

Notice.

The meeting of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union will be held at Abbeville, February 10th, instead of the 15th as advertised.

Honored Guest.

Prof. Reid of Erwin College was in town last Saturday and gladdened the Press and Banner office by his presence.

Help Wanted.

I would like to employ a white man to live in the house with me and do general work about the farm.

Watermelon Seed.

150 lbs. fine Watermelon and Cantaloupe seed on hand. Come and get your seed from J. W. RYKARD.

For Sale.

An incubator and brooder, practically new, used only three times. Cost \$35, will sell for \$12. Apply to L. C. Haskell, Abbeville, S. C.

Attention, Pensioners!

I will be in the Auditor's Office every Saturday during January, from ten to four o'clock for the purpose of receiving applications for pensions.

Dissolution Notice.

Having sold my interest in Calhoun Falls Grocery Co., to Mr. T. J. Fortson, he will continue the business at same place.

Public Hack.

I am running a first class hack and meet all trains. Punctuality is my motto.

Notice.

Notice hereby given that the health of the people of this county is in imminent danger and must be taken care of.

To Rent.

A house on Main Street five rooms and a kitchen. Apply to Mrs. L. W. Mabry.

The Upper Long Cane Society will meet in the Presbyterian Church Friday, January 27, 1905, at 12 o'clock.

Rock salt is good for horses and cattle—look at Glenn's.

R. L. Dargan's Locals.

At Dargan's 10 ct. store you will find a great variety of every thing in Crockery, Glassware, Tinware, Woodenware, Lamp Glass, Lamp Chimneys.

We have a line of Lamp Chimneys that we are proud of. You know Matchless on a Chimney stands for excellence.

Dargan's 5 and 10 ct. store is having a special good Chamber in a big size at 30 cts. that is a Corker—enough said.

The repeat customers we have on our list at ten cts. mean that they are good. We have them for men and ladies in extra long white feet or all black, double heel and toe.

Tinware is a line that we are absolutely right on. We sell every body in the County to see the beautiful line of lead fountains.

Glenn's Locals.

New garden seed, Bliss potatoes at Glenn's. Good tobacco only 2 1/2 cents lb. by the box at Glenn's.

400 lbs. flour bought (watch the wheat market Glenn can protect you).

New crop N. O. Syrraps Bbls 1/2 Bbls and Kegs at Glenn's.

Pittsburg steel plows, hames, traces, collars, pads, etc. at Glenn's.

LARGE INSURANCE POLICY.

Equitable Life Pays to the Late Col. McCall's Estate \$85,000.

Special to the State.

Rock Hill, S. C., Jan. 15.—The office of the State Manager of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York at Rock Hill paid today the sum of \$85,000, the amount of the insurance policy held in that company by the late Senator McCall, of Bennettsville, S. C.

The profits of his death were received at this office on Jan. 9 and received in New York on the 11th. The check for the above amount was dated and mailed on the 11th. It is understood that Senator McCall had a policy for \$85,000 in another company, making a total of \$170,000. The manager of the office stated that his company paid business in the State during 1904 in excess of \$2,000,000. More than \$500,000 was collected in premiums, while the company has over \$18,000,000 in standing policies in the State.

Wise and Otherwise.

Some husbands never know how much they are beloved until their wives want a new hat.

The man who said the pen was mightier than the sword must have witnessed a French duel.

Look after the pennier—your wife will see that the dollars don't get away from you.

Some women are born bachelors, others contract the habit at the age of three or four.

The man who is always giving pointers on how to manage a wife can usually be found in the woodshed after supper smoking his evening cigar.

When a man's hat won't fit him in the morning it is not always a sign that he's been out with the boys the night before. He may have got the best of an argument with his wife.

WE WANT ALL INTERESTED IN MACHINERY

TO HAVE OUR NAME BEFORE THEM DURING 1905

Write us stating what kind of MACHINERY you use or will install, and we will mail you FREE OF ALL COST

A HANDSOME AND USEFUL POCKET DIARY AND ATLAS OR A LARGE COMMERCIAL CALENDAR

Gibbes Machinery Company, COLUMBIA, S. C.

A STOCK OF HORSE POWER HAY PRESSSES TO BE CLOSED OUT AT SPECIAL PRICES

L. W. WHITE

HAS JUST COMPLETED HIS ANNUAL STOCK-TAKING AND NOW HAS A GREAT MANY BARGAINS TO OFFER THE TRADING PUBLIC.

He has a great many

Remnants

of all kinds of goods which can be bought at prices greatly below their real value. He has reduced prices on Percals, Gingham, Flanneletts and Outings, and great bargains can be had in goods of this kind.

Winter Dress Goods

are going at cut prices, and if the ladies will only give us a look, they are sure to conclude that now is the time to buy a dress cheap.

