CHRISTMAS,

Christmas has come and gone, and it seems to be the universal opinion, that socially it has been a very dull one. In a business point of view it is said that there was a large amount done. On the alay before Christmas the streets were crowded with people and vehicles of all kind. Money seemed to be plentiful, and we hear of some merchants who made very large sales. On Christmas day all the stores in town were closed and the streets were quiet. Later in the day, some folks had "aboard" more than their allowance of "spirits" and were a little loud, but not disorderly.

We are not going to moralize over the occasion, but look forward to the next festival, and wish all our friends and readers a happy and prosperous new year.

Report of the High School of Abbeville, S. C.

Although it has not been customary to make a published report of the condition of our High School, I consider this as the safest and best means of affording the trustees and patrons a definite idea of its progress and standing. At the opening of the school in September, the roll numbered 72 pupils. By a gradual increase, it had reached a maximum of 85 pupils, when the school closed for the Christmas holidays. Of these, 30 were present in the principal's room; 22, in the first assistant,s; and 33, in the second assistant's. I experience great satisfaction in saying that the advancement of each pupil has reached my highest expectations. I do not attribute this success to my efforts nor to the efforts of my assistants, alone, but to the combined efforts of teachers and scholars, and of teachers and parents. The attendance has been very satisfactory, although I must insist, strenuously upon the co-operation of the parents in this connection. It would be utterly impossible for the teachers, alone, to succeed, were they not stimulated by the assistance of the patrons. Let me, therefore, urge upon them the necessity for close attention to the scholars, while at home, so that they may either fully understand and know their recitations, at the opening of the school, or may know upon what particular subject to obtain information; for, as we all know, the few hours of teaching must be devoted, principally, each day, to the recitations and to such explanations as may be necessary for the pupils' proper understand-ing of each subject. I would like, also, te call the attention of the patrons, once again, to the condition of our schoolbuilding. Why should not Abbeville boast of a more suitable and more attractive building for this purpose? Why should not Abbeville boast, also, of a school of such a grade that the patronage will not be restricted to its immediate vicinity? Is not the building one condition of the school's success? Are the people of Abbeville willing, then, to be surpassed by other places, of much less means and importance? Although the trustees deserve much credit for their efforts and interest in this enterslight general interest, evinced in this direction. It will require more than the efforts of the few to ensure this success. Let us, therefore, turn our attention to this matter; for we all must know the value of education in this age and the dependency of our children's success upon it. Allow me, then, to say that I hope to see, soon, a lively interest awakened in this behalf; for by some such assistance alone, can I warrant the fu-

ture, permanent, success of our school WISTER ARCHER, M. A., Ph. B. Princ. Abb. High School. Dec. 28, 1885.

The C. G. & A. R. R.

The Legislature has chartered the Chester, Greenwood and Abbeville Railway Company. The design of this company is to construct a line of rail-road from Atlanta, Ga., to Monroe, N. C. A terminus at Atlanta will give us a desirable connection with all parts of tion of all who are interested in the South and West, and a terminus at welfare of the schools. Respectfully, Morroe will give us railroad connection direct with the great cotton markets and shipping points North, insuring cheaper freight rates, and thereby increase the price of cotton to the farmer. There is no doubt that if the towns and townships along the line will grade the road and furnish the crosstics that the capitalists North will complete equip and run the road.

There are three routes by which we can reach the Georgia line. By Mt. Carmel, Enrights Store and Lowndes-ville. Abbeville village and the townships along either of these lines can grade the road and furnish the crossies. Let a strong effort be made to push this road through immediately. R. R.

Bargains, Bargains,

For the next thirty days we offer a great many goods at astonishingly low prices, to reduce stock before moving, 1st of January next. R. M. Haddon & Co.

Look Out.

Hill is in town again. He makes as good a picture as any of them.

Mr. J. M. Taylor is selling goods for Galphin & Jahnson.

Linen collars in at all styles from 5 cents to 25 cents at Bell & Galphin's. 1, '84-tf

Sheriff's Sale.

Mary T. Quarles, as Survivor &c, against J. L. and C. E. Wideman.—Execution.

By virtue of an execution to me directed, in the above stated case, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, within the legal hours of sale, at Abbeville courthouse, on Monday, the 4th day of January, 1886, all the right, title and interest of C. E. Widemanin the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Abbeville, South Carolina, and known as the J. H. Wideman Home place and containing

Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Acres more or less, bounded by lands of Mrs. E. P. Harrison, Mrs. F. E. Perrin, S. S. Chiles and

Also, that tract of land on Hardlabor creek,

Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Acres more or less, bounded by Mrs. E. P. Harrison, Mrs F. E. Perrin and others.

Levied on and to be sold as the property of C. E. Wideman to satisfy the aforesaid execution and costs. Terms cash. J. F. C. DUPRE, Dec 12, 1885. Sheriff A. C.

