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The Independent Press will continue to be published as heretofore, at Abbeville C. H., at the same price, and will maintain its character as an independent, political, miscellaneous, District paper.

All letters on business connected with this office should be addressed "INDEPENDENT PRESS, Abbeville C. H., S. C.," and post-paid. Salutatory.

In assuming the chair-editorial, so gracefully vacated by our predecessor last week, it is of course meet that we should exchange salutations with the patrons of the Press, and indicate the general principles that will direct our course.

Although we are not of those who seem to regard the life of an Editor less favored than that of any other profession, still we are aware that attached to such a position are labors and responsibilities that may well move the stoutest heart to trembling.

Our design in the future conduct of the Press will be to render it as acceptable a District Journal as any in the State; and to this end it will be our general rule to eschew lengthy discourses on foreign subjects, and keep an eye more to the passing present than to the prospective future.

Everything contributing to the increasing fund of general intelligence within our State, shall find room in the Press, and its friends and patrons may look for every thing worthy of record, in its pages.

Happy for us, and happily for the peace and quiet of the people of South Carolina, political contentions in this State are rare in occurrence and transient in existence.

It is not our design to uphold the ever-varying tenets of changing parties, and be forever subject to the embarrassments of bitter wrangling. In other States, in many instances, the very existence of a newspaper is dependent on the doctrine it professes, and the support it receives.

With our position of the press we shall undertake always to maintain relations that will be consistent with our course, but we shall not keep in remembrance our settled purpose to yield any point involving no vital interest or principle rather than estrange a friend, or an immoderate wailing of the glad tidings of peace.

With these brief remarks, we submit ourselves to the disposition of the public, asking only for an impartial trial, and in its decision we acquiesce. If favorable, with gratitude, we will, with all the grace a disappointed applicant could possibly command.

Congress. The Nebraska Bill has at last been carried through the house of Representatives, by a vote of 118 to 100, and we venture to hope that the present session at least the opening of the next session is settled.

Golden Memorials. This, our first paragraph for the Press, is written with a fine gold pen, a present from our esteemed friend and former neighbor, D. W. HAWTHORN, of Due West.

A pen and scissors are two indispensable to an editor. The first especially should be a good article—one that glides smoothly across the sheet, and that will retain a sufficient quantum of ink to dot down several lines at once without returning to the ink-bottle.

But we said an editor's pen should be a good one. Who could maintain his good humor when trying to write with a mean pen? and of all men perhaps the editor has most need of the appliances to induce an even and good temper.

Local Statistics. The following interesting items of statistical information have been kindly communicated by our worthy Tax Collector. He anticipated our wish, as we had thought of applying to him for something of the kind, and he will please consider us obliged.

MARRIAGES in Abbeville District from January 1st, 1853, to January 1st, 1854, 51; Births during the same time—Males 66, Females 107—173; Deaths during the same time—Males 53, Females 45—98. Births among the colored—Males 348, Females 355—703; Deaths—Males 148, Females 162—310.

Early Cotton. Mr. HARRIS, residing near Whitehall in this District, has shown us several stalks of cotton, taken from his farm on the 28th ult., which is ahead of any we have seen or heard of the present season.

Dispense the Light. With pleasure we comply with the request of a friend to direct attention to the notice of the approaching anniversary of the Abbeville Bible Society, to be seen below.

Bible Society. The thirty-first anniversary meeting of the Abbeville District Bible Society will be held in the M. E. Church, at the Court House on Wednesday, the 26th of July.

How to Stop the Cars. A vast amount of injury to railroad trains and loss of life might be prevented were everybody as careful and heroic as the lady below named.

Taking the Stump. The Southern Patriot learns that in Laurens District the Electoral question is exciting considerable interest. Stump speeches, pro and con, are being made at every muster.

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The Eclipse. True to arrangement, the eclipse passed off on Friday evening last. There was a break demand for smoked glasses, and we believe the spectators generally were pretty well satisfied with the performances on the occasion.

The Crops. Fine rains have fallen in different sections of the District the past week, and we anticipate a rapid growth of all kinds of crops—grass not excepted.

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More Candidates Wanted. The unjoined paragraph has been commended for publication. We shall be pleased to hear not only from Messrs. HAZARD and VANCE, but from any and all others who may be disposed to take the field.

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Wanted at this office an editor who can please everybody. Also a foreman who can arrange the paper so as to allow every man's advertisement to lead the column.

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