

A Word About Stealing.

Within the last week two colored men have been put in jail at Abbeville Court House under charges of theft— one for stealing a horse, the other for stealing a hog.

We cannot hope to instill better principles in a man who is not honest, but we may of us suggest or to which may make him too cautious to violate the law.

There is another matter which is even more difficult than horse stealing, and which not even the smartest man in America can accomplish. We refer to the stealing of a cow, and the concealment of the perpetrator of the crime.

Another difficult thing is to steal a hog, though this can be done sometimes without detection, but we would venture to advise all persons of whatever station in life, and without regard to previous conduct, to let horses, mules, cows and hogs alone.

If the desire to possess themselves of another's property is so great that they cannot resist stealing something, we would suggest the advisability of our colored citizens sticking to their own legitimate business of living— either as chickens or hogs, or turkeys.

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In a recent interview with General Hoke it is learned that the immediate steps will be taken to submit to the stockholders of the Chester, Greenwood and Abbeville Railroad Company, for their acceptance, the amended charter obtained at the last meeting of the Legislature.

Under the general railroad law in this State, the directors of any railroad are authorized to agree to consolidate with any other railroad company in or out of the State connected therewith, and the terms of the said agreement are required to be submitted to the stockholders of each company separately at a meeting, after thirty days notice, and if the stockholders confirm the said agreement the consolidation will be complete.

We understand that the purpose is to consolidate with the Georgia and North Carolina divisions as soon as practicable, and the work will then be pushed forward vigorously to completion.

If no obstacle is interposed, we see no reason why the road should not be under contract for construction by the summer of 1887, in which event it will indeed be a god-send to this part of the country. The large amount of cash money which will be distributed along the line of the road, will relieve the wants and necessities of the people, and prevent much suffering which will otherwise be felt unless some such enterprise as this brings relief.

The immediate country through which the line will be located will reap the greatest benefit from the construction of that road in a year when there was almost a great scarcity of money and provisions as there is today.

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THE NEW SOUTH.

PLEASANT TIMES AND HAPPY PEOPLE IN AND AROUND NINETY-SIX.

The good people of Ninety-Six have had a pleasant Christmas and will enter upon the New Year with renewed vigor and energy to make the best use of the "old time," time that ever before. Our merchants have had a fine trade considering the scarcity of money.

At a shooting match which took place here on the 23rd inst. the following score was made: J. M. Anderson, 1 0 1-3; J. M. Moore, 1 0 1-3; J. M. Taylor, 1 0 1-3; J. H. Rice, 1 1 2-3.

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Two Hundred and Fifty-Seven Acres, more or less, bounded by lands of R. P. Pinson, Dr. W. B. Millwee, Besney and others, and known as Tract No. 1: Also that tract or parcel of land, containing

One Hundred and Ninety-Six and Six-Tenths Acres, more or less, bounded by lands of W. J. Wells, E. P. Blake, L. D. Merriman and others, and known as Tract No. 2: Also, that tract or parcel of land containing

Eighty Acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Dr. J. C. Maxwell, J. R. Blake, W. J. Wells, and others, and known as Tract No. 3: Also, that tract or parcel of land containing

One Hundred and Thirty Acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Dr. J. C. Maxwell, Besney, and others, and known as Tract No. 4: Also, that tract or parcel of land, containing

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One and One-Fourth Acres, more or less, which were bid off for plaintiff at a mortgage sale. I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville, S. C., on Sale Day in January, 1887, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situated in the County of Abbeville and State of South Carolina, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, known as the Bellows Creek, within two miles of the town of Greenwood.

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