Master's Sale.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. James H. Dunn vs. Alice A. Ferguson et al.-

BY virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Saleday in January, 1886, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county, to wit. All that tract or parcel of land containing

Two Hundred and Forty-Nine Acres,

more or less, bounded by lands of T. J. Ellis W. C. Martin, Margaret E. Simmons and oth-

ers.
TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on a credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of the pur chaser and a mortgage of the premises. Pur chaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH.

Sheriff's Sale.

Edwin Bates & Co., and others against Young & Napier.—Execution.

By virtue of an Execution to me directed in he above stated case, I will sell to the higaest the above stated case, I will sell to the higaest bidder, at public auction within the legal hours of sale, at Abbeville courthouse, on Monday the 4th day of January, 1c.66, the following described property to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the county of Abbeville, S. C., and containing

Three hundred and Sixty-Five (less 9) Acres.

more or less, and bounded by lands of J. F. Cresswell, Estate W. K. Bradley, and others. Levied on and to be sold as the property of S. O. Young to satisfy the aforesaid Exection and costs. Sold at the risk of the former purchaser. Terms-Cash.

J. F. C. DUPRE. Dec. 14, 1885. 8. A. C.

Master's Sale. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

ABBEVILLE COUNTY

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. . P. Smith, assignee, vs. Frances A. Gable. By virtue of an order made in the above sta-

One Hundred and Fifty Acres,

properly appreciated, if we judge by the slight general interest Terms of Sale-Cash. Purchaser to pay the Master for papers.

J. C. KLUGH. 729 Master.

Notice to Schools.

THE public free schools of Abbeville County for the scholastic year 1885-6 will open on the 3rd Monday in January 1886.

An examination of teachers, embracing the usual branches, will be held on the 1st Thursday and Friday in January, 1886, white and colored teachers respec-

All certificates issued by the presen Board of Examines or by their prede cessors in office are hereby revoked Certificates from adjouing Counties will not be recognized.

We earnestly beg the hearty co-operation of all who are interested in the

> Geo. C. Hodges, J. C. Klugh, Jno. A. Robinson, County Board of Examiners.

For Sale.

I OFFER for sale, at low figures, on Saleday in July, the following property:

1 Five-horse power Upright Engine.

1 Farquhar Thresher,

The above property, is considered in good condition, and may be bought very low by applying to the undersigned at the MESSENGER Office.

JAS. S. PERRIN.

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May 6, 1885-tf

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Oct 21, '85.

Attorney at Law.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

Probate Court-Citation for Letters of Administration.

By J. FULLER LYON, Esq., Probate Judge :

WHEREAS, Belinda Chaney has made suit to me to grant her leters of Administration of the Estate and effects of James Chaney, late of Abbeville County, deceased.

These are therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said James Chaney, doceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Abbeville C. H., on Priday the 11th of December 1885, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clook in the forencon, to show cause if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal, this SEAL. 27th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight and eighty-five and in the 110th year of American Independence.

Published on the 1st day of December 1885, in the MESSENGER and on the Court House door for the time required by law.

J. FULLEE LYON,

J. FULLER LYON, 27 Dec. 1, '85. Judge Probate Court.

Cothran & Perrin FALL OPENING. 1885.

A LL are respectfully invited to invited to invited to inspect our stock of

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On the

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Cloaks.

New Markets, Circulars &c., in great

Shoes.

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We have many Novelties to show our friends this season, that they will not find in any other House in this section.

Call early if you wish the most desirable goods, many lines in our stock cannot be duplicated on less than twenty-five per cent.,

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Goods areadvancing, but as long as our stock lasts will sell at old prices.

Don't fail to call and see us, we have some real bargains to offer in the latest novelties.

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New Store on the Corner under the new hotel. When you come to

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Good No. 8s, with 15 pieces and pipe for \$15.00.

Better grades No. 8s, with 20 pieces and pipe from \$15.00 to \$25.00.

All our SOVES have large ovens and the latest improvements.

August 19, '85. 128.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina, entitled "an act to charter the Greenville and Port Royal Ra-1 Road Company," approved December 23d, 1882, an election will be held on the 2d day of January, 1886, at the voting precinct for Ninety-Six Township. in the town of Ninety-Six, at which election shall be submitted to the qualified electors of said township, the question whether or not the said township shall subscribe the amount of five per cent. of the assessed value for taxation of the total property in said town-ship in interest bearing bonds of Ninety-Six Township maturing in twenty years, to the capital stock of the Greenville and Port Royal Railroad Company according to the provisions of said act and the amendmendments proposed thereto by the bond of corporators of

said Railroad Company. At said election those voting in favor of said subscription, shall cast ballots, having written or printed thereon the word "SUBSCRIPTION," and those voting against said subscription shall cast ballots having written or printed thereon the words "NO SUBSCIP-TION." The polls shall be opened at 8 o'clock, a. m., and remain open until 5 o'clock p. m., of said day, and upon closing, the managers of Said election shall proceed at once to count the votes and shall return the same with their statement and tally sheet, and the poll list to the office of County Commissioners for Abbeville County, on Monday

next succeeding said election. A. S. Osborne, J. A. Moore, and G. M. Anderson have been appointed Managers to conduct said election according to law and the provisions of the said

By resolution of the Board.

