

Abbeville's Royal Welcome to General Bonham.

On Tuesday of last week a party of gentlemen were discussing the probable result of the meeting of the State Democratic Executive Committee and surmising who would be the successor of the lamented Manigault. All, with one accord, thought our townsman, Captain M. L. Bonham, Jr., ought to be the man, but were afraid that he was guilty of the political crime of being "an Abbeville man." In the midst of the discussion a telegram was received announcing his nomination. Three cheers went up for the gallant Captain and the news spread like wild fire over the town. It was determined at once to welcome him home in grand style. The Abbeville Rifles, which company he has commanded for a number of years, took the initiative step. It was learned that he was to return on Friday, and they donned their uniforms, polished up their rifles, and under the command of Lieutenant S. C. Cason, marched down to the depot to meet him.

As the train rolled up, and Gen. Bonham, stepped on the platform, he was received with cheers.

Lieutenant Cason, after the Rifles had come to "Present arms," and then to "Parade Rest," made the following remarks:

Gen. Bonham, No class of citizens rejoice more over your deserved promotion than do the Abbeville Rifles, and we have come to welcome your return home, and thereby show our appreciation of the honor done you. Gentlemen of the Abbeville Rifles I now have the pleasure of presenting to you Gen. M. L. Bonham, commanding officer of the Militia of this State.

Gen. Bonham in reply stated that words were inadequate to express his appreciation of the honor done him by his old command. It was altogether unexpected to him. He hoped, however, to be able to give them some idea of his appreciation at some other time.

He was then escorted to a carriage bedecked with flags and drawn by four splendid grays, and in company with Capt. L. W. White, Hon. W. C. Benet, Lieut. T. P. Cothran, and Sergt. R. S. Link, driven to his home.

The Serenade.

The citizens of the town wished also to show their appreciation of the honor done their fellow citizen and arranged for a serenade. The Abbeville band was called into requisition and about ten o'clock a goodly number of them congregated in front of his residence. After several pieces were played by the band, Gen. Bonham was called out, and as he stepped on his piazza, Captain L. W. White made the following remarks:

Gen. Bonham, We, your fellow-townsmen, your neighbors and friends are here to welcome you home. We have come to express to you our supreme satisfaction, to give you our most heart-felt greetings and to extend to you our warmest and sincerest congratulations upon your success.

Sir, when your name was first mentioned in connection with the high and responsible position of Adjutant and Inspector General of the State of South Carolina, we could scarcely even dare to indulge the hope that you would win the prize, although from the bottom of our hearts we desired you to have it, and knew your merit and qualifications were such as most richly to deserve it. But Sir, we knew that you, in common with many of our more worthy citizens, were answerable to that charge, which in the eyes of some of the people of South Carolina at least seems almost to amount to a "grievous fault."—I refer to the fact that you live in the county of Abbeville, and because our county had already been honored with a place on the State ticket in the person of our distinguished fellow-citizen, Col. J. H. Rice of Ninety-Six, we were afraid her representation would not be increased. But, Sir, we are proud to see that the Executive Committee, upon whom devolved the grave duty of supplying the vacancy occasioned by the death of the lamented Manigault, were seeking for merit in the discharge of their important trust, and that they were not slow to recognize such merit when found, though found, forsooth, within the borders of our grand old county of Abbeville.

Sir, we are aware that the people of this State have exalted you more highly by bringing you so conspicuously to the front, but we know just as well that you will be equal to the responsibility and that your worth and abilities are such as will enable you to honor and adorn the office you are called upon to fill.

We commend most heartily the wisdom of Gov. Sheppard and that of the Executive committee and we are sure their action in your selection will be endorsed and applauded by the people of the entire State. We greatly and gladly rejoice with you at your success, and in conclusion, permit me again, on behalf of the people of our county in general, and of this town, the town of your adoption, in particular, to tender our unfeigned and most cordial congratulations, and our best wishes for the future welfare of yourself and family.