It is needless to say anything of

Embroideries.

We have the largest assortment to be found in the city and, our prices are always the lowest.

We have a very large Stock of Goods which we are anxious to reduce to make room for Spring Goods.

Come to see us.

L. W. WHITE

COTTON RECEIPTS NOW NEGOTIABLE

COMPRESS COMPANIES BELIEVE NEW PLAN SOLVES THE PROBLEM.

Atlantic Company and Gulf Company Make Arrangement with American Bonding Company Whereby Receipts are Guaranteed.

What has been termed a solution of the cotton situation was yesterday announced by C. C. Hanson, president of the Gulf Compress Company.

The plan, in a word, consists of the bonding company's guaranty of every ware house receipts issued by either of the two companies headed by Mr. Hanson. The leading bankers, east and south, have stated that their receipts, so guaranteed, would be generally accepted everywhere as collateral for loans at from 4 to 6 per cent.

The cost of the guaranty to the owner of cotton is about 3 cents a bale or a scarcely appreciable addition to the already moderate ware house charges existing throughout the south. It is generally believed by those to whom the plan has been unfolded that in it has been found the most practical means of enabling farmers to borrow money cheaply and quickly on whatever cotton they desire to hold.

The first requisite for a guaranteed receipt came to Mr. Hanson a week ago yesterday, but two years ago the boards of directors of his companies foreseeing such conditions as now exist, adopted a resolution authorizing him to act on his personal authority.

As soon as possible he held a conference with Mr. E. M. Durant, who represents the American Bonding Company in this territory. The contract between the ware house companies was closed last Monday and announced yesterday, a statement accompanying the announcement to the effect that the companies now stood ready to issue these generally negotiable receipts.

The ware houses at present operated by the Atlantic and Gulf Compress Companies are in the following cities, there being a number of warehouses in most of the cities:

- Atlanta, Ga., Macon, Ga., Americus, Ga., Dawson, Ga., Cordele, Ga., Euftala, Ala., Troy, Ala., Pensacola, Fla., Jackson, Tenn., Oklahoma City, Okla., Vicksburg, Miss., Columbus, Miss., Demopolis, Ala., Savannah, Ga., Columbus, Ga., Albany, Ala., Thomasville, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Opelika, Ala., Dothan, Ala., Memphis, Tenn., Little Rock, Ark., Monroe, La., Meridian, Miss., Uniontown, Ala., Selma, Ala.

Details of the Plan.

The custodian of each of these ware houses under a heavy bond, proportioned to the capacity of and business done by the house in his charge.

When, say ten bales of cotton are left at one of these ware houses in the future, if so desired, the owner will give the usual cotton ware house receipt in which the storage company binds itself, under certain conditions, to return to the owner the same identical cotton on payment of all fees due. But attached to this receipt will be the innovation, the bondings company's guaranty, which will read as follows:

"This ware house receipt is registered with the American Bond Company, of Baltimore, which company, hereby guarantees that the Atlantic Compress Company (of Gulf Compress Company, as the case may be) will perform all its obligations under this ware house receipt. Provided, however, that no action, suit or proceeding shall be had or maintained against the said American Bonding Company on this guaranty unless process be served upon it within thirty days from the surrender of said ware house receipt.

Executed at— "AMERICAN BONDING COMPANY, "By— "Attorney at Law."

Under the contract between the ware house companies and the bonding company the latter has the privilege of sending an inspector as often as possible to examine the records and goods of each ware house, or, if desired to keep an inspector at each ware house, to see that the actual cotton receipted for is at all times on hand.

Capacity is Large.

Mr. Hanson stated yesterday that if desired his company could handle all the cotton the farmers of the south might desire to hold, as he said, when the business grew he would see that the ware house facilities of his companies were expanded to meet every requirement.

The American Bonding Company has assets amounting to slightly more than \$1,750,000, and its unadjusted claims yesterday amounted to just about \$65,000 all told. The standing of the company is something that will be readily accepted as collateral by eastern banks. In speaking of the newly launched plan, Mr. Durant, of the bonding company, said yesterday:

"The great difficulty in the past has been to secure a ware house receipt negotiable outside of the town or city where it was issued. This has been heretofore an insurmountable task on account of the complications arising out of the ware house end of it. But now my company, which has the strength and standing to guarantee receipts, has agreed to do so in the case of two companies."

Estate of Jno. J. Gray, Dec'd.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.

TAKE NOTICE that on the 24th day of Feb., 1905, I will render a final account of my actions and doings as Administrator of the Estate of Jno. J. Gray, deceased, in the office of Judge of Probate for Abbeville County, at 10 o'clock, a. m., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as such administrator.

