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## PLAY GROUND AND PARK.

All cities that are run according to modern ideas, find it necessary to provide places of outdoor amusement and recreation for their inhabitants, especially for the children.

Large cities find it necessary to provide parks, and they supplement these with play grounds for children. New York City has something like 140 parks, and public play grounds without number.

The smaller cities of this State, at least those that have a population of over 5,000, have parks, though in the rarest instance have they had the good fortune to secure property that is naturally adapted to public amusement and public pleasure.

Abbeville should have a park; and the land should be secured now, while land prices are reasonable.

Fortunately, there is a natural park within easy reach of the public square in Abbeville. There is no spot in the state so clothed with natural beauty as the private park owned by the estate of the late Judge J. C. Klugh. It is shaded by primeval forest and threaded by a rambling brook that breaks off here and there in waterfalls. In the hands of a patriotic set of trustees, which should be selected by the city council, with little or no expense, it could be made "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Aside from the beauty and picturesqueness of this spot, it has ideal grounds well shaded and suited to tennis courts, basket ball grounds and play grounds for the little folks. There just below the waterfalls, a swimming pool could be built, which in other small cities has been shown to be a source of good revenue.

Abbeville needs this park now, and she will need it more and more with the coming years.

The real question for consideration is, how can it be secured at minimum cost to the city? We venture a suggestion. Suppose the property can be bought for a reasonable price: we suggest that those who are willing to do so, say one hundred men and women, give or obligate themselves for a certain proportion each, raise the money and buy the property and deed it to trustees as a park for white citizens of the city, or if this cannot be done the city might issue five per cent bonds to run for 20 years, to be accepted by the owners in payment for the property. This would entail a very small tax, and owing to the natural advantages of the spot, the expense of adding artificial attractions would be very small. Certainly the citizens of the city would contribute to make these attractions possible.

There is no good reason why Abbeville should be behind similar towns in upper South Carolina, in this regard. The people of other towns have gone to much greater expense than this would require, and yet, they cannot possibly have grounds that approach this park in natural beauty.

A public park would be enjoyed by every man, woman and child in the city, and we believe the citizens should consider the need of the park and respond.

## A NEW FARM LIFE.

As one drives over the roads of Abbeville county, he is impressed with the great progress which is being made in the manner of tilling the lands, and with the bright future which is ahead of us as an agricultural community. For twenty years, the people of the state have given their thought to the building of cotton mills, oil mills, and other industrial enterprises. We have neglected the basis of all prosperity—the agricultural interests of the community.

But the people in the last ten years have noticed a wonderful change in the manner of farming. The fields are nicely cleared for the crops, the lands are terraced and ditched to prevent waste by washing, the work of the two horse plow is in evidence, and about the farm houses you will see big mules, good wagons, and a store of farming machinery to do all kinds of work, (which latter we must say is sometimes too much left to the mercy of the elements however.)

But what impresses us most is the beauty and comfort of the modern farm house. When we were a boy, there was but one type of building for the prosperous farmer. He built a two story house with a hall in

the middle, with two rooms on the first floor and two on the second, with an ell for kitchen, etc., and a long piazza in front. We never understood just how this style of architecture became so popular, because it was not conducive either to beauty or comfort, and the lumber which was used in the houses would have built much more compact and serviceable buildings.

But the modern farm houses are up-to-date in every respect. They have the lines and finish of the city houses. They are planned for the comfort of the family and for the most part, for the saving of the women from useless climbing of steps. The cottages are nicely painted, and the furnishings from the outside show that the keepers of the houses are women of taste and refinement. And when you pass them late in the evening and get a whiff of the good things being prepared for the evening meal, you of the towns are carried back to a recollection of better days.

And the people who are making the farms, and building the houses are not only making the country prosperous, but they are building up the country churches which a few years ago were almost absorbed by the cities, and the school houses are being made habitable and inviting to teachers and pupils alike. The best work that is done along educational lines these days is done in the country schools by the faithful women who are devoting so much of their energies to training the boys and girls, and it must please them that they are beginning to live in a growing and prosperous country where at last their efforts will be appreciated, and where they may hope at last to receive the "well done" of the people of the state.

It is not a back to the country movement, because the people who have left the farms and gone to town are lost to the farms. They have made connections in the towns and cities which keep them there, and if they returned, they would find themselves surrounded by a new agriculture of which they are ignorant. The credit belongs to the young men and young women raised on the farms who know the future of the country, its advantages and its privileges, and who have chosen to live where they were born, and work out not only their own salvation there, but the salvation of the country. They have learned that the farm is as fit place for the man of intelligence and thought as the office, and that an educated and cultured motherhood is not a useless gift to the country homes.

## A JOKE BOOK.

The friends of Governor Manning, or some persons thereunto duly authorized, according to newspaper reports, have gotten out a thirty-one page pamphlet entitled, "Some Reasons Why the Governor Should Be Re-elected." We take it for granted that the majority of the reasons which occurred to the writers have been set forth with more than "due care under the circumstances."

The little pamphlet, is not entirely what it purports to be, or if it is, it is more than what it purports to be. It is a joke book cleverly gotten up by the authors. Interspersed with the many imaginary reasons discovered as to why the Governor and nobody else should be elected, are a number of good jokes, which the carefully inclined may work out, much as you look for a needle in a hay-stack.

