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The Dead Mother.

The mother of President McKinley died last week, and volumes descriptive of the occurrence, and incidental facts, have been telegraphed over the country...

In connection with this subject the death notices of plain every day citizens which appear in the newspapers are subject to criticism. The newspapers often magnify the virtues of the dead, and frequently attribute to them qualities for which the dead were never distinguished, or if they possessed them in a limited degree, they were so distorted as to be scarcely recognizable as attributed or traits of the character of the deceased.

In like manner preachers from the pulpits may stretch their statements as to the virtues of the dead to such an extent as to excite the condemnation or unfavorable comment from their hearers. To attribute supernatural or unnatural goodness and purity is unjust to the memory of the dead. While nothing but good should be said of the dead—and we think this would be a good rule to adopt as to the living—yet we ought, when praising, to hold the mirror up to nature.

The newspapers, as well as the preachers, should strive to be truthful. If we overstate the virtues of the dead, or make extravagant statements of the dead which are not sustained by public sentiment, injury is done—injury to the dead in exciting unfavorable comment; injury to those who make such extravagant utterances; injury to the public by lessening respect for the correctness of the utterances of newspapers and preachers.

It is easy enough to use stock in trade sentences, or stereotyped speeches, but to make the public believe incoherent or unwarranted eulogy is quite another thing. When public sentiment is broken down in the correctness of a newspaper's publication or a preacher's utterances a harm has been done to the public and a serious blow has been struck against the higher and better sentiments of the people.

The death of Mrs. McKinley was of very little interest to the American people. She had lived over her time—eighty-nine years—and the time for the end had come. Then why all this racket about an event which was expected?

Here's Trouble.

We learn from the Abbeville Medium that Mr. T. Larry Gantt, of Spartanburg, failed to fill his appointment to speak at the Abbeville Cotton Growers Convention for two reasons:

1. He would have to remain over two nights in Greenwood.

2. He was on a Committee to make the award of the Cotton Mills' premium to the farmer who raised the largest crop of cotton.

There are some things which Mr. Gantt might explain, one of which is, how he came to be a member of the Cotton Growers' Association of Abbeville, the object of which is to reduce crop, while he was on a Committee to encourage cotton growing in Spartanburg.

The idea that he would be compelled to stay two nights in Greenwood in sackcloth and ashes for the privilege of coming to Abbeville seems erroneous. He might have come by Greenwood, and avoided all contact with Greenwood. But it would have done him good, instead of harm, to have visited Greenwood.

Mr. Gantt owes it to himself to explain how he can at the same time ride two horses going in the opposite directions.

The Cotton Growers' Farce.

The Cotton Growers Farce is being enacted at Atlanta, while some of the actors or delegates may be tampering around the city looking for the small pox. The assembling of cotton growers in that city while small pox is in the air is on a par with the foolishness of the resolutions which they will adopt.

For several years the farmers have been adopting resolutions to curtail the crop, and then each man would go home and prepare to make good the shortage that would occur because of the action of the others. We have heard but one exception to this rule. One man raised no cotton at all. He had no money in the fall. He resolved next year to buy his guano on the cotton option. When that crop was gathered the price went away up. The third year he bought his guano on a money note. That year the price of cotton struck bottom, and he was thoroughly disgusted with the combination to beat the cotton buyers. He was long lost track of him, but presume he is going right straight along, without reference to the Atlanta Cotton Growers Convention.

As far as we can now remember the names of the delegates, the Association has the Mutual Aid Association, or Office Seekers Corporation. Something like this would express it. The successful farmers are notable for their absence from the meeting, the good crops which they make, and their ability to pay their debts.

The proceedings of the alleged Cotton Growers Association will fool nobody and will not affect the cotton crop.

Virginius Indignation.

A number of South Carolina newspapers appear to be very much affected at the charge that Pat Walsh, or his friends, went into the market and bought a few votes to make his election sure. That may have been very naughty, but we fail to see how much worse Walsh is now than Hampton was in 1876. We believe in that historic year that some of Hampton's friends bought votes, while other friends bulldozed voters, and it is barely possible that others cheated in the count.

We could not prove that either Pat Walsh or Hampton even winked at any of the ballot business. The people in 1876 demanded that Hampton should be elected, and we elected him. If Pat Walsh and his friends do what Hampton and his friends did, where is the difference?

We feel proud of any little part which this editor may have taken in the election of Hampton, and we are not going to blame others for doing what the people of South Carolina did—electing their man. While there was not the same necessity in Augusta that there was in South Carolina, yet we think the election tactics were not so very different. As a rule we bulldozed the negro, while Walsh's friends bought him.

