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ion of the General Assemn act was passed authoriz-ing from the sinking fund nt counties sums not to third of the tax levy for ory purposes. A lien on the orrowing counties guar-yment of the loan, with er cent. on the amount the actual time the money

ession of the Legislature the terms of that act al to one half the levy for

oses. hought when the act was 77 that the counties having pey would take advantage offer. The only counties offer. The only counties, however, were Aiken, prokee, Dorchester, Fairton, Marion, Oconee, Williamsburg. The total of them was \$39,032. by special enactment, An-

permitted to borrow \$28,000 wood \$10,000. The other ich have, up to this time, wed or made application for the amounts asked for, are herokee, \$4,406.75; Clar-Fairfield, \$7,350; Marion; ter; \$3,500; Pickens. \$3,-53,000; Williamsburg, \$5,-

ms foot up \$58,270.75, and ecial loans to Ander-enwood give a grand 76,270.75, or nearly nuch as the amounts state still has a Considerable hand to the counties are not yit made and loaderable are not yit made and loaderable are not yit made and loaderable.

ors' Salaries in Danger. of of interest that although bw years a number of e been established, the e officers in the old are paid from States than formerly, while the officers in the new dditional source of re-State funds. By re-r General Derham has the following list of nd their salaries paid s: Abbeville, \$700; erson, \$700; Bamberg, \$700; Beaufort, \$700; Charleston, \$1,800; Chester, \$600; Ches-rendon, \$500; Collegton, 3600; Dorches-field, \$700; Fairfield, \$600; Georgetown, \$600; Greenwood, \$500; Horry, \$500; ancaster, \$500; Lau-eton, \$500; Marion, 10; Newberry, \$600; angeburg, \$700; angeburg, \$700; nd, \$800; Saluda, \$800; Sumter, \$700;

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day which has been bling in this city of the doctrine of proourpose of organizing cet for State offices in ary T. J. La Motte, tral committee, states ng letters of encourthe counties in the that the convention will be tended. He is not yet ready av expression of his views as be conducted .-- Columbia

onism and Dispensary. following letter received by or it would seem that some ens of Utah want to mix and the dispensary.

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PEEBLES.

Virginia.

to the Baltimore g, Va., says: Gen. 9th and was visited cil in a body. Brief ne were made by the th, and the president Thomas D. Davis, Carter Glass. The was taken in recognice and the

## PITHY ITEMS.

Efforts are being made at Richmond, Va., to transport the old Libby prison back to that city from Chicago, Ill.

Marshall Ross Smith, of Morley, Mo., while locked up in jail, set fire to the building and was burned to death.

During the cattlemen's convention at Fort Worth, Texas, stock to the value of \$2,000,000 changed hands.

Gray wolves in enormous numbers are praying upon the stock along the Laramie river, Colorado.

The Republican State central committee of Kansas met at Topeka and authorized the holding of the State convention at Hutchison on June 8. A full State ticket will be nominated.

About two miles from Henrietta Milia, C., Mr. John Green, township conattempted to arrest a negro named Blake, who had run away from South Carolina for wife beating, and for which crime Constable Green held As soon as the negro heard warrant of the officer's business he opened fire with a pistol. The constable fell to his knees, mortally wounded, but drew his pistol, firing three shots at the negro, all of which took effect, one ball picroing his heart, killing him instantly.

### INSANE OF THE STATE. The Largest Number of Patients in the Hospital in Its History.

The care of the insane of the State has become a serious problem. The number of patients have assumed alarming proportions. To such an extent is this true that that the board of regents met on the 10th, says the Columbia State, and gave the matter their most careful consideration. As a result of their deliberations they appointed two committees to study plans to relieve the situation by reducing the number under treatment.

During the past month 989 persons were cared for. This is the largest number in the history of the hospital for the insang. Thirty-four new ones have applied for admission. Thirty-one patients were discharged on

The regents decided that the institution is becoming so crowded that to accomodate recent and incurable cases for whom applications are being made it will be necessary to send all chronic and harmless cases to the poor houses of their respective counties. A comittee consisting of Mr. Iredell Jopeand Superintendent Babcock was applied to investigate the applications. to investigate the subject and report to the regents in order that the matter may be laid before Governor Ellerbe to be transmitted by him to the next

General Assembly.

