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Death of Mrs. Sue Barksdale.

After a brief illness of pneumonia Mrs. Susan Ann Barksdale, of this vicinity, died last Saturday night, April 13, 1907.

The story of Mrs. Barksdale's career would make a narrative which would read more like a romance than a recital of facts.

Her hand was sought in marriage by many lovers, and she was three times at the marriage altar, and three times she was called to bury her heart's best beloved.

She was, perhaps, the only woman in Abbeville county who was married three times, and yet lived the greater part of her life a widow.

She was the only woman in Abbeville county to write and publish a book of the incidents and heart affairs of her own life.

She was the only woman to compound a medicine, for which great merit was claimed.

She was the only woman in the county to take the road to sell any medicine.

She is, perhaps, the only woman, after reaching three score and ten years, through her own exertions to pay off a mortgage on her farm.

Although paralyzed after reaching old age she, instead of whining, went to work with renewed energy and accumulated a competency.

When she was young she was notable for her beauty, and in manner she was most attractive. In old age she was courageous.

Her last illness she made a brave fight for life and she never lost faith in her recovery to live a hundred years, but she lost out; she bowed with the spirits beyond the River.

The Press and Banner of May, 1888, made the following obituary notice: Her serious affliction, a life of usefulness in the past, Mrs. Sue A. Barksdale, widow of the late E. D. Barksdale, was struck down last evening ago partially paralyzed.

She was a very remarkable woman, and the history of her life would furnish the foundation for a story which would be of great interest and would touch any heart.

In her younger days she was rich in this world's goods, and her personal beauty gave her a power and charm among her associates which was remarkable.

All her life she has been imbued with the idea that she had a mission to perform and that she must do good to the poor and all suffering humanity.

She was married three times, but she has been a widow the greater part of her life. Her home has been the asylum and refuge of orphans and the poor, and her great life work has been the training and education of orphan children.

She gave to all, not only her personal attention, but she expended money in the rearing of the helpless, and she now has the consciousness of knowing that she has done good at her own financial cost.

Having spent the greater part of her life in caring for other children, she is now under the hand of affliction, and it is hoped that in her feeble condition she will have no cause to regret her generosity in former years.

She went to spend several days of her life in the city of Washington, and while on Broad street that city city affliction came.

In the last chapter in the career of a lion and useful life, we find these sentiments in Mrs. Barksdale's own words:

Some of my unworthy friends further have expressed the apprehension that I am becoming worldly minded, that I think too much about the value of a dollar. I have been about the world enough to learn the value of money.

The helpless, moneyless or unfortunate is to be pitied, and I have seen many of my friends, in adversity, who cannot be found. I would rather die a hundred deaths than see a helpless invalid dependent on the bounty of friends.

During my travels I have met with strong willed men and women, with some slight affliction, begging from door to door. Through a crisis I have too much spirit to beg from any man, and often do I refuse to accept proffered charity.

While God continues to me the use of body and mind I prefer to make my own support. To do this it is necessary to take care of what I make. By doing this, and by exercising good business sense, by strong will power and untiring industry I have lived at my own expense, have redeemed my property from mortgage, have given to the unfortunate, and have helped others meet stronger than myself.

By making and saving a log or more of money I have so improved my financial status, that I rendered unable to make another dollar I could live the remainder of my days without asking money from any one.

This I have been able to accomplish, chiefly since receiving the stroke of paralysis. I have seen many come to want through wantfulness, indolence, or the failure to appreciate the value of money. I prefer to work, take care of my earnings, live independently and have plenty.

Notwithstanding all my sorrows and trials, and all the sin and wickedness I have seen in my long life, I am not sour on the world. I take a bit of his view of life.

In the introductory of her work, she says of herself:

My life has been a very remarkable one, and many and varied are the experiences through which I have passed. At the age of eight I was left without a father, and in later years the care and support of my afflicted mother devolved upon me.

Within a period of ten years I was three times married and my first widowhood covers at this time a score of years. A stroke of paralysis six years ago, which my friends thought would result in death, disabled my right side and deprived me entirely of the use of my right hand.

Yet after a partial recovery I go where I please with the aid of a crutch, write and sew with my left hand and earn as much money as the average man. Since my illness I have supported myself, paid off the mortgage on my property and contributed to the comfort and support of others. I have suffered much, but have enjoyed rich blessings.

My life has been a conspicuous illustration of God's love and providential care, and in all the years of my chequered existence I have been sustained by Him whose compassions fail not.

Such of my life has been devoted to the care of others. I have reared orphan children, visited and relieved the sick and endeavored to make my life a blessing to humanity. I do not claim to be perfect, but I know that with the help and blessing of God I have done much good.

"And all this is just as true of missionaries in other places. You might substitute Mexico or India for China if you wish, and you would need to change only some of the details that are of local application. Missions are the world over, and we are to be long to the race of Gideon's three hundred, and are doing battle against fearful odds for God, for truth and for humanity. And they are gaining the victory, too. The progress may be slow. The converts may be few for awhile, but mission work is a movement that is beginning to move the nations. And it is a movement which from its very nature will gather force as it goes."

After quoting a whole lot of expressions favorable to missions in China, the Associate Reformed Presbyterian of last week, spoke as above. The Presbyterian says, "you might substitute Mexico for China if you wish, and you would need to change only some of the details that are of local application."

A man could make the application and make the statements as indicated, if he was a little careless in his speech about Mexico.

If a man wished to state facts he might say: "The prevailing religion of Mexico is Roman Catholic. In 1889 there were 10,219 Christian churches in Mexico, of which 107 were Protestant and 10,112 were Roman Catholic. In the world there are 300,000,000 Roman Catholics. Notwithstanding Dr. Neill Presbyterian's opinion to the contrary, the world's Catholics are as Christians and as might add that the Associate Reformed missionaries in Mexico are in reality seeking to proselyte Catholics.

