

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

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The Serious Illness of the Most Prominent Citizen on the Savannah Side.

His many friends will regret to learn of the serious illness of Dr. James Albert Gilbert, of Bordeaux, in this county.

Dr. Gilbert was born in 1818, and is now seventy-three years of age. He was twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Mary Ann Gilbert, who died in 1840.

Dr. Gilbert was a liberal descendant of the Huguenots who fled from France because of religious persecution. His grandfather was minister of the colony and Dr. DeLa Howe, the founder of the DeLa Howe school, was the physician of the colony, and contemporary of Dr. Gilbert's great-grandfather.

He never entered politics, but loved his country, and was ever allied with the best people in all their struggles and in all their endeavors. Endowed with high impulses he always supported, in elections, the men of the highest type and of the best and most patriotic motives.

Tall and commanding in his person, high in his ambitions, exalted in character, and kindly of heart he is looked up to as the head of the descendants of the Huguenots in this county, and is really the most conspicuous person living on the Savannah side.

It was his ancestors and their associates that established the famous school taught by Dr. Waddell, and it was to them that we are indebted for the early establishment of churches in this county, and it was their friends and associates that left his magnificent estate to establish the DeLa Howe school for poor children.

PERSONAL NOTES AND OTHER MATTERS.

Ninety-six, S. C., Aug. 29, 1892. Before this reaches the readers of the Press and Banner the trial of the case of the Press and Banner will have been decided one way or the other.

It is thought by good farmers that the rains of last week did a great deal of good to the crops. The crops are in a fair way to be a great deal of young corn in the country.

Mr. J. M. Black, who has been clerking for Mr. W. J. DeVore, has been appointed as a position with Messrs. O. P. Heath & Co. No young man has ever lived in our midst more industrious than Mr. Black, and it is a general regret that he leaves us. We are satisfied his employers at Abbeville will be pleased.

Mr. W. J. DeVore, of Greenwood, was down last week on business. He claims to sell the best sewing machines in the State, and he is well known in the State.

Dr. James H. Littleton, of Augusta, has been in the city for some time. He is a high honor graduate of the Augusta Medical College, and has commenced the practice of medicine in this city.

The 14th of August has passed and no roads worked yet. The County Commissioners are now having the roads graded, and it is expected that the roads will be in good shape by the end of the month.

Mr. John A. Moore has the finest crop of corn in the county. He has raised his crop will average 25 bushels to the acre.

The stove repairer, Mr. Poy, had the misfortune to burn his fingers on a hot stove. He is now in the hospital, and it is expected that he will be able to return to work in a few days.

Miss Ella Griffin has returned from McCormick, where she has been visiting friends. She is well, and is expected to return to her home in a few days.

Mr. George W. Lipscomb, who has been located at Ridgeway in the railroad business has returned and has moved to his new home. He is well, and is expected to return to his old home in a few days.

Abbeville County Primary Election, August 30, 1892.

Table with columns for County Commissioners, House of Representatives, Clerks of Court, and various candidates. Includes names like T. M. Sheppard, W. W. Bradley, and J. S. Graves.

THE BEAUTY THAT BLOOMED, AND THE SPOKENNESS THAT LABORED--THE SPOKENERS, ETC.

Saturday, August 27, 1892, will be a day long remembered in the annals of Bell's church. Children's Day was observed with beautiful and appropriate ceremonies.

On the wall at the back of pulpit was a beautiful motto bearing this inscription: "How good for the soul is the beauty that blooms, and the spokenness that labors." In pretty and artistic letters made of cedar, while the walls around were artistically adorned with flowers, flowers and cedar arches.

The morning exercises commenced in the following manner: As the organ, played by Miss Meta Brownlee, pealed out a soft, sweet march, the children headed by Mr. J. F. Bowen and Mr. E. W. Bowen, sang the following song: "The children of the world are all one, and we are all one." The children sang with spirit and vigor, and the congregation joined in the chorus.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bonner, of Due West. Song by the Children. Speech by E. W. Bowen. Recitation by Lemmie Tribble. Speech by Calvin McClellan. Recitation by Miss DeLoach. Recitation by Miss DeLoach. Recitation by Miss DeLoach.

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Extracts from Christian Neighbor.

Ambition. Ambition is defined thus: A eager and some times an inordinate desire of preference, honor, superiority, power or other object.