Gen. Bonham replied in the following manner:

Gen. Bonham, my fellow citizens and comrades:

I would that I were gifted with that eloquence which would enable me to express to you in some degree the depth of my appreciation of this exhibition of your kindly feeling for me. This demonstration of your interest in my welfare and your hearty sympathy in my good fortune, is far more to me than the emoluments and honors of the office to which the kindness of the Executive Committee has elevated me.

My fellow citizens, it is scarcely six years ago that I came among you a stran-

ger. You bade me welcome. You gave me friendship, you gave me kindness unmeasured. Your far-famed hospitality was meted out to me and to mine with no sparing or stinted hand. In times of trouble and affliction your warm sympathy has flowed towards us, and to night, my friends, you have given me a royal welcome home. How can I ever forget all this? Oh, my friends, if ever I forget you and your kindness "let my right hand forget her cunning." "If I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth."

My comrades of the Abbeville Rifles, for nearly six years you and I have stood together and sought to keep alive that spirit of military enthusiasm so essential to the maintenance of any body of citizen soldiery—which is itself so essential an element in a Republic where standing armies are looked upon with fear and suspicion. For all this time you and I, in the face of the most adverse circumstances, facing the scorn and ridicule of some, and the indifference of others, have kept alive and maintained the Abbeville Rifles. My comrades, I am about to desert you, but I am sure you will not desert me. I have had too many evidences of your affection and loyalty to doubt them now. You have sent to the Governor a strong endorsement of my candidacy. You have said that I am worthy to fill this office. That I could and would infuse into the Militia new life and new vigor. Boys, I expect you to help me from this time. Under the capable and enthusiastic officers you have, I expect you to reach a degree of proficiency and excellence that you never attained under me, so that when I in the discharge of my new duties inspect you, my heart will swell with pride as I say to myself these are the boys I once commanded.

My friends, it is not unnatural that I should feel some gratification because of the honor that has been done me. I would be less than human if I did not feel deeply touched by your evidences of esteem and regard. But through all these joyful emotions there runs a vein of sadness as memory recalls that pious and noble gentleman, the lamented Gen. Arthur M. Manigault. He was a pure and good man, whose every impulse was high and noble, whose soul was responsive to every lofty emotion, and the guiding principle of whose life was devotion to duty. He was a South Carolina gentleman—truly and literally he was without fear and without reproach. He has gone to his reward—the reward of the true and the brave. Let us, my friends, emulate his virtues and follow the example of his life.

But I will not dwell upon this sad subject. You have come to welcome me home, to rejoice with me over my success. My dear friends I know I have your good will. Let me have your prayers that in the discharge of my official duties I may attain somewhere near the degree of excellence which marked the career of my distinguished predecessor.

Accept the assurance of my warmest esteem and affection, and of my appreciation of the compliment you have paid me.

Judge Aldrich.

The citizens then called for Judge Aldrich, who after some reluctance, said that he appreciated the honor done him. He thought like the citizens of Abbeville that the selection made was an admirable one. Gen. Bonham came from a martial race, he was born a soldier, and reared a soldier. He closed by saying that if the emergency arose he had no doubt the Abbeville Rifles would prove as gallant and true in war, as they had been courteous and gentlemanly in peace.

Death of Col. J. W. Livingston.

Our community was pained to hear of the death of this prominent citizen of Oconee county, which occurred at his home at Seneca last Wednesday, August 25th.

Colonel Livingston was born and raised to manhood in Abbeville. He was the son of Dr. J. F. Livingston, who spent his long, honored and useful life here and whose memory is cherished by many of our older citizens.

Colonel Livingston had but a few days before his death passed his fifty-fourth birthday. He graduated at the South Carolina College in 1852, was soon after admitted to the Bar and commenced the practice of law at Abbeville.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Kilpatrick of Pendleton, and ever afterward made his home in Oconee county, where he spent his life in farming.

When the war commenced, Colonel Livingston was among the first to respond to the call to arms and was elected Captain of Company A, one of the finest companies in the memorable Orr's Regiment. Upon the retirement of Col. Orr, Colonel Livingston was promoted to Major, and at the battle of Second Manassas where Colonel Marshall and Lieutenant-Colonel Leadbetter were both killed, he succeeded to the Colonelcy. On account, however, of a failure of health, he was soon compelled to resign and return home.