JAMES A. McCORD, Chair. Brd. Co. Com. Abb., Co., S. C.

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PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS DECIDED TO USE THE KNIFE.

My wife and daughter suffered for years with an affection of the throat, which was gradually but surely undermining their health, and was a source of anxiety to all of us. Two of the best physicians of the city and also a surgeon were called in, and after a careful examination they decided that there was no chance of a cure unless they would consent to undergo a surgical operation. We were much opposed to the knife being used, sntil all other means had been exhausted. So, we began to use different throat remedies sold at drug stores. We finally got to Brewer's Lung Restorer, and the effects were truly wonderful; and after a few bottles had been taken they were entirely relieved of the trouble and their health fully restored. If any of my family should ever be similarly affected, I would, if necessary, travel around the world in order to get this remedy. Very respectfully, W. H. MANSFIELD.

Macon, Ga.

Macon, Ga., August 15th, 1880.

With great pleasure I certify to the efficacy of that truly excellent preparation—Brewer's Lung Restorer. It has indeed proven to be a sovereign remedy in my family. For many months my wife has suffered from weak lungs, and has experienced great difficulty in breathing, so much so that she could not sleep at all at night; she also lost her appetite, and, in fact, her condition was truly alarming. The Lung Restorer having been recommended by several friends, I resolved to get it and test its virtues, which I did, and with the most happy effect. She has taken but two bottles, and the result is wonderful. She now experiences no difficulty in breathing, her appetite is good, and she is rapidly regaining her strength, and I am convinced its continued use will effect a permanent cure. I would, therefore, cheeffully recommend it to all who have weak lungs, as it cannot fail to be of great benefit to all who may give it a trial

Yours truly.

GEO. W. SIMS

The above testimonial was given in 1880. Hear what the same gentleman says after an interval of four years:

"I have had no cause to change my opinion relative to the efficacy of Brower's Lung Restorer in cases of diseased lungs. The benefit derived by my wife from its use has been permanent. My fait, in its virtues is such that indicarfully recommend it to all who are affilied with pulmonary disease. Very respectfully, GEO. W. SIMS."

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Call on Thomas McGettigan's old reliable The Palmetto Saloon, and you will be sare to get good pure goods for

No. 3421 Treasury Department.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency,

Washington, December 16th, 1885. WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that

"The National Bank of Abeeville,"

in the TOWN OF ABBEVILLE, in the County of ABBEVILLE, and State of SOUTH CAROLINA, has complied with all the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an associotion shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now therefore I, HENRY W. CANNON, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE NATIONAL BANK OF ABBEVILLE," in the Town of Abbeville, in the County of Abbeville, and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and state of the Banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Stat-utes of the United States.

In the testimony whereof witnes my [L.S.] hand and Seal of office this 15th day of December, 1885.

H. W. CANNON, Comptroller of the Currency. Dec. 22, '85, tf

AYER'S PILLS.

A large proportion of the diseases which cause human suffering result from derangement of the stomach, bowels, and liver. AYER'S CATHARTIC PILLS act directly upon these organs, and are especially designed to cure the diseases caused by their derangement, including Constipation, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Headache, Dysentery, and a host of other ailments, for all of which they are a safe, sure, prompt, and pleasant remedy. The extensive use of these PILLS by eminent physicians in regular practice, shows unmistakably the estimation in which they are held by the medical profession. A large proportion of the diseases which

These Pills are compounded of vegetable substances only, and are absolutely free from calomel or any other injurious ingredient.

"Ayer's Pills are invaluable to me, and are my constant companion. I have been a severe sufferer from Headache, and your Pills are the only thing I could look to for relief. One dose will quickly move my bowels and free my head from pain. They are the most effective and the easiest physical laws ever found. It is a pleasure to me to speak in their praise, and I always do so when occasion offers.

W. L. Page, of W. L. Page & Bro."

Franklin St., Richmond, Va., June 3, 1882. A Sufferer from Headache writes:

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Mexia, Texas, June 17, 1882. The Rev. Francis B. Harlows, writing from Atlanta, Ga., says: "For some years past I have been subject to constipation, from which, in spite of the use of medicines of various kinds, I s Aered increasing inconvenience, until some months ago I began taking Aven's Pills. They have entirely corrected the costive habit, and have vastly improved my general health."

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A REMEDY that Mr. C. W. O'Neil, Goodwater, Ala., says raised his wife from an invalid's bed, and he believes enved her life.

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