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W. A. LEE, EDITOR.

TERMS—Three Dollars a year in advance...

Friday, December 31, 1869.

Masonic Festival.

The Anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, was celebrated by the Masonic Fraternity of our Village...

We are gratified to learn that Clinton Lodge is now out of debt, and in a prosperous condition generally...

Christmas.—Christmas week is passing off without any noteworthy incident. In spite of the wet and disagreeable weather there has been a large attendance of freedmen...

The new firm of Norwood, DuPre & Co., Grocers and general Provision merchants at No. 3 White's Block...

We had the pleasure of greeting in our midst, during the present week, our esteemed friend Rev. D. McNeil Turner, D. D., the distinguished divine, and courteous Christian gentleman...

We see the advertisement of Mr. E. Cowan, the sole agent for the District of Whan's Super-Phosphate of Lime...

The members of the Executive Committee of the Abbeville Agricultural Society will not forget the meeting appointed for Tuesday next, (4th January)...

See the advertisement of Messrs. Trowbridge & Co., who are offering a varied lot of choice fertilizers, Guanos, Phosphates, Vegetables, &c., also Dickson's celebrated cotton seed...

Messrs. Mays, Barnwell & Co. advertise superior varieties of corn—also choice fertilizers.

See notice of fresh arrivals at White Brothers—hardware, saddles, bridles, and harness, and groceries.

The Greenville & Columbia Railroad, and Northern Capitalists.

[The following editorial was prepared last week, but deferred, by request.] We learn that at a late meeting of the Directors of the G. & C. R. R., held in Columbia, a proposition to lease the road for a number of years was made by certain Northern Capitalists...

What is it that these Capitalists proposed to do?—to pay the floating debt of the Company, and keep down the interest on the funded debt—to buy up the Stock, at \$2 per share—to replace the light iron of the road with heavy "T" iron—to improve the rolling stock—to build a telegraph line along the road—to reduce the freight and passage rates 20 per cent.—in short as stated in the annexed letter of their agent, to expend in two years, upon the road, one half million more than the revenue of the road...

Should this or some similar proposition not be accepted? Would it not be to the interest of the stockholders themselves to sell out at \$2 per share? Even if it involved a sacrifice in this particular, would it not be amply compensated, by the appreciation of those greater interests which belong to the stockholders as owners of real estate, and property holders otherwise? Who shall set limits to the benefits which would result from the infusion of unlimited capital and unbounded energy into an enterprise of this character...

The following is a Memorandum of the proposition to lease the Greenville and Columbia Railroad by Thos. A. Scott, President Pennsylvania Central Railroad, and Henry Clews Banker, New York.

1st. To lease the Road for 20 or 25 years. 2nd. To pay the interest on the entire funded debt of the company and to continue to pay it promptly as it matures during the lease, also to pay the floating debt of the company at the time the lease commences.

3d. To buy all the stock offered within one year from the date of the commencement of the lease at two dollars per share cash. 4th. To take up and relay all the light iron on the Road (say about 55 miles) with T Rail of not less weight than 50 lbs to the yard, within two years from the commencement of the lease, and to relay all the balance of the road when needed with similar iron.

5th. To improve the condition of the rolling stock of the road, within one year, and make it equal to the requirements of the road, and to keep it up to the improved condition during the lease. 6th. To build a telegraph line along the entire line; as soon as it can be done after the commencement of the lease, or within one year, provided a charter for the same, with the necessary legislation, can be obtained from the Legislature.

7th. To reduce the rates of freight and passage at once 20 per cent. below present rates, and not to increase it above that reduced rate during the lease. 8th. To deposit a sufficient amount of bonds and stocks with the company, or in place agreed upon, as security for the faithful and prompt carrying out of the contract or lease.

9th. To run the road regularly during the term, and to turn it over to the company at the termination of it, in its improved condition.

sees, involved the expenditure of not less than half a million dollars, in excess of the revenue, within two years, and I made the most liberal proposition I can make within the scope of my authority. I considered two dollars per share for the stock its outside value, and cannot offer more. Without the cordial approval and co-operation of the present owners and friends of the road, our scheme would not be practicable, and in view of the adverse feeling manifested, and the offers proposed which we could not accede to, I respectfully ask leave to withdraw my proposition to lease the road.

