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F. A. WALTER, PROPRIETOR.

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GREENVILLE, S. C.

Pure Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Toilet articles, the best brands of Segars and Tobacco, Notions, etc., at prices as low as can be found in the State. Polite and attentive Clerks, with a full and select stock of Goods is our Leading Inducement. Our line of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

cannot be excelled, as we have useful, as well as ornamental articles, for your wife, husband, sweetheart, child or friend, and all at bottom prices. Don't fail to give me a call, and you are sure to depart happy. I am sole Agent for this county for the celebrated

WIZARD OIL,

the merits of which cannot be over-estimated.

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THE Dry Goods Emporium OF DR. J. W. QUILLIAN, Easley, S. C.,

Still lives, and he desires to thank the public for their liberal patronage in the past, and say to them that his Stock of

DRY GOODS,

Notions, Hats, Caps, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, heavy and Fancy Groceries, Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Glass and Dye Stuffs, are complete at PANIC PRICES.

To the Ladies I desire to say that my Fall Stock of Millinery has just come in, embracing all the Latest Novelties, and Latest Styles of Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons and Neck wear, all at BOTTOM PRICES. Call and see me and you will be pleased.

Oct 12—12m

DRY GOODS —AND— SHOES.

Headquarters for Dress Goods, Black and Colored Silks, Black Cashmeres, Henrietta Cloths, Albatross Cloths, Bergaline Cloths, and in fact everything in

BLACK DRESS GOODS.

An exquisite line of Walking Jackets, Cloaks, Dolmans, Paletots and CHILDREN'S CLOAKS.

The only place you will find Evitt & Bros'. Fine Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children. They have numerous friends. It takes but one trial to make for them a customer. For

Style, Fit and Comfort

they are unexcelled Table Linens, Towels, Blankets, Napkins and Doilies in abundance.

—Come and see us. Prices an inducement. Bargains to be had at

J. H. MORGAN & BRO.,
Wholesale and Retail Merchants,
GREENVILLE, S. C.

Nov 2—3m

Greenville MACHINE WORKS AND IRON FOUNDRY,

R. M. MACDONALD, Prop'r.

and Manufacturer of all kinds of Machinery, Brass and Iron Castings made to order.

I am agent for the Judson Governor, and can duplicate any part; also the

HANCOCK INSPIRATOR,

which I can fit to any boiler. The safest and simplest means of injecting water into a boiler. Information cheerfully furnished on application. I have on hand Steam Gauges, Fittings, Valves and Steam Pipes of all sizes. My stock is first-class and from the best manufactures.

Write for prices.

R. M. MACDONALD—Dear Sir: We have one of the Hancock Inspirators, No. 12½, furnished by you, in use supplying our 40-Horse Power Boiler with water, and consider it equal to, if not superior, to any in use. We cheerfully recommend it.

Shumate, Grady & Nichols.

R. M. MACDONALD, Greenville, S. C. —Dear Sir: The No. 17½ Hancock Inspirator placed on my 50-Horse Power Boiler by you, proved a success so far in every particular, and as a boiler feeder, I believe it has no equal. Before I secured your Inspirator I suffered from uneasiness, besides the expense of keeping our steam pump "in repairs." It does its work promptly. Can recommend it to any using a boiler feeder. Respectfully yours

George Putnam.

R. M. MACDONALD, Greenville, S. C. —Dear Sir: The No. 8½ Hancock Inspirator you put on my Portable Engine last summer. I consider it far superior to any pump I have ever seen. In fact I could not get along without it. Would advise all owners of steam engines to use them.

Respectfully yours

E. F. Algood.

Dec 21—3m

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LATEST SCHEDULE

On the Piedmont Air-Line Rail Road, of trains arriving at Easley.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 50, (Passenger) arrive 7:11 A. M.
No. 52, " " 5:53 P. M.
No. 18, Local Freight " 6:45 P. M.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 51, (Passenger) arrive 10:34 P. M.
No. 53, " " 3:07 P. M.
No. 17, Local Freight " 5:13 A. M.
All of the above trains carry passengers.

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Watches, Jewelry, &c., Repaired at Reasonable prices—Work Guaranteed. Watches and Chains Replated with Gold or Silver.

A nice line of Christmas Presents on hand, and at lowest rates.

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