The Press and Banner

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The Literary Club.

The Abbeville Literary Club has ordered for the present year the following periodicals and magazines: Atlantic, Blackwood, Cassells, Century, Cornhill, Chambers, Contemporary, Fortnightly, Harper's Weekly, Harper's Bazar, Harper's Monthly, Leslie's Weekly, Leslie's Popular, Leslie's Sunday, London News, Puck, Punch, North American, Nineteenth Century, Lippincott, St. Nicholas, Temple Bar. These cost in all something over $70.

The annual fee is $2.50. The library is open for the use of the members on Tuesdays and Fridays. Each member is allowed to take out one new magazine and two old ones, and is permitted to keep them out for two days. If he keeps them longer he is fined. The weeklies are kept on file, and the new ones cannot be taken out.

Mr. W. A. Templeton is the Librarian and fills the place admirably. The members seem to be cordially in favor of maintaining the rules and regulations, as all are mutually benefitted thereby.

The following is the list of members: Messrs. W. C. Benet, S. C. Cason, B. S. Barnwell, F. B. Gary, E. B. Gary, M. P. DeBruhl, W. H. Hanckle, J. C. Klugh, J. Fuller Lyon, W. A. Lee, Walter L. Miller, Wm. H. Parker, W. C. McGowan, S. McGowan, J. T. Robertson, J. Allen Smith, A. W. Smith, W. A. Templeton, H. T. Wardlaw, T. P. Cothran and Hugh Wilson. *

The Probate Court.

The time for making returns to this Court was out the first day of March.

Petition for letters of administration of the estate of Mrs. M. W. Nickles was filed by J. D. Coleman March 4th. W. N. Graydon, petitioner's attorney.

Letters of administration were granted to W. C. McGowan, March 4th, of the estate of A. B. Wardlaw, deceased.

Settlement estate of Wm. Pratt, deceased. A. F. Carwile, administrator.

The will of Joseph Cresswell was proven in solemn form March 4th, and B. Cresswell qualified as executor.

The first return on account of the estate of Robert McAdams was filed February 28th, by R. O. and W. N. McAdams, administrators.

Death of Mr. Nelson T. Sassard.

QUITE a large number of our citizens attended the funeral service of Mr. N. T. Sassard, who died last Sunday night at 10.30 o'clock, and was buried from the Methodist church yesterday, Revs. L. F. Beaty and A. F. Berry officiating. Mr. Sassard was born in the city of Charleston in 1833. Soon after the war he came to Abbeville, married and settled, and has lived here ever since. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his death, besides a large circle of friends who will long remember him for his strict integrity and worth as a Christian and citizen. As a mark of respect to the deceased all the stores were closed during the funeral services and the church was crowded with those who would honor the dead.

Good Church Music.

The music at the Methodist church on last Sunday night is said to have been very fine. The voluntary by the choir, "Sing Jehovah's praises," was specially fine, and was admirably rendered. We are glad to note this fact, as we know that so much, in the worship of God in his sanctuary, depends upon good singing. Why may not all the churches throughout the entire country have singing that will be helpful to the worshipper, and give glory to him whom we praise in song? With proper organization and effort the regular song service may be made, what it ought to be, and what God designs it should be, a blessing to the people of God and the community at large.

Public Meeting.

Last Friday evening a public meeting of the Democratic citizens met in the Court House. W. H. Parker, Esq., was called to the Chair, when he stated that the object of the meeting was to nominate a candidate for Intendant of the town, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Thos. P. Thomson, who had resigned the office. Mr. R. W. Cannon was nominated by acclamation.

Highest Price of the Season.

Mr. J. W. Carr bought six bales of Allen Long Staple from Mr. J. D. Miller of this county, paying from 10¼c. to 11c., or an average of 10⅝c. all round. Mr. Carr says this cotton cannot be successfully ginned on an ordinary gin and is worth from 17c. to 20c. ginned on roller gins. Planters might investigate these extra quality cottons to their profit.

Death of John Thomas Haddon.

Mr. John Thomas Haddon, of the Antreville neighborhood, died last Friday of paralysis, aged 82. He was attacked with the disease some eight days before his death. He was an upright honorable citizen, and had the respect of all who knew him. He was the brother of Capt. R. W. Haddon, of Due West.

Welcome Back.

Many of our citizens will be glad to know that Rev. B. W. Whilden has returned to this community. He now lives in the house of Mr. Thomas N. Tolbert at Smithville, and preaches at Beulah on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

Abbeville Stands at the Head.

At the recent examinations at the Charleston Citadel, Abbeville's beneficiaries stood first in their classes, namely:

1st Class—Lewis W. Haskell.
3d Class—J. W. Perrin, Jr.
4th Class—W. Z. McGhee.