After the war he resumed his occupation of farming, and as evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by his adopted county, he was elected first to the House of Representatives and afterwards to the Senate.

When the town of Seneca, on the Air Line Railroad was laid out, Colonel Livingston bought and improved one of the finest lots in that progressive town. He was thoroughly identified with the place and few men will be more missed there. He was an elder in the Seneca Presbyterian church from its organization.

Colonel Livingston leaves a wife and seven children surviving him, and to them we tender our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

Mr. T. P. Wardlaw of Augusta, is visiting relatives in Abbeville.

Anticipating Payments.

The Valley Mutual Life Association of Virginia, through Colonel Lee Hagood, Manager of South Carolina branch paid last week the following death claims:

J. C. Evans, Cheraw, S. C., \$3000, not due till September 1st.
Rev. D. Cuttino, Summerton, \$1000, not due till September 15th.
Louis Pearlstein, Branchville, \$2000, not due till September 25th.

This makes \$13,000 that this company has paid in this State this year, and all were paid before the 90 days allowed by the conditions of the policies had expired. There have been no contests or vexatious delays, and when a member of the Association dies, verily, he leaves a legacy and not a lawsuit to his family.

Captain W. T. Branch is the agent at Abbeville.

The Abbeville Rifles.

Last night the Abbeville Rifles met at the office of General Bonham. That officer tendered his resignation as Captain because of his appointment to be Adjutant General.

On motion a resolution of regret was passed that Captain Bonham's connection with the Company must be severed. The following officers were then elected: Captain, W. C. McGowan; 1st Lieutenant, A. W. Smith; 2d Lieutenant, G. B. Lythgoe; Sergeants, J. A. Harris, T. L. Douglass, R. S. Link, A. D. Calhoun and S. J. Link.

On motion a committee consisting of Captain McGowan, T. C. Perrin and W. D. Wilson was appointed to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of General Manigault. The meeting adjourned to meet to-night at half-past eight o'clock.

Card from J. N. King

I adopt this method of thanking the people of Abbeville county for the handsome vote given me for County Commissioner on last Saturday. I am still in the race but important business demands will prevent a thorough canvass of the county. I spent four of the best years of my life in the Confederate army and have always devoted my best energies to the success of the Democratic party. If chosen for the office for which my friends have named me I will discharge its duties to the best of my ability.

JAMES N. KING

A Card from Captain Mann.

To the Voters of Abbeville County: It has been impossible for me to canvass the county in the second race on account of the sickness of my son. You know my record, and know whether I am competent to fill the office to which I aspire. Therefore, I leave the matter in your hands.

Respectfully, W. D. MANN.

Municipal Ticket.

We offer the following municipal ticket because it will be acceptable to every person:

INTENDENT.

W. C. McGowan.

WARDENS.

James F. Miller, E. B. Gary,
A. B. Morse, W. H. Brooks.

VOTERS.

Another Ticket.

INTENDENT.

J. W. Perrin.

WARDENS.

M. L. Bonham, Dr S. G. Thomson,
L. W. Smith, J. S. Perrin.

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Citizen's Ticket.

INTENDENT:

H. T. Tusten.

WARDENS:

R. W. Cannon, J. D. Chalmers,
J. A. Smith, J. F. Miller.

CITIZEN.

Notice.

There will be a mass meeting in the Court House on Tuesday, the 31st day of August, at 6 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating an Intendant and 4 wardens.

JONES F. MILLER.

MESSAGES.

Capt. John Frank Hodges is in town. Good rains fell Sunday and yesterday. Miss Lizzie Marshall is sick in Greenville.

Hon. W. H. Parker was in Columbia and York last week.

Mr. Julius Visansa spent Sunday and Monday in town.

Miss Mamie Lawson returned from Greenwood last week.

Mrs. Henry Moore returned from Wallhalla yesterday.