If corruption in elections will always give us such officers as Pat Walsh, then give us more of the same kinds of elections.

Unlawful Sale of Liquor.

The solicitude of some people as to the profits of the dispensary are refreshing, when it is understood that the advocates of the curtailment of the liquor traffic are not so much after profits as they are for the sobriety of the people.

If the State would abandon its desire for the public morals there is little doubt that "indulgences" or "licenses" to commit crime and debauch the people, could be sold for large sums. The small sales of liquor at the dispensary is the gratifying feature of the liquor business.

The o. p. stores and the blind tigers have had much free advertising, but it is fair to presume that the unlawful sellers of intoxicants will find a rough and stumpy road to travel. The State of South Carolina is not ready to surrender to the foreign liquor dealers. The Legislature will likely take care of their agents, as well as Charleston's liquor element.

Small Pox at Rock Hill—Political Cotton Growers.

Rock Hill has a genuine case of small pox, which was, we presume, imported from Atlanta. As a result of the presence of this dreaded disease the pretty young ladies of Winthrop College are badly scared.

The Governor has appointed three doctors to go to that place, to investigate the healthful condition of the school. It is possible that Rock Hill will not be the only place where the small pox will find a home. The Political Cotton Growers who are now in Atlanta may be able to take home some good cases.

It might be well for Abbeville to be on her guard. The trains pass from Atlanta every day, and the shops are here. Elberton has quarantined against Atlanta. Abbeville need not do that, but then it might be well to provide against the appearance of the unwelcome guest.

"Pure and Good Water."

That is the way the chemist speaks of our artesian, or deep well water. Let our people have the pipes put in, when they may be sure that they are drinking pure water, and not taking in the germs of disease that so often lurk in our surface wells. The first cost is something, but when we have good water in our houses it is worth much. The supply is inexhaustible, and the benefits are great.

The Grand Jury.

The grand jury met one day last week to investigate the affairs of the Clerk's office, and the manner in which the Clerk had discharged his various duties.

The Clerk offered every opportunity for the members of the grand jury, as private citizens, to look into his books, yet he refused to recognize the legality of their proceeding. The Clerk acted under legal advice.

What the grand jury did in the matter has not transpired, but we learn the stenographer's notes have been copied and sent to the Solicitor.

We believe there is difference of opinion as to the legal right of the foreman to assemble the grand jury during the recess of the Court. We are unable to express an opinion on this, but we presume that both the foreman and the Clerk acted upon advice of their lawyers.

Miss Rachel Hemphill was stenographer, but she, like the grand jury, does not talk. We may hear more of this at Court.

THE GREAT EVENER.

Cotton Mills Destroy Classes in Society.

Grantville, S. C., Dec. 11.—At one time in the history of South Carolina there was a sentiment and feeling among a certain class of people, who had the luck or fortune to own slaves, whether they worked and made the money to buy them or inherited them, and those who possessed "blue blood," did not think it exactly the thing to associate with factory people but "to what a difference in the morning! Times change and people change with them. Now, we see the descendants of this very class, who were once the aristocracy of the State, and take stock, some to learn the trade, and a large majority to keep the "wolf from the door" and the "sheep in the bottom of the meat-barrel." Instead of this, a portion of Aiken county, that is to say, Gregg township, which is being divided into four or five fine water powers of Horse creek as once the case, we have from Vanclose to what is called Horse creek station on the same stream in a distance of 10 miles, five large cotton factories, four of which are in full operation, and the other will be started this year. All of them employ two or three hundred or three thousand hands, and furnish homes, meat and bread for four double that number of people. It hasn't been such a great while since "blue blood" paragon. Of course, it is not hardly possible to get such numbers of people together without having some of the bad element, but the bad element does not specially come from those who were once the aristocracy, but from the people who were the upper ten crowd as well. So it is a fact which is gratifying that cotton factories and those who work in them, have a respect for elevation to which they are entitled financially and socially. While this is true, I am not at all ready to say that the negro in the cotton factory, if for no other reason, I would oppose him from a social point of view. Now that the business of the manufacture of cotton has been elevated and has become to be a creditable business in the south, and those who labor in the factories are as well as those who own them, don't take the negro in and ruin the whole thing. That's exactly what it will do if the negro girl is mixed in with the ladies and vice versa.

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Abbeville Auxiliary Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to South Carolina Conference.

Under the providence of God, this society has achieved its greatest success this year. This is largely due to the devotion and untiring efforts in our behalf of our beloved pastor, Rev. J. A. Clifton, D. D. He has fulfilled abundantly the apostolic injunction, "Help those women." His ministrations to us as a society has resulted in enlargement of the spirit of missions.