General Assembly.

The cuestion of miniting criminals are inclose and or as chairman, was appointed as a special report. He is to contact the superintendent and director penitentiary in order to fall mendations for legislation which will have insone criminals placed in the have insane criminals placed in the peniterilary, where in the opinion of the regents, they properly belong.

# PORT ROYAL DRY DOCK.

It Will Soon be Available for Our Big Warships.

Reports received at the navy department from the contractor in charge of dredging a new anchorage ground for vessels at the entrance to the dry dock at Port Royal, S. C., encourage a hope that the work of getting a sufficient anchorage to accommodate vessels of war may be successful before long. Heretofore ships have been compelled to come into the dock proper from below at high water and then get out again under the same circumstances. The adaptability of the dock to United States war vessels at all times is greatly to be desired, since south of New-port News it is the only dock on the Atlantic court weightly. the vessels of the North Atlantic equadron.

#### THE PAY OF SUPERVISORS. An Interesting Question Which Affects All Old Boards.

Under the new law regarding superalso of interest to all the others. It is as to what length of time the former boards of supervisors get paid for, and when the pay of the new boards com-mence. Comptroller General Derling. who has received a number of inquiries who has received a number of inquires along this line, takes the position that the tenure of office of the old he pired the first of the yathe beginning of the fiscal the calendar year. Colf it says, they get no pay for dured in 1888 unless the dered in dered in 1898 unless the just coming in. In some sould personnel of the board is ora, unchanged and in such county not be difficult to array The State.

Six Hangings in

The Laurens corres Appl. News and Courier and ing appointed for which will meet nothing to interest iva to civilization until the campaign opens in midsummer. By the way in midsum-ortay of note hangings in last ten years, ing a stable in alue of the old mer. By the way, it that there have been this county with the place of erecu rear of the jail. at building is about hars. Four of murder and the executions two for arson, all egroes

David Aurton Dead. Moston, D. D., secretary urch extension of the opal Church, South, e in Louisville Kv. ed 69 years. For Morto

# JUSTICE DONE IN NEWBERRY.

Three White Men Colvicted of a Shameful Crine.

FATHER AND TWO SONS.

ons Sentenced the sears in the Pealtentlary and the Father to 18 at the Chain Gang.

A special from to Vie News and Courier, of the says: The Pomaria case on the ght in the conviction of three tried at this term of court. The mass of testimony occupied four full drys. Arguments were begun this morning, and three speeches on each side occupied until 6

Judge Benet's charge occupied half an hour, and embraced the law in the

The jury retired at 7 o'clock and ren-

Albert F. Rizer and William Rizer were found guilty of housebreaking and larceny, and sentenced to five years and one month in the penitentiary. Jas. Rizer was found guilty of receiving stolen goods and was sentenced to eightden months on the chain gang or eighteen months in the peritentiary.

Judgo Benet, in passing sentence, said that he would not add one word to the torture of the moment. Profound silence provailed in the court room when the verdict was announced, and before passing sentence each prisoner made a negative reply to Judge Benet's question if they had anything to say why sentence should not be passed.

Three white men, a father with the frost of sixty-five winters upon his head, and two sons convicted of a grave crime presents a sadly remarkable spectacle in this community. The trial engrossed the whole of pub-

lie attention, and the verdict produces a profound impression generally. The other parties in jail arrested in the Pomaria case are to be tried at the special term in April,

#### MISS BERTIE WALKED UP

While Water Was Being Drawn From Reservoir to Recover Her Body.