ONE of the most novel entertainments this winter was given Friday night on Magazine Hill by Missess Bertha Hill, Ollie Hill, Rachel Hemphill and Gertrude Moore, and Masters R. E. Hill, Dick Sign and Eddie Edwards. The first song "Welcome" was beautifully sung. The plays Cinderilla, Blue Beard, Irishman's Ghost, and others were well acted. The children deserve great credit for the performance, having arranged it without any assistance. They had quite an audience, and judging from the laughing they must have enjoyed it.

THE fame and value of Alex. Zachary & Sons garden seeds are so widespread that other seedmen have adopted his brand to add to the sales and popularity of their produce. This firm sold great quantities of their seeds at Abbeville last Monday. The people came in all directions and they were busy dealing out good seeds all day. They will be in Newberry next Saturday and will be at Laurens on Monday or Tuesday. Let the gardeners of these localities not forget the fact, and then supply themselves with all needed seeds.

WE ask attention to the letter of Mr. A. M. Aiken which appears in this issue of the *Press and Banner*. It was sent here two weeks ago. It came on Tuesday evening—too late to get in the paper that week. By an oversight it did not appear last week. Only this and nothing more. While on this subject we would ask correspondents who write articles, other than news items, to send them in as early as possible. When all wait until Monday or Tuesday evening, it is impossible for us to get them all in the paper on Wednesday.

THE dress Mrs. President Harrison wore to the inaugural ball was entirely American. She selected the burr oak leaf as the prttern. This oak grows to perfection in Indiana. It is claimed by the makers to be the most elaborate piece of work ever done in America. Mrs. McKee selected her father's favorite flower, golden rod, worked on a cream ground. Mrs. Morton selectsd the Scotch thistle as pattern for her dress. All of these dresses were made in New York.

THE colored people had a "Harrison Ball" in Knox's Hall last night, which is said to have been the most tony affair of the kind, that they have ever had in Abbeville. The music, the dancing, the dresses, and everything else connected with it, we presume was in harmony with the inauguration ball at Washington. The Presbyterian elder who was inaugurated President will no doubt appreciate the dance which was given in his honor.

MR. D. W. KELLER, who has been in Lincolnton for several months, editing the *Lincolnton News*, has sold out that paper, and is at home now for a short time. He is looking well. His trip to Georgia seems to have agreed with him. His ability and energy will ensure his future success.

WE have been handed by our young friend Mr. Alfred Edwards, a copy of the *Abbeville Banner* of date May 9, 1861, full of accounts of the exciting events of that day. We have laid the paper away, and hope to refer to it again, giving some extracts.

MR. J. W. HUCKABEE gladdened the *Press and Banner* by his presence Monday. He is preparing some interesting reading for the readers of the *Press and Banner*.

LENT begins to-day. There will be services in the Episcopal church every Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, and Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock until Good Friday.

DR. AND MRS. NEUFFER have gone to housekeeping If Mrs. Neuffer manages her house as beautifully as she did her pen, she will certainly succeed.

WE are glad to learn that Miss Louise Berry, daughter of Rev. A. F. Berry, who for several days has been suffering with tonsilitis, is now convalescing.

The best article yet discovered for increasing egg production in fowls is the Imperial Egg Food. For sale only at Speed's Drug Store.

MR. THOMAS MCGETTIGAN leaves this week for Anderson, where he intends to go in business.

MR. HOVEY SMITH leaves for his home in Pendleton to-day. He has made many friends who regret to see him leave.

MR. AND MRS. J. L. PERRIN moved into their new home Monday. May happiness and sunshine ever attend them.

MR. T. W. COOGLER has a lot of fine chickens which are said to be the best layers in the county.

MRS. R. M. HADDON is still in New York looking after the interest of her lady customers.

LEVI LEVY, colored, well known on our streets, died a few days ago at the poor house.

MR. R. S. GALLOWAY was a welcome guest at the *Press and Banner* office last Monday.

MR. L. W. PARKER who was sick with pneumonia, returned to Greenville Friday.

MISS CORRIE MCCLUNG left Friday for Anderson, where she will spend some time.

MR. M. A. RICHARDSON, of Greenwood, has been spending several days in town.

SO MUCH rain. No work has been done in the farms or gardens for two weeks.

MISS LIZZIE PENNEY gave a charming birthday party yesterday evening.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL SCOTT, of Columbia, are visiting relatives in town.

MISS LIZE WHITNER from Anderson is visiting Miss Lucia McGowan.

THE County Commissioners held their monthly meeting yesterday.

MR. J. M. GILES and Dr. Mabry went to Monterey on Friday last.

MRS. P. D. KLUGH is visiting Mrs. G. H. Klugh, near Greenwood.

MR. PERRYMAN, of Texas, spent several days in town last week.

THE colored people gave a Harrison ball last night in Knox's hall.

MRS JOHN CAREY, of Seneca, is on a visit to Mr. Joel Smith.

MR. A. W. SMITH lost a very fine mule a few days sinle.

MR. W. T. MOORE, of Ninety-Six, was in town Saleday.

DR. AND MRS. H. D. WILSON are expected home in May.

CAPT. J. N. KING, of Ninety-Six, was present on Monday.

