

The Press and Banner.

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A Good Brother's Error.

The local editor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian seems to roll as a sweet morsel under his tongue the lamentable occurrence which took place in this town some years ago whereby good men lost their lives.

Everybody here is sorry for that unfortunate affair. We couldn't forget it, if we would, but we wouldn't open gable wounds, if we could.

As far as this newspaper is able to understand, there is no difference of opinion between Editor Galloway and the most temperate people of this town in reference to the use or abuse of liquor. But the manner of dealing with it, or controlling the traffic, is one thing, and the use or abuse of intoxicants is quite another.

People in this town who are communicants and officers of our churches—men who, to the best of their ability, exemplify the life and character of our Saviour, and who are regarded with the greatest respect, are, we believe, a unit in saying that the dispensary is the best way to govern the liquor traffic.

These good men live right here in the town, while Mr. Galloway lives in a distant town.

While Editor Galloway is just as conscientious as any man at Abbeville, yet his chances of informing himself on an important question are not equal to the opportunities of gentlemen at Abbeville. Editor Galloway is perfectly sincere in his declarations which are in effect, that all the good men of Abbeville are mistaken, and he alone is right.

In times past, when it was possible to reduce the hours of sale of intoxicants at the dispensary, our good brother was silent, and would not help. When the Press and Banner sought to reduce the evils by opening the dispensary later in the morning and closing it earlier in the evening, our good brother stood aloof.

None are so blind as those who are determined not to see. If our good brother would examine into the facts, he would see that he is in the wrong place. He is aligned with a few good people, who are not better informed than himself, while the great mass of those who join him in his fight against the dispensary are pronounced friends of the license system.

The vote not so long ago for the candidates who were opposed to the dispensary included a few temperance men, and a few who were not drinkers, and a large per cent of those who favored license.

The few temperance men who led in the crusade against the dispensary made a strange alignment.

Our good brother at Due West is sincere and conscientious in his warfare. The conscientious man, who is not informed on the subject of which he writes, may do much harm when most anxious to do good. While Editor Galloway is sincere in all that he says, yet he jumps at conclusions, and will not hear the testimony of others who are actuated by as high motives as himself, and who have much better means of forming a correct conclusion.

Nobody doubts the evil resulting from the sale of liquor. The only question is, how shall the traffic be managed?

The public mind is not ready for prohibition.

This is proved in a thousand ways. The dispensary law was in the Courts for years, and an association of liquor dealers in the United States, we believe, encouraged its violation and furnished the sinews of war, to test in Court every conceivable section of the law. The liquor dealers cared nothing for prohibitory laws which could not be enforced, but when it came to enacting a dispensary law which really restricted the traffic in liquor, the liquor men of other States rose in arms against it, and fought it in the Courts for years. The license newspapers encouraged the warfare.

As good and as upright a man as Editor Galloway is, ought to inform himself, in his conscientiousness is found the strongest reason for directing that consent to a dispensary law which conscientiously holds to error is capable of doing much harm, even when he really seeks to do good.

We know that Editor Galloway is sincere in his fight against the dispensary. Pure in heart, he should see that his head is right.

Under the dispensary law, the State of South Carolina has only 110 dispensaries which are opened only during sunlight.

Under the license system, and up to the last night of that method of dealing with liquor, there were 899 houses in the State where liquor could be legally sold.

The 999 bars, it is estimated, gave employment to 5,000 men.

The dispensary gives employment to perhaps 300 men and 200 women—the women being employed in the bottling department.

Barrooms were seldom closed until ten o'clock at night. They were generally opened before sunrise. Sometimes the back doors, or side doors, were not closed all day on Sunday.

The barrooms afforded loafing places from which few were excluded.

Under the dispensary, treating is a thing of the past.

It will not be seriously contended that 110 dispensaries, open in daylight only and employing 300 men, can be as injurious to the public morals as 999 barrooms and 5,000 keepers of the same, which saloons were open a greater part of the 24 hours.

As long as the Christian temperance people hold to their present convictions, no fears need be entertained of our having prohibitory laws. And it is a pity that the few misguided temperance brethren that lead the whiskey element do not inform themselves, and then lend their influence for shorter hours of the dispensary, and for severer limitations upon the sale of intoxicants.

New Engine.

The Press and Banner has put in a new engine to supply the needed power for running the machinery of the office. It is a M. C. Wells kerosene engine, and is up to date in all respects. It runs beautifully, and requires the least possible attention. The consumption of fuel is reduced to a minimum, and it is in all respects a good engine.

We have heretofore used a two-horse steam kerosene engine which has done us good service, but as the business of the office increased our folk demanded a newer and better engine. To answer their demand the new engine was bought. If, therefore, any other printer, or other person, want to experiment with a second hand steam engine he can be supplied with a machine at the Press and Banner office. Having no further use for it, we will sell it for almost any price that may be offered. We would take almost any old thing in exchange for it, except goats and Jersey cattle. We draw the line on that.

