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Amount of Cotton Ginned.

Washington, Nov. 23.—A bulletin issued today by the census bureau shows that in 475 counties in the United States the cotton ginned to November 14, as reported, amounted to 5,803,830 running bales, against 4,160,105 for last year. The number of ginneries in operation in the territory covered was 18,665, against 18,619 for 1903. These figures include 141,311 round bales, against 307,044, and refer solely to 395 counties in the cotton belt.

The report shows that in 32 counties in South Carolina 726,468 bales were ginned. Thirteen Florida counties show 28,334. The highest number ginned was from 71 Texas counties, the total there being 1,269,413; the next highest is Georgia; 105 counties showing a total of 1,246,979 bales ginned to date.

Greenwood Excited Over Report of Ugly Crime.

Greenwood, Nov. 22.—Bill Brown, a negro, has been jailed here for attempted rape on the person of Miss Ludie Smith, daughter of Milledge Smith, near Ninefy-Six Monday afternoon. The girl was alone in front of the house sweeping leaves, and the negro came up behind. She ran and he ordered her to stop and fired twice at her with a pistol. She ran to where her two brothers were picking cotton in a field a hundred yards from the house. The brothers came to the house but the negro had fled. The negro never got nearer than about 20 feet to her.

Blood hounds were sent from Greenwood, but failed to do anything. Brown was arrested by Magistrate Fouché of Ninety-Six and brought here last night. Miss Smith thought he was the right one but was not certain. She said the man that fired at her wore a dove colored hat. Brown wore a black hat when found and had no pistol. He had changed shoes however, as was proven. He is believed to be the right man. The situation is quiet.

Mr. Ashley in Trouble.

Special to the News and Courier. Anderson, November 23.—Mr. J. W. Ashley has been convicted before the intendant of Honea Path of disorderly conduct, loud talking and swearing. The offence was committed several weeks ago. Ashley was represented by Gen M. L. Bonham and B. F. Martin, of this city. W. O. Graydon, of Abbeville, appeared for the prosecution. The defence appealed and the appeal will be heard at the February term of the Court of Sessions.

Ashley was fined \$30. "Josh" Ashley, who has been a member of the House before, was elected to the Legislature in the recent election and in the primary he headed the ticket. G. P. B.

Gov. Hugh S. Thompson was buried in Columbia Wednesday. Among the tributes received was a floral offering from Mrs. Roosevelt and a few words from the President, who stated that he had known Gov. Thompson well and had "never met a braver, gentler, or more upright man."

Happenings in the State.

As Chronicled by the Alert Correspondents of The Columbia State.

NEGRO DRIVER KILLED BY ROBBER'S BULLET.

Greenville, November 21.—Julius Dill, a negro driver for J. Thompson was found dead this morning just in front of what is known as the Rock House, five miles from the city on the Buncombe road. An examination proved that he had been shot through the heart. Dill was sent with a loaded wagon to Tigersville Sunday at noon. He delivered his load and was returning home when he met his death. The coroner's investigation is now being held. There is no clue to the murderer but it is surmised that the motive was robbery.

NEGRO FOULLY MURDERED AND ROBBED NEAR CHESTER.

Chester, Nov. 24.—The mutilated body of Mack Anderson, colored, was found yesterday morning not far from his home nine miles northeast of Chester. The coroner's investigation shows that he had been taken from his house Tuesday night some 140 yards, foully murdered and robbed of \$60. A bloody axe and other evidence prove the murder a very atrocious one. He was known to have some money which fact he had unfortunately communicated to other negroes of the neighborhood. Arthur Williams and Jim Sanders both colored were arrested on suspicion and lodged in jail yesterday.

In the Railroad World.

A dispatch from Asheville says it is reported that the Jefferson county grand jury has decided to take action against Conductor W. Caldwell, whose alleged carelessness was the cause of the Southern railway collision near Newmarket, Tenn., Sept 24, in which 62 persons lost their lives and more than a hundred injured. Conductor Caldwell says that he thinks that he has suffered sufficiently. He says:

"My agony has been almost unbearable at times, but I have borne it. The dead do not suffer like the living. I was conductor on the Southern for 16 years and that was my first mistake.

"The mistake was made because I am human. I think the indictment was procured by some one not knowing me. The person perhaps holds to the opinion that I am inhuman and therefore came to the conclusion that the mistake made at Newmarket resulted from criminal negligence."

Conductor Caldwell has been prostrated by grief ever since the accident occurred and has been under medical care. It was thought for some time that he would become a raving maniac. He was one of the most trustworthy conductors in the employ of the Southern railway.