

# The Abbeville Press and Banner.

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## SPECIAL BARGAINS FOR EVERYBODY!

### For the Holidays we offer Extra Inducements in Dry Goods, Millinery, Underwear and Shoes!

Read the following prices and come early and get a nice present for your mother, your wife, or yourself. Here they are, and are record breakers:

#### Dress Goods.

All Silk and Wool Mixtures 50 inch wide, former price \$1.50, now 75c  
Black Silk Warp Henrietta, \$1.00 quality, reduced to 65c  
44 inch wide Silk finished Henrietta, 85c quality, reduced to 50c  
42 inch wide All Wool Brilliantines, 65c quality, reduced to 39c  
32 inch wide All Wool Cashmere, 40c quality, reduced to 25c  
32 inch wide All Wool Two Toned Effect, 20c quality, reduced to 12 1-2c.  
42 inch wide All Wool Two Toned Effect, 35c quality, reduced to 22c.

#### Homespun.

Best Heavy Sheeting at 5c. 1000 yards Heavy Checked Homespun at 4c.  
Heavy Sea Island Sheeting at 4 1-2c 2000 yards Standard Calicoes at 4c.

#### Comforts.

Good Comforts at 40c, worth 75c.  
Extra Size Comforts at \$1.00, worth \$1.50.  
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#### Our Millinery Department

Our Millinery Department has been a grand success. All hats and trimmings at

**REDUCED PRICES.**

## COHEN DRY GOODS CO.

#### "O. P. H." ON THE SITUATION

He thinks Resolutions by Anti-Cotton Growing Conventions Not Worth a "Pewter Trip"—And He is Perfectly in His Right Mind.

Mr. Editor: The money that farmers are realizing from this year's cotton product seems to be inadequate in liquidating the year's current necessary expenditures; no surplus, available, to cancel or abridge past obligations, hence, it has given birth to much thought and speculation as to what method or contrivance should be adopted to avert insolvency or afford relief, and the future "hard times" and no money, as usual, is the prevailing expression among debtors. We farmers ought not to cast any reflection upon our indigent creditors, nor manifest any obstinacy in trying to recompense them for past indulgence, because they are not responsible in any degree for the low price of cotton. It is incumbent upon us, as honorable debtors, to deny ourselves of the tempting luxuries of life, in order to make every sacrifice in giving them full satisfaction. Honesty and justice not only demand it but, perhaps, our future welfare as debtors, in our straitened circumstances, is hinged upon it. Such a manifestation of a disposition to do what is right and what we can will create a charitable and merciful feeling in the hearts of our generous creditors and they will likely not hesitate to give us full benefits of indulgence in their power to aid us, knowing that agriculture is the source from whence all vocations of life obtain their subsistence.

Let no debtor of the agricultural fraternity take refuge in the rear of the Homestead Act, which is nothing more, nor less, a shield or fortification for rascals and dishonestly—*a curse, rather than a blessing to the country.* The recent Constitutional Convention, made up with conservative and reform material, most assuredly, made a grave mistake in re-issuing a law that barricades an honest creditor from collecting his just rights. Five cents cotton, short crops or even a man's shirt should not be legalized in a way to defraud him of his just dues.

The judgment day is at hand to render up accounts and the Divine injunction is "pay what thou owest." Don't approach the "merciful seat" and plead five cents cotton, poor crops, poverty stricken, as an excuse for non-payment. Be a man in the true sense of the word and "stand up to the rack, flogger or no flogger," and manifest an anxious disposition to do what is right, i. e., pay the obligations