The thoughtlessaess of Miss Bertie Hood, 21 and pretty nearly precipitated a water famine in Columbia on the 13th. She is from Winnsboro and was visiting friends in the out disappeared. So not friends and police failed to fine a trace. About moon today a higher floating in the preservoir was fine in the bottom of the words. friends in the cit. This afternoon she disappeared. So in of friends and his with weight he proces of a weing off six mil'in a illons of water at dragging the oir was immedia: begun in the wess ace of a big crowd. At dusk, when three million gallons of filtered water and eturned to the river, up. She had spent the Miss Ho night of the on the northern limit lected to notify any-

Postoffice Robbert.

rpetrated the bottle

A Hampton special to The says: Some one entered the Southern Express office here, opened the safe and carried sway \$21,000; also be the imany express packages but left that. When Mrs. Hughes, the stress here, opened her of sine found the safe blown open, much launge done to the furniture, and taken. Several persons heard a heavy discharge Saturday night, but could not locate it, and no one suspected that our quiet communi-ty had been invaded by burglar. Several suspicious characters have been in town recently, but up to this time no arrests have been made

Lynchers Folled.

week Charlie Williams, the newho was accused of murdering Mr.
W. Lee at Bishopville on November
the was tried at Sumter and found
wilty of murder with recommendation
the many. The people from the Bish-Under the new law regarding supervisors of registration, a question has arisen in some of the counties which is also of interest to all the others. It is an attempt would be made to lynch the negro, and he instructed Deputy Gaillard to get him to a place of safety, and he was taken to Columbia.

A Shorter Route to Columbia. It is said that the Carolina Midland railway will comple its extension to Batesburg in about three weeks. This will give this section of the country a shorter route to Columbia and the upcountry. Mr. J. W. Fowler, the gen-eral manager, will probably do much to improve the service, equipment and physical condition of the road. He is railroad official of long experience and full of expedients and resources.

# Crime in the State.

On, the 14th, according to correspondints of the Columbia State, the followg murders were committed: Near Union Lee Turnbill (white) shot and refantly killed Emma Hall (colored). Per had been playing in the presence of the witnesses and he told her to stop and she didn't, with the above result. Near Camden, Allen Carolina (colored) was shot by Constable J. F. Bateman, while resisting arrest for burning cord wood. In Bethel town burning cord wood. In Bethel town ship, in York county, Butler Robbins shot and instantly killed Tom McFad. den, both colored. It is said that Robe bins found McFadden in a com-promising position with his, Robbins

> Notes. It is said that the small pox at Pelhem is on the decrease. At Conway, April 1st, Nathan Willis

will be hanged for murder. The town of Williamst new charter un

peville, will

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ALMOST COMPLETED. The Naval Board of Inquiry Nearly Ready to Report.

The naval board of tuquiry has almost completed its investigation and the report will likely be forwarded to Washington in the next two or three days. A few details of the expert testimony are being carefully collected. The divers are only verifying their pre-vious discoveries. The report that is awaited with so much interest and on which so much depends is almost finished, and will be in the hands of the President inside of the next six days.

The Naval Militia.

It has been decided that in the event of hostilities the naval militia will take care of harbor defences in conjunction with the naval and coast defense officers. The latter being of the army department, will detail the reserves to take charge of the improvised submarine mines.

Spain's Protest.

It is reported that Spain has lodged a protest with the Brazilian government against the sale of the cruisers Amaonas and Abrenall to the United States on the ground that it is an unfriendly act in view of the tension of the situation between the Madrid and Washington governments.

Moving Artillery Batteries. The Pennsylvania Railroad has closed

a contract with the government to transport artillery batteries from Wash-ington to Fort Mott and from Fort Mc-Henry to Fort Delaware.

Implicit Confidence in the President. Representative J. W. Stokes, of South Carolina, has received a letter from General Joseph L. Stupplebein, confmanding the First Brigade, South Carolina Cavalry. After commending Mr. Stokes for his recent speech in Congress for the \$50,000,000 for the national defence, he adds: "The people of South fence, he adds: "The people of South Carolina stand ready and willing to shed their blood in defence of the Stars and Stripes, and if ever our people were united, they are today. We know no factional or party lines when the honor of the country is at stake. As you know, I command the largest body of cavalry in the United States. My command and I are at the service of the President, and while I understand that militia cannot be pressed into service for a longer period than ninety days, I now, through you, formally tender my services to the President in the volunteers for ninety months, if need be. The peo-ple have implicit confidence in the wisdom of the President at this critical moment, and feel that he will do the proper thing."

