

Female Suffrage.

The more we think of Senator Hemphill's bill to allow women to vote and hold office the more amusing it seems. Of course the Legislature will never pass a bill as this, and it is worse than foolishness to take up the time to do so.

We think the Pickens Sentinel itself would hardly deny female property owners the right to vote on questions which affect the value of their property.

We are not acquainted with the terms of Senator Hemphill's bill, but we venture to suggest that the principle is right, and that it is a question which cannot be booted down.

Christmas.

Our stores make a large display of the most beautiful goods for the Christmas holidays. Many purchases are being made for loved ones.

While presents of a more or less money value are always acceptable, yet kind acts and kind words are worth more.

Little children may be pleased with a toy, but kind words appeal to the heart.

Gifts to the poor may do much to cheer their hearts, but gifts are doubled in value when accompanied by a kindly manner.

A flower or a bowl of soap is good for the sick, but sympathy and kindly recognition are better. Kind hearts are more than corn.

There are so many ways of doing good that none need fail to add to the total sum of human happiness.

Let none celebrate the most important of the religious holidays by drunkenness or cruelty to any living creature.

Let us not celebrate the birth of our Saviour—the Prince of Peace—by any unseemly act.

It is an occasion for mirth and merriment, but let it be of that kind which is not offensive to the tenets of the religion which we profess.

Let the children be happy now. At best their days of labor, anxiety and sorrow will soon come, and it should be our greatest pleasure to see them happy now, before the evil days come.

Financing.

While it is every man's right and duty, with a due regard to others, to express his honest convictions, yet, in this case, as in the strong prejudice that exists in some minds against Governor Tillman, leads to too much fault-finding. The campaign is over, and it is time for the war to stop.

Road Department.

Mr. W. L. Durd, of Greenwood, has blank petitions for signature, asking Congress to establish a "Road Department" of the Government at Washington, the following is a copy of the petition:

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: We, the undersigned, of the United States, hereby most respectfully petition that there be founded in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, a Road Department, similar to the Agricultural Department, for the purpose of promoting knowledge in the art of constructing and maintaining roads; and we ask that in such department provision be made for teaching students that they may become skilled road engineers.

In connection with this Road Department we request that the Government make permanent exhibit in which shall be shown various methods of construction and also the best road materials and machinery.

We further petition that Congress appropriate funds sufficient to build at the World's Columbian Exposition for the purpose of a comprehensive road exhibit.

The Press and Banner believes the move a good one, and would sign the petition. The importance of our roads cannot be over-estimated, and anything that looks to their improvement will receive the cordial support of our people.

The Soldier's Home.

The newspapers of Georgia have much to say about the Legislature of that State for refusing to accept a gift, the soldier's home, which had been erected by charitable persons, but whose support was to be derived from the State.

The Legislature of Georgia was wiser than the Legislature of South Carolina in reference to the acceptance of old Clemson's gift to the State, which has already cost an immense sum, and the end is not yet. Perhaps no Legislature was ever induced to do a more foolish thing than the establishment of a College in the woods, a majority of whose trustees are to be named by others than the State, which is to support the institution.

The Legislature of Georgia certainly acted more wisely than did the Legislature of South Carolina.

Valuable Advertisements.

One of the most valuable features of a country newspaper is the local advertisements. For several weeks the Press and Banner has furnished advertisements which were of much importance to the reading public, and we are glad to say that this feature of our paper has been highly appreciated by persons who had money to spend or who desired to keep informed as to what was going on in the business world.

After Christmas greater space will be given to reading matter, and any who have not been interested in the advertisements, their time for more reading matter will soon be here. And so it will be seen that both classes of readers will receive their share of attention.

Call at C. P. Hammond & Co.'s and get your rubber gait.

New things in millinery expected this week at Hudson's.

Boys caps at 10 cents. W. E. Bell.

THE LAW-MAKERS.

Finishing up their Work and Getting Ready to Come Home.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 19.—In the way "reform" has been favored with the distinctions from the Governor's "think tank" bill "reform," this session of the Legislature has been no exception. It has failed in several of its tremendous undertakings, but it has not failed in its most important ones. It has accomplished much, but not so much as it seemed to be doing when it was called into session. The "reform" bill in both houses, if there be any, has been kept in the background, and there has been little interference with the easy course of return to the status quo.

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THE WORK OF THE GINS.

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NINETY-SIX NEWS.

Insurance—Masonic Officers—Department Friends—Dime Reading—Other Items.

Ninety-Six, S. C., Dec. 19, 1892. Mr. David Aiken has been here, and cancelled Ninety-Six township for the Farmer's Insurance Association. It seems to take well with the farmers and we believe one of the best plans of insurance. No big premiums and no high salaried officers. The Association has acted wisely and well in selecting Mr. Aiken for the work.

At the last communication of Eureka Lodge No. 47 A. F. M., the following officers were elected to serve the next ensuing year: J. D. Watson, Master; Dr. W. H. Holland, S. M.

James Rodgers, Jr., Secretary. Mr. M. P. Sanders and family have left our country, and moved to their plantation in Laurens County. We all regret this indeed. No better people ever lived in our midst than Mr. Sanders and his most excellent wife. We wish them much success in their new home.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will have a "Dime Reading," at the residence of Maj. J. W. Fouché on Friday evening the 23d of December. The ladies and gentlemen of Ninety-Six and surrounding country are cordially invited.

The party on last Friday given by Miss Lizzie Richardson and Brother, was truly a success, despite the cold and rain. Quite a number of young gentlemen and ladies from a distance attending.

Ninety-Six is full of Christmas things. Come before they are all gone. You must excuse a short letter this week. Our people are all busy and news is awfully scarce.

After the rain we have beautiful weather and we have nothing much to complain of. Ask to see our "children's school shoes" at 75c. The best child's button shoe on the market for the money. W. Joel Smith & Sons.

Pure old fashioned mountain buckwheat beats the self raising all to death. Truly old fashioned and you want have any other, Smith & Sons.

GO TO E. A. TEMPLETON & CO. FOR Preserved Ginger, Cranberry Sauce 10c. lb., Pear Preserves 10c. lb., Fresh Dates 8c. lb., Fresh Prunes 12 1-2c. lb.

CANNED Peaches, Tomatoes, Okra and Tomatoes.

FRESH CANDIES of all Kinds. Toys Innumerable. SCHOOL ELECTION.

TOWN OF ABBEVILLE. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1892.

at which will be submitted to the qualified electors of the School District of the town of Abbeville the questions:

1st, of the issue of an additional three thousand dollars of school bonds, and

2nd, of the levy of an additional annual tax of not more than two mills for school purpose, as provided in said Act.

At said election those favoring the issue of said bonds shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Additional School Bonds, Yes," and those opposing it shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Additional School Bonds, No," and those favoring the levy of said tax shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Additional Annual School Tax, Yes," and those opposing it shall vote a ballot on which shall be written or printed the words "Additional Annual School Tax, No."

Polis will be open in the Court House from 7 o'clock A. M. until 4 o'clock P. M.

The following persons have been appointed managers of said election: J. C. Miller, W. D. Barksdale, and J. F. Bradley.

By order of the Board of Trustees. W. A. TEMPLETON, Chairman. JONES F. MILLER, Secretary Pro Tem.

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The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE. PROBATE COURT.