

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The Press and Banner of this week is published one day earlier in order that the office force may have holiday and that those subscribers living on the R. F. D. routes may receive their paper before Christmas. On account of publishing one day early some matters of news had to be neglected, but we feel sure our readers will pardon the delinquency under the circumstances.

To each and every one of our subscribers we wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

OUR CONTEST.

The Press and Banner wishes to call attention to the announcements on other pages of the contest which it has inaugurated. This contest will afford an excellent opportunity for some young lady to possess a real first-class piano without any cost to herself.

We wish to impress upon our young lady friends that this is no fake proposition, but a genuine, bona fide offer to give away a first-class piano and other valuable prizes in exchange for a little of your spare time. The piano will positively be given to the young lady receiving the highest number of votes. Of this you need have no doubt.

Many young ladies have manifested an interest in the contest and expressed an intention of participating. If there are any others who desire information upon this subject it will be cheerfully furnished by applying to The Press and Banner office. Write, phone or call.

MONEY IN LONG STAPLE.

E. McIver Williamson says that in Darlington county from 50 to 60 per cent. of the cotton which has been raised this year has been long staple cotton from 1-1/4 to 1-1/2 inches. When the season opened the Darlington farmers got 15 cents for this cotton when others were selling for 11 cents, and now the long staple cotton has gotten up to where it sells for 17 cents a pound. Mr. Williamson further says:

Mr. David R. Coker is responsible for the result. The county raises something between 40,000 and 50,000 bales of cotton, generally something less than 50,999. Sixty per cent. of 50,000 would be 30,000 bales. The difference between 11 cents for short cotton and 17 cents for long cotton means 6 cents a pound advance on the long staple over the short staple. Fifteen or 20 years ago the farmer didn't get 6 cents for his cotton. Now the 6 cents advance on the 30,000 is \$900,000. The cotton farmers of Darlington county have increased their price at \$900,000 planting about 60 per cent. of their crop in long staple cotton, instead of short staple."

Darlington county seems to have some men who would make better governors than any of the men who lately have run for the office but these men are not in politics. They are either improving the breed of corn, or the breed of cotton, to the tune of about a million dollars increased profit a year on each product in one county. As Mr. Coker is one of a number of Darlington county farmers who are using advanced methods in making better corn and more of it, and the spirit of the enterprise is going through the county to the infinite advantage of the State. Mr. Williamson's address is Mountclare, S. C., and Mr. Coker's Hartsville, S. C.

Mr. Coker has not only caused a great production of long staple cotton but he has also created a good local market for the same. We know well that others, have had a hand in these movements, but the individual effort and the co-operative movement for better farming seems to be becoming a very live matter in Darlington county. —Charlotte Observer.

One egg per hen per day means a full egg basket and money jingling in your pocket. Conkey's Laying Tonic turns the trick. Guaranteed by The McMurray Drug Company.

COULD SHOUT FOR JOY

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been a most helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice, and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters have no superior. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50 cents at P. B. Speed and McMurray Drug Co.

COLDS GO OVER NIGHT

If your head is stuffed up and you have a hard cold you can quickly get rid of the misery.

First, look after the bowels; any good cathartic will do; then breathe Booth's HYOMEI which promptly kills germ life and heals the membrane. Breathe HYOMEI (pronounce it High-o-me) in the daytime through the little hard rubber inhaler, and just before going to bed at night do this. Pour a scant teaspoonful of HYOMEI into a kitchen-bowl of boiling water, cover head and bowl with towel and breathe for several minutes the soothing, healing vapor that arises. This treatment is also fine for sore throat and catarrh. Complete HYOMEI outfit including inhaler, \$1.00; extra size bottles if needed, 50c. C. A. Milford & Co. are authorized to refund your money if dissatisfied.

The Christmas Shopper
The Christmas shopper makes her list
And holds it tightly in her fist
And starts to get her shopping done
She thinks she is the only one
Beginning at this early date
And that her progress will be straight
She sallies forth with pleasant smiles
But soon is jammed up in the aisles
And when she tries to cleave the fray
She has to wind around this way
Though earnestly she's on the job,
She bumps into a rushing mob
By speeding shoppers borne
Until her skirt and waist are torn;
She leaves a doll and jumping jack
And struggles back to crowd
And has she gets home, weary, worn and blue—
And finds the cook gone shopping, too!

