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The L. W. White Co.

In our house last week, we made several serious mistakes or omissions in our attempt to write up the town. The omissions were purely accidental. We would not have intentionally omitted anybody.

There is the old and honored firm of "The L. W. White Co." It is by far the oldest firm in town, and has weathered the storms of three quarters of a century—a time so far back that it indicates the birth of every citizen in Abbeville, with a single exception, that of Mr. H. T. Tatum.

In 1830 John White opened a store on White's corner, and there established a store which afterward became the best known and the most universally respected mercantile firm in the county.

After the war he quit business and his sons, L. W. White and George White took up the business, where their father left off because of the disabilities of age. A little later Mr. George White, withdrew from the firm of White Brothers.

Capt. L. W. White from that time until the day of his death conducted the business, and was respected by everybody because of his good judgment in buying goods, and because of his integrity. He had a large trade. When he died, his sons, Mr. George White and Mr. L. W. White took up the work where their father left off, and it seems that they inherited not only the store, but their father's excellent qualities as merchants.

The business of the store moves on as in the days of old, with the prospect of even more gratifying results. The Whites are natural born merchants. They were born to it, and the good qualities have been passed on to them in the most careful training by the most honest parent.

The L. W. White Co. is a factor in the mercantile world and a contribution to the buying world.

Mr. W. D. Wilson, one of the best natured, hearty, whole-souled men in the whole country has allied himself with this firm, and they make a team that simply cannot be beat.

Calvert & Nickles.

Through accident the name of this firm was omitted from last week's issue. No name in the business district of Abbeville stands higher before the buying public. They carry an immense stock of furniture, and their stock of wagons and buggies more than fills all their warehouse room.

Their prices are as low as a conscientious buyer could ask, and their goods are good enough and varied enough to answer every demand of every buyer. They are so nice to customers that it is a real pleasure for them to turn in their money or to have the needed article charged. The customer who has no money can always find the best of treatment while the man with the money gets tip top treatment, and the best of every needed article. No buyer makes a mistake in examining their goods, and taking all that they want.

The firm have just about completed the seating of the court house and city hall. This contract was a competitive award and Messrs. Calvert and Nickles won out over a great number of competitors.

Lady or Woman?

The Newberry Observer and the Aiken Journal have been commenting on the proper or improper use of "lady" and "woman." What do our brethren say of this way of using the word? The colored wash-lady sent me for the white woman's clothes.

"Prominent citizen" when reciting the particulars of crime, and the use of "fine" as applied to everything, seem to have been worn thread bare. Plain, every day good citizens seem to be law-abiding, while "prominent people" do all manner of mischief. They feel that if they kill anybody that a kind judge will give them bail, and they know jurors always give credence to the biggest liar that gets on the witness stand. It is, therefore, safe for "prominent" or influential citizens to shoot anybody. Common, decent poor men cannot afford to pay big money to lawyers, and hire witnesses. They must obey the law. As for "fine," it is used everywhere to describe anything.

Joe F. Edmunds.

Mr. J. F. Edmunds runs the best repair shop for wagons, buggies and other like vehicles. He was once hard up for money, and it has not been so long that he has forgotten how a poor man feels. For this reason, and because of his success at Abbeville, he is anxious to give a helping hand to any one who may need a little help. He loves to do good for his fellow man, and in no way can his friends receive greater good than by having him to do any needed work. He is now working very cheap and very good. See him at his shop, where he can always be found when at home.

Welcome Guests.

Abbeville was very proud of the number of guests who came to witness the laying of the corner stones last Thursday. Guests came from adjoining counties in cheering numbers but Greenwood turned in force. It was estimated that one hundred and fifty men and women came from the new county. We asked a friend to give a list of them. He sent in over one hundred. Donalds, Dugent in over one hundred. Lowndesville, Calhoun Falls, Mount Carmel, McCormick, Bradley, Troy, Cedar Springs, Greenville, and other towns were represented. A larger or a better behaved company of good people never assembled anywhere.

Pretty Printers.

Miss Grace Hemphill printed, two weeks ago, the biggest county paper that was ever printed by a pretty printer. Abbeville has more pretty printers than any town of its size in America. Five of them are in the Press and Banner office, and three of them are in the Medium office. When Abbeville has its beauty show the pretty printers will be there, and the prize is theirs right now.

Home Again.

Mr. Frank Morrow, after a long absence from the Press and Banner office is at home again, settling type right along. It is a good thing to be a good printer, even if the good printer does not get the best of wages.