Our membership has been increased and we now have fifty members enrolled. The prospect for still greater success in the future.

Our District Secretary, Mrs. M. C. Owens, is a member of our society, and besides being an efficient officer, has been most helpful to this Auxiliary.

We have had one scholarship and another arranged for, more than half of the second being already in hand.

The Abbeville Auxiliary has paid into the treasury this calendar year, one hundred and sixty-five dollars and twenty-five cents, (\$165.25).

We enter upon this new year with grateful hearts, for the rich blessing of Him, who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Mrs. J. Fuller Lyon, President.

It all Depends Upon Who Does the Shooting.

Newberry Voice of the People. Why is it that newspapers which make such a great ado about dispensary constables and their arms haven't anything to say against the constables who carry pistols, and they use them sometimes, too. But the newspapers fighting the dispensary law, judging by their own conduct, would make the impression that dispensary constables are the only law officers that go around with pistols. It is a great pity that since a policeman in Spartanburg shot a prisoner (the wound proved fatal) who tried to escape from custody. But the newspapers did not demand that the Spartanburg policeman be dismissed, and assail the city ordinance charging the constable with causing the death of a prisoner, &c., &c. What did the newspapers that noticed that shooting say about it? They demanded that the policeman be removed from the force and punished. Now why is it that certain newspapers act that way in reference to a policeman—condemn the man and not the laws and rules governing him—but when a State constable goes wrong, they jump on dispensary law and every one connected with it from the Governor on down? Yes; and some of the newspapers that have been the most vehement in their opposition to the dispensary law are the very ones that have shown blind partisanship and bitter hatred in their reprehensible attacks upon the dispensary law and all who are connected with it.

CHRISTMAS.

Some of the Places Where Nice Goods for the Holidays May be Had.

Give grandpa a big, cozy arm chair, with sides projecting at right angles from the back, back of the seat straight and cold. Get this from J. D. Kerr.

Or, give him a year's subscription to his favorite newspaper for the magazine and statistics matter that interests him rather than yourself. Get this at the Press and Banner Office.

Or, give him a soft, warm, many-colored rug, which he may always find at hand when he retires from his afternoon nap. Get this from Aug. W. Smith.

Give grandma a knitting bag, if she effects that industry, more than any other. Get this from Aug. W. Smith.

Get her a nice pair of shoes from Cobb & McDavid.

Get her a nice dress from Cohen Dry Goods Company.

Get her a nice pair of slippers from George White.

Get her a nice lamp from G. A. Douglas.

Get her a nice pocket knife from W. Joel Smith & Son.

Get for the old gentleman a box of the best molasses, many that was ever seen. If he does not care for it himself, he can win the hearts of the little ones with it. Buy this from P. B. Burt.

Get him a bottle of his favorite medicine from Harrison & Game, or get from them the best of your choice of sweets; your brother or your mother.

Rubin has some choice goods which would delight the hearts of many. If you want to win the heart of your best girl, or if you have already won her over to your side, the best way to do it is to consult Rubin, the jeweler. It may be that you need a ring. If not, you may still be on the anxious bench. Time never goes so fast as when you are on H. D. Reese. He has watches and clocks to burn.

A box of fruits and candy from Hill's store would be a treat for your girl a bit.

If you want a never-ceasing flow of the purest water, call on C. P. Hammond or Mr. Verone.

Mr. A. B. Morse is the prince of good merchants, and can furnish you something for your life, or your children's.

Don't forget that Mr. James A. Bowles makes a specialty of pleasing the children, especially in the year, and especially about Christmas.

Capt. J. G. Edwards can answer the calls of grandmothers for the best of their kind. W. D. Barksdale & Co. were so lately boys themselves that they know exactly how to please the girls and boys, and they have been men long enough to know all the needs of men. Call on them for anything.

Dr. Fisher is as solid as the rocks of Gibraltar, and as honest as daylight itself. His prescriptions are all right.

The Misses Mathews are giving away their goods at a slight inducement.

The Glen-Jones Hardware Co. have the nicest stoves in existence. Their kerosene stoves are just what you need to do without them.

Fix up your house—The Abbeville Lumber Company can supply anything that you need.

If you need more and want more, there is no better place than the Lattimer's supply store.

Messrs. P. Rosenberg & Co. have anything in stock from trace-chains to gentlemen's Sunday suits.

At Cohen's aggregation of the greatest assortment of clothing on earth, you can get a bargain.

Mr. Hillman can serve you to great advantage. He has our friend McIlwaine in the store all the time, just waiting and anxious to serve you.