This particular kind of engine was bought on the advice of Editor Galloway, of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian. His advice was based on experience with the same kind of engine, which he set up in his place of business not so long ago.

When our engine came, Mr. C. A. Smith and Mr. James Tugart, in company, arranging policies and shafting, when it was ready to go, Mr. W. C. Doty, who runs Brother Galloway's engine, helped us to start it off. And so all is well that ends well.

Call to see Haddon's ready made walking suit.

Honored Guest.

President A. W. Smith of the Woodruff Cotton Mill, dropped in on us last Saturday. He is full of the mill business, and is making a success of his mill; his bank stock is worth \$125, and his mill stock goes at par. We asked him about building a mill at Abbeville to demonstrate to our people that the mill business would pay. He said he was more than willing to make the "demonstration," if our people would put up a little money. He felt confident that he could duplicate our mill, and save \$300,000, which is a saving of \$200,000 more than we thought possible. Our estimate has been that \$250,000 could be saved in building another mill like ours.

Mr. Smith says that the reference of the Press and Banner to the possibility of his building a new mill, has increased his correspondence so much that he may need another stenographer and typewriter.

Why can't our people chip in and help to build another mill? Let us all take stock, and if any of us are not able to hold it, we can sell it at a small discount. The Press and Banner has been governed by this rule. We have subscribed to the capital stock of every enterprise that has been started in Abbeville, for twenty years. We own no stock in anything now. We make it a rule to sell out, so we may be ready for a re-investment in any other enterprise. Sometimes we have sold stock at a loss. Occasionally we have sold at par, and very seldom have we sold out holdings at a premium. But at whatever price it changed hands, we have been satisfied. When we made a profit, we had a place to put the money. When we lost money, we did not lose half as much as we would have been willing to give to see the enterprise go up. We regret no investment to start any enterprise, and we stand ready to subscribe as much as our ability under the circumstances, to any new enterprise that will give employment to our people, while increasing the business of the town, and sending the price of real estate to a higher figure.

In building a mill for a town, President Smith will do more for the people than Carnegie does in endowing a public library. What does a man, with a hungry family or shivering children care for books? They want bread, and the greatest charity that can be dispensed, is the giving of an opportunity to work, which work will make a man independent and self-respecting. To give aims to able bodied people lowers their self-respect, but to offer them profitable employment elevates them along all the lines of good citizenship. If President Smith will build us a mill, the people will give him a warm place in their hearts, and when he goes to heaven they will raise a monumental shaft to his memory.

The Acquittal of James H. Tillman.

The jury at Lexington, last Thursday morning, acquitted James H. Tillman of the charge of shooting the killing of N. G. Gonzales last January.

Many newspapers were not surprised at the verdict, but in noting the acquittal, some of them were bitter in denunciation of the verdict, if not of the jury itself.

If there had been no other testimony before the jury than that which pertained to the act of shooting, it is not clear to us how the jury could have acquitted Mr. Tillman of all blame.

If the origin of the difficulty had not dated back of the 15th day of January, 1903, the mere fact of Gonzales having his hands in his coat pocket on a cold day would not have justified Tillman in shooting him.

It is fair to presume that as flagrant violations of the peace have occurred in every County in the State, as that which occurred in Columbia on the 15th of January, and records will prove that others as guilty as Tillman have not been convicted or abused after acquittal.

But for years Tillman has been prominently before the people, and because of this fact his act of violence has been more generally commented on by the newspapers. He, by no means, is the only man who has been acquitted of serious charges.

We hardly see the fairness of criticising the attorneys on either side, because of their reference to political matters. The files of the State were introduced in evidence, and a large part of the editorials of the State were political. Without the introduction of facts leading up to the homicide Tillman could not have had a fair trial. As the editorials of the State were brought into Court, they seem to us, were a proper subject of discussion.

The parties to this homicide have suffered severely. One is in his grave, the other's life is a living death. Debated before the world, he can scarcely recover the good name which he once bore.

Patricide, Tillman took up arms for his country. Able and ambitious, he sought and obtained political preferment. Suffering defeat, and exasperated at the attacks upon his good name, he slew his assailant. He has been acquitted of the charge of murder, but the blood is on his hands, his private estate is absorbed in costs, his health is shattered by confinement. Will any man say that he has not suffered, and that goes soon free?

The Old Academy.

Hon. W. P. Calhoun sends us the subscription list to the building of the old academy, which building was torn down some ten or twelve years ago to give place to our graded school building. You will be interested in reading the names and noting their subscriptions. Of the seventy-five names appearing in that list only four remain, namely: W. H. Parker and J. T. Martin who were partners in law, Messrs. J. F. Livingston and H. T. Tusten are the other two. Mr. Calhoun we presume mistakes Joel Smith for W. Joel Smith. This editor was personally acquainted with 51 of these subscribers. At least 24 of the number had either died or moved away before 1889.