Mr. Frederic Minshall is the lowest bidder for the Greenwood postoffice. It may be said that he is certain that he will get the job. We hope that he may get the Abbeville post office, too.

Mrs. Wyatt Aiken's baby boy is so handsome that she should set his eyes on the Presidency in the years to come when the country will belong to its rightful owners.

Something Missing.

Abbeville's good old friend the Anderson Mail, which is ever watchful of occurrences in Abbeville spoke very pleasantly of our big day, and bragged on our paper of 16 pages. We printed 30 pages. Fourteen pages must have gone missing. We have misplaced our copy of the mail, or we would print the nice things he says of Abbeville.

We have heard nothing more from the new post office, but learn that the men who look after that sort of business are now out on the road, visiting all towns in which new post offices are to be built, going first to those places which are situated farthest from Washington. There has been offers of a lot of lots since the expiration of the advertised for sale. The Thomas lot is now a competitor. It will comply with the requirement to be on a corner by making a new street through that block from Main street to the street on the back.

Abbeville never had a more pleasant day than last Thursday. The weather was as good as could be, and thousands of friends interchanged pleasant greetings. From morning until the break of the afternoon guests were going through the public buildings. The waiting room for ladies and children was one of the chief attractions. Hereafter may just check their babies as they check their trunks at the railway station. Great care should always be taken to keep the children from being mixed, so that the right mother may not carry away the wrong baby.

While the warehouse now has more cotton in storage than it had at this time last year, it is also true that the receipts at this market are far behind those of last year. The reduction in the receipts and the lower price of the staple has affected trade. While some estimate the crop at half of last year, we are not ready to accept that as an estimate. The price is certainly less being now about nine cents.

It looked like old times to see Hon. C. A. Walker with the Abbeville folks last Thursday. He is now the State Senator elect and a good one he will make. He will do his country honor in the excellent service which he will render to the State and to the people who elected him.

One hundred and fifty gallons of fifteen hundred pounds of hash and three hundred pounds of bread went begging after dinner last Thursday.

Capt. W. R. Dunn of Donalds was among the good men who came to see the ceremonies last Thursday. With a heart as true as steel and with nerves as steady as the hands on the clock, Abbeville always looks to him as a friend.

Quite a number of visitors last Thursday greeted the editor very cordially, and seemed to be glad that he is still alive. The pleasant greetings made the day worth ten fold more than it cost.

No Eugene; we are not informed as to what penalty is inflicted for letting loose the cannon music on the public square. It must be a heavy one though, if it is made to fit the crime.

Mr. J. C. Tribble of Due West was among our honored guests last Thursday. We did not see him, but we know that he was pleased with our new buildings, and we hope that he sampled our hash.

Mr. James Brownlee after spending thirty years in Texas, came back home recently to see his kin and old friends. He was with us last Thursday. He looks so well that he ought to live for thirty years yet to come.

Mr. John T. Magill and his brother Mr. Benj. Magill were with us last Thursday, taking part in the pleasures of the interesting occasion.

Mr. J. T. Clinkscales, the ever faithful friend of Abbeville went through our public buildings last Thursday.

Hon. Thos. P. Cochran of Greenville ran down for a few hours to see the corner stone business.

As far as we have heard, the police looked up nobody on the big day last Thursday when thousands of guests were present.

The Confederate soldiers were assigned to tables to themselves, so that the dinner and the association might be more pleasant for them.

Last Thursday was all that the most exacting could wish.

The Eureka was filled with guests last Thursday. There was a rush at the dining room.

Mrs. Tommie Thomson will build a store-room on her lot next to the blacksmith's shop.

The officers of the county will move into their new quarters very soon.

The Press and Banner has no extra copies of last week's paper.

Mr. J. T. Magill and his brother Mr. Benj. Magill were with us last Thursday. They are looking after Mr. A. D. Kennedy for Mr. Wilton. He fears that the big salaries which are now being paid in Mexico may induce him to become a missionary among the Catholics of Mexico.

Rev. Power, and his wife now of Sumter, are in Abbeville, among their kinmen and their old friends. Mr. Power, is far on the way to four score years, but is hale and hearty, and of sound mind. He has a pastoral charge now, but he has a taste from which he receives a sufficient income to support himself and wife. Mr. Power has to a certain extent lost his hearing but for all that he is an interesting talker he sometimes conducts religious service. He did so last Sunday at the Methodist church in this city.

Mr. Power has been in the service of the Church for many years. His old friends and acquaintances are glad that the lives of himself and his good wife have been so long preserved.

It is estimated that there were present last Thursday 4,500 white people, and 19 negroes. The negroes hereabout don't fishing or elsewhere. They didn't come.

