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**TAKING HOLIDAY**

The Press and Banner will not publish a paper Monday. The working force of a newspaper has but few holidays. They deserve a day or two at Christmas, and in order to give to the good people who work for this paper a little time for pleasure, we have decided not to open the office again until Wednesday morning. The Wednesday's paper will be issued as usual.

The Press and Banner desires at this season to thank its subscribers and patrons for the business we have received the past year. It has been a trying time for most newspapers. All of us have felt the hard times, but notwithstanding we come to the end of the year in better shape than we began it, and with as many subscribers as were on our lists January 1st. All of this is due to the kindness and consideration of those who patronize and support us. To all of them we extend our best wishes for a happy Christmas season with friends and relatives at home, and for a prosperous business season next year.

**LOWER RATE JANUARY 1  
 ON FARM PRODUCTS**

Columbia, Dec. 21.—South Carolina Railroad Commission today issued a circular directing that on January 1, a ten per cent reduction in freight rates, proposed by the trunk line railroads, take effect on interstate shipment of agricultural products and live stock. The rate will also be effective on interstate shipments.

This will be a blanket reduction on all shipments without changes in tariffs. It is a trial arrangement to last for six months, with the idea that it will be made permanent, if it is found to be advantageous. The only commodity excepted in the South Carolina commission's circular is cotton, on which rates were recently reduced by the South Carolina Commission.

This reduction will mean a big saving to the agricultural interests, it is said. It will be applied to shipment of grain and grain products, hay, butter and other dairy products, cotton seed and hulls, tobacco, fruits, dried fruits, vegetables, peanuts, cattle and calves, horses and mules.

Whether the short line roads of the state will put the rate into effect is not known. These lines are in many cases losing money and it may not be possible for them to grant the reduction at present. The railroad commission received information from the trunk lines Tuesday that the reduction would be made January 1. This reduction was first proposed by the railroad commission of this state and the commissions of several other states.

**GREATEST TRADING CARNIVAL  
 FIFTH AVENUE EVER SAW**

New York, Dec. 22.—Fifth Avenue is in the midst of the greatest Christmas shopping carnival it has ever known.

Long before noon it is an eddying tide of traffic, pedestrian and vehicular, that overflow curbs and extends from wall to wall. Traffic police, bus and taxi driver, department store carriage straters, all agree there never was a season like it.

Regulated by the avenue's "stop and go" towers, a total of more than 200,000 people are estimated by the police to cross Forty-Second Street daily, while transit commission figures with returns incomplete, indicate a flow of almost twice that number.

**COME ON SANTA**

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Friend Santa,—Well now if there is anything I want this Christmas it is a "beel." The boys sold the one I bought. Also send me a small keg of blackberry wine, the kind that they make down about Hopewell Church. I would like also a big turkey like "old man Gilliam" generally has at his house. Do not forget my little friends Will Calvert and Billy Cason.

Your little friend,  
 Patrick Roche.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Dear Santa,—Please send me another mule business. I do not want any more farms nor another bank. The ones I now have are enough for a man who is not a hog. I will not need any horns nor anything like that to make a noise this Christmas as my nephew Kerr has his Cousin Percival and Brother Austin with him and he will be doing most of the blowing for our family this Christmas. Be particular also about how much mail you send me because it has to be read at home.

Your boy,  
 Jimmie Stark.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Dear Santa,—There is not much that I want this Christmas because I know that times are hard, but I would like to have a rabbit to put on my rabbit farm, and a big printing press like the Press and Banner. Please do not send me any new real estate business blocks to play with as I have some blocks left over from last Christmas.

Please do not forget my little friends James Stark and Davis Kerr. They will be looking for you.

Your friend,  
 Clyde Horton.