Yours, &c., A. K. McCLURE.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL AND THE GIFT ENTERPRISE SWINDLERS.—The "dead beats" or "gift enterprise swindlers" are about to be hoisted on their own petards. The game is up with them. The Postmaster-General has issued instructions that all letters addressed to the swindling concerns in the city, well known to the employees of the office, shall be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington. This blocks the gift enterprise swindlers. A good job. Let us have a few more of the kind.—[New York Herald.]

Read advertisement of Parker & Lee, with reference to Goods in their line. On hand or expected daily.

Markets. ABBEVILLE, December 31.—Cotton 22 @ 23. NEW YORK, December 29.—Cotton steady at 25 1/2. Gold 119 1/2. AUGUSTA, December 29.—Cotton market opened firm at 23, but closed quiet at 23 1/2; sales 500 bales. CHARLESTON, December 29.—Cotton quiet; sales 450 bales—middling 23 1/2; receipts 1,108.

CONSIGNEES. The following named persons have freight in the Depot at Abbeville: J. T. Devlin, Mosely & W. J. W. Thomas, C. T. Haskell, J. W. Griffin, W. Cook, Rev. G. F. Round, W. McCombs.

MARRIAGES. MARRIED, by Rev. George F. Round, Tuesday evening, December 28th, Mr. BREXIDEN A. SMITH, of Columbia, to Miss GERTRUDE SMALL, of Abbeville.

PAY UP. OUR friends and patrons to whom we have made advances and extended credit are requested to come and settle up, as we desire to close up our old business.

MULES FOR SALE. I WILL have a lot of MULES at Abbeville C. H., on Sale Day next, which I will sell at private sale on a credit of twelve months, with note and approved security.

BACON, LARD, CORN, Molasses, &c. HATS, CAPS, SHOES, ONSABURGS, HORNSPUNS, TABLE and POCKET CUTLERY, SPADES, SHOVELS, AXES and HARDWARE generally, for sale at the lowest figures by

Norwood, DuPre & Co. Dec. 31, 1869, 36-1f

To Arrive this Day. Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Shaving Brushes, Hair Brushes, Infant Brushes, Curling Brushes, Shoe Brushes, Buffalo Combs, Metal Combs, Plantation Combs, Cologne, Eau Lustral, Bloom of Youth, Magic Balm, Pomades, H'd't Extracts, Soaps, Tooth Paste, Glycerine, Hair Dye, India Ink, Rouge, Lilly White, Queen Vic. Powders, Corn Plaster, Violet Writing Fluid, Razor Straps, Yeast Powders, ALSO, Madeira Wine, Black Pepper, Cayenne Pepper, Rock Candy, White Mustard Seed, ALSO, Hypodermic Syringes, Suspensory Bags, &c., at Parker & Lee's, Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

Grier's Southern Almanac for 1870, at PARKER & LEE'S, Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

For the Sick and Invalid. FRENCH Brandy, (imported,) Scotch Whisky, Prime, Pure, Whisky, Brandy, Port Wine, Prime, India Pale Ale, Best, Plantation Bitters, Hostetter's Bitters, AT PARKER & LEE'S, Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

Red Clover Seed. Blue Grass Seed. AT PARKER & LEE'S, Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

CORN! CORN! IN STORE AND TO ARRIVE MIXED, WHITE AND YELLOW, To be Exchanged for CASH OR COTTON at the lowest prices. Planters send in your orders and wagons, to Mays, Barnwell & Co.,

Who are the Agents for Wm. Crichton & Son's Ammoniated Soluble Super-Phosphate of Lime, containing 50 per cent of Bone Phosphates—of which 12 per cent, is immediately soluble in Water—3 per cent of Ammonia, 3 per cent of Potash, 17 per cent of Sulphate of Lime, Magnesia, &c., &c., furnishing the essential elements of Wheat, Corn, Tobacco, Cotton, and of all Cereals, which are removed from the soil in every crop put up in strong bags, of 167 pounds each. Send for pamphlets, containing full directions and Certificates. Dec. 31, 1869, 36-1f

WHAN'S Rawbone Super-Phosphate of Lime. The Great Fertilizer for Cotton and all Crops! HAVING been appointed Sole Agent for the above Fertilizer, for this State, I take great pleasure in recommending it as being one of the best manures for cotton and all crops. It having been thoroughly tested side by side with the first class fertilizers, proved itself to be the best in holding the fruit and in the yield. The planters and farmers generally are respectfully solicited to give it a trial. I will be most happy to fill all orders entrusted to me at this place and promptly execute the same.