First Affair in the New Court House.

Clerk of Court, Capt. J. L. Perrin, yesterday moved into his elegant office in the new court house. It is the first on the left side of the aisle. The fireproof vault is a much larger room which adjoins the Clerk's office. His friends wish the Captain many years of usefulness to the Court and to the people. Other officers will move from the Miller hotel at an early day.

Col. W. O. Sturkey in Town.

Col. W. O. Sturkey of McCormick was in the city yesterday. Mr. Sturkey is always in a city yesterday. He made a manly fight for prohibition and losing, accepts the situation pleasantly.

I am now prepared to furnish wood at \$1.00 for a one horse wagon load cut up.

Last Thursday in Abbeville—The Events Following the Dedication.

Thursday was an epoch making day for Abbeville. The Epoch has been made and Thursday was its celebration. The dividing line between the old Abbeville and the new Abbeville does not look like the same place since the material left from building has been removed. There is much more room for watermelon wagons, cotton wagons, apple wagons, etc., than ever before. The Eureka Hotel is more in evidence now, and on the whole there is not a prettier square in the whole county.

The mayor had constructed a band stand to play for the Grand reunion mentioned by Zach McGee. And on Wednesday evening the band gave a concert for an hour, rendering beautiful classical music as well as patriotic songs. At the end of the concert the band played Dixie and the vast audience did the rest.

Thursday morning dawned bright and clear, and it was not long before the square was packed. At 10 o'clock the ceremony of laying the corner stone took place. This was an interesting feature of the day. The corner stones were under the direction of Mr. J. L. Michie, Grand Master A. F. M. Jurisdiction of South Carolina. The Abbeville Lodge met and assembled in front of the New Court House and took part in the ceremonies. Prominent among whom were Dr. F. E. Harrison and Mr. H. G. Smith. Dr. Harrison is retiring Grand Master and Mr. Smith was the Master of Clinton Lodge. Several hundred Masons were present to witness the ceremony.

The crowd was led by the Grand Master, Mr. Michie, made of silver and was purchased for the Marquis de Lafayette to lay the corner stone of the monument of Camden erected to the memory of Jean Baron DeKalb, the French patriot who fell at Camden.

The cornucopia or horn carried by Dr. Harrison brought forth utterances of astonishment from the audience. It is the biggest horn that has ever been seen. At the conclusion of the laying of the corner stone Mr. Michie made a short address pointing out the significance of those masonic rites.

At 11:35 o'clock court was called. Judge King was appointed to hold special court for this day.

There was a new Bible, a new docket, a new calendar.

The roll of the grand jury was then called by the clerk. The names are: James A. Gilliam, foreman; F. H. Corn, L. A. McLawrence, Ashley, J. L. Canan, L. A. McLawrence, W. R. Dunn, C. E. Price, J. R. Sharpe, T. E. Deason, C. S. Gilbert, J. A. Stevenson, R. L. Winn, R. L. Mabry, F. Henry, T. G. White, J. R. Glenn, W. S. Stewart.

When the names of the grand jurors had been called by the clerk, it was found that the foreman was absent. Accordingly the name of "Jas. A. Gilliam" was called three times from the balcony by the veteran court crier.

Mr. Gilliam, whose name was the first to be called from the new court house, later came. Capt. J. N. Nickles, the chairman of the building committee, then presented the keys of the building to Judge King.

After receiving the keys, Judge King declared that it must be obvious to all that the commission had done its duty well. At the conclusion of his charge the keys were turned over to the foreman. The grand jury, retired and brought in a special presentment, accepting the building committee's commission and delivering the keys to the custodian, Capt. "Jack" Perrin, clerk of court. No court in this State can boast of a more efficient or accommodating officer than is Capt. Perrin. His father and grandfather were clerks of this county and all of them have not only been good officers but they have always and under all circumstances measured up to the mark of best citizenship. The keys of Abbeville Court House are in good hands.

After the presentation of the keys, court adjourned for a short while. By this time the savory flavor of hash began to penetrate the olfactory of many of the vast concourse assembled and such straightway took themselves in the direction of Gen. Pickens famous spring, where Messrs. James and Dave Gilliam, Andrew Bass, and Wm. DuPre had cooked to a queen's taste about 500 gallons of hash. It must have been good for not one complaint was heard from the thousands who ate it. There was an abundance of it. 3000 vis of bread were served with the hash and the man who went away hungry that day did so from pure contrivance.

Mr. W. D. Barksdale.

Mr. Barksdale began business on the ground floor and he is now, as to speak, in a sky scraper.