W. A. Templeton has the nicest cooking stoves on earth. They look like sideboards, and put in a parlor.

R. W. Cannon has a great variety of the goods that are used in every day life. He excels in the general line of goods.

J. F. Miller, courteous and kind, will serve all who call at his store. He has good goods, and he has the best of everything that you want for a Christmas dinner—and he has the trimmings too.

G. W. Lomax, honest and square in his dealings, will sell you a lot of Christmas trix.

R. M. Hill has a fine array of staple goods to sell.

C. Younger has beef tallow, and he throws in sausage, ham, fish, oysters, etc., when he gets the tips.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION!

On the question of a portion of Cokesbury Township going into Greenwood County.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Abbeville County, Dec. 7, 1897.

IN OBEDIENCE TO A PROCLAMATION from his Excellency William H. Elerbe, Governor of the State of South Carolina, a SPECIAL ELECTION will be held at JONES polling place in Cokesbury Township on

THURSDAY, the 30th day December, 1897,

on the question of a portion of Cokesbury Township going into Greenwood County. The said section of Cokesbury Township proposed to be cut off is described as follows:

A section twelve (12) square miles in said Cokesbury Township, commencing on corner post on Greenwood County line near Douglas Mills and running North West seven (7) degrees to corner post on Goose Creek, and branch of Long Cane Creek; thence down East fifty-five (55) degrees forty five (45) minutes, to corner post on Turkey Creek. Thence down Turkey Creek to center of bridge on public road known as River road; thence North East sixty seven (67) degrees to corner on Saluda River; thence up middle stream of Saluda River to corner of Cokesbury and Donalds Township line; thence along said township division line to the point of its crossing Long Cane Creek; thence down Long Cane Creek to the point of crossing of Cokesbury and Long Cane Township; thence down said township division line to point it contact with present Greenwood county line; thence down said county line to beginning point, near Douglas Mills.

The area of said territory is twelve (12) square miles and the proposed new lines will not run within eight (8) miles of Abbeville or any other Court House.

The election will be governed in every respect in accordance with the law regulating such elections.

No person will be allowed to vote at said election whose registration certificate does not entitle him to vote at Jones'.

The following managers for said election have been appointed.

W. P. McGee, J. H. Blackwell, W. E. Algray.

The managers will meet the Commissioners at Abbeville on the 28th day of December to get boxes, instructions and tickets.

The managers will report the result to the Commissioners at Abbeville within three days after the election has been held.

W. A. LANIER, F. A. COOK, R. H. HUGHES, Commissioners of Election for Abbeville County.

There is a Point

On the down grade of qualities and price where cheapness ceases to be economy. We never cross that line.

Where Quality and Economy Join Hands

Where you will find A True Value that is Worthy of Attention.

These words tell the whole secret of our endeavors. Not to furnish you quality at a high price; not to furnish you low figures by sacrificing real worth; but to link together virtue and reasonableness as to strike the happy combination which is called perfection.

A Splendid Assortment

of Canned Goods, Staple and Fancy Groceries, as well as table delicacies may be found at our stores.

R. C. WILSON & CO.

FACTORY HILL AND NO. 4 HOTEL BLOCK.

Master's Sale.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Guilford Cade, Plaintiff, against Thomas P. Thomson, Defendant.—Foreclosure.

By VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Sale day in JANUARY, 1898, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, lying, situated and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing

Four Hundred and Eight (408) Acres,

more or less, and bounded by lands of Enoch Nelson, James Wharton, estate of Mrs. Vance, Kennedy, Long Cane Creek and Hunter Bros., known as the "Cannon Place."

TERMS OF SALE—One-half cash, balance on credit of twelve months with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond and mortgage. Purchaser to pay for papers. To be sold at risk of former purchaser.

WALTER L. MILLER, Master

Dec. 13, 1897, St.

Machinery repaired at C. P. Hammond's repair shop.

Get your Christmas goods from R. C. Wilson & Co.

GET YOUR Christmas Goods At and Below Cost. Misses Mathews OFFER THEIR ENTIRE STOCK OF—Millinery, Dress Goods, Shoes, Hats, Ribbons, And a Great Variety of Dress Goods at and below COST. Call early. We are going out of business and must sell. Misses Mathews.

Important Notice!

Parties indebted to C. P. HAMMOND & CO. will call and settle their accounts at once as the firm will be dissolved on JANUARY 1st, 1898.

C. V. Hammond will continue the Harness and Leather business, and C. P. Hammond will be engaged exclusively in the Plumbing, Bicycle, Tin and General Repair Business.

Very Respectfully, C. P. HAMMOND.