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In his book of records, incidents and anecdotes of Columbia is suggested the best epitaph for his grave stone. In that book which is so full of incidents, there is not one narrative to hurt the feelings or the sensibilities of any one.

But in it there are many expressions that show the goodness of a kindly heart.

After the war Mr. Selby published the paper for a long time, and as far as we now recollect, it was honorable and fair in upholding its principles.

Mr. Selby had lived his day. He had acted his part. He had earned the goodwill of all men. With the consciousness of duty well performed, he is now at rest. But the fragrance of a good life still lingers with us.

And so it is, we shall no more have amongst us the kindly heart and the pleasant greeting of Julian A. Selby.

The jury in the Thaw case in New York stood seven for conviction of murder, and five for acquittal. While we think a pure and honest woman should be protected to the fullest extent, we are perfectly certain that no man should be allowed to kill another because his wife does not belong to that class. No man should be allowed to kill another because he married a trifling woman.

To be continued.

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The Gaffney Ledger thinks that the voting out of the dispensary was a most glorious thing. The Press and Banner hopes that its esteemed contemporary may always be of the same belief.

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CHAPTER IV.

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You put the pen down gently,—or if you happen to be a man, gently reader, you put it down, but not gently, and relieve your mind of quite a variety of "Sunday school words."

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The Record and the Country Press.

The Columbia Record, some time ago, criticized the country press, charging it with lack of individuality and with want of courage of expression in their editorial columns.

And upon which editorial a lot of comment has been had, or to words to that effect. If the Press and Banner had been writing of the country press, this newspaper would have remarked on what seems to be on the part of a few of the country press, an easy effort to publish a country edition of their favorite daily.

Instead of copying news from any one of them it would be better to scrap around occasionally, and get some home news. County papers are some times beaten in local news, because a daily newspaper has a quicker opportunity to speak. And some times the country printer is caught napping, when he misses something which he should have published.

In cases of this sort it is well for the country editor to kick himself, and then following the example of his favorite daily, he should copy nothing about the matters of local interest that escaped his notice.

Editorial opinion of country printers is frequently noted by the daily papers. In following a good example of the great dailies the country printer might well copy the city printer's editorial comment, but the country press should never go to the city dailies for its local news.

Better let local news pass unnoticed than to get it second hand, or to copy news from home to get the news which should appear at first hand, from their own pen and with their own coloring.

But the editorials of the dailies, like the editorials in the country press, we assume to be legitimate subjects for consideration, and even of reproduction.

This paper believes the country press speak out, but in some instances they cannot express their views before the dailies have had an opportunity to speak. They should give a reasonable truth for any assertion that the country press tracks after the daily. Such charge is, we think, unjust. In order that no one may have the semblance of a pretext for charging this newspaper for following anybody, we just don't like to tuck the straw after the grain has been thrashed out. As far as we know ourselves we form our opinions, and then try to express them to express them, without reference to what anybody else or any other newspaper may think.

Don't Guess—Speak Truly. Was it in May or in April that the snow fell and covered the earth hereabout in 1899, when wheat was in boot, corn was knee high, and cotton had been chopped. Don't guess at it, but give definite answer, if you please. This editor recollects the snow, and thinks it was on Sunday in May, which was followed by frost on the next Tuesday morning.

Shiny on Your Own Side. The L. M. I.'s are not a State issue. When the G. M. I. was abolished the question of dispensary or no dispensary became or was reduced to a local issue. Opponents of the G. M. I. may now sit down. As far as interfering with other counties is concerned they are out of it. If the different local politicians and the circumscribed newspapers will shine on their own side, and will sweep before their own doors, they can let the outside world wag as it will.

Second Term—Third Race. William Billy thinks that Teddy should not be eligible for a second term. Some incorrigible Democrats, however, think that William Billy should be eligible for a third race.

Until an able writer and a better man than John Temple Graves appears in the journalistic field of South Carolina, those country papers which may feel inclined to copy the stars which others may copy, might just as well sit down. They could well improve their time by trying to measure up to his worth, his intellect, and his acquirements.

The Rock Hill Herald says that the man who undertakes to work for the public, and a hard road to travel. Why not call out the road hands or the "good roads" crowd?

Because of the expense, Government bosses are objecting to the reception of packages on which the postage has been partially paid. Because of necessary delay and expense in the delivery of partially paid postage, private individuals object to the credit system. If big officials of the government may be protected, why not extend the favor to all? The system is troublesome alike to postmasters and to recipients of belated and half paid mail matter.

It is estimated that the cost of the Thaw trial has been \$300,000, the Thaws paying \$200,000 of the amount. It seems that the Harry and Evelyn would have suffered less, if Harry had let White live. It is generally very expensive to kill men, even if the stay or is acquitted of crime. If White had lived it is quite probable that he would not have given two hundred thousand dollars worth of trouble. And the end is not yet.

Able and Reverential. The Southern Christian Advocate is one of the ablest of the religious newspapers that are received at this office. The editor, too, is as reverential as a layman. It is a pleasure and a profit to read a newspaper that is reverential, and the fact of a reverential religious newspaper and a reverential preacher is notable.

Hon. John E. Bradley is in bad health. His family are anxious about him.

Ex Governor Daniel H. Chamberlain is dead at the age of 72. He came from Massachusetts to Virginia to die of cancer of the stomach.

President Roosevelt honors Col. John J. Dargan in placing the marine band and the Fort Moultrie garrison at his command to attend the unveiling of the Sumter monument at Statesburg, Aug. 14.

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