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**THE NEGROES IN THE NORTH.**

Last week Mr. Geo. L. Flynn received a letter from a negro who had formerly fired for him on the Seaboard, but who is now in Pennsylvania, urging him to procure passage for his return to South Carolina. We have just read in The Greenville News that a negro in that section who left some months ago for the North to make fifteen dollars per week, had returned to "see his ma" but was anxious to get his old job back at five dollars per week.

And all the negroes who are now going North will have the experience of these two. In some respects the negroes have a hard time in the South. Occasionally they find themselves in the hands of hard masters. Sometimes no doubt their rights are not protected as they should be. But on the whole the Southern people are the friends of the negroes. For certain crimes they meet out at times swift punishment. Often this punishment is not deserved, and cooler counsel would obtain surer justice.

But in going North the negro is not escaping this punishment. The people of the North will no more tolerate certain crimes than will the people of this section, and criminal negroes in the North may not expect to obtain better treatment there than in the South. Lynchings and other like offenses are as common in some of the Northern states as here.

And the people of the North, the negroes will find, will not have the same patience and forbearance with them that the Southern people have. The Northern people need the negroes just now to work. The European war has stopped immigrants to this country and the gaps caused in the North thereby must be filled, and the negroes from the South are about the only laborers left to fill these. But the war will be over one of these days, and when the immigrants begin to come again, the negroes will begin to find themselves without jobs. They will find that they cannot go to the back door in Pennsylvania and ask for help and work and find the same consideration that they get from the indulgent white people of the South.

For our own part as the country is filled up with white people, we would be glad to see a gradual exodus of the negroes. We believe it would be better for the country. Nobody is badly hurt by their going now. But looking to the interests of the negro alone, any thoughtful man would advise them to stay in the land where they have been born, where they are understood, where their follies are forgiven and their good qualities appreciated.

The negro may find high wages in the North and plenty of liquor, but the letter to Mr. Flynn suggests the thought that he is willing to give up both to get back "down South."

**PROF. R. B. CHEATHAM.**

Among those who left on last Sunday for the front was Prof. R. B. Cheatham, for the last several years the Superintendent of the schools in this school district. Mr. Cheatham carries with him the good wishes of the people of Abbeville. He has been trained in military affairs at the Citadel, where he was educated, and has kept up his military training. He is a man of fine executive ability and will prove a valuable man in the army. We shall expect to hear of his receiving a high commission in the organization of the soldiers into fighting units and of his steady promotion.

**TOO MUCH COTTON.**

We frequently these days hear the complaint that the price of cotton is not keeping pace with the prices of other products, and that the farmers will not be able to produce cotton at a profit if corn and flour and meat continue to go up and cotton down.

But this does not put the price of cotton up. We are impressed with the letter of Mr. D. R. Coker, in which he undertakes to advise the

people against producing too much cotton. According to his idea on account of the high prices of food products, the sales of dry goods and cotton goods is now being greatly reduced and will be still further reduced. The submarines are sinking so many vessels that all the available bottoms will be necessary to carry the necessary supplies to the allies as the months go by, and no cotton can be carried abroad thus confining us to the demand produced by home consumption.

To these two undeniable statements Mr. Coker adds the further statement that the price of cotton now is maintained largely through temporary government war orders and that we may look for a lessening of the demand for the fleecy staple while other products continue to rise in price.

All of this should impress every thoughtful person in the towns, in the cities, on the farms, in industrial communities and other places that it is profitable to produce at home as much of food crops as possible. A failure in this country to have enough meat and bread as long as these bring present prices and along with that failure ten cent cotton would spell disaster for the South.

**TWO LAWYERS TO THE FRONT.**

The legal profession has always furnished its full quota of men when the call to arms was sounded. It will prove so in the case of the present conflict. Of the nine men who Sunday went to the front from this place at the call of he country, two were members of the Abbeville Bar.

Robert S. Owens, one of these referred to is a native of Clinton, but for the past several years, he has been practicing law at Abbeville, where he has established a reputation as a young man of high character and superior talents.

Wallace W. Harris, is a son of the late John A. Harris, and of Mrs. Annie Coogler Harris, his widow. He was educated in the University Law School and has been practicing in Columbia for two or three years. Lately he decided to locate in Abbeville to continue the practice of his profession, and he was just settled when he decided to join the colors.

The friends of these young soldiers wish them "mighty well."

**THE CITY SCHOOLS.**

At a meeting of the trustees of the schools of this district held on last Friday afternoon, Prof. D. R. Riser, at present Superintendent of the Manning schools, was elected as Superintendent of our schools for the coming year.