P. S. Santa, are you a Baptist?

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Dear Santa,—Please send me a new automobile for Christmas, one with plenty of Speed. I want a lot of sick babies to play with during Christmas, and will need the automobile to take them riding. Will need a handsome chauffeur also, but I think I can get him myself. Send me a lot of nice things to eat Christmas because all the nurses at the hospital will be looking for something good and I want to give them a fine dinner. If you get sick this next year come to the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital and we will treat you right and pay for it with the baby fund. Dr. Gambrell will cut you all to pieces and not charge you a cent.

Yours for a good Christmas,  
 Blanche Reep.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Dear Santa,—I am dropping you a line to let you know that I have not forgotten you and to say that there is nothing in your line that I need this Christmas. I have too much of too many lines already. Cousin Percival W. and Brother Austin are to be with me this Christmas and that is enough for me, that is if Cousin Tom Davis brings everything from Augusta that he should. Uncle Jim may be needing a few things, if he does let him have them, because we will dine with them during Christmas anyway. I hope that you are feeling fine and are in the best of spirits and that you are not in the furniture business.

Yours for a glorious Christmas,  
 Davis Kerr.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Dear Santa,—There is nothing I want this Christmas except an automobile in my automobile house, a fine piano in the parlor and a cook in the kitchen.

Bye-bye,  
 Lily Bradley.

Abbeville, S. C., Dec. 23rd, 1921.  
 Dear Santa,—If I could get the things I want for Christmas it would be a Hoke Smith doll, a Tom Watson watermelon and a Georgia Elberta peach—you know the kind.

Yours,  
 Willie H. Long.

Don't Miss Hodges.

Dear Santa,  
 I am a little girl seven years old and I want you to bring me a doll carriage and some fruits, nuts, can-

**STILL SEIZED**

Large Copper Outfit and 500 Gallons of Mash.

Accompanied by several other white men, Sheriff M. R. LeRoy seized a still in operation on the Cherry Hill plantation near Willington last Thursday night, catching the operators, George Tucker, Tom DeVore, Bradley Murray and Lem Tutt all colored men of that vicinity, in the act of making liquor.

The captured men waived preliminary and three of them are in jail, while the fourth one, Tom DeVore, is out on \$200.00 bond.

About 500 gallons of mash were ready for this still which was a large copper outfit and under fire when the sheriff and his men arrived. Another stand of about 500 gallons of mash was found next day by the sheriff within 350 yards of the place where the still was located and it is supposed to have belonged to the same parties.—McCormick Messenger.

**AT OLD WILLINGTON CHURCH.**

The great oak yet is standing; the spring sends forth its flow,  
 Just as did old schoolmates, when we were young, you know.

On the top-most bough of that grand old tree, a mocking bird did perch,  
 And thrilled his sweetest music into the song within the church.

I sat near an open window in a convenient pew,  
 And saw the pretty songster when across the yard he flew.  
 Inspired by the singing he tuned his silver tongue,  
 Then joining in the anthem in matchless notes he sung.

A fitting scene on earth for angels to behold,  
 A thrilling inspiration to every living soul.

I was then a boy of 12, but the scene appealed to me,  
 To see the peerless bird in worship on that majestic tree.

The sacred house is vacant, is now a silent room,  
 Those who sang with us that Sabbath morn, are lying in the tomb.  
 A bird may now be singing o'er their bed of clay,  
 Just as sweetly as the one that sang with them on that bright April day.

Sixty-eight years since I witnessed the beautiful sight,  
 But vivid in memory it will live till comes the endless night.

—N. H. Palmer,  
 1136 E. Elk Ave.,  
 Glendale, California.

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Bank of Abbeville County will be held in the office of the president Wednesday, January 11th, 1922 at 11 A. M.

J. C. Thomson, Cashier.  
 Dec. 23. 2t.

**FRUIT CAKE**  
 Of a Guaranteed Quality  
 60 Cents the Pound.  
 Abbeville Bakery.

dies and fire works and all kinds of fruits. I will close.

Your little friend,  
 Elsie Stevenson.  
 Hodges, S. C.