E. COWAN. Dec. 31, 1869, 36-1f

MULES FOR SALE. SEVERAL MULES for Sale at reasonable prices, if not disposed of before Sale Day, will be offered at Auction, in the Livery Lot. These mules have been left by a Tennesseean, and will be sold without fail.

H. S. KERR, Auctioneer. Dec. 31, 1869, 36-1f

Flour. 50 Bbls. Stoneval Family; 50 " Alder Grove Extra. 50 " Super. In Store and for sale low for cash. TROWBRIDGE & CO. Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

Millinery. We now propose to sell the remnant of our winter stock at cost. Mrs. M. J. LYTHGORE will be found in our Millinery department to attend to the calls of her friends. MILLER & ROBERTSON. Dec 24, 1869, 35-1f

State of South Carolina, Abbeville County. In the Probate Court.—Citation. WHEREAS J. O. YOUNG has made suit to me, to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of Joseph Crowell, deceased, late of said county.

THE SEASON FOR PAYING UP. WE beg leave to remind our customers that they have had a long season for buying, and NOW we think that the time for paying up has arrived. Be prompt and preserve your good credit. Miller & Robertson. Dec. 24, 1869, 35-1f

Take Notice. ALL persons interested will take notice that a FINAL SETTLEMENT of the Estate of John W. Bosman, dec'd, will be made in the Court of Probate for Abbeville County, on the 7th day of January next, (Friday). Those having demands against the Estate must hand in the evidence of the same on or before that day and those indebted are required to come forward and pay on or before the 1st day of January, 1870.

Gilly F. Boazman, Administrator. Dec. 17, 1869, 34-3t

NOW IN STORE FOR SALE. ROCK ISLAND JEANS, CASSIMERES, Graniteville 7-8 SEIRTING, RICHMOND ONSABURGS. Quarles, Perrin & Co. Sept. 10, 1869, 20-1f

DENTISTRY. WM. C. WARDLAW, M. D., D. D. S. Office over Dr. Parker's Drug Store. Abbeville C. H., S. C. February 26, 1869, 44, 1f

Phoenix Iron Works, Columbia, S. C., Goldsmith & Kind, Proprietors. ALL kinds of Mill Castings, (Saw and Grind, Rollers for Houses, Gardens, Gravel, Yard, Sugar Mills, Boilers, Machine Works, and Agricultural Implements manufactured. We manufacture the Brooks Revolving Cotton Press. Orders are solicited and executed on cheap terms. M. GOLDSMITH, Dec. 29, 1869, 12m] M. KIND

FREE TICKET To The Show! ALL persons indebted to the subscriber will "do well" to call and settle, or they will receive a free ticket to the show which will be opened by the "E-Squire" of the village. J. J. CUNNINGHAM. April 30, 1869, 1, 1f

WM. M. LAWTON, Cotton Factor AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, CHARLESTON, S. C. Liberal advances made on consignments, and on produce shipped to Liverpool, &c. Sept. 24, 1869, 22-3m

PETER BRENNER, PIANO MAKER. AND Agent for the sale of the best brated Pianos Manufactured by Chickering & Sons, Geo. Steck & Co. Wm. Knabe & Co., and others. Also, Parlor and Church Organs, and dealer in all kinds of Musical Instruments, Strings, &c. 322 Broad Street, opposite Planter's Hotel, ABBEVILLE, S. C. May 26, 1869, 8-1f

NORWOOD, DuPRE & CO., GROCERS, Grain and General Provision Merchants, No. 3 White's Block, Abbeville, S. C. December 31, 1869, 36, 1f

THE NEW FIRM OF NORWOOD, DUPRE & CO. The undersigned would announce that they have this day associated with themselves in business, Mr. J. F. C. DuPre, and the business will henceforth be carried on under the name of "Norwood, DuPre & Co." They would respectfully solicit a continuance of the past liberal patronage bestowed on the old firm.

McDONALD, NORWOOD & CO. December 24, 1869, 35-1f

GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS. THE subscriber having purchased the interest of Mr. J. J. Cunningham in the stock of the late firm of "Jno. Knox & Co.," will continue the business at the old stand, and would respectfully solicit a continuance of the past liberal patronage. The business will be conducted henceforth strictly on cash principles, and he is confident that he can offer such inducements to his patrons as will make it to their interest to trade with him.