Prof. Riser is a graduate of Newberry College. He taught three years at Ninety-Six and then took a year in graduate work at Yale. Since his return he has been Superintendent of the schools at Ridgeway, Aiken and Manning. He has also taught in the High School in Columbia.

President Harrison Randolph, of the College of Charleston, says that among the best prepared students who have come to his institution in recent years are those from the schools taught by Prof. Riser. In Manning he has doubled the number of boys studying in the high school department.

In addition to the teachers elected at a recent meeting to teach in the primary department, the trustees have decided to put on an extra grade and to elect three lady teachers and one man teacher for the high school. The male teacher will be in charge of mathematics. Miss Saidee Magill has been re-elected as teacher of history. The other teachers in the high school did not apply and their places will be filled in the future.

Among the teachers at present in the schools, the following have been re-elected and will remain for another year: Misses Lander, Allen Brock, Epting, Robertson, Richards, Edwards, Brice, Dial, Swetenberg and Tennant.

**DEATH OF MRS. CARL MILFORD**

Mrs. Lily Purdy Milford died at Dr. Pryor's hospital Saturday afternoon, May 12, and the remains were brought to Abbeville on Sunday and the funeral services were held at Shiloh church near her home and she was buried in the Shiloh cemetery in the presence of her loved ones and friends.

Mrs. Milford had been in bad health for sometime and was a patient sufferer for many months, and only last week was it found necessary for her to go to the hospital for treatment, where she passed away soon after her arrival.

She was the daughter of Mr. R. D. Purdy of our city, and she leaves a disconsolate husband and three little daughters, Mary, Margaret and Willie Belle, and three brothers and one sister, all of whom have the sincere sympathy of our community.

**OUR HEROES**

First Abbeville Company to Go to the Front—Capt. James M. Perrin Leads Company of Gifted and Gallant Sons of This County to the War Between the States.

Now that the young men all over the country are enlisting for the great European war, it becomes interesting to think of what took place in this State, and especially in this city, in the early days of the year 1861. Referring to the files of the Abbeville Press of January 11 of this year, we find the following article:

**Abbeville Volunteers.**

About one hundred gallant volunteers, under the command of Capt. James M. Perrin left our village on the morning of the 9th inst, for the city of Charleston. This is a select company composed of our best citizens—men of intelligence, honor and spirit. Abbeville District feels proud of her noble and patriotic representatives. She presents to the State her brightest jewels.

Following is a list of the company.

- Capt. James M. Perrin
- A. M. Smith, 1st Lieut.
- John G. Edwards, 2nd Lieut.
- A. J. Lythgoe, 3rd Lieut.
- Joan M. McDonald, 1st Sergt.
- W. C. Moore, 2nd Sergt.
- R. J. White, 3rd Sergt.
- E. Westfield, 4th Sergt.
- John W. Lesley, 5th Sergt.
- B. McLaughlin, 1st Corporal
- W. T. Tatom, 2nd Corporal.
- S. Henry Jones, 3rd Corporal
- A. E. Lesley, 4th Corporal
- Samuel McGill, 5th Corporal
- Lewis A. Wardlaw, 6th Corporal.
- J. C. Allen
- O. Aichel
- W. W. Belcher
- L. L. Martin
- John M. McBride
- Samuel Mabry
- M. Brylawski
- J. G. Baskin
- R. E. Bowie
- J. T. Boyd
- W. P. Belcher
- J. N. Belcher
- H. C. Belcher
- J. H. Belcher
- J. A. Brownlee
- C. W. Crews
- Jas. E. Cobb
- E. Cuthbert
- A. B. Cobb
- R. W. Crawford
- J. B. Cochran
- G. A. Douglas
- C. Davis
- Joseph M. Davis
- J. R. Ellis
- W. C. Haskell
- Alex Haskell
- James M. Hughey
- Nimrod Hughey
- E. A. Hodges
- J. T. Jordan
- H. S. Kerr
- R. P. Knox
- W. A. Lee
- H. W. Lawson
- W. B. Locke
- Thomas Lesley
- John A. Thomson
- Walter Thomas
- John H. Ligon
- A. H. McGowan
- John M. Martin
- W. J. Marshall
- A. F. McCord
- Jas. F. Mabry
- G. W. Miller
- Geo. McD. Miller
- T. B. Means
- A. Murrill
- A. McIlwaine
- William McCurry
- W. A. McCrackin
- J. D. McKellar
- W. R. Norwood
- W. H. Perrin
- Edward Parker
- J. M. Palmer
- D. R. Penny
- L. H. Russell
- Joseph Rooft
- J. T. Robertson
- E. Roche
- J. W. Robertson
- John Reid
- B. Rothschild
- W. J. Robertson
- L. S. Russell
- F. A. Stevenson
- Jas. A. Shillito
- John Small
- H. W. Stevenson
- A. Summers
- Jas. W. Thomas
- Jas. Taggart, Jr.
- J. F. Verell
- Belton O. Verell
- W. H. White
- R. H. Wardlaw, Jr.
- George White
- John B. Wilson
- W. C. Wardlaw
- James A. Wright
- Whitworth
- J. J. Winbush

