

THE LEDGER
Tuesday and Friday.

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Hereafter no advertisements will be accepted at this office after 9:30 o'clock on Mondays and Thursdays.

Watch your label and the date. And renew before 'tis too late; If there be an error, don't get mad. Report to us—we'll make you glad. Remember, 'tis our aim to please, But errors are like pesky fleas— They will creep in spite of fate. Therefore, watch your label and the date.

—Original.

DEMORALIZATION BREWED BY LAW

The failure of the Real Estate Trust Company, of Philadelphia, on the 28th of August, coming soon after that of the Milwaukee Avenue Savings Bank, of Chicago, the failure of the Walsh banks, of the same city, and of the Enterprise National Bank, of Allegheny, Pa., and the exposure of the unparalleled rascality of the insurance companies of New York, produces a sense of insecurity bordering on panic. All these failures and betrayals of trust by men of high standing in the financial and religious ranks of society indicate wide-spread demoralization. No man with money on deposit in a bank can feel safe. It is not, of course, generally believed that all, or even the greater number of bankers, are dishonest; but since many have been exposed as thieves and worse, and since all those who have been exposed were men of supposedly high character, people begin to suspect almost everybody connected with the business. They begin to fear that our banking system, State and national, is a snare instead of a citadel.

The Allegheny concern and the Walsh concerns, were all national banks, supposed to be under the careful guardianship of the Comptroller of the Currency. But their failure shows that Federal supervision of banking is largely a failure; that Federal inspectors of banking are about as lax as those Federal meat inspectors who supervised the packing houses of Chicago, whose inspection was "fotonik" enough, but by no means energetic enough.

The president is directly responsible to the people for the rascality and inefficiency of his bank inspectors and his meat inspectors; and if he would attend to his official duties instead of "handling congress," preaching about large families and square deals, and issuing proclamations about spelling, those who eat meat and deposit their money in banks would fare better.

EXPRESS COMPANIES PLUNDER-
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It's rather amusing to hear from the express companies' attorneys that the public never complained of the high rates charged by those corporations. Perhaps now the express business is under the control of the Inter-State Commerce Commission the express companies will soon discover there are outraged customers of all the express companies who have long protested at the high rates charged, but never officially filed their complaints, knowing from experience it was useless to do so. Those who find express rates are unreasonably high should lose no time in sending their complaints to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, with a statement of the rate charged and the facts about the shipment complained of. From the evidence brought to light in the fight of the Adams Express company shareholders for larger dividends, it was shown that that corporation had millions of surplus and was earning nearly forty per cent. Evidently the rates of that corporation should be, at least, reduced to one-third of the present rates.

It is well to note that railroad magnate Harriman, who, we have been informed, "stands upon a higher plane" than other people, owns the controlling interest of that plundering corporation.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The bulletin at The Ledger office is for the public—friend and foe alike—and all are invited to avail themselves of the benefits.

We haven't forgotten the idea of a bridge across Broad river at Gaston shoals. It's a capital idea and should not be allowed to drop.

It matters little as to who is nominated for the lower house of the general assembly from this county today. The four men running will compare most favorably with the average member of the general assembly. All of them are honest and above reproach.

Every patriot in South Carolina—that is every man who loves his State and who is opposed to a continuation of the present corrupt manner of handling whiskey in this State—

should go to the polls today and register his protest against the system by casting his ballot for Ansel and Lyons.

For nearly two years we are going to eschew politics and contribute what little we can toward the upbuilding of our town, our county and our State. We are tired of politics. We can't get our good friend Sam Sarratt to agree with us along this line, but in other respects we get along quite well, so we've determined that we'll bury the hatchet for a while at least.

The opponents of Lyon declare that he possesses no ability as a lawyer, but at the same time they have not been able to find a lawyer in all South Carolina who has ability enough to match him when it comes to combating his onslaughts on the dispensary system. Vote for Lyon, the brightest and most fearless lawyer before the people of South Carolina today.

Just as we were putting ourselves on the back about the good conditions in Cherokee, here comes the news of a dark and bloody murder at Grover over a package of moonshine whiskey. The devil will get in his work occasionally in spite of all that can be done. It's too bad, but that is no reason why we should cease trying to persuade the people to be good. This whiskey question is a most gigantic one.

This is a progressive period. Industry is abroad in the land and there is more to be done than there are people to do it. Therefore it is disgusting to see, as was the case in this town Sunday, a strong, healthy looking, able bodied white man going from house to house begging for a "hand-out." One person referred the applicant to Chief of Police Lockhart, but it is safe to say the mendicant did not apply to Mr. Lockhart.

Simply to illustrate how The Ledger is appreciated by former Gaffney people now living abroad, we publish the following from a dear good woman who at one time lived here:

"Dear Ledger:—I am very glad to renew my subscription. Your visits give me great pleasure, keeping me in touch with all the interests of dear old Gaffney. Grand success to you and blessings for all your friends."

Yours truly,

L. C. B."

We do not advise anyone to vote against Mr. Manning on the ground that he is corrupt, for we do not believe there is a better man in the State than he, and we do not believe that he will stand for corruption, but he does stand for a system that has been corrupt in the past and which we believe will always be corrupt in spite of anything Mr. Manning or any other man can do or say, therefore, we are in favor of Mr. Ansel, who is opposed to that system.

The intelligence of a proposed electric street railway for Gaffney, which The Ledger conveys to the public today, is a most gratifying piece of news. There is no man better qualified for such an undertaking than Mr. Wheat. He is a man of intellect, conservative in his ideas, and commands the confidence and esteem of men of capital. He is a captain of industry and if any man can push the matter to a successful termination that man is H. D. Wheat.

