

The Laurens Advertiser.

We have received the first number of the *Laurens Advertiser*, a new paper at Laurens village, by J. C. Garlington, editor. It is nicely printed, and gives evidence of that independence of thought, in which we are much pleased. While such a course will very effectually close the door to political preferment, yet the *Advertiser* will, in our opinion find respectful and outspoken expression on all subjects that interest the people, the true way to journalistic success. The editor who does not seek political preferment at the hands of the people, and who does not have a faint hope of receiving favors from official or Legislative appointment, is really the most independent man in the State, and he will find it to his advantage to speak out whenever occasion requires. It is usually the manner, and not the opinion, which gives offence. The spirit and tone of the *Laurens Advertiser* is good, and if the price of the paper had been two dollars, instead of one dollar, the editor might have hoped to make more money, but as it is, he can anyhow have lots of fun and plenty of hard work. The *Advertiser* receives a hearty welcome into the editorial fraternity, and we hope that the editor will bid adieu to all ideas of popularity or office at the hands of the people. It is hard for an editor to do his whole duty, if he is conscious of injuring his popularity with a few voters, who may stand ready to threaten a withdrawal of their support. We believe that no place is higher or more honorable than that of editor, though many positions of honor reward the occupant with greater pay. For our own part, we would rather be editor of the *Press and Banner* at small remuneration than to be Congressman at five thousand dollars a year.

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