Wilbur D. Nesbit

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 market value.

Persons not making their returns between January 1, 1912, and February 20, 1912, 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 of their 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. All improvements or any transfer of real estate must be reported to the Auditor.

MY APPOINTMENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Calhoun Falls, Tuesday, January 8.
- Lowndesville, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10.
- Mt. Carmel, Monday, January 14.
- Willington, Tuesday, January 15.
- Bordeaux, Wednesday, January 16.
- McCormick, Thursday and Friday, January 17 and 18.
- Donalds, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 22 and 23.
- Due West, Thursday and Friday, January 24 and 25.

Medium and McCormick Messenger please copy.
Richard Sondley,
County Auditor.

Christmas Holiday Rates

The Charleston & Western Carolina Ry.

Will sell cheap Excursion Tickets account of the Holidays. For rates, dates of sale, etc., apply to ticket agents, or

ERNEST WILLIAMS,
General Passenger Agent,
Augusta, Ga.

SCHOOL BOOKS

Tablets Pencils
Ink
General School Supplies.

Speed's Drug Store.

Don't forget to ask your merchant for Press and Banner Coupons. Piano FREE.

A Piano FREE. Read the contest ad.

SAW LATH SHINGLE MILLS
Shafting, Pulleys, Belts, Repairs and Files, Teeth, Locks, Etc.
LOMBARD IRON WORKS, AUGUSTA, GA.
Get our circular before you buy.



Buy your Xmas presents now and get first pick.

Before you go elsewhere to look for Christmas presents, come to our store and see the beautiful and useful presents we now have in stock. Your friends will know that anything which comes from our store will be high in quality. You can make your Christmas money go further in our store than anywhere else in town.

Make OUR Drug Store YOUR Drug Store.

The McMurray Drug Co.

FROST PROOF

Cabbage and Lettuce Plants
Grown in the Open Air.

We are prepared to ship from now until April 1st, the finest assortment of Cabbage Plants tied in bunches of fifty (50), correctly counted, with an extra hundred plants FREE to each thousand purchased. These plants are raised from Frost Proof Seed which are grown especially for us on Long Island, New York. Our Plants are sprayed with lime and made free from germs. Our prices are \$1.50 per thousand delivered, count guaranteed and prompt shipments.

We refer you to Peoples National Bank, Charleston, S. C., as to our reliability, also to our Master and Express Agents, Meggetts, S. C.

Our Lettuce Plants Are Frost Proof also, and we will put on at same figures. We want agents to handle our plants at each station; Commission deducted from price of Plants of 10 per cent. Write and secure agency.

The Enterprise Plant Co., Meggetts, S. C.
The largest Potato Plant and Cabbage Farm in the South. Fifty acres devoted in South Carolina and Florida to plants alope. 12-4-3m

Only one Dealer in this Town can sell you the highest grade, fairest-priced coffee and tea to be had anywhere, for he alone sells The Votan Line

VOTAN COFFEE
VOTAN TEA

Each, best of its kind

This dealer is

L. W. KELLER & BRO.

Christmas-New Year Holiday
Excursion Fares

... VIA ...

Southern Railway

TICKETS ON SALE DECEMBER 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 31, 1912, and January 1, 1913. Final Limit January 6, 1913.

- From Abbeville, S. C., to Greenville, S. C., and return.....\$2.50
- From Abbeville, S. C., to Spartanburg, S. C., and return..... 3.30
- From Abbeville, S. C., to Columbia, C., and return..... 3.90
- From Abbeville, S. C., to Charleston, S. C., and return..... 8.50
- From Abbeville, S. C., to Anderson, S. C., and return..... 1.55
- From Abbeville, S. C., to Newberry, S. C., and return..... 2.30

The above are only a few of the places to which holiday rates apply. Holiday rates apply to all points.

SCHEDULE.

- Lv. Abbeville for Greenville and Columbia9:05am
- Lv. Abbeville for Greenville..... 4:05pm
- Lv. Abbeville for Columbia..... 6:25pm

FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL ON B. F. SWEET-ENBURG, LOCAL TICKET AGENT, ABBEVILLE, S. C. PHONE 19.