Mr. Stokes presented General Stop-

pelbein's letter to the President.

Senate Investigation Postponent. The Senate committee on neval affairs had under consideration the resolution instructing it to make : a pavestigation of the Maine disaster and decited by a vote of 6 to 5.1 estponed Asylum.

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Spain No. Things.

London (to be )—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail reports an attention with Admiral Berry of Marine, in the course with the minister said: "The exigences of the times demand that the er os of the times demand that the a we should not be doing our duty if we imitated the Americans in publishing information as fast as received,

only to deny it thefollowing day."

Admiral Bermejo declined to affirm or deny that the Spanish government had purchased the Chilian cruiser

# A REVOLTING CRIME.

Unknown Parties Kill Henry Raines

unknown Parties Kill Henry Raines as He Was Kissing His Baby.

A special to the Savannah Morning News, from Quitman, Ga., says: One News, from Quitman, Ga., says: One of the blackest crimes in the history of this county occurred twelve miles north of Quitman. An unknown party slipped up to the window of the house of Henry Raines, a prominent negro, and shot him and his two-year-old baby to death. Eleven buckshot entered Raines' head, four lodged in the baby, and twelve in the wall. Raines' wife was sitting between him and the window, and it is believed that the murderer intended to kill her also.

# A Florida Sheriff Killed.

At Defuniak Springs, Fla., Sheriff Marvel Manning, of Walton county, in attempting to arrest Arthur Perry, a negro, wanted for assault upon another of his race, was killed, the negro losing his life in the encounter. The sheriff and his deputy, Wickersham, went to the house where the negro was sleep-ing. The negro pulled a pistol from beneath the coverlet and fired four shots. The sheriff emptied his pistol, and Wickersham also took part in the affair, two of his bullets lodging in the negro's body. The sheriff was struck in the stomach, and lived only three

## PRESIDENT MCKINLEY INVITED. He May Be in Charlotte, N. C., on May 20th.

Senator Pritchard, of North Carolina, on behalf of the p ople of his State, has invited President McKinley to attend the celebration of the Mecklen burg Declaration of Independence, at Charlotte, N. C., May 20th. This is to Charlotte, N. C., May 20th. This is to be a great occasion in North Carolina. The people of that State, claim that the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, made May 20th, 1776, was the model for the Fourth of July declaration. A monument to the signers of the Ascelenburg declaration is to be unveiled. President McKinley has promised to give the invitation consideration, with the hope that he may be able to attend.

nurston's Wife Dies in Cubu. Sound natch to the New York Evening ald from Habaua says: "A telean received by Consul General Lee rour Consul Baker on the 14th says the te of Senator Thurston died on board yacht Anita, Sagua harbor.

An Editor Piles.

In Connolley, editor of the Plow
Day published at the Connolley, shot and killed by the Cox, a
bran. The crips said.

SNAP SHOTS AT THE NEWS.

The South. Georgia will be represented at the

Omaha Exposition. Nat Butler took the honors in the

Kentucky has found a supposed rival

to the old famous Mammoth Cave. It is called the Cavern Cave, a curious

collocation considering the meaning of

Alabama Republicans met at Calera

mitted suicide by taking sixty grains of morphine. Nothing is known as to the cause. His books are correct.

At Meridian, Miss., J. R. Royals, his wife and the latter's sister were poisoned by a servant, a 12-year-old negro boy; Royals and the young lady

Near Talbotton, Ga., W. S. Brown, a

prominent planter, shot and killed J. H. Miller. Brown is held by the cor-ener for murder. The cause of the trag-

The Supreme Court of Tenuescon has decided that the State law requir

ing railroad companies to provide sep-

arate coaches for white and colored

At Blacksburg, S. C., will Humphries, white, in a quarrel over a game of cards, was shot and fatally wounded by Emanuel Earle, colored. The negro

fled, but was captured. Humpries

The North.