**Would Like Story Book.**

Dear old Santa,  
 I am a little girl nine years old. I want a story book, picture and some fruits, nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
 Elizabeth Stevenson  
 Hodges, S. C.

**NOTICE SCHOOL ELECTION**

Whereas, a petition has been properly signed and approved by the County Board of Education, an election will be held in school district No. 6, Wednesday December 28, 1921 at school house for the purpose of voting an eight mill tax on all taxable property of said district for general school purposes in said district. At the said election the Board of Trustees shall act as managers, and the election shall be conducted as is provided by law for the conduct of general elections. At said election each elector favoring the proposed levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "yes" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposed to said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "no" printed or written thereon.

By order of the  
 COUNTY BOARD OF ED.  
 Dec. 19. 3t.

**Officers Arrest Three**

Anderson, Dec. 22.—Fifty gallons of liquor and a 30 gallon distillery is the capture by officers in the last few days. The liquor and automobile with two men who gave their names as Ramey and Shirley, were caught on Paul Earle's place, near Starr, and the men are in the county jail. Ithan Hutto, another white man, was also arrested on a charge of transporting whiskey.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**

The Highway Commissioners of Abbeville County will receive bids at the office of L. W. Keller, Secretary, until 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, January 7th, 1922, for the construction of that road known as the Mt. Carmel road from Station 38 of Mulberry Church to the McCormick county line at Mulberry Church, being seven and 46-100 miles. All bids must be sealed and on the prescribed form accompanied by a certified check, or surety bond, in the sum of One Thousand Dollars, payable to J. S. Stark, Chairman, as guarantee that the bidder will, if awarded contract, within ten days after notice thereof, enter into a written contract and give satisfactory bond in the sum of one third (1-3) the contract price. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Done by order of the Commission,  
 December 10th, 1921.

J. S. STARK, Chairman,  
 L. W. KELLER, Secretary.  
 Dec. 16. 3t. 1tw.

**Dust Them.**

A soft piece of old silk should be kept at hand for use in dusting your hat. Quills and ostrich should be gently dusted after each wearing.

Rub-My-Tism, a pain killer.

**DOG LICENSE LAW.**

A law of this state reads:  
 "Any person owning, harboring or maintaining a dog, failing or refusing to return and pay the tax (\$1.25) shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be fined not less than five or more than twenty dollars. One half shall go to the person reporting said failure to pay said tax and one half to public school fund. Said tax due and payable as other taxes."

R. B. CHEATHAM,  
 12, 16. 4t. Co. Treasurer.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of Abbeville will be held in the directors room of the bank at 12 o'clock Tuesday, January 10, 1922.

LEWIS PERRIN,  
 Dec. 30. 3t. Cashier.

666 quickly relieves cold.

**FRUIT CAKE**  
 Of a Guaranteed Quality  
 60 Cents the Pound.  
 Abbeville Bakery.

**CANDY! CANDY!**

ONE MORE DAY TO GET YOUR SHARE

**10,000 Pounds Xmas Candy**

It's fresh, sweet, pure and fine; every piece and every Box absolutely guaranteed. Bought by Shelnutt at a mere fraction of its value—it is being "passed along" to Shelnutt patrons at a mere fraction of its regular selling price.

**25c - 30c - 40c - 50c - 60c**

PER POUND—BUY ALL YOU WANT—NO LIMIT.

**Xmas Entertainments, Sunday Schools, Churches, Etc.**

Buy fresh, pure, bright, pretty Candies for your holiday entertainments—Candies that you can rest assured are pure and wholesome.

We also have a bountiful supply of all kinds of FRUITS and NUTS. Let us serve you.

LOOK FOR THE

**Columbia Candy Kitchen and Royal Cafe**

**Christmas Greetings**

Extending the Season's Greetings to Our Patrons and Friends.

**THE ABBEVILLE BAKERY**

H. L. MOORE, Prop.