The little book will be of great use to guests entertaining parties of summer visitors. Many pleasant evenings may be spent in hunting out the jokes and in eliminating them from the other matters set forth and in guessing which one of the Governor's story writers got off the particular joke found. Prizes may be awarded to the person finding the most jokes and guessing who wrote them.

In these guessing contests, in order to give the guessers a start it is usual to take one of the puzzles to be solved, solve it for the guessers, and thus put them on the right track. In line with this ancient custom we hazard the guess that Col. W. W. Bradley got this one off on the Governor: He is "not a politician."

## A 1916 THOUGHT.

If you think you are beaten you are,  
If you think you dare not you don't,  
If you'd like to win, but you think you can't,  
It's almost a cinch you won't.  
If you think you will lose you're lost,  
For out of the world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will;  
It's all in the state of mind.  
If you think you are outclassed you are;  
You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before  
You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go  
To the stronger or faster man;  
But soon or late the man who wins,  
Is the one who thinks he can.  
—Selected.

## PARADE OF THE AUTO.

My auto, 'tis of thee,  
Short cut to poverty—  
Of thee I chant.  
I blew a pile of dough  
On you one year ago;  
Now you refuse to go,  
Or won't or can't.

Through town and countryside  
You were my joy and pride,  
A happy day.  
I loved thy gaudy hue,  
Thy nice white tires so new;  
Now you look bum for true  
In every way.

To thee, old rattle box,  
Came many bumps and knocks;  
For thee I cry.  
I paid for thee a price  
I would buy a mansion twice,  
Now they are yelling ice—  
I wonder why.

Badly thy top is worn;  
Frayed is thy seat and torn,  
You poor old pal.  
Just one short year ago  
I did not think or know  
My funds would be so low  
As they are now.

Thy motor has the grip,  
Thy sparking plug the pip,  
And woe be thine.  
I, too, have suffered ills,  
Ague and kindred chills,  
Trying to pay my bills,  
Since thou wert mine.

Gone is my bank roll now;  
No more 't would choke a cow,  
As once before.  
Yet, if I had the "mon,"  
So help me Finnigan,  
I'd buy a car again  
And speed some more.

H. J. M., in Hornell Tribune.

## PROGRAM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Program of the Sunday School Conference, Cokesbury District, at Hopewell Church, Kinards Circuit, April 24, 25, 26, 1916.

The following subjects will be discussed by speakers assigned:  
All are earnestly invited to take part in the General Discussions.

SUBJECTS:  
The Great Forward Movement of the Sunday School.

The Sunday School Ideal.  
District and Conference Sunday School Plans.

Our District Goal for 1916.  
Each School's Part and Place in Reaching the Goal.

Our Text Book—The Bible.  
The Sunday School Teacher:

The Imperative Need of Trained Teachers.  
How We Shall Meet This Need.  
Our New Teacher-Training Course of Study.

How to Organize and Conduct Teacher-Training Courses.  
Wesley Bible Classes:

Plans and Methods of Organization.

Dealing With the "Teen Age Boy and Girl."

As an Evangelistic Force.  
Lateral Growth, or Reaching the Un-

reached:  
Through the Cradle Roll.  
Through the Home Department.  
Through the Wesley Bible Class.  
Through the Junior Department.  
Through the Intermediate Department.

Through the Senior Department.  
The Place of Music in the Sunday School.

The Sunday School and Worldwide Evangelization.  
Children's Day.  
Workers' Council.  
Practical Sunday School Books and Equipment.

Combining the Church and Sunday School Services.

OUR MOTTO:  
"All the Sunday School in the Church;  
All the Church in the Sunday School."

How Shall We Attain It?  
Open Parliament and Round Table Discussions Whenever Convenient.

District Plan of Organization:

1. An Executive Committee, With the Presiding Elder Chairman ex officio.

2. A District Secretary.

3. Department Superintendents:  
(a) Elementary.  
(b) Home Department.  
(c) Teacher-Training.  
(d) Wesley Bible Classes.

SOUTHERN TO OPERATE VETERANS SPECIAL TO BIRMINGHAM MONDAY, MAY 15th.

For accommodation of Veterans and their friends attending Annual Reunion, Birmingham, Ala., May 16-18, Southern Railway have arranged a "Veterans Special" from South Carolina points.

This train will be operated on same schedule as the famous "Birmingham Special" which leaves Spartanburg 7:00 a. m., Greenville 8:00 a. m., and Seneca 9:15 a. m., Monday, May 15th. This train will consist of modern day coaches and pullman cars.

There will also be a special arranged to leave Anderson 8:05 a. m. same date, via Blue Ridge Railway, which will connect with the Veterans Special at Seneca. This special train will make all stops from Spartanburg to Westminster inclusive, thence through to the great city of Birmingham, the Pittsburgh of the South arriving at this point 5:45 P. M., May 15th.

You will note that this special will arrive Birmingham in ample time for all to secure their hotel accommodations, etc., before night.

The Southern Railway will also provide extra equipment on all their regular trains on account of this great reunion.

A special representative of the Southern Railway will accompany this train through to Birmingham and everything will be done to give everyone a most comfortable trip.

No man is guilty whose thoughts are pure.

It Isn't so much what  
you pay for clothes,  
as to whom you  
pay it to.

When you see a particularly well-dressed young man the chances are some store more interested in his satisfaction than in his individual expenditure, had quite a hand in his get-up.

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