JNO. KNOX. December 24, 1869, 35-1f

DISSOLUTION OF Copartnership. HIS copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned in the name of "Jno. Knox & Co.," has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

JNO. KNOX. J. J. CUNNINGHAM. Dec 24, 1869, 35-1f

Wando and Etiwan FERTILIZERS. Agency at Augusta, Ga. WE have now a supply of these celebrated Fertilizers. Experience has proven them superior to Peruvian Guano for the climate—they sustain and do not burn up the plant in a long drought. Having for their base the famous Pica plastic matter and manufactured by our own citizens of well-known integrity, their purity and value is guaranteed.

Stovall & Rowland, Agents, Augusta, Ga. Dec. 24, 1869, 35-1m

Farm to Rent. ON Saturday, the 1st of January next, at public auction, I will lease for the year 1870, the farming lands of Mrs. Alston, near the town of Abbeville. The rent must be well secured, and paid at the end of the lease. I will lease the Alston house and lot, in the town of Abbeville, to a suitable tenant, for the next year. The furniture and contents of furniture for parlor and chamber, now in the house, are offered at private sale.

ARMISTEAD BURT, Agent for Mrs. Alston. December 24, 1869, 35-1f

LOOK FOR THE LAST COLUMN ON THE EDITORIAL PAGE! WHITE BROTHERS

ARE well prepared for the AXE TRADE of Sale Day in January. They have just received 10 Dozen Collin's Axes, A. G. Leo

All persons needing anything in this line are invited to give us a call. Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

Saddles, Bridles, SINGLE AND DOUBLE Harness, For Sale by WHITE BROTHERS. Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

Fresh Arrivals of Groceries. SUGAR, COFFEE, Tea, Cheese, Pepper, Spice, Powder, Shot, Soda, Starch, Candy, Raisins, Almonds, etc.

WHITE BROTHERS. Dec. 31, 1869, 36, 1f

Notice TO PLANTERS. WE have made arrangements for shipping Cotton, by which we will advance liberally on all Cottons put into our hands for shipment, and charge only 5 per cent interest on the money advanced. We will have the Cotton held at the discretion of the owner. Planters who are not satisfied to sell their Cotton at present prices, and yet need money to meet their engagements with Merchants, can ship their Cotton through us, draw sufficient funds for meeting present demands, and take the risk of realizing better prices, by holding as long as they desire. The Commission Merchants to whom we ship are second to none in point of responsibility, prudence and business capacity.

White Brothers. Dec. 17, 1869, 34-1f

ESTATE OF H. WILSON, DEC'D. PURSUANT to order of Court in this Estate, I will sell at Abbeville C. H. S. C., the books, law-books, book cases, office furniture, &c., of said deceased, on Saturday, 8th of January next. TERMS CASH. MATTHEW McDonald, Clerk of the Office Abbeville C. H. S. C. Dec. 15th 1869. 34-3t

SMOKING TOBACCO! If you want the best and finest Tobacco, call and get Fruits and Flowers, Lorillard's White Puff Tobacco, May Queen Tobacco, Cigars, at Parker & Lee's. Dec 17, 1869, 34-4t

CARD. MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE, Greenwood, S. C. Certain unprincipled parties taking advantage of a vile slander perpetrated against me, succeeded for a time, in having me suspended from office as Magistrate. "But truth crushed to earth will rise again." The villainy and fraud have been exposed, and I am reinstated in the office of Magistrate by his Excellency Gov. R. K. Scott. All business entrusted to me shall receive prompt attention. My references are, all good citizens, and an experience of over twenty years as Magistrate. J. R. TARRANT, Magistrate. Dec. 17, 1869, 34, 1f

Darby's Prophylactic Fluid. THE most powerful disinfectant known. Cures Burns, and Running Sores, removes Stains and restores all Animal and Vegetable Poisons, for sale by W. T. PENNEY. Price 50 cents.

DR. MILLER'S HOUSEHOLD BLESSING. For sale at \$1.00 per bottle, by W. T. PENNEY. November 12, 1869-29-1f

Notice to Persons suffering with Asthma. A SOVEREIGN remedy is found in the Green Mountain Asthma Cure, prepared by Dr. J. H. Guild, Ruper, Vt. mont, and for sale by W. T. PENNEY. Price \$2.00 per bottle.