The death penalty for larceny of over

William O. Hutchins, of Providence,

R. I., one of the best known manufac-

turing jewelers in the East, was shot and killed by a burglar.

John Wanamaker has consented to be

the candidate for the Business Repub-

Charles Reich and Thomas Flaherty, painters, were killed by the breaking

of a rope on a platform at the eighth story of a building in New York.

Five students have been dismissed

from the State University, at Columbus,

O. timi twenty-two supended, as the ... come of a recent riotous outbreak.

town, Pa., who the the had divine power and could fly ied it and is at the Eastern District Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., suffering from internal injuries and a broken leg.

At Kansas City, Mo., horse meat was

served at the annual banquet of the Kansas City Veterinary College. Though the spread was elaborate, not a

Win !! Heath, manager of the Cen-

tral Lieuter Express Company, of St. Louis, A. as found dying in Forest

Louis, A. as found dying in Forest Lack, from a ballet wound in the head.

young man was taken to the city hos-

pital, where he died. He is a relative of Perry S. Heath. Assistant Post-

Miscellaneous.

Sir Henry Ressemer, the celebrated inventor of Bessemer steel, is dead.

Floods along the Grand and Thames Rivers in Western Ontario have left

A bill before the Maryland Legisla-

ture will increase the cost of a retail

Missouri's Democratic State Con-

the holdings of the company for \$150,

vention, called for Springfield August 10, will have 721 delegates.

over 1500 persons homeless.

England cotton mill strike.

Mayfield, Kv.

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from Missis home in

liquor license to \$500.

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saying it was a double suicide.

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Bloomingdale

passengers was constitutional.

\$100 is to be imposed in Alaska.

lican League for Governor.

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words.

New York theatrical managers comain of dull business. professional bicycle races at Jackson-ville, Fla., on the 9th. lugusta, Ga., Merry-Makers' Week New port News, Va., is to have the largest dry dock in the world. It is to be 900x90 feet. to be from April 25 to 30 inclusive. he Debs co-operative commonwealth

founded its first coloney near Bel-All street railways in Knoxville. Tenn., including the West End, will be ev. Leslie Cook, convicted at Ros-At Atgusta, Ga., Miss Nina El-dridge, a young woman of good family marries an old Chineman of 50, named

SCRAPS OF NEWS.

Mundane Sphere.

athered From All Parts of This

no. Va., of forgory, has been taken to be ponitentiary.

Jan Dougherty, a life-prisoner in Net Castle jail, Delaware, Md., broke out with the aid of a fellow prisoner. Dry George B. Morris, a well-known dentist, who died in Morganton, W. Va., left an estate valued at \$100,000.

It appears that the strawborry crop in the eastern counties of North Carolina i set back two weeks by the cool weath r in February.

and nominated Aldrich for re-election to Congress; re-affirmed the St. Louis Revi Dr. Howerton, paster of the First Bresbyterian Church, Charlotte, platform; endorsed McKinley and de-clared for Cuban independence. N. C., classes playing pro-enchre for prizes as gambling. progressivo Claude Lawrence, treasurer of the Atlanta (Ga.) Soda Company, com-

Dr. J. M. Strong died in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, of con-gestion of the lungs an hour after the attack. He was a Confederate surgeon of prominence.

In Frederick county, Maryland, Leslie Horino was shot and killed while engaged in serenading Mr. and Mrd. George (jbbon, a newly married couple.

Gibbon and his father are under arrest.

Up to March 10th 65,000 people had passed through the car "City of Charlotte," that is out under the management o Messrs. Ramsenr & Moore advertising the different resources of North Carolina.

The Goebel election bill has passed the Kentucky House, 59 to 32, over the

the Kentucky House, 59 to 32, over the Governor's veto, and is now a law. During its passage two of the members, Depp and Elmore, engaged in fisticalls, but peace was restored.

The Williamston (N. C.) Star says: Mr. W. H. Mopp, the well-known fish dealer, gives the information that the catch of shad this year is not nearly see catch of shad this year is not nearly so large as the ish men would like it. This is owing to the want of freshets.