Raising Stock or Little Negroes.

On one side of the creek we can show you a large farm that was once considered one of the finest farms in the country, but for the last eighteen years it has been run in cotton and negroes, until a large part of the once fertile soil is now in the lower places and in the streams, until these small streams are all filled with the washings from the lands above. These once rich bottom lands on the filled up streams are worthless now for crops. This whole farm now has a skinned, desolate and barren look about it. Stock raising here—excepting little negroes—is at its lowest ebb.

Not far away from the above farm is a farm that is farmed like the man who was after taking care of himself and his lands, too. On every side on the hills as well as on the lowland he has fine crops of grain and grass and pastures, rotting with cows, calves, hogs and pigs, mares and colts and poultry. The greatest land in places are nearly all covered over with grass. The toiling of men and calves, the sowing of seeds, the weeding of the hens, all come in one grand chorus of farm music that makes the heart of the true farmer lean with joy, and his city cousin wants to swap places with him.

Compare these two farms' products. One is covered over almost with grass and live stock and the land and the man is growing richer. The cotton plantation is growing poorer while this man is raising little negroes.

Take your choice. As for our part we can manage the stock better than we can the little negroes, who generally go away to town or other places just as soon as they get big enough.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Florine Smyth, of Anniston, Ala., is the guest of her brother, Mr. Maynard Smyth, at Mrs. R. S. Lipscomb's.

Mrs. W. W. Thomas and Mrs. Will Turner left Friday for Lowryville, Chester county, where they go to visit relatives and friends for a short while.

Miss Idelle Brown, of Spartanburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. C. Humphries, on Smith street.

Miss Mayme Gaston, one of Blacksburg's charming young ladies, is the guest of the Misses Hopper, on Logan street.

Senator Walter H. Wells, of Florence, was in the city Saturday and Sunday. Dame rumor has it gossiped about that Mr. Wells was here on very important business.

John Humphries and R. L. Thomas, of Pacolet, spent Sunday in the city. There is a couple of charming magnets in Gaffney that draw these young gentlemen hither quite frequently, so we are told.

W. S. Hall, Esq., left yesterday for Waynesville and Asheville on legal business. He will return today.

Floyd L. Ross, one of Cherokee's bright young men, leaves today for Clemson College.

M. B. Sams spent Sunday in the city with his parents, Prof. and Mrs. R. O. Sams, on Victoria avenue.

Wofford Price, of Cowpens R. F. D. No. 1, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Littlejohn and children, who have been the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Littlejohn, left yesterday for their home in Batesburg.

Mrs. S. O. Walker left yesterday for a visit to Waynesville, N. C.

Frank Wilson, of Monroe, N. C., is spending a few days in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Gaffney, of Spartanburg, are visiting in the city. Jones Brown, of Cowpens, was in the city Saturday.

W. C. Cooke left yesterday for a short stay in King's Mountain, N. C.

Mrs. Barrow and Misses Julia and Adelaide Barrow, of Concord, N. C., who have been in the city for some days as the guests of Mrs. J. F. Garrett at a house party, leave today for Lewiston, where they attend a house party at Mr. John Shanks'.

Messrs. C. C. Wilson, E. T. Parker, J. F. Spake, Herman Nelson and Ed George were Greenville visitors Sunday.

Miss Catherine Dillard and Miss Mollie Layton, of Spartanburg, spent last week in the city in attendance at the house party of Misses Lula and Freeman Garrett.

Frank Ogburn, of Monroe, N. C., is spending a few days in Gaffney.

Miss Maria Goforth, of Blacksburg, was in the city Saturday.

Ernest F. Robbins has returned to the city after spending the summer in Asheville.

George Littlejohn has accepted a position with John G. Bramlett.

H. T. Monroe, formerly of this city, now of Atlanta, is in the city.

E. H. Gaines went to Greenville last Thursday in the interest of "Schapp's" ginger ale.

Mayor Little was in Spartanburg Thursday on business.

R. A. Jones was a business visitor to Spartanburg last Thursday.

Monroe Lemmons, who is stationed near Greenville, was in the city several days last week.

J. B. Bell, Esq., had business in the city of the Spartans last Thursday.

J. L. Sarratt returned from New York Thursday. He purchased his fall stock while there.

J. W. Sparks, one of Cherokee's progressive planters, was in the city yesterday on business.

Henry Smith has returned from New York, the Bowery and Coney Island.

S. J. Mercer got back from a trip near Sandy. He visited New York, Philadelphia, and Washington while away.

B. O. Turner, one of Cherokee's hustling young farmers, was in the city yesterday on business.

Capt. S. S. Ross returned from a two-week's stay in New York. He met up with our good friend Bill Stringer while gone, and of course Bill made it pleasant for the Captain.

Will Magness, of Spartanburg, was in the city Sunday.

R. E. Moore, of Greenville, N. C., was in Gaffney Friday.

J. H. Wartman, of Laurens, who is a candidate for election as railroad commissioner, was in the city Sunday.

J. W. S. Goff, of Spartanburg, was in the city Saturday.

C. P. Cates, Jr., a prominent

young man of Spartanburg, was in the city Saturday.

C. P. Sullivan, of Anderson, was in the city yesterday.

J. C. Woods, of Yorkville, was in the city yesterday.

S. C. Craig, of Anderson, was in the city yesterday.

J. V. Neff, of King's Mountain, N. C., was in Gaffney Saturday.

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W. H. Cunningham, of Lancaster, was in Gaffney Saturday.

W. W. Holland, of the Spartanburg Herald, was in the city Friday.

A. Gregg Sosong, of Star Farm,

Forest McCraw will leave for Virginia next Tuesday, where he will attend school this fall.

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