T. Lorton Robertson & Co.

HAVING BOUGHT THE STOCK OF GOODS RECENTLY belonging to J. C. Corley, are now offering a nice assortment of Groceries and Confectioneries

At the Lowest Prices.

They will be glad to see their friends at the old stand of J. C. Corley on Washington Street, where they propose to offer everybody good bargains.

Respectfully, T. Lorton Robertson & Co.

Mrs. TAGGART HAS MOVED

For the present above Barksdale & Co.'s store, and has the nicest line of Millinery she has ever carried. She has added to her Stock CORSETS, COLLARS AND CUFFS, LADIES' TIES, GLAUSE AND STYLISH NECK WEAR.

Also a pretty line of Dress Silks in Black and Brocade, in lovely quality. Changeable and Brocade Silk in waist patterns, new shades and designs.

MOURNING SILKS, DRESS BRAIDS, JET AND DRESS FINDINGS.

My Infant Caps and Sacks are pretty and cheap. Fascinators in White, Pink and Blue, with and without Pearl Trimmings. I ask especial attention to my Caps. I got them from the factory and they can't be bought any cheaper.

THE LATEST PATTERNS TRIMMINGS, CUTS AND STYLES.

I sell a pretty Flush Cape for \$3.50. A Plush Braided Cape for \$3.75. They have never been sold at these figures before.

CALL AND SEE, AND I WILL SAVE YOU MONEY. Very respectfully, Mrs. MARY TAGGART.

DECEMBER BARGAINS.

We desire to thank our friends for liberal patronage, and at the same time announce that we propose making our store specially attractive during the month of December by reducing prices to suit the hard times.

Everybody needs CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, DRESS GOODS, FLANNELS, UNDERWEAR, BLANKETS, &c., and we are prepared to supply the demands of all and guarantee our prices to be as low as the lowest, saying nothing of the superior quality of the goods we carry.

Respectfully, W. Joel Smith & Son.

P. S. Our large warehouse is brim full of choice GROCERIES at prices that cannot be duplicated.

COBB & McDAVID,

The Shoe Dealers.

Are still leading in LOW PRICES. They will sell cheaper from now until Christmas than ever before. They have a

Large and Varied Stock of SHOES in Men's, Women's and Children's, in course, medium and fine, and will sell them at the

Lowest Possible Prices.

See their line of Infants for big, heavy lined, colored shoes. They are warm, stylish and noble. Give them a call and see how cheap you can buy shoes.

Cobb & McDavid, Shoe Dealers.

PROCLAMATION



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

WHEREAS, A PETITION SIGNED BY the citizens of a portion of Cokesbury Township, in the County of Abbeville, desiring to be incorporated within the limits of the adjoining County of Greenwood, has been filed with me, and from said petition and accompanying papers it appears that the said petition is signed by one-third of the qualified electors residing in said Township of Cokesbury, of Abbeville County, and that after the territory proposed to be cut off is taken off, there will be left in the County of Abbeville more than five hundred square miles, more than fifteen thousand inhabitants, and more than two million dollars of taxable property.

Now, THEREFORE, I, W. H. ELLEBER, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in compliance with an Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of New Counties, &c.," approved the ninth day of March, A. D. 1866, do hereby order an election to be held on the 30th day of DECEMBER, 1897, in the Township of Cokesbury, Abbeville County, at Jones precinct, at which election the qualified electors shall vote upon the question of incorporating the said proposed portion of Cokesbury Township within the limits of the adjoining County of Greenwood.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia (S. C.) this 10th day of November, 1897, and in the one hundred and twenty-second year of the Independence of the United States of America.

W. H. ELLEBER, By the Governor: D. H. TOMPKINS, Secretary of State.

Dec. 7, 1897, if

... ANNUAL ... SCHOOL MEETING.

The Public to Elect New School Trustees on Tuesday, December 28, 1897.

THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE Abbeville School District will meet in the Court House on

TUESDAY, the 28th December, 1897,

at half-past seven o'clock to elect three trustees for the year to succeed J. T. Robertson, J. F. Miller, and F. B. Gary, (whose terms expire, but who are eligible for re-election.)

And to transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

W. A. TEMPLETON, Chairman.

F. B. GARY, Secretary.

Dec. 8, 1897, if

Tin Shop!

HAVING BOUGHT THE TOOLS and stock of Jas. M. Lawson, I shall continue the business of

H. W. LAWSON & CO.

and hope by honest work and live and cheap prices to merit the liberal patronage always bestowed upon the old firm. Respectfully,

H. W. Lawson.

Dec. 6, 1897, if

Bath tubs at C. P. Hammond's. Bicycles enamelled in first class style at C. P. Hammond's repair shop.