JUDGE M. E. HOLLINSWORTH was in town on Tuesday.

MR. FRANK LEE, of Due West, was in town on Monday.

MR. P. B. SPEED reports Northern Georgia on a boom.

MR. SPARKMAN, of Greenwood, was in town last week.

MAJ. WHITNER, of Anderson, was in town Monday.

THE oyster stew was quite a success last night.

MR. HENRY STEPHENS, of Seneca, is in town.

MR. THOS. P. THOMSON is expected home soon.

A DREAMER OF DREAMS.

Interpreters Needed---Abbeville's Orator at Due West---Scraps of Local News.

DUE WEST, S. C., Feb. 19, 1889.

The cemetary committee are at work on the Associate Reformed cemetary grounds.

A good subscription list was made up by our people and turned over for the use of the above committee.

Miss Janie Wideman came up from Troy to attend the Euphemian semi-annual celebration.

Mr. James McClinlock, of Laurens county, came over last week to see the girls and to attend the celebration.

Our people are sorry to hear that Mr. T. P. Thomson has left old Abbeville to try his fortune in the West.

Mr. W. N. Graydon, a prominent young lawyer of the Abbeville Bar, spent a few days very pleasantly in Due West last week. He took in the lecture at the Female College Thursday night and the semi-annual Friday night. Mr. Graydon is cultivating "a sisterly interest" in our town.

Young Mr. Brown, of the firm of Brown & Sons, paid us a flying visit Friday.

Mrs. Betsy Hawthorn, the wife of the late Col. D. O. Hawthorn died last Thursday night, at the home of Mr. P. C. Brownlee, of consumption. She was burried in the cemetery here on Saturday morning. A good woman is gone to her rest.

Mr. Samuel Pressly, went over last week to Atlanta to meet the remains of Rev. D. P. Pressly who had been temporarily buried in Missouri. His last resting place is in our home for the dead here in Due West.

An offer of $500 for the largest yield of corn on one acre has been made by the American Agriculturist,—to which $500 will be added by the State department of agriculture, if won by a South Carolinian. We hope some of our enterprising farmers in Abbeville will compete for the prize,—we have the land, climate and our farmers the pluck.

From a private note we learn that Mr. D. G. Phillips, of Louisville, Ga., who recently left Princeton Seminary on the advice of his physician, is rapidly regaining his health and flesh, on his father's farm, which he has taken charge of and is ably managing.

From the same source we learn that Miss Mattie Phillips, who graduated in the Due West Female College with honors, a few years ago, has charge of a flourishing school of 47 pupils at Ebenezer, Ga.

Mr. W. L. Miller, of the Abbeville Bar, according to appointment, delivered his lecture at the Female College on Friday night. He had a good audience. The speaker took for his subject: The young women of the South. Mr. Miller said that he was "no stranger in this place." He had been peppered here vigorously on numerous occasions. Had played thimble with the girls and he expected that if he was here he would like to play thimble again with them. A number of playful allusions like this brought frequent applause. The speaker then launched out on his subject, paying a handsome eulogium first to the women of the Revolution and then to the women of the Lost Cause. He divided his subject. 1st. Right speaking. 2nd. Right acting on the part of our women. Mr. Miller spoke with much animation, introducing fine illustrations through his lecture—closing with a very apt one indeed. The exercise was 47 minutes long. Prof. Bonner in the name of the teachers and the young ladies very cordially thanked Mr. Miller for his entertainment.

Rev. T. G. Boyce and bride *nee* Miss Janie People, of Chester, arrived in Due West last Friday. We have learned by the hearing of the ear, not by observation, that Dr. James Boyce gave them, the theologs and also other friends an elegant reception Friday evening. Mrs. B. B. Grier also gave the bride and groom a reception Saturday.

Mr. Hayne McDill, one of the best clerks in Abbeville, ran up to Due West last Saturday and spent the Sabbath, He says the firm of P. Rosenberg & Co. are selling stacks of goods.

Mr. J. O. B. Ross, of Blairsville, York county entered Erskine last week.

Dr. Wideman wrote out three medical certificates for persons taking out life policies here last week.

Mr. J. E. Todd has a good portion of his cotton land with the fertilizer down and listed up.