He possesses a business acumen and is characterized by a fidelity to duty that have made him one of the leading merchants of the Piedmont.

He has helped as many poor people out of tight places as the next man and in consequence enjoys their confidence and respect to an immense degree. His business of late years has assumed enormous proportions but he is equal to the emergency. He is built for big undertakings. He simply cannot bore with a small wage.

Mr. R. C. Wilson has charge of Mr. Barksdale's books and those who know Mr. Wilson know that there is not a better book keeper in the city or in any other city.

Mr. T. A. Ables has charge of the shoes and Dry goods department in Mr. Barksdale's store. Mr. Ables is a most accommodating and agreeable young man and knows his business well.

Mr. Charley McNeil has charge of the heavy groceries. Mr. McNeil comes from stock that is his own.

Mr. Robt. L. Mabry presides at the hardware department. He is an obliging, sober, and industrious young man, and a capable and efficient clerk.

Mr. Ernest Gordon works in harness any where he is, though young, a good old family horse, and his services are most valuable to the firm.

The gentlemen wait on as many customers as any set of clerks in the country, and they know how to do it well.

Judge E. B. Gary.

While it is a matter of regret that Judge E. B. Gary was too unwell to present his speech at the dedicatory services, the paper was read in the best possible manner by Col. W. P. Greene of this bar. As a record suited to the occasion this is one of the most valuable papers ever read in Abbeville. It evidenced the greatest labor and research by the author.

As Judge Gary modestly left his own story untold in this article we have copied, elsewhere, a short sketch of him, by Col. U. R. Brooks, Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

Death of W. A. Lomax.

William A. Lomax, died yesterday, Oct. 6, 1908, in Greenwood, aged 45 years. He leaves a widow, one son and one daughter. In the death of Mr. Lomax Abbeville county loses one of its best and most prosperous citizens. He was a high man—high in principle, and high in all the standards that go to make a good man and a good citizen. This newspaper had not the honor to know him until about a month ago. He had been in good health until about a month ago, since which time he has been in varying health or sickness. It has been said that he ate something at a restaurant in Greenwood which poisoned him—some sort of canned goods.

Wedding bells are soon to ring. We have the most appropriate line in town—Cut Glass, China and Silver. Dargan's.

STATEMENT

OF THE

PROFITS

OF THE

Abbeville County Dispensary

For quarter ending Sept. 30, 1908

MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.

Credits.....\$37,818 19
Debits.....23,210 37

Discounts.....\$14,807 82
Empty barrels.....236 66
Total.....150 00

Gross profits.....\$14,994 48
Expense, (Labor, rent, &c.).....\$1,915 48
Constabulary.....17 50
Insurance.....69 50
Supplies (bottles, corks, &c.).....1,982 33—3,934 81

Net profits.....\$11,059 67

To School Fund.....3,686 55
To County Fund.....3,686 56
To City of Abbeville.....3,686 56

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State of South Carolina,
Abbeville County.
Personally appeared G. A. Visanskas, W. F. Nickles and T. J. Price, members of the Abbeville County Dispensary Board, who being each duly and severally sworn, depose and says that the foregoing statement is true and correct.

G. A. Visanskas,
W. F. Nickles,
T. J. Price.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October, 1908.

J. E. McDavid,
N. P. S. C.

MONTHLY STATEMENT

of the Abbeville County Dispensary for month of September, 1908. Dispensary, Abbeville, at Abbeville, S. C.

Total invoice including stock on hand first day of month \$19,100 05
Receipts.....12,394 65
Expenditures.....460 73
Breakage.....29 50
Liabilities.....6,647 40

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J. E. McDavid,
Notary Public.

Annual Meeting.

The regular Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Calhoun Mills will be held in the Office of the Company at Williamston, S. C., on Thursday, October 15th, 1908, at 12 o'clock noon.

By order of the President.

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LOOK AT THESE LOW PRICES!

R. M. Haddon & Co.

REALIZING THE NECESSITY OF MEETING THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BOUGHT CONSERVATIVELY AND ARE PREPARED TO GIVE THE BEST Goods at the Lowest Prices.

Dress Goods.

36 inch Wool Dress Goods 39c.
50 inch Panama 50c.
72 inch Repellant 50c.
36 inch Suits 29c.
42 inch Fancy Weaves 50c to \$1.00.

Cloaks.

We are prepared to fit you in Cloaks as we have a lot from which you can select, unsurpassed by none from \$3.50 on up.

Silks.

36 inch Black and Colored Taffeta 89c to \$1.25.
36 inch Black and Colored Satins