

# The Abbeville Press and Banner.

BY W. W. & W. R. BRADLEY.

ABBEVILLE, S. C., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1907.

ESTABLISHED 1844

## Harrison and Waldrop

Phone 183 **The Shop that does Everything** Phone 183

We have a first-class Tinner who can put on any kind of a roof, and do all kinds of repairing.

We have a first-class Plumber who can do all kinds of plumbing. No jobs too large. None too small. We want the work.

We have a repair shop that is up-to-date in every particular. We can repair anything you can break.

We also have a fine line of new Bicycles of high grade make, from \$20.00 up. Second hand Bicycles at any old price. Rubber tires we put on buggies are guaranteed one year.

Phone 183 **Satisfaction Guaranteed in everything** Phone 183

## Harrison and Waldrop

### IF YOU WANT CASH

For Your REAL ESTATE Or Business I CAN GET IT

No Matter What Your Property is Worth, or in What Town, City, State or Territory it is Located



If I did not have the ability and feel titles to sell your property, I can tell you I could not find to pay for this advertisement. The "ad" (like all my other "ads") is practically sure to place on my list a number of new properties, and I am just as sure to sell these properties and make enough money in commissions to pay for cost of these "ads" and make a good profit besides. That is why I have so large a real estate business to-day.

Why not put your property among the number that will be sold as a result of these "ads"?

I will not only be able to sell it some time—but will be able to sell it quickly. I am a specialist in quick sales. I have the most complete and up-to-date equipment. I have branch offices throughout the country and a field force of men to find buyers.

I can not handle all the business usually carried by the ordinary real estate agent. I MUST-SELL real estate—sell it off—or get out of business. I can assure you I am not going out of business. On the contrary, I expect to find at the close of the year, that I have sold twice as many properties as I did the last year, but I will first be necessary for me to "list" more properties. I want to list YOURS and sell it. It doesn't matter whether you have a farm, a home without any land, or a business; it doesn't matter what it is worth, or where it is located. If you will fill out the blank letter of inquiry below and mail it to me today, I will "sell" you and why I can quickly convert the property into cash and will give you my complete plan.

### Free of Charge

and terms for handling it. The information I will give you will be of great value to you, even if you should decide not to sell. You had better write today before you forget it.

If you want to buy any kind of a Farm, House or Business, in any part of the country, tell me your requirements. I will guarantee to fill them promptly and satisfactorily.

David P. Taff, The Land Man, 415 Kan. Ave., Topeka, Kas

You want to Sell Fill In, Cut Out and Mail Today.

Please send, without cost to me, a plan for finding a cash buyer for my property which consists of

..... Town..... County..... State

Following is a brief description.....

.....

Lowest cash price.....

Name..... Address.....

If You want to Buy fill in, cut out and Mail Today.

I desire to buy property corresponding approximately with the following specification:

Town or City..... County..... State.....

Price between \$..... and \$..... I will pay \$..... down and balance.....

Remarks.....

Name..... Address.....

#### Wise Counsel From the South.

"I want to give some valuable advice to those who suffer with lame back and kidney trouble," says J. R. Blankenship, of Beck, Tenn. "I have proved to an absolute certainty that Electric Bitters will positively cure this distressing condition. The first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking a few more bottles, I was completely cured; so completely that it became a pleasure to recommend this great remedy." Sold under guarantee at Speed's drug store. Price 50c.

N. O. Syrup in bbls., 1-2 bbls., 10 and 5 gal. kegs at Glenn's.

Fertilizers on Hand. I have on hand all grades of fertilizers for grain. Be sure and see us. We will also sell you your cotton seed meal. J. W. McKee, Jr.

#### HELP IS OFFERED

TO WORTHY YOUNG PEOPLE

We earnestly request all young persons, no matter how limited their means or education, who wish to obtain a thorough business training and good position, to write by first mail for our great half-rate offer. Success, independence and probable fortune are guaranteed. Don't delay. Write today.

The Ga.-Ala. Business College, Macon, Ga.