Major Nance, like Joseph's king, has dreamed a dream. The other night as he lay upon his bed, he dreamed he could fly. He wished however to prove the thing before credible witnesses. Getting Dr. Grier, Dr. W. L. Pressly and one other—he cannot now remember who—he went up to Erskine College and flew up, in their presence on top of the College, with great ease. The thing spread over the State and he was telegraphed to to come down to Columbia. In company with Mr. J. D. Brownlee, he went down. They were standing on the streets of Columbia and the crowd wanted to bet $5,000 against $500 that the Major couldn't fly across the street. A friend of his took the proposition up. The Major lifted himself, flopped his wings and gently lighted on the other side. The $5,000 was paid over. The friend slipped $500 into his pocket and handed over $4,500 to Major Nance. This was doing pretty well, but high honors were still awaiting him. The telegraph flashed the news over the United States. A telegram came from Washington, D. C., "Come on to this city." The Major and his party arrived there during the inauguration of Harrison and was given a prominent seat on the platform. At the close of the exercises this now famous personage was called on for a speech. He responded, saying that he was well pleased with the inauguration, passed a compliment on Harrison and concluded by saying that as he (Harrison) was of good Virginia stock originally, he doubted not but that the President would solve the "negro problem" to the satisfaction of all. (Tremendous applause.) And now in the presence of the great multitude he flew from point to point and as the sole of his foot rested upon the dome of the capitol he woke and lo! it was a dream. Prophets are now in demand to interpret the dream. Two solutions have been presented. The first is that Major Nance will finally reach the position of Congressman and will go on to Washington. In support of this view it is called to mind that Major Nance's father was once Congressman. The second solution is that it means a break in the Solid South, and that new ideas from this section is to reach Washington sooner or later. This is substantially the dream as related to us by Major Nance in the presence of Col. J. W. Power. R. S. G.

Echoes from the Valley Town.

MT. CARMEL, S. C., March 4, 1889.

Last Sabbath was a gloomy day. Services in the Associate Reformed church. Sabbath school in the afternoon at the Methodist church.

Miss Mamie Murray, accompanied by Col. Rutledge, arrived here one day last week, and will spend some time with her aunt. Mrs. McDonald. Col. Rutledge is off on his circuit before leaving his native land for Arkansas.

Mr. W. D. Rutledge, one of Carolina's sons, has been honored by being appointed by the Judge to the office of School Commissioner. He also is postmaster and depot agent at Reedy Ark.

Miss Kittie Link and her friend are visiting Mt. Carmel relatives.

Mr. A. D. Smith is much better under the skillful treatment of Dr. Carlton.

The Methodist church has a very pretty four-light chandelier. We need a bell very much. Some one start the list.

News is very scarce. Plenty of rain. Small grain in some parts looks well.

Our postmaster received the mail one day last week without a letter in the entire mail. The first occurrence of the kind since the opening of the office. M.

HOW TO GROW LUCERNE.

IT IS THE MOST NUTRITIOUS OF ALL CULTIVATED FORAGE CROPS.

It Requires Careful Treatment, but Pays Better Than any Other Plant ---Every Owner of Stock Should Have It.

Cotton Plant.

I wish to plant an acre of Lucerne, and would be glad if you would publish in next issue of THE COTTON PLANT a piece about the planting, cultivating and fertilizing of Lucerne.—J. R. H.

Lucerne is the most nutritious of all cultivated forage crops, and its product per acre is greater than that of any of the grasses. In view of these two facts it is a singular thing that it is not generally grown by the farmers of the South, accounted for only by a general want of knowledge of its value. As a nutritious plant for all kinds of stock, including poultry, it stands at the head of the list, containing all the elements of food in almost perfect proportions. It is a splendid milk and butter producer, is an excellent food for horses and mules, during the feeding of which only a half or third ration of grain is necessary; and for hogs it is superior to clover or other green feed, containing as it does a plenteous proportion of fat producing elements. It contains also a large per centage of albumenoid principles, which support and develop the muscles of animals and promote rapid and healthy growth.

From four to five tons of most excellent Lucerne Hay can be grown on an acre in a season, the crop reaching its heaviest yields after the second and third years. Its greatest value, however, is as green food, and should be allowed to wilt one day before use. It should be cut immediately before the blossoms open, as it becomes fibrous and woody soon after that stage, and consequently less digestible.

SOWING AND CULTIVATION.