All persons having demands against said estate will present them for payment on or before that day, proven and authenticated or forever barred.

Master's Sale. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Abbeville. Court of Common Pleas.

L. T. Harmon, et al., as Executors and in their own right against Norfleet Hunter and Milton Hunter.—Foreclosure.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville county, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on Sale day in February 6th, A. D. 1905, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville county, in the State aforesaid, on Shanklin creek, containing THREE HUNDRED ACRES, more or less, bounded by lands of J. S. Harmon on the north and east, on the south by lands of William Harmon and on the west by the Savannah river.

Also all that tract or parcel of land located in Abbeville county in said State containing ONE HUNDRED ACRES, more or less bounded on the north by lands of Guilford Cade, on the east by Little river and on the west and south by lands of Mary Harmon.

Terms of Sale—One-third of the purchase money in cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years in equal payments, with interest from the date of sale, or for all cash at the purchasers option, the credit portion, if any, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold, said bond and mortgage providing for the payment of ten per cent. attorney's fees, in the event said bond and mortgage should be collected by suit.

If any of the purchasers at such sale should fail to comply with the terms thereof, within one hour from the time of said sale, or should fail to give satisfactory evidence of intention to comply, the master shall resell the said premises at the risk of former purchaser or purchasers on the same or any subsequent day. Purchaser to pay for papers.

L. W. Perrin, Master, A. C., S. C.

Master's Sale. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Abbeville.

Richard H. McCain as Administrator against Nancy A. Alewine and others.—Partition.

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Terms of sale—One half cash and the balance on a credit of twelve months secured by bonds of the purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with leave to the purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

L. W. Perrin, Master, A. C. S. C. Jan. 14, 1905.

CONVICT COTTON TO BE WITHHELD

GOVERNOR VARDAMAN'S STATEMENT ABOUT COTTON.

Two Thousand Bales of the Crop of the State Farm Will be held Less Cotton and More Food-stuffs to be Raised This Year.

Jackson, Miss., January 12.—Governor Vardaman tonight gave out the following statement in regard to the policy of the state in holding its cotton and reducing the acreage:

"Believing that the price for which cotton is selling today is below the cost of production, that the low price was brought about by the persistent hammering of the bears, perfectly organized, the board of control has determined to cooperate with the cotton planters of the south by withholding from the market 2,000 bales of its cotton. The board of control has determined also to plant more corn, peas and other foodstuffs and to cut down the acreage in cotton for the present year. It is our purpose to raise everything on the penitentiary that the convicts eat except a little sugar, coffee and flour."

BIG SLUMP IN FERTILIZER SALES.

Agricultural Department selling only a few Tags. Slump due to Low Price of Cotton.

According to the state agricultural department fertilizer sales in Georgia are falling off at an alarming rate. The sale of fertilizer tags is not near so heavy this year as it was last, and this is a sure indication that the volume of business being done by the fertilizer companies is not near so great as in 1904.

The great slump in the cotton market and the determination of the farmers to cut down the cotton acreage and the amount of fertilizer used is no doubt responsible for the decrease in sales. Last year more fertilizer than ever before in the history of the state was used, and had not the price of cotton gone down, there would have been an increase in the sales this year over last.

The farmers seem to be getting together, however, and not only are they going to cut down the cotton acreage but the general expenses of their farms as well.

Professor J. T. Derry, of the agricultural department, who has charge of shipping all the tags, states that the volume of business this month is far below the same month of last year in the amount of tags which have been sold, and it can be inferred from that that the sales everywhere are on the decrease.

From other states comes the same information that the fertilizer sales are falling off, and that the cotton acreage is being trimmed down.

Work in the Graded School.

The boys of the four highest grades in the Abbeville Graded School have organized themselves into a military company, and will drill for fifteen or twenty minutes each school day. While the Superintendent and the Principal of the school will have a general oversight of the boys during this period, the company is officered throughout by the boys and the officers are expected to conduct the drills. The organization is modeled upon a similar one in the Sumter Graded School, where the plan has been working admirably for two years, or more. It is hoped that guns can be secured ere long and other needed equipment for a first class military company. While the boys are being trained in military tactics, the larger girls of the school are taking physical culture under the skillful direction of Miss Nance.

The following are the officers of the military company.

- Capt.—Willie Ferrin. 1st Lieut.—Duffie McKee. 2nd Lieut.—Lowrie Blake. 3rd Lieut.—Calhoun Haskell. 1st Sgt.—Wm. Klugh. 2nd Sgt.—Jack Harden. 3rd Sgt.—James Hemphill. 4th Sgt.—Bonar White. 5th Sgt.—George Syfan. 1st Corp.—John Hill. 2nd Corp.—Gottlob Neuffer. 3rd Corp.—Albert Miller. 4th Corp.—Hugh Cromer. 5th Corp.—Preston Speed.