#### The Barn.

Our barn is a great big, rough old thing, entirely unsuited for a court house for a proud or a self-respecting people, but it is a substantial structure, and should be sold and allowed to stand.

That part of the barn that projects out into the public square should be cut off.

The new Court House should be built on a larger and a more suitable lot.

The Gary lot is an elegant place for a Court house and its location could not be better chosen.

Hodges depot, it is true, puts her calaboose in the most conspicuous place in that town. We mean no sort of reflection on that town. In placing its calaboose in the most conspicuous and the most convenient place for lodgers, it only followed the custom of other little places in making an exhibit of their public buildings. In towns such as Abbeville was a hundred years ago, they all did as Hodges now does in the matter of the calaboose. Abbeville, when it was a rural village, had nothing else, and of course it naturally crowded its court house into the public square, but now we know of no modern city that puts its Court house on the public square.

Even sleepy old cities like Charleston and Augusta place their Court houses on side streets, so that a stranger coming to town must inquire for the Court house.

Nobody should in this day of progress and civilization any more make an exhibit of a Court house than it would erect a scaffold and keep it standing as an admonition for evil doers. This, for two reasons:

First.—To keep a scaffold always before our eyes would be displeasing to the finer sensibilities of the citizen and to make an exhibit of a Court house is a certificate of the smallness of the city.

Second.—Because there is no need for a scaffold for white men. We can just take criminals to a back lot, out of sight, and do them up.

In like manner, we need not thrust our Court house in the sight of everybody, every day in the year. We are no longer a back number, and we do not want to build a court house where the next generation will criticize our lack of progress.

Even a little town like Anderson, feels like writing unpleasant epitaphs to the good men who put a very nice little court house in the wrong place. They simply followed in the footsteps of their grandfathers who placed a rock in one end of a corn sack when grain was sent to mill on horse back.

This editor has seen three Court houses:

The First.—Was a rickety old wooden building, hardly fit for a horse stable.

The Second.—A right good little shack. It was built so close to other buildings that it was burnt down by adjoining buildings.

The Third.—The old tobacco barn, was built with the rubbish of the burnt building and 89,000 new brick. With the bats and bricks from the old building and 89,000 new brick, the famous old tobacco barn was constructed. The builder of the brick work was Jephthah Wilson of Anderson.

After putting in all the suitable rubbish from the old walls, and including the openings—40—Wilson was paid for laying 385,750 brick. Counting off 189 feet in width and ten feet high for openings, the actual number of brick in the building, including the bats, is 328,750. Itemized, the cost of some part of the work of constructing the Court house was:

Laying brick.....	\$1,459
100,000 feet of lumber.....	1,011
McMillan for 89,800 brick.....	898
Plastering.....	878
Lawsen for tin roof.....	946
Tearing down old walls and cleaning brick.....	300

We have no means of ascertaining the cost of either the plank window shutters or the elegant benches that are good enough for a park, but we suppose the shutters must have cost something like \$85, while the beautifully constructed benches must have cost at least 90 or 95 cents apiece.

The contract for building the structure was bid off in 1872 by John W. Sign, Thos. C. Seal and J. William Robertson, under the firm name of Seal, Sign & Robertson and John Enright and D. B. Smith as Enright & Smith. After work was commenced or about to begin, Enright & Smith sold their interest in the contract to Seal, Sign & Robertson for \$500.

The extra ran up the cost of the Court house to \$18,555, the extras being:

Pigeon holes in the different offices, estimated.....	\$1,500
Change of cornice around the building from wood to brick.....	400

From the above figures we estimate that the contractors made something like \$10,000 profit.

Their bid being the lowest at \$18,655, with the privilege of using the old foundations and all the available stuff from the burnt building that could be used in the new building. The broken brick were put in the centre of the walls, the new brick were put on the outside, and the soft brick were used in making the partition walls in the lower story. The walls of the lower story are twenty inches thick—or two and a half brick. The upper story is 17 inches—or two brick thick. The first story was to be 12 feet in the clear, and upper story 18 feet in the clear; but when work was commenced it was seen that the foundation was too low for the extended part, and so it was agreed to raise the foundation one foot, keeping the lower story 12 feet in the clear, but reducing the top story one foot in the clear to 17 feet. The reduction in the upper story to make even the cost of raising the foundation.