In this issue there is an article from Charleston, dated January 8th, 7 o'clock A. M., headed, "The War Commenced." The article states that the steamer "Star of the West" with 250 troops on board to re-inforce Fort Sumter tried to enter the harbor but was fired into by the batteries on Morris Island, disabled and compelled to return to sea; that she is in a sinking condition and is transferring her troops to a ship outside the harbor.

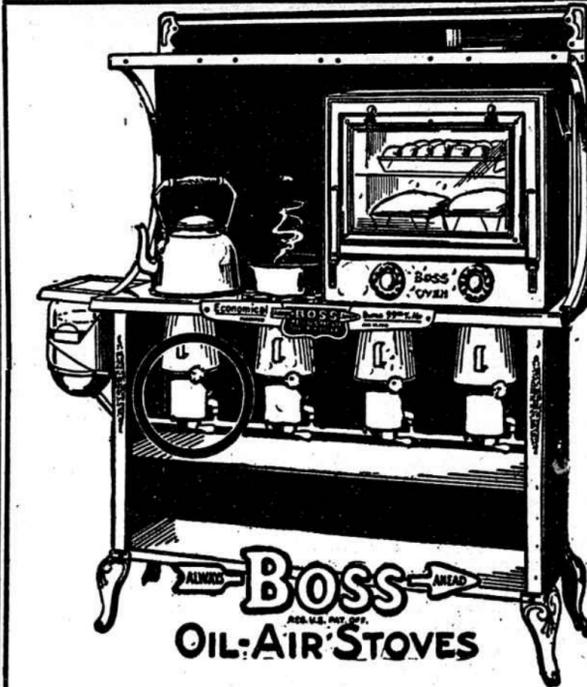
It is stated that Anderson has sent a Lieutenant to Governor Pickens, saying that he presumed the act of firing on the steamer was unauthorized and, therefore, he had not used his batteries. He called for a disavowal within a reasonable time, or stated that he would consider it war and fire on any vessel attempting to go out. The Governor replied that the firing was by the Sovereign authority of the State.

From the paper we also gleaned the following:

W. A. Lee, Esq., one of the editors of The Press announces that he has joined the volunteers and that he left on the morning of the 9th, and that the paper, during his absence, would be in the hands of the junior partner, Hugh Wilson, Jr.

Hon. A. Burt has been appointed Commissioner to the State of Mississippi.

The paper also contained the following reference from an exchange:



**Boss Oil Air Stove**

**BURNS 99.66 PER CENT AIR**

The Boss, like a gas stove, provides abundant heat. The Boss is the stove of steady heat. It is always ready. The Boss is a blessing to thousands upon thousands of busy housewives all over the world. Beware of imitations--the genuine has the name, Boss, on the front of each stove and is sold only by us.

Sold only by

**The Kerr Furniture Co. Abbeville, S. C.**  
 STOVES AND RANGES HOME OUTFITTERS

"On yesterday a company of the Abbeville Minute Men passed down to Charleston. They number one hundred men, and are as fine a looking body as any that can be raised. For the information of The Tribune and papers of that ilk we state that ten members of this company took the first honors in the South Carolina college. The company is made up of the best material."

This issue also contains an account of the presentation of the banner by the ladies of Abbeville to this company of Minute Men. The presentation was made by Miss Sallie Martin at the home of R. A. Fair, Esq. Miss Sallie Martin is now Mrs. Gower of Greenville, S. C.

The following is a description of the flag: The flag is of blue silk trimmed with gold fringe and bears the following inscription: On one side, "The Fair to the Brave," with a lone star in the center; on the reverse, a palmetto tree with a rattle snake coiled around the trunk and the words, "Nolli Me Tangeri," and also the dates, 1776 and 1860.