A. M. HILL & COMPANY

Our Motto: THE BEST

Fresh shipment of Groceries arriving each day. Ring 126 and be convinced that our Groceries are what we claim for them. Headquarters for White House Coffee, Lip-ton's Teas, Ferris Herms.

Everything Sold Under an Absolute Guarantee

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NO MORE DANDRUFF
FALLING HAIR
GRAY HAIR

Men and women—do you want a splendid head of brilliant hair free from scalp-itch and dandruff? Do you want hair so bewitchingly radiant that it compels the admiration of all who see it?

Do you want a scalp as immaculately clean and bright as a newly minted coin? If you do, get a 50 cent bottle of PARISIAN Sage-to-day, at dealers everywhere. The girl with the Auburn hair is on every carton and bottle. Ask for PARISIAN Sage and see that you get it. C. A. Milford & Co. guarantees it.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
Abbeville County,
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Abbeville Savings and Investment Company, a Corporation, Plaintiff against

Mose Burt, Nancy Davis, Adeline Erwin, Harry Burt, John Henry Burt, Lewis Burt, Fillmore Burt, Arelle Moragne, Robert Burt, Gertrude Burt, as administrators of the personal estate of George Burt, Deceased, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SUMMONS

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

You are hereby Summoned and Required to answer the Complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers to their office at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for relief demanded in the Complaint.

Greene & Hill,
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

November 12, 1912.

TO THE ABSENT DEFENDANTS, John Henry Burt, Lewis Burt, Fillmore Burt, and Robert Burt.

TAKE NOTICE That the Complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, at Abbeville, S. C., on November 12th, 1912, and is now on file in said office.

Greene & Hill
Plaintiff's Attorneys.

November 12, 1912.
11-13-6t.

MASTER'S SALE.

The State of South Carolina
COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE
Court of Common Pleas.

N. A. Smith, W. F. Smith, Mary Elizabeth Clark, Susan Ella Smith, A. Smith and Carrie Smith, against

Marion Wilson and Eddie Maymith, Minor.

By authority of a Decree of file 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, S. C., on Saturday in January, D. 1913, within the legal hours, the following described land, wit: All that tract or parcel of land, lying and being in Abbeville county, in the State aforesaid, containing Six Acres (6), more or less, and bounded on the north and west by kids of Robert Bell; on the south by kids of estate of Jim White; on the east by kids of estate of Ed Cowan and by Ja Robinson. Said parcel of land being situated on what is known as the "Blue Hill" and fronting on Vienna street in the town of Abbeville.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.
R. E. HILL,
Master A. O. S. C.

DELINQUENT LAND SALE.

By virtue of Tax Executed to me directed by J. F. Bradley, reas. of Abbeville Co., I will sell to the highest bidder at Public Auction within the legal hours of Sale at Abbeville, S. C., on Saturday, the first Monday in January, 1913, all the right, title and interest of the persons so mentioned in the property described below:

240 acres bounded by estate of John Harris, Jason Simpson, Joe Hornton, G. A. Visanska and others, evied on and to be sold as the property of C. N. Thornton, for Tax of 1910 and 1911.
C. J. LYON
Sheriff, Abbeville Co., S. C.

COMPLAINT TO SELL LAND TO PAY DEBTS

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
County of Abbeville,
IN PROBATE COURT

J. W. Vermillion, as Administrator of the personal estate of Luther Vermillion, deceased.—Plaintiff.

against
Mrs. H. M. Vermillion, V. Vermillion, R. F. Vermillion, E. C. Vermillion, B. E. Vermillion, P. J. Vermillion, R. E. Vermillion, Homer Vermillion, Gena Vermillion, Mrs. C. E. Hinton, Lizzie Smith, Corrie Robinson, Lizzie Higgs, James Singleton, Amistead Singleton, Mack Singleton, Geo Singleton, Jesse Singleton, Eliza Higgins, Annie Agnew, Ellie Singleton, Carlton Singleton, Carlton Venillion, Cora Vermillion, Calvin Venillion, and Catherine Vermillion, defendants.

Pursuant to an order from the Probate Court, we will sell at Public Outcry, at Abbeville Court House, on Saturday in January, 1913, for the payment of the debts, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of Luther P. Vermillion, deceased, situated in Donalds Township, County and State aforesaid, containing ten acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of estate of James Sawright, W. R. Dunn, Mrs. S. E. Sawright and Southern Railway Company.