If the heading of the subscription list is legally binding, it would seem that any old reserved claim to the lot was surrendered in "my interest in the present Female Academy." There is a tradition that a former alien or grantor, gave the lot with the understanding that it should revert in case it was used for other purpose than that of a school lot. It will be noted that some citizens of the county, outside the town, made subscriptions, others, E. M. Palmer, J. E. Foster, B. I. Harrison, Joel Smith, L. J. Patterson, J. R. Wilson, Wm. Blake, Bert Jordan, J. L. Coleman, James Lindsay, J. W. Thomas, A. C. Hawthorn, S. Anderson, C. T. Haskell.

Among other citizens of that day than subscribers, who survive we can recall only the names of Col. J. T. Robertson and Mr. G. A. Douglas. Dr. Marshall, Messrs. W. Joel Smith, G. A. Vianska and Capt. John G. Edwards, came to Abbeville after this list was made up.

Coming Home.

Prof. W. R. Bradley, who with Mrs. Bradley left Abbeville less than two years ago, for the Philippine Islands, will return to the home of her father Capt. John Lyon in Abbeville, this week. They return because of the ill health of Mr. Bradley.

That far-off land without injury to her health, but not so with Mr. Bradley. If they arrive home safely they may be congratulated on their long journey and their experience in a strange country. Many friends will welcome them back.

Pay Your License.

Don't forget to pay your license fee to the town council. Pay up, and don't tax the indignities of those whose duty it is to get the money.

MR. WREN.

A Few Words About Him.

Mr. J. H. Wren has just completed a splendid How Truss covered bridge over Long Creek on road from Abbeville to Coles Mill. It is well built and will last for years. The bridge is one span 96 feet long, not including abutments.

Superior Nickels was well pleased with the bridge, and paid Mr. Wren the full contract price without one cent reduction, and Mr. Wren is ready to contract for one more until the job was completed. Mr. Wren owns and operates a first class (and the only) glumery in this town. He has accepted the job to build the bridge, he expected to complete the job before the spring season opened, but the difficulty of securing material, he was delayed and did not complete the job until after the spring season opened. He is, however, prevented from standing by his contract to complete the bridge on time and according to specifications, by the fact that he is a carpenter and has to work ten days, by reason of cotton being raised to other things.

Mr. Wren is not only a first-class carpenter and good bridge builder, but he is a patriotic citizen. He was drawn as a juror for the first time at Court. He was on hand when Gov. T. P. Cochran on the first day he did not ask to be excused and was accepted by both the State and defense as a juror in the Tucker case. He returned to Due West Monday evening after Court adjourned and ginned cotton until one o'clock, having previously ginned his customers' cotton and bringing their cotton and he would give it tonight.

Some of his neighbors knowing the great personification he was working to remain at Court, succeeded without his knowledge in getting him excused Tuesday night.

As a juror Mr. Wren ought to come down to Abbeville where he is so much needed. Due West is full of good men, and if they should be, he would not be missed from among so many, but he would be a great acquisition to Abbeville. We need a few more good A. H. P's.

COURT NEWS.

This Jury Goes Hard With the Southern Railway.

In the following cases, the juries were evidently not "southern" in their verdicts. The Southern Railway was found against them for amounts varying from \$50 to \$12,500.

In the case of Miss Annie D. Haddon, a contumacious witness, and in the other cases, motions for new trials were refused.

T. C. Lites, J. H. Calhoun and B. D. Pressley, vs. Southern Railway, for relief. Verdict in favor of plaintiffs. Each receiving \$300. Attorney for plaintiffs, Messrs. J. F. Livingston, B. I. Harrison, for defendant, T. P. Cochran.

Miss Annie D. Haddon vs. Southern Railway Co. Relief. W. N. Graydon represented plaintiff, and Mr. Deane with J. P. Cochran, represented defendant. Verdict was found for plaintiff for \$12,500.

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A Wagon's First Cost is not all there is to it. There are plenty of low priced wagons (mighty dear in the end), that actually look well—at first. You can't see the paint-covered wood—pithy, "dead," the defective axle-wood, or foresee the shrinking, rattling, loosening of spokes, the tire setting and constant repairs, that will rise up to trouble you in time. All said and done, it pays to buy once for all a dependable wagon. STUDEBAKER WAGONS are that kind. That is a matter of common knowledge—testified to by every man who ever bought one. Built on honor by master mechanics out of selected and perfectly seasoned materials. Definite, sterling worth in each job of Vehicles and Harness, that result in longer and better service than you have a right to expect. You don't make mistakes if you pin your faith there. Studebakers in Your Town. The undersigned are the local sales agents. We carry a generous stock, will order and quickly get anything you want. You see the goods and know what you are buying. We stake our reputation on pleasing you. Always ready to show you. Give us a call. A. M. HILL & SONS. Abbeville, S. C.

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