The following are the remarks of Miss Martin, as reported in this issue of the paper, together with the responses of Capt. Perrin and Sergt. Lesley:

**Captain Perrin:**  
 Permit me to present to the company of Minute Men, which you have the honor to command, this flag. Receive it as a testimonial of the devotion of woman's heart to the cause which you are so nobly espousing—as evidence of the fact that in your triumph we will rejoice, or in your fall weep in anguish o'er your bloody form. We feel that our flag is committed to strong arms, and brave hearts—that its honor is safe—that its folds will never be allowed to ingloriously fan the dust. Long may it float within the borders of a brilliant Southern Confederacy.

**Response of Capt. Perrin.**  
 Fair Lady:—In the day of chivalry the brave knight were encouraged to deeds of daring by the smiles of his lady love. For her honor he entered the list and contended against foes visible and invisible—for her safety he imperiled his life upon the battlefield.

In time of peace in noble strains he sang of her beauty and virtue. The days of chivalry have passed, and the voice of the troubadour is hushed in silence—but it is still, true lady, that the highest aim of the soldier is, by deeds of valor to win the approving smile of the fair. For this he encounters the dangers of the campaign—the hope of this cheers him in his bivouac, and nerves his arm in deadly conflict.

Lady, it has not been my fortune to lead these brave comrades into battle, and you might regard it as an idle boast if I were to recount in advance our deeds of valor. With hearts of gratitude and pride we receive from your fair hands this beautiful banner. It bears upon its azure field emblems we all love. The Palmetto reminds us of our allegiance to our commonwealth. The lone star reminds us of her heroic position—standing, as she

does, alone among her sisters, in the vindication of her rights, with a strong government which she has left threatening to crush her.

The dates which I see upon the coat of arms, recalls the most lively emotions. 1776 is as dear to us as it ever was; it recalls our glorious deliverance from British bondage. 1860 recalls a more glorious deliverance from the tyranny of a fanatical majority. The first recalls the deeds of our sires—the last proves we have not forgotten the lessons which they taught us.

How soon this beautiful banner is to be unfurled upon the field of battle and blood, none can tell. When the time comes we hope, lady, to win the title which you have given us, "The Brave." Be assured this flag shall be borne by hands and sustained by hearts that will never forfeit your good opinion. When our country is to be defended and honor at stake shall it wave—and never shall it trail in the dust until the arms of my command are nerveless, and it becomes the winding sheet of the last survivor.

Lady, in behalf of my command, I tender to your fair self and the ladies of Abbeville, whom you represent, my grateful thanks for this

manifestation of sympathy and kindness.

**Sergeant Lesley:**—This flag has been received from the hands of the fairest of the fair. In entrusting it to you I feel that it is safe, and that you will faithfully redeem the pledge which I have made on behalf of my command. You are expected to guard its honor as your own—to bear it in the center of your company, in the thickest of the fight—and whether on the battlefield or off of it, you will ever remember that it is the gift of the "fair to the brave."

**Response of Sergeant Lesley.**

Note:—So far as we are able to learn the only survivors of the above company are our townsman, Mr. George White, Sr., and Mr. R. W. Crawford, who lives near Due West. Mr. Crawford is the father of Mrs. W. D. Ferguson and Mrs. T. M. Miller of this city.—Editor.

Ladies:—When the cry of war shall come and "Greek meet Greek" then the beautiful banner that you so kindly presented to us will be thrown to the breeze. We'll look to it and remember that ladies of Abbeville will expect us to defend it and them—and we'll do it.

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE National Bank of Abbeville, S. C.**

At Abbeville, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business on May 1st, 1917.

RESOURCES.	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c).....	\$239,422.77
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$376.52; unsecured, \$81.13.....	457.65
3. U. S. Bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value).....	18,750.00
4. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	3,150.00
5. Value of banking house.....	5,000.00
6. Real estate owned other than banking house.....	6,877.84
7. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis.....	\$ 7,259.39
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities.....	49,499.88
8. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20).....	9,396.03
9. a Outside checks and other cash items.....	5,096.21
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents.....	71.61
10. Notes of other national banks.....	6,970.00
11. Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Banks.....	21,787.43
12. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer.....	937.50
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$374,676.31</b>

LIABILITIES.	
13. Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 75,000.00
14. Surplus fund.....	30,000.00
15. a Undivided profits.....	14,117.47
b Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid.....	6,817.36
16. Circulating notes outstanding.....	18,750.00
17. Individual deposits subject to check.....	210,373.32
18. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days.....	31,176.27
19. Cashier's checks outstanding.....	1,576.61
20. Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41.....	243,126.20
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$374,676.31</b>

State of South Carolina, County of Abbeville, ss:  
 I, H. G. Smith, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 H. G. SMITH, Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1917.  
 Correct—Attest:  
 J. S. MORSE,  
 W. M. BARNWELL,  
 A. M. SMITH, Directors.