Considerable excitement exists in the oil fields above Chattanooga, Tenn., on the Cincinnan Southern Railway. The Dayton Oil and Gas Company has just been formed with a capital stock of \$200,000, and has secured a lease of 16,-000 acres of land. The company will bore for oil at once.

A Washington special says: Representative Skinner, of North Carolina, has been informed that a life-saying station is to be established at Ocracoke, N. C., and that a range light will be placed at the nouth of Alligator river, the order having been made by Chief of the Life-Saving Service Kimball.

If the farmers of Rowan county, North Caroline, prove that they can raise sugar beets successfully, a rethere by the government and the Southern Railway. The seeds have been ordered from Washington, and the cultivation of the sagar beet will be begun atonce.

The arrest of Henry Hilton, a moon-shiner, has brought to light a peculiar Shiner, has brought to light a peculiar monitein tracedy at Russellville, Ark.

Steve McAfee at Russellville, Ark.

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McAfee, in aspirit of the still how a Milton and told him the marshals was fitten them. Half awake fitten, excite alton grabbed a chair and beat McA to death. Hitton is now a raving maniae and will be sent to the asylum. asylum.

Roy Gehrig, of Milton, Pa., shot, and perhaps fatally, Will B. Davis, of St. Clair, Pa., at Millersville and then killed himself. They were both in love with the same girl, and he left a note An iron "combine" has been formed by the Southern iron furnace operators with a view of holding up the prices of iron. Those interested and the Chattanooga, Birmingham, Rockwood, Dayton; Bessemer and Anniston furnace operatives, and the price of Mo. 1 furnace iron placed at \$7.50 a ten. There was a general cutting of prices prior to the agreement. The demand for from is good at Chattanoogs, Tenn The Day. good at Chattanooga, Tenn. The Dayton (Tenn.) furneces, with a daily output of over 325 tons, have just been blown in." They give amployment to 1,000 men, including those employed in the company's mine.

A special to the Charlotto N. C.) Observer from Fayetteville, tys: While the machinery was whitzing in the steam laundry of Messrs, Ledbetter on Franklin street, in 161 fel, tyenty four inches in diame' , revorage nt high rate of speed, went all to flinder high rate of speed, v fragments piercing to 1 floors and the roof, and one burying litself in the earth, where, after for that of diggin earth, where, after for fight of diggin it remains undiscovered. The shr rolled over and pinn I be workman the ground, whence to tas rescue unhurt. One large pacer of the wholended in the yard I La J. V. N. Neill, nearly a quarter of the mile of tant, on Dick street, it not to the casternation of the child.

The Lion Street

Bradstreet's report of business for the In one of the many decord on of London there is in the ry curious and interes in ser past week says business in the South is good, and the industrial trade may be improved by the ending of the New which not many, poss dy The St. Louis Union stock yards are Yet it was held late: to be sold to satisfy a deed of trust on hundred and fifty-fire to quially known as the occ. delivery of the "lion" ser The negro, Will Tutt, who slew his wife for wanting to go to a barbecue, has been sentenced to be hanged at instituted in commemorate cident which occurred Sir John Gayer, an ci Lor.don town. White A steel passenger steamer, to be launched at Wyaudotte, Mich., will be christened America, in sympa-thy with the prevailing public sentia party in A desole; " the story goes, he one da self confronted by ion rated from his friends, I ha: helplessness, and sa The coasting steamer Eureka was his helplessness, and sa kness taking that God shims Is rising, he was rethe antical walking away so traceful was Sir Johe believed to be a divinion the behalf that, on London, he set aside a company that the anniverse wrecked in sight of San Francisco, Cal. Her passengers were rescued and the storm's damage to shipping was The American and Pacific Express Companies are about to consolidate. A Boston doctor, after a close study of diphtheria in 800 cases, finds antimoney that the anniver toxin reduces the death rate considercape might every year by the distribution of gi and made arrangemen a sermon, it might generations how

prayer and

Washington Jottings. The house committee on rivers and harbors voted . . . to report a river and harbor appropriation bill at this

of the lion inception, Bruce, Register of the St. Katho

Treasury an ex-United States