you have assumed and then go your way rejoicing in the plenitude of your well dolged. Carry over on our shoulders as little debt, as possible, as we have no knowledge of prying into the future to ascertain what the crop yield or the price of cotton will be the incoming year. Don't imagine you can penetrate the future and see a silver lining behind the dark clouds, indicating that the desired relief is brewing in the contemplated Cotton Growers' Convention. I anticipate no good results to accrue from that source. My faith is extremely weak and the outcome of any organized effort to reduce the cotton acreage, simply by adopting resolutions and signing pledges. The masses of the farmers will not pay the slightest attention to them. I might revert to the past and cite you an instance that occurred at Donalds a few years ago in the Alliance order, where they thought they had the bull by the horns in controlling the cotton market by concert action, to prove that organization and pledges among farmers were not worth a "pewter trip." I have no desire to throw a damper or interpose any obstacle that would tend to defeat any pullumb boom. Furthermore, I deem such conventional action is unnecessary. Farmers are not altogether a class of people that you might style the dilettante of agriculture, barren of any fertility of brain and foresight as not to comprehend the dilemma that exists and will in the future make an effort to be relieved of the situation. We are convinced that it is a suicidal policy to persist in raising so much cotton and have diversely the existing crop in a way that we think will make our farms self-sustaining. In this way the acreage in cotton will be necessarily greatly reduced. Self-preservation is the first law of nature and necessarily will force us to extract from mother earth a living by a different modus operandi. And, I think organized resolutions and pledges by a set of wise-acres in counsel to reduce cotton culture will prove to be of no avail.

#### Attention, Farmers!

WE have on hand some fine pigs for sale. Cross Berkshire and Essex. Price \$3 per pair. WALLINGFORD & RUSSELL, Oct. 6, 1897. If

Call on R. C. Wilson & Co. for raisins, citrons, currants, oranges, bananas and nuts for Christmas.

#### THE COTTON MILL.

Abbeville County People Filling 'All Vacancies that Occur—A System of Promotion to be Tried.

The Abbeville Cotton Mill is now in full operation, and it is thought that in future satisfactory profits will accrue from the work of the machinery. As far as we have heard, all the reports as to our cloth have been most satisfactory. The cloth is regarded as first-class. It is what is called three-yard sheeting—that is, three yards of cloth to the pound of cotton.

The work on the warehouses, which will hold 3,000 bales is being pressed as fast as the lumber can be had. One of the divisions will be ready for cotton within the next few days. Mr. Visanka, the buyer for the mill, will be in the market now, and will make all proper effort to secure the needed cotton before the crop has all been marketed. This mill, like other new mills, was well supplied at the opening of the mill with experienced labor, but many of these experienced operatives love to change, and many of them have gone away, while others are going. As fast as they go away, men, women and children of this county fill their places in the cottages and take up the work in the mill which was laid down by their more experienced predecessors.

The Press and Banner regards the presence of the Cotton Mill as a god-send to the families who rent land, and the fact that so many have applied for positions is proof that they realize the fact. All the work is done by machinery, and the operatives have only to see that the machines go. The work is light; the pay is sure, Church and school privileges are first-class.

The average farmer who rents land will need a little and the assistance of his family to make the crop. He will make say, eight bales of cotton, two of which will go for rent, leaving six to pay liens, and to clothe the family. The same family, with three or four or five workers, can make, say, \$35, or \$40 every two weeks, or \$70 to \$80 a month. The biggest simpleton on earth can readily enough see the difference in favor of the mill work. As an incentive for all hands to be faithful, while striving for the higher salaries and better offices, President Bailey contemplates inaugurating a system of promotion, whereby he will reward those that may occur, by raising men—already in the mill—to the higher office or position. For instance: If there should be a vacancy in the Superintendent's

office, some man already in the mill will be put in his place. Or, if a vacancy should occur as boss of a room, some man in that room will be promoted, and so on. This arrangement, being fair and encouraging to the operatives, it is thought will redound to the benefit of the mill as well as to the elevation of the operatives. If operatives know that efficiency and fidelity will be rewarded when the occasion offers, they will likely appreciate President Bailey's determination to favor them.

It seems that the mill is exceptionally well officered just now, and we would hazard nothing in saying that we have men in the employ of the Company who could fill higher and more important positions than they now hold. It is thought that we have room bosses who could discharge the duties of Superintendent and could take charge of the mill. It is not doubted that there are in each of the rooms good and efficient men who are worthy of promotion to any place that might be made vacant.