The ambition of one man is to get rich; that of another is preferment; another is desirous of honor; another desires office; another thirsts for fame and so on.

According to the strength of desire is readiness of a man to avail himself of means by which he may gain the object desired. The desire may become inordinate, the "ruling passion," and when this is the case the man becomes correspondingly regardless of the difference between the right and the wrong of the means used, acting as he does, on the principle that "the end justifies the means." Such a man is unworthy to trust and is really dangerous.

Assuming that the desires specified are, within proper limits, more or less commendable, yet they are of the world--"the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life"--and with the world pass away out he that desires to do and does the will of God abides forever.

The desire for military fame is in itself evil because the object sought and the means employed to gain such fame involve wickedness extreme. For what is more wicked than the destruction of men's lives in war? Nothing, except the conduct of those men who devise and order the wholesale slaughter on battle field that they themselves may get the fame of war heroes, albeit their precious carcasses are generally out of the range of the bullets and shells fired from the lines of battle.

These get fame for "that which is highly esteemed among men but which is abomination in the sight of God." How can preachers of the gospel of peace in their sermons eulogize war heroes when their heroism has been gained by exploits which antagonize the kingdom of Jesus Christ? Shall one man be made famous according to the number of men's lives he has destroyed, and another man be made famous according to the number of souls he, as agent under God, has saved? Aside from military achievements the "heroes" may be men of fair character, but with their exploits taken on the Scripture is suggested: "What concord hath Christ with Belial?"

One hundred and forty-three miners were entrapped in a mine by an explosion. It occurred in Wales August 25. Fifty men have been taken out alive.

A fire in Augusta, Ga., August 27, destroyed seven leading business houses. The Chronicle office was burned. Losses are placed at \$300,000 with partial insurance.

The Metropolitan Opera House in New York was completely gutted by fire August 27. Mr. Vanderbilt is one of the millionaire owners.

J. Mims Sullivan the murderer of H. G. Gilreath of Greenville, was admitted to bail by Associate Justice Pope in the sum of \$1000.

A Short and Sure Way.

Lord Dufferin recently at the Annual Banquet of the British Conference of Commerce, Paris, made a speech. The extract below is the closing paragraph:

In former days declarations of war were conveyed with great pomp and ceremony by the Heralds of the King. In modern times these antique courtesies have been dispensed with, and the notification frequently arrives in the shape of a curt and ungrammatical telegram. (Laughter.) Now my idea has been that two lofty gibbets should be erected on the frontiers where the hostile armies are assembled that with due pomp and decorum the respective Ambassadors of the Powers about to engage in war should be strung up, and if these instruments of execution were further embellished by the persons of the Foreign Ministers, the lesson to be learned and the example to be given would be all the more useful and striking. (Applause.)

Try it on a Man. Only let the head of a horse's driver be checked back like he has checked back his horse's head and he will learn something of the cruelty of the overhead check rein. And he may at the same time be induced to exercise common sense and to give in to a little humanity towards the dumb and helpless beast. Off and down with the torturous check rein.

The cholera plague has caused panic in portions of Persia. The dead and dying are deserted by their terror-stricken companions. In St. Petersburg the disease is advancing.

Hannah Moore thought that speaking ill was as bad as doing ill. If a tale-bearer repeated to her some gossip story she would say, "Come, we will go and ask if this be true." The tale-bearer might stammer out a qualification, or beg that no notice should be taken of the story but the good lady insisted, and scandal-monger and scandalized were placed face to face.

No one ever ventured a second time to repeat a scandalous story to the inexorable lady, who insisted that what was said of an absent person should be said in his presence.

"Literature certainly runs in the Greensmith family. The two daughters write poetry that nobody will print, the sons write plays that nobody will act, and the mother writes novels that nobody will read." "And what does the father write?" "Oh, he writes checks that no nobody will cash."

"Papa," said a boy, "I know what makes folks laugh in their sleeves?" "Well, my son, what makes them?" "Cause that's where their funny bones is."

There are two kinds of unhappy people in the world--those who are sad because they are not known, and those who are miserable because they are known to all.

A shoemaker recently hung out a new sign and then wondered what passers-by found so amusing. His sign ran: "Don't go elsewhere to be swindled. Walk in here."