Lucerne being a perennial plant it will pay to take the greatest and most expensive pains with it at the start. In fact it will not respond to anything short of the best preparation and fertilization. The soil should be already rich. No amount of manure applied to poor land will suffice, as the Lucerne must have an abundance of very soluble and immediately available plant food when young. It is best, therefore, to make the soil thoroughly rich first, and then sow the seed. A matter of very great importance, too, is to have the land free of the seeds of weeds and grass, as these will easily stride ahead of the young and delicate Lucerne plants, and kill them out before they can acquire much growth of root. It is better, therefore, to precede Lucerne with clean cultivation and high manuring with stable manure that is thoroughly rotted and with fertilizers that contain a great deal of phosphoric acid, potash and lime. Lucerne does not require an ammoniated fertilizer, since it is known to absorb more ammonia from the atmosphere than any other plant. Following clean cultivation and lavish manuring, Lucerne, if sown broadcast, should be sown early in September after the most thorough pulverization of the soil. The land most suitable for it, however, as above suggested—that already rich and mellow—will not require expensive preparation. The best soil for it is a rich, deep, loam—a loam being a soil containing about 40 per cent. of sand. Stiff clays, and especially such as have a very compact waxy subsoil are not best for Lucerne, considering the longevity of the plant and the great depth to which its roots extend, sometimes 8 to 10 feet or more in a porous soil, and rarely less than two feet. Whatever the class of the soil may be, it should be broken deeply and subsoiled, but the subsoil should only be stirred and not turned up. If sown in spring it is generally better to sow in drills 15 inches apart, so as to admit of cultivation with the hoe, or even with the plow, in order to keep down weeds and grass. If the land is clean and free of the seeds of these, however, it may be sown broadcast in spring as well as fall, the only reason for drilling being cultivation, as above mentioned. Mr. Alexander McBee, jr., of Greenville, has a remarkably fine patch of Lucerne, with a perfect stand, producing luxuriant cuttings three times a year, which was sown broadcast in February. The time for the spring sowing of Lucerne is in February or March. During the first year the main consideration should be the preservation of the crop—securing a permanent and regular stand. To do this it may be necessary to mow the crop before it is ripe enough for ordinary cutting, in order to prevent the seeding of weeds and grass, should such pests get a start to the injury of the Lucerne. When mown the Lucerne will soon start again, while many of its enemies will not. The exact course to pursue in questions like this must be decided upon by the grower, who is on the spot and can judge for himself. Our judgment is in favor of drilling the seed in spring planting, and working the crop until it gets a good start, pulling out weeds and grass from among the plants early. With a good stand in rows 15 to 18 inches apart Lucerne will cover the entire soil the second year and the rows will disappear.

From 15 to 20 pounds of seed is required to sow an acre, the greater quantity for broadcasting. In drilling by hand there is great danger of putting in more seed than is necessary. In all cases the seed should be lightly covered with the tooth harrow, brush or rake, not more than a half inch deep. The plants are very delicate and tender at germination, and if covered deeper than a half inch many of them will never push through.

Under good conditions and with favorable seasons Lucerne may furnish a good cutting the first year, even sown in the spring, but we iterate what is said above, that the chief concern of the farmer during this first year, should be the protection of the crop from its natural enemies and its permanent establishment in the soil. Once this accomplished Lucerne will hold its own against the attacks of weeds and grass, and will produce about three good cuttings a year for twenty years or longer.

The longevity of Lucerne is not fully settled. The late Mr. Howard, of Georgia, gives it a life of ten or fifteen years, while Dr. Phares, of the Mississippi Agricultural College, tells of plats of it known to have been growing for over thirty-five years, without any marks of decline.

Considering the great value of Lucerne and its permanency when once well established, there can be no question about its profitableness. Every farmer ought to have a patch of it, if only the fourth of an acre. As it is a crop that demands the utmost care at the start it would be far better to begin with only a small plat and increase yearly than to undertake a field of it without the conditions essential to its successful culture. If the soil is at all disposed to remain wet and sobby after rains it should be well drained, as Lucerne will not stand continued moisture.

Lucerne is an aristocrat among plants and will not tolerate a common abode, common fare or careless treatment. But it pays well for its living.

The World-Budget Company.

Perhaps no enterprise of any Southern newspaper has ever met with the favor that has been accorded the latest plan of THE WORLD-BUDGET COMPANY, of Charleston, S. C., for further extending the circulation of their three publications, THE DAILY WORLD, THE WEEKLY WORLD, and THE SUNDAY BUDGET. The subscription prices are, respectively, seven dollars, two dollars and a half, and one dollar, per annum.

THE WEEKLY WORLD and THE SUNDAY BUDGET are twelve-page (72 columns) papers, while THE DAILY WORLD consists of eight pages (48 columns) each day.

All of the publications of THE WORLD-BUDGET Company are beautifully printed on good paper from brand new type, and are, consequently, particularly legible.

The plan referred to is this. On the first day of July, of this year, THE WORLD-BUDGET Company will distribute the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars IN CASH to the seven persons who shall have sent in, between February 20, 1889, and July 1, 1889, the largest sums of money for subscriptions to EITHER OR ALL of their publications, thus putting persons in the country and city on precisely the same footing in this novel competition.

At first sight it would appear difficult to imagine how these enterprising Charleston publishers can expect to "get their money back," but the solution is not difficult to find.

The premiums (which are divided into the following amounts, $100, $50, $35, $25, $20, $15 and $5) will all be won by persons who probably will not have sent in, up to July 1, more than twenty or thirty dollars altogether. Therefore, people living in smaller villages, and hamlets will stand just as good a chance of winning the premiums as will those who live in the city. It is even possible that the first prize of one hundred dollars may be won by someone, the total amount of whose subscriptions may not exceed ten dollars.

Therefore, no one should be deterred from trying. Everybody has some friends who will be willing to help them by their subscriptions, and themselves by getting one or more of the largest, handsomest, spiciest, "livest," newsiest and BEST newspapers in the cotton States.

Sample copies, subscription blanks, and addressed return envelopes will be furnished free upon application to THE WORLD-BUDGET Co., Charleston, S. C.

Aristocrats Assume and Presume.

Associate Reformed Presbyterian.