The second primary election comes off on next Saturday.

Mr. Hancock preached at Willington on last Sunday.

W. C. McGowan, Esq. returned home on Saturday.

Wesley Norrell, a typo of the Messenger has gone to Hampton on a visit. A good many cases of whooping-cough are in Abbeville.

Dr. Neuffer went up to Greenville last week on a professional visit.

Judge McGowan and L. W. Smith, Esq., are expected home from the White Sulphur to-day.

Miss Fannie Wardlaw and Miss Sarah Thurston, who have been visiting Mrs. Renet leave Abbeville to-day.

Seed Oats! Seed Oats! A car of "Texas Red Rust Proof Oats" to arrive this week at W. Joel Smith & Son's.

Hon. E. G. Graydon, who was quite sick for a day or two last week, is out again.

Mrs. Ware, the artist, has decided, in order to accommodate some parties, to remain in Abbeville one week longer.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd of Atlanta, are visiting in Abbeville.

Prof. John Calhoun of the University of Alabama, is visiting his relatives, the family of Mrs. S. M. Calhoun.

Call at W. Joel Smith & Son's and supply yourself with barley. A fine lot on hand and now is the time to sow.

Judge O. T. Calhoun has shaved off his mustache, and his friends hardly know him. He looks like Willoughby Read.

Messrs. George M. and A. W. Smith are back after a pleasant visit to Liberty Hill.

We are sorry to learn of the serious sickness of our former townsman, Mr. J. A. Wier, now of Greenville.

We have a limited quantity of fine rye. Come and get what you need before it is too late. W. Joel Smith & Son.

The Seneca convention meets tomorrow. The Abbeville delegation will go up on that day.

Mrs. C. M. Calhoun and daughter, of Greenville, have been visiting the family of Mr. R. A. Calhoun during the past week.

The daughter of Capt. Edwards, who has been sick for some time with fever, near Lowndesville, we are glad to learn is much better.

The colored base ball clubs of Abbeville and Due West crossed bats in Abbeville. Two games were played, both of which were won by the home club.

There were no services in the Presbyterian church on last Sunday night, on account of the interesting protracted meeting in progress at the Methodist church.

It was Dr. J. Wideman of Due West, who was elected a delegate to the Seneca Convention, and not W. P. Wideman as we had it last week.

Rev. A. Coke Smith assisted Mr. Weber on Saturday and Sunday in his protracted meeting. His sermons are spoken of in the highest terms by those who heard them.

Messrs. J. F. Livingston and J. W. Perrin went up to Seneca on last Wednesday in response to a telegram stating that Col. J. W. Livingston was thought to be dying. He died before they reached there.

Washington Stilts, a highly respectable and well known negro, who has been employed by Mr. Joel Smith for a number of years, died on last Friday. His funeral procession was the largest seen in Abbeville in many a day.

One of the saddest deaths that we have heard of recently was that of Miss Lola Speer, daughter of Dr. A. J. Speer of Lowndesville. Young, beautiful, and accomplished, with a seemingly long promise of life, she has been called to a better world, and is now with those who know no suffering. Verily, in the midst of life we are in death.

Passengers on the down train report that a white child three or four years old was killed on the track yesterday. The killing occurred between Honea Path and Donalds. We have been unable to learn the name of the child or any of the circumstances of the killing further than that the child was trying to cross the track in front of the engine.

Mrs. James E. G. Bell, of Lowndesville, died suddenly of heart disease at the residence of Capt. John G. Edwards on last Wednesday night. Mrs. Bell was the mother of our townsman, Mr. W. E. Bell, and of Mrs. J. G. Edwards. She was a lady of most estimable parts. Her death was a sad one, and she will be greatly missed in the community where she has been so useful. Her remains were interred at Snyrna.

Bradley Bits.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bradley, of Abbeville, are spending some time with General P. H. Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wier returned from Greenville on Saturday Mr. Wier was summoned there to see his father, who was quite ill at the time, we are glad to state is better at present.