Also, all that tract or parcel of land in Donalds Township, County and State aforesaid containing Thirty acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of Mrs. Nancy Ichie on the West, on the North lands of the estate of James Sawright, Sr., deceased, on the East by Southern Railway, and on the south by the public road.

Terms Cash—Purchasers to pay for papers.

J. S. MILLER,
Judge of Probate.

WANTED—Position as clerk or traveling salesman. Five years experience. J. T. Black, Calhoun Falls, S. C.

BU YOUR FROST PROOF CABBAGE

Plants from F. S. CANNON, Meggetts, S. C.
1,000 to 4,000 at \$1.25
5,000 to 9,000 at \$1.00
10,000 to 15,000 at 90c
Special price on larger orders.
Satisfaction guaranteed.

WOOD MARE FOR SALE—Well bred mare for sale with foal by standard bred horse. Apply to Press and Banner Office.

For Rent.

One large well furnished room, second or, south-west exposure, private bath, d. hall. Well suited for married couple, d. house keeping, or four young men, seated by grate. One closet fitted with shelves and hooks. Dimensions 20x20 ft.
Mrs. J. C. Klugh.

For Sale or Rent—Five room house on reville Street. C. Lamar Richey.

OR SALE—25 acres of good farming land within the incorporate limits. Apply to Mrs. J. C. Klugh.

For Rent.

One large store, with plate glass front, Erwin, Harry Burt, John Henry Burt, Lewis Burt, Fillmore Burt, Arelle Moragne, Robert Burt, Gertrude Burt, as administrators of the personal estate of George Burt, Deceased, Defendants.

FOR SALE—Old Newspapers. Apply to The Press and Banner.

FOR SALE—1 Splendid pair mules, black and bay. Apply to Banar Purdy, Verdery, S. C.

FOR SALE—A Good Milch cow. Apply to Jas. Chalmers.

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE.—We have two Ford Runabouts with rumble seats; one Cole 30 5-passenger touring car and one Overland 5-passenger touring car that will sell cheap. All these cars are in good condition. Any one wanting a bargain come and look at these cars.
Abbeville Motor Car Co.

Estate of Monroe Beauford, Deceased.

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.

Take notice that on the 31st day of December, 1912, I will render a final account of my accounts and doing as Administrator of the Estate of Monroe Beauford, 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 be forever barred.
J. A. Beauford, Admr.

Estate of C. P. Groves, Dec'd

Notice of Settlement and Application for Final Discharge.

Take notice that on the 2nd day of January, 1913, I will render a final account of my accounts and doing as Executor of the Estate of C. P. Groves, 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 Executor.

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

Abbeville-Greenwood

MUTUAL
INSURANCE
ASSOCIATION.

Property Insured, \$2,100,000
February 1st, 1912.

WRITE TO OR CALL on the undersigned or the Director of your Township for any information you may desire about our plan of Insurance.
We insure your property against destruction by

FIRE, WINDSTORM OR LIGHTNING.

and do so cheaper than any insurance company in existence. Dwellings covered with metal roofs are insured at 25 per cent. cheaper than other property.
Remember, we are prepared to prove to you that ours is the safest and cheapest plan of insurance known.

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Abbeville, S. C.

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W. W. Ackers, Columbia
T. S. E. I., Due West
J. A. Keller, Long Cane
J. A. Keller, Smithville
D. A. Wardlaw, Cedar Spring
W. W. Brady, Abbeville
Dr. J. A. Anderson, Abbeville
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A. B. Theobald, Hartsville
F. B. Taylor, Fellowship
Joseph Lake, Peachy
J. W. Smith, Verdery
J. B. Childers, Verdery
J. W. Lyon, Troy
A. W. Youngblood, Troy
G. E. Jordan, Callahan
G. E. Horn, Kirsees
S. H. Stevens, Kirsees
Abbeville, S. C., Feb. 1, 1912

FOR SALE!

132 9-10 Acres Land in Diamond Hill Township about four miles from Antreville. One five-room dwelling, two tenant houses; about 80 acres in cultivation, a good pasture, plenty of water. Two schools within two miles of this place and three churches within three miles. Good orchard.
\$30 Per Acre.

ROBT. S. LINK,