Aristocrats are not pleasant companions. They assume and presume. They claim a measure of exemption from the ordinary laws of politeness. If they are grum or curt, it is something that must be received in uncomplaining meekness. But these worldly aristocrats are delightful company when compared to the ecclesiastical aristocrat. He is the embodiment of superciliousness. His recognition is scarcely civil, and there is about it an air of patronizing condescension, which says, "Yes, oh yes, you are a good sort of people—but"—and then follow certain qualifications to this faint praise. The typical representative of all such is drawn by Him who knew what was in man—that representative is the Pharisee.

Walking jackets in jersey cloth with and without the braid. Very cheap. W. E. Bell.

Children's wraps from 4 years to 10 years at all prices. W. E. Bell.

THE OLDEST AND THE BEST.

"The Grange" and its Advantages as a Farmer's Organization.

Editor Press and Banner:

While so many "Wheels," "Alliances" and other associations are being formed, all ostensibly for the advancement of the interests of the farmer, I desire to say a few words in behalf of the "Grange," at one time a flourishing organization in Abbeville county and but for the indifference and non-attendance at meetings of its membership, would still be a power and benefit to all connected.

The Grange is not dead, it only sleeps. Its precepts and teachings are not forgotten, nor discarded by its old members. You will never hear a man who has once affiliated with it speak in any manner, derogatory of its work, its declaration of principles, or of the benefits derived from association therewith, but the universal comment is, "The Grange is a good thing. It is the best organization the farmers have ever had."

Though the Grange is dormant in this county, it is active and working in other portions of South Carolina, and its members derive all the benefits promised, intellectually, morally and financially. Local schools are controlled through the Grange. In some sections a building known as the "Grange Hall" has been built, the first floor used as the school house, and the second floor for Grange meetings. A Grange, in good standing, can effect better arrangements in finance (when needed) than any community can do, not organized.

Allow me to divert just here to give an illustration of a Grange's credit in business circles. I am, and have been a member of the Grange at Greenwood for seventeen years, and while living there I was an agent for sale of fertilizers. I used to buy fertilizers for my own use, through my Grange, as I could do so cheaper than the company would allow an agent to sell it, even to himself. The Grange clubbed its orders and its cash, or a Grange note at 7 per cent., and ordered by car loads at reduced rates, while my stock was to retail, and sell "on liens," to outsiders.

But to return. In 1876 when there were fifteen active Granges in Abbeville county, there was less complaint among the farming community than there is to-day, and we had heavier burdens then to bear than we have now. Then, there was a solid farmer's organization existing, well disciplined and working under Grange rules. They met in council and talked over matters. Thoughts were exchanged on various topics of interest to the Grange, whether it be the sowing of small grain, the cost of making a pound of cotton, the labor problem, or how to keep a horse fat on bought corn. (?) The fitness of candidates for office, and the management of county affairs, was not unfrequently discussed.

Farmers now are too segregated. They need more to be brought in contact on business principles. Nothing like a "touch of the elbow," to drive away depression. They should meet together, talk together, work together, buy together, sell together and act together for mutual protection and advancement, and where better can these ends be attained than in their local Granges?

A Grange in any community properly conducted is elevating, instructive and beneficial to all connected, for within its doors are taught honesty, fair dealing, morality and charity, and to add to its social features, women are admitted as members. Financially, it advocates: "Pay as you go." "Buy less and sell more." "Buy where you can buy cheapest, and sell to the best advantage." It antagonizes no other interest whatever, but endeavors to bring the farmer and the manufacturer into most direct and friendly relations by dispensing with a surplus of middlemen, to reduce expenses, and make its members more self-sustaining.

I believe, Mr. Editor, that a revival of the Granges throughout the county, and the formation of new ones, would liven up the spirits of our dejected farmers and result in great good to all communities. As Deputy, authorized by the State Grange of South Carolina at its late session, I will, if so desired, attend to any requests where a dormant Grange exists, or there is a disposition manifested to form a new one.

Dr. W. B. Millwee, of Greenwood, is also a deputy for this county, and will join me in this direction. Respectfully,

A. M. AIKEN.

Cokesbury, S. C., Feb. 18, 1889.

What and How Much Does She Design Grasping?

Edgefield Chronicle.

We find the following in several of our neighboring exchanges of last week:

"The people of the village of McCormick and surrounding country in Abbeville county, have begun to agitate the matter of organizing a new county composed of parts of Abbeville and Edgefield. They now find the distance to the Court House inconveniently far."