Miss Lizzie Jordan returned to her home in Crawfordville, Ga., on Friday. She leaves a host of friends behind.

Miss Ellen Morrah who has been spending some time with Misses. Lillie and Mamie Hearst, returned to her home on Saturday.

Capt. King, candidate for County Commissioner was in town Friday. Every body knew his business.

Mrs. E. P. Harrison of Millway is visiting relatives in Anderson C. H.

Miss. Bessie Cothran our efficient school teacher has opened her school.

Judge E. W. Watson's beautiful mansion is certainly an ornament to our town.

Young men who contemplate marrying had better call on Mr. Morris and give him the contract for building before it is too late.

It seems that our Rail Road authorities are getting pretty strict. They require each agent to deposit a certain amount in the bank at Savannah, the said amount to be governed according to the amount of business done at the stations. Bradley, agent has to deposit three hundred (\$300) dollars, Greenwood agent one thousand (\$1000) dollars. If I was agent I would simply step down and out.

We were exceedingly glad to see that M. L. Bonham received the nomination for Adjutant and Inspector General. No nobler man could have been nominated.

MORE ANON.

DR. G. A. NEUFFER,

Physician and Surgeon,

ABBEVILLE, S. C.

Feb. 16, 1886, 1 yr.

CANDIDATES.

For Congress.

The friends of Judge J. S. Cothran announce him as a candidate for Congress from the Third Congressional District. Subject to the action of the Democratic primary or convention, whichever plan may be adopted.

For the House of Representatives.

We are authorized to announce Capt. W. D. Mars as a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Dr. George H. Waddell a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the Democratic primaries.

For County Auditor.

We are authorized to announce A. W. Jones as a candidate for recommendation for County Auditor, subject to the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Capt. J. T. Parks as a candidate for recommendation for County Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

For County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce Capt. J. N. King of Ninety-Six as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries.

We are authorized to announce Mr. W. D. Mann, as a candidate for County Commissioner subject to the action of Democratic primaries.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF ABBEVILLE,

Court of Common Pleas.

Summons for Relief.—Complaint not served.

James H. Ballard and Thomas B. Cook next of kin &c., of Jamaica Kemp deceased, Plaintiff's,

against

Jacob H. Bowie and Thomas Ballard, Nancy Ballard, Margaret Ballard, Caroline Ballard, Jackson Ballard, Fidelity Ballard, Geo. Ballard, Sarah Ballard, Reuben Ballard, children of Reuben H. Ballard deceased, George W. Ballard, James Ballard, Lucinda Case, Eunice Ballard, Miriam Coslan, Arrena Thompson, children of Josiah Ballard deceased, Jemima Penlan, and L. C. Cook, children of Annie Cook Amos Gilliam, Anna Cook, and Jan. Norman, children of Nancy Gilliam deceased, Reuben T. Ballard, John Ballard, Thomas Ballard, Malinda Ballard, Margaret Ballard, and Wylie Ballard, children of Elias Ballard—Defendants.

To said Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the said Court, at Abbeville C. H., S. C., and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers at 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 the relief demanded in the complaint to wit: To obtain the possession of the tract of land now in the possession of Jacob H. Bowie, situated in said County and State.

Dated 12th February A. D., 1886.

M. G. ZEIGLER, [L. S.]

C. C. P.

PERRIN & COTHRAN,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To the absent Defendants:

Thomas Ballard, Nancy Ballard, Margaret Ballard, Caroline Ballard, Jackson Ballard, Fidelity Ballard, George Ballard, Sarah Ballard, Reuben Ballard, Geo. W. Ballard, Lucinda Case, Eunice Ballard, Miriam Coslan, Arrena Thompson, L. C. Cook, Jemima Penlan, Amos Gilliam, Anna Cook, Jane Norman, R. T. Ballard, John Ballard, Thomas Ballard, Malinda Ballard, Margaret Ballard, and Wylie Ballard, as above named.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the complaint in this action together with the summons of which the above is a copy is this day filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Common Pleas for the said State and County at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina.

PERRIN & COTHRAN,
Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

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