At present, however, all the officers of the mill are giving satisfaction, and no change appears in sight, but President Bailey, desiring to get the best service out of the men, proposes to reward merit, when the occasion offers. The system of promotion will furnish an incentive to good and efficient work, and it is believed that the men will appreciate President Bailey's desire to promote them when the circumstances warrant and when the occasion occurs.

#### D. H. WILDER,

—DEALER IN—

Staple, Green and Fancy Groceries

IN FACT ANYTHING IN THE GROCERY

line can always be had at the lowest prices.

10 Lbs. Good Coffee \$1.

Nice Fresh Salmon 10cts.

Fresh Butter and Eggs always on hand.

Kindness of Country Produce a specialty.

Kerosene Oil 15 cts. Gal.

Why worry about what you are to have for tomorrow's dinner, when you can get just what you need at Wilder's.

Oct. 2, 1897.

### Clearance Sale!

HAVING just closed my store at Greenwood, have no room for all the goods and will, therefore, sell great many lines at

**Reduced Prices.**

Breast pins, regular price, 50c, go at 35c

" " " " 75c, " 55c

" " " " gold front \$1.25, " 85c

Chalot gold plated gear 5 yrs \$1.85, \$1.50

Silver plated butter dishes, syrup pitchers, fruit stands, pickle dishes, etc., worth \$2.00, sell for \$1.40.

15 dozen solid gold rings at greatly reduced prices.

Solid nickel silver tea spoons 40c set.

Silver plated spoons from 75c set up.

\$1.00 small eye spectacles for 75c.

Biggest bargain out.

R. C. BERNAU,

The Jeweler.

#### HEARTS AND HANDS.

Miss Sue Bigby and Mr. Joe Young are Married.

On Thursday, the 18th, Mr. Joe Young and Miss Sue Bigby were happily married. About thirty-five of us were honored with an invitation. The happy event took place at five o'clock, p. m., at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. G. A. Bigby. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. B. Wharton.

After passing an hour or so pleasantly we were shown the way to the dining-room. There the table was laid beautifully to suit taste of all the guests. The next day the bride and groom, with relatives and friends, attended the reception at Mrs. M. Young's. A delightful drive through the country, and the bridal party arrived where a large crowd had gathered to do honor to the happy young couple. The feast was magnificent and sumptuous.

Miss Bigby is one of Honora Path's beautiful and most accomplished young ladies. Mr. Young is one of the most handsome and popular young men of Level Land. Many beautiful and useful presents were given. We are glad to know that they will make their home in our midst, and we extend to the groom a hearty welcome. That their lives may be long, useful and prosperous, is the wish of A Friend.

#### HONORS TO MCGOWAN.

Elected Trustee of Erskine College. At the recent meeting of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Synod, Mr. W. C. McGowan was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of Erskine College, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Hon. W. A. Lee.

Special offering for the holiday trade. White quilts, lace curtains, chenille curtains, window shades, linen towels, table linen, handkerchiefs, chenille table covers, leather bags, bureau sets, stamped center pieces, embroidery silk, embroidery cotton, knitting cotton, fast black hosiery, ladies fine parasols, ladies cheap umbrellas. Haddon's. Bromo quinine cures in one night. For sale at Speed's.

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## To Do Your Christmas Trading

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His stock of Dress Goods was never better and prices have been reduced on many of them to suit FIVE CENTS COTTON. He has an unusually as sortment of

## Christmas Goods

consisting in part of Ladies' and Gents' Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Neck Ties, Perfumery, Fancy China and Glass Ware, Albums, Dolls, Works of Standard Authors, Balls, Marbles, Pocket Knives, Plated Ware, &c., &c. In the line of useful goods for the Ladies' we have Silks, Satins, Dress Goods of all kinds, Capes and Jackets, Underwear, Shoes, &c. For the Gentlemen, Ready-Made Clothing, Overcoats, Mackintoshes, Furnishing Goods of all kinds, Hats, Boots and Shoes. We have also an assortment of Youth's, Boys and Childrens Clothing. Come to see us, one and all. We will do you good.

# L. W. White.