And now we wish to know at once how long and how big a fight lies before us. What and how much Edgefield territory does McCormick design grasping? Would she have the temerity to cross Persimmon Branch and Rocky Creek and absorb any foot of the sacred soil of Hibler? Would she cast her profane eyes on Dornville? Would her sacrilegious hand stretch itself forth to Liberty Hill and rob us of Mrs. Louisa Sheppard and Representative Yeldell? Right here would we dye our right arm to the shoulder in McCormick's blood! Would her Bismarckian policy ruthlessly embrace Wintersett and absorb our beloved cradle comrade, E. H. Youngblood? Woe unto thee, McCormick, if this be thy design! Certainly in her wildest fantasies she would not dream of Shatterfield and Jas. Callison! And, coming southward, could her unlawful rapacity ever harbor a thought of Plum Branch, and of Dr. Joe Jennings, and of Press and John Blackwell? Or could her unholy greed possibly cast its evil eye upon Parksville, and Robert L. Parks and Geo. W. Bussey?

Let us know thy designs, McCormick. Let us know them at once! In the meantime we whet our scythe blade, and prepare to frustrate thy piratical longings or perish in crimson gore!

Things in the Bottom Drawer.

There are whips and tops and pieces of strings
There are shoes which no little feet wear;
There are bits of ribbon and broken rings,
And tresses of golden hair:
There are little dresses folded away
Out of the light of the sunny day.

There are dainty jackets that never are worn;
There are toys and models of ships;
There are books and pictures, all faded and torn,
And marked by the finger tips
Of dimpled hands that have fallen to dust,
Yet I strive to think that the Lord is just.

But a feeling of bitterness fills my soul
Sometimes, when I try to pray,
That the Reaper has spared so many flowers
And taken all mine away;
And I almost doubt that the Lord can know
That a mother's heart can love them so.

They wander far in distant climes,
They perish by fire and flood,
And their hands are black with the direst crimes
That kindle the wrath of God.
Yet a mother's song has soothed them to rest,
She has lulled them to slumber upon her breast.

And then I think of my children three,
My babies that never grow old,
And know they are waiting and watching for me,
In the city with streets of gold.
Safe, safe from the cares of the weary years,
From sorrow and sin and war,
And I thank my God with falling tears,
For the things in the bottom drawer.

Don't advertise unless you have something worth buying. A great many persons suppose advertising alone is sufficient. This is nearly as bad an error as to suppose that having the goods is sufficient alone.

This reminds us of a little story we once heard of a boy who was sent in the summer with a bag of green corn to sell. The boy was gone all day, and returned with the bag unopened, which he dumped on the floor, saying: "There is your corn, go and sell it yourself—I can't." "Sold any?" "No," said the boy; "I've been all over the city with it and nobody said anything about green corn. Two or three fellows asked me what I'd got in my bag and I told them it was none of their business." The boy reminds us of some business men we know of who do not recognize the benefits of advertising.—*Press and Printer.*

The most complete assortment of ladies and children shoes can be found at R. M. Haddon & Co.

The prettiest lot of French and American satines ever shown in this market, can now be seen at R. M. Haddon & Co.

R. M. Haddon & Co., are receiving spring goods by almost every train.

White Brothers are better equipped this season for supplying the men of Abbeville County with choice ready made clothing than they have been before. Their stock of fine clothing is unrivalled, and any one wishing to buy a fine suit or an elegant overcoat is sure to be pleased. Try it.

Breech and muzzle loading shot guns at Smith & Son's.

Special bargains in ladies undervests. Splendid article at 25c. each. W. E. Bell.

Wonderful bargains in children's Jersey jackets in pure all wool goods. W. E. Bell.

The prints, satteens and ginghams at White Brothers cannot be excelled. Look at those wide and heavy prints at 8 cents which are usually sold for ten cents per yard.

New millinery just received at R. M. Haddon & Co.

Buy your little boy and your big boy a nice suit from P. Rosenberg & Co.

100 pairs of women shoes for 80c. worth $1.25 This is a heavy winter shoe and I offer them at this low price to close the lot out. W. E. Bell.

120 pairs of children's shoes for 50c. This is also a heavy winter shoe, and I got 75c. pair for them, but I have no trade for this class of goods, and offer them for less than cost. W. E. Bell.

Seed Oats!! White Brothers have a few bushels of seed oats left. Call early and be supplied.

White Brothers have a large assortment of low and medium priced dress goods.

Smith's Bargain Locals.

We have received a beautiful line of samples for spring suits and pants from our New York Tailors. Measures taken and garments made to order. We have dealt with these men for several seasons and can say they are strictly reliable, furnishing well-fitting garments of good material and at prices exceedingly low for Tailor-made goods. Give in a call, look through the samples and hear prices of some, and we are confident we can please you. W. Joel Smith & Son.

Saddles, Bridles and Harness are in the whirlpool, and the swift steady stream of customers are hurrying them away. We have a choice lot of bargains to offer in this line still however, so if you call early you may be one of the fortunate ones. Smith & Son.

This is fine weather for breaking a new over-coat. Smith & Son will sell you a good one very cheap. At much less than it is worth.

Appreciating the kind and liberal patronage of our friends and the public generally we will continue to sell the stock in our Dry Good Store at prices much under their value, for net cash. If you will kindly give us a call we will make it to your interest to make your purchases of us. W. Joel Smith & Son.