Ladies do you realize the advantage of "Open Stock" China? It means this, you buy your dinner set complete or as you want it, get any number of pieces that you choose. Then when you break a piece how nice it is to feel that the set is not ruined, for all you have to do is to go to Dargan's 5 and 10 ct. store and match your set. This is the best way to buy china for your table. We have four district patterns of the celebrated "Bassett" China. The name stands for quality.

SALE OF Bankrupt Stock MERCHANDISE.

SEALED BIDS will be received by me for Bankrupt Stock of General Merchandise of Mrs. Lou Alewine, bankrupt, consisting of Groceries, Dry Goods, Crockery and Fixtures

Said stock having been appraised at Twenty-four Hundred and Thirty Dollars. Bids will be received to 12 m. February 4th, 1905. The right reserved to reject any and all bids. If said stock is not sold, I will immediately thereupon offer the same for sale as a whole at Public Auction in front of the Court House. Prospective buyers may see the stock by applying to the undersigned.

R. E. COX, Trustee.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

For the Purpose of Accommodating the Public in the matter of making Their Tax Returns, I Will Visit the Places Mentioned Below on the Dates Indicated in Schedule.

ALL RETURNS MUST BE MADE UNDER OATH, AND ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY returned at its true market value. Persons not making their returns between January 1st, 1905, and February 20th, 1905, are liable to a penalty of 50 per cent. This penalty will be enforced against delinquents; for the failure to enforce it heretofore has put a premium on neglect of the law.

The returns of those who conform to the law are placed before the Township and County Boards, while those who disregard the law come in after the meeting of the Boards and return to suit themselves. The enforcement of this 50 per cent. penalty will correct this evil.

Employers are requested to return all employees after notifying them and getting a statement of their property.

Returns will not be taken by mail unless they are sworn to before some proper officer. This does not apply, however, to persons returning only land.

All improvements on or transfers of real estate must be reported to the County Auditor.

My Appointments Are as follows: Calhoun Falls, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 10 and 11. Lowndesville, Thursday and Friday, January 12 and 13. Mt. Carmel, Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17. Willington, Wednesday, January 18. Bordeaux, Thursday, January 19. McCormick, Friday and Saturday, January 20 and 21. Donalds, Monday and Tuesday, January 23 and 24. Due West, Wednesday and Thursday, January 25 and 26. Office open from January 1st to February 20th inclusive.

RICHARD SONDLLEY, County Auditor.

The Peoples Savings Bank, ABBEVILLE, S. C.

OFFICERS. S. G. THOMSON, President. G. A. NEUFFER, Vice-President. R. E. COX, Cashier. S. G. Thomson, H. G. Anderson, G. A. Neuffer, C. C. Gambrell, W. E. Owens, C. S. Jones, J. S. Stark, Ed. Keiser, John A. Harris.

Cabbage Plants!

I have for sale Succession, Wakefield and Early Spring Cabbage Plants, grown in open air on sea coast from seeds bought from the best and most reliable Seedsmen in the United States at the following prices f. o. b.

Lots 1000 to 5000 \$1.50 per M. " 5000 to 10,000 1.25 "

Lots over 10,000 special prices on application.

Special Inducements to Dealers. Any information as to the cultivation of cabbage will be cheerfully given on application.

S. J. RUMPH, Adams Run, S. C.

COTTON GROWING

is the most interesting topic these days, and to get the best results all planters should use

ANDERSON FERTILIZERS.

Ask your dealer for them, and if he hasn't got them, make him get them, and write to us for our book on cotton.

Anderson Phosphate and Oil Co., ANDERSON, S. C.

Wedding and Christmas Gifts.

If you intend to buy either you will make no mistake to call and inspect the magnificent line displayed at the Drug Store of

C. A. MILFORD.

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Terms of Sale—One-half cash, balance on a credit of one year, with interest from the date of sale, or for all cash at the purchaser's option. The credit portion, if any, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises, said bond and mortgage providing for the payment of ten per cent. attorney's fees in the event the same are collected by suit. Purchaser to pay for papers.

L. W. Perrin, Master, A. C., S. C. I am now receiving a stock of DOORS, SASHES, BLINDS, FLOORING, CEILING, SIDING and FINISHING LUMBER, also SHINGLES, LATHS, LIME, CEMENT and HAIR.

A. G. FAULKNER, TRINITY ST. Opposite A. B. MORSE.

Many bargains in dry goods, yard wide good sheeting 5 cents at Glenn's. Leather for half soles and tacks at Glenn's Axes, handles, picks, hoes, rakes, shovels and forks at Glenn's.