The act of the Legislature authorizes the use of the material in the new building. To use old broken bricks twice may not be advisable.

The Legislature, as we understand, authorizes the renting of suitable rooms for the occupying of the different county officers during the building of the court house.

This, we think, is not the part of wisdom.

In the first place, there are few or no suitable places that could be rented.

In the next place, it would cost perhaps a thousand dollars to move the furniture, papers and belongings. The furniture is out of date.

In the third place, it would be a miracle if the valuable papers and books now in the court house could be moved without the loss of some of them.

In the fourth place, the lot on which the court house now stands is not suited for either a modern building or a live town. Our grand daddies had grand daddy ideas.

#### Matters for Consideration.

With all due and proper respect for the wisdom and the sagacity of those who may have charge of the work of building a Court house of which we may not be ashamed, we would suggest an idea or two for their consideration.

First.—Abandon all idea of building the new court house on a cramped or hedged in place where the old Court house now stands.

Second.—Without discounting the wisdom of our grandfathers, let a large and suitable lot be selected away from the square.

Third.—Keep the old Court house just as it is, until the new Court house is ready for occupancy.

Fourth.—Either now or later on, as may seem best to the builders, advertise the old court house and lot for sale to the highest bidder, and use the money in buying a better lot and in building the new house.

Fifth.—Make the sale conditioned so that the buyer may not claim to be put in possession until such time as the county is ready to vacate.

Sixth.—For this reservation concession could be made to the buyer in extending the time for his removal of the projecting thirty feet from the public square.

Seventh.—By putting the old building and lot up to the highest bidder a full and fair price would be assured. And the amount so realized would assist in the newer and the better structure.

## WEDDING PRESENTS.

If You are in Search of Something Handsome in cut Glass, Hand Painted China and Sterling Silver in odd prices call on

**W. E. JOHNSON**

The Jeweler.

## Anderson Phosphate and Oil Co.

Manufactures of

Sulphuric Acids and Fertilizers,

own and operate fifteen Mills. This company will put nothing on the market that has not been tested, and thousands of farmers give willing testimony that the goods are fully up to the standard claimed.

Call on your local dealer for the Blood Guano and Acid Phosphate. No substitute will give you the same satisfaction.

Once you have tried these fertilizers you will use no other.

## Anderson Phosphate and Oil Co.

## Farmers' Bank of Abbeville.

State, County and City Depository.

President: F. E. HARRISON. Vice-President: P. B. SPEED. Cashier: J. H. DUFFE.

Board of Directors: F. E. Harrison, P. B. Speed, G. A. Vignaux, John A. Harris, R. M. Haddon, Lewis W. Parker, W. P. Greene, J. F. Clinkcales, C. C. Gambrell.

We solicit your business and are prepared to handle it safely and conservatively.

We are in position to make you loans, and to pay interest on deposits, when placed in

**Our Savings Department.**

## The largest and most complete line of Stationery, Books and School Supplies

Can be seen at Milford's Drug Store.

Tried in the Supreme Court of Universal Popularity, the Best Judges of Tobacco ways Decide in Favor of

## LEGAL TENDER

### TWIST

This tobacco is one of the oldest and best brands of one of the oldest manufacturers in the country. Established in 1851, the very highest standard of manufactured tobaccos ever attained in America has been reached; a standard which is strictly lived up to in every plug we make. Experienced buyers cover all the leading markets of Virginia and North Carolina, choosing only the most select, high-grade growth, with which to maintain the unequalled quality of "LEGAL TENDER TWIST."

Sold at 10c per Twist in 5c Cuts

Always discriminate in favor of "LEGAL TENDER TWIST," and SAVE THE TAGS. A copy of our 1907 premium catalogue, which is one of the largest and most attractive ever gotten out by a tobacco manufacturer, will be mailed to any address in the United States on receipt of only 4c in postage stamps, or 8 of the tags we are redeeming.

**HANCOCK BROS. & CO., LYNCHBURG, VA.**