Ladies can buy Buttons, Braids, Soaps, Perfumery, Brushes, Combs and all Yankee Notions cheaper at Smith & Son's than elsewhere

Laces, Trimmings, Embroideries Ruchings, Ribbons &c. Very cheap at Smith & Son's.

We have several pieces of carpet left, any one of which we will give you at a very low figure. Now is the time to buy a good carpet for a small outlay. W. Joel Smith & Son.

Clothing! Clothing!! Clothing!!! Cheap! Cheaper!! Cheapest!!! W. Joel Smith & Son's is the place to buy a good suit of clothes or an overcoat while they are offering them so low.

Turkey-Red Table Damasks, White Linen Damasks, and Table Oil Cloths are being sold at lower prices at Smith's than was ever known in Abbeville.

Ladies Colored Dress Goods at and below cost to be found on our shelves. Smith & Son.

Only a few pairs of all wool 1¼ White Blankets, left on the counter. Call and get a first class wool blanket at the price of an inferior one, while you may. Smith & Son.

Our splendid stock of Gents Cassimeres and heavy pants goods, are growing beautifully less on account of being so cheap; still we have a goodly lot to select from. Come along and dont hold back until you are too late Smith & Son.

A big reduction in the price of Mens, Ladies and Childrens Shoes—especially in Boots and fine Footwear. Smith & Son.

The largest stock of hats. P. Rosenberg & Co.

ALL persons indebted to Seal & McIlwain are requested to settle their notes and accounts. 11-28 5t

Ready-made clothing, hats and shoes. The attention of the public is called particularly to the extensive and complete lines of the above which are always to be found at the store of White Brothers.

To close out my winter stock I will offer bargains every day during the month of January. W. E. Bell.

Call and see the bargains I offer in ladies and children's hats. These prices are made to close out my winter stock. W. E. Bell.

Ladies felt hats at less than cost. Beautiful styles and fine felts. W. E. Bell.

Dress flannels in several shades at less than cost. W. E. Bell.

Don't fail to call and see me Monday. I offer great bargains for that day. W. E. Bell.

Torchen laces and Hamburg trimmings in great variety of patterns at White Brothers. These goods are very beautiful and very cheap.

Ladies in search of dress goods, would do well to examine those all wool double-fold dress goods at White Brothers. They are very desirable and very cheap. They range in price from 25cts to 75ts per yard.

Goods that must go. A few ladies wraps and jackets that we will sell at greatly reduce prices. R. M. Haddon & Co.

We have several extra quality Gents Leather Valises, also a number of cheaper Ladies and Gents Valises and Boys that we are offering very cheap for cash. Smith & Son.

New Spring Goods Just Received.

20 pieces Calicoes.
30 pieces Ginghams.
10 pieces Toil Du Nord.
25 pieces Satines.
15 pieces Check Nainsook.
All the above can be seen at

R. M. HADDON,

Call on R. M. Haddon for the lastest Spring styles satines, Ginghams, apron checks, &c.

R. M. Haddon & Co., will have on their counters by March 1st, over 100 pieces wash dress goods.

The attention of ladies is called to the large stock of cloaks, jackets and jerseys at White Brothers.

Rain! rain! rain! Christmas weather has commenced already.

A Beautiful line of Black Cashmeres at prices that will astonish you, are conspicuous among our special bargains. W. Joel Smith & Son.

A full stock of Glassware and Crockery cheaper than the cheapest at Smith & Son.

Get you a good Buggy Whip while you can for a mere trifle. We have a goodly number to select from. Smith & Son.

Several walking jackets in black and colored goods at less than cost. W. E. Bell.

Persons wishing to buy children's shoes either in fine or heavy shoes, can save from 15 to 20 per cent. by buying them from W. E. Bell.

We want all the ladies in Abbeville county to know that we are headquarters for fine, durable shoes. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Don't buy shoes of any kind before you inspect our elegant stock. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Wanted at once! 1000 men and boys of all sizes to buy their clothing from us at the lowest prices. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Buy your fancy china for Christmas from P Rosenberg & Co.

A beautiful line of fancy cups, saucers and plates very cheap. The very thing for Christmas presents. P. Rosenberg & Co.

If you want a real comfortable and durable saddle at the lowest prices go to P. Rosenberg & Co.

Keep warm. Buy your blankets from us. All kinds at reduced prices. P. Rosenberg & Co.

Brown homespun in the Piedmont goods. have a large stock and have reduced the price in order to reduce my stock. W. E. Bell.

MARRIED.

MARRIED—At the office of Trial Justice Jas. L. Robinson on the 3rd of March, Ben Harper to Elizabeth Fair all of Abbeville county.

MARRIED—February 28th 1889, at the bride's aunt Miss Nancy McIlwaine, by Rev. W. F. Pearson Mr. GEO. W. LOMAX and Miss MARY LILA youngest daughter of Mrs. Maggie McIlwaine.

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OF

The National Bank of Abbeville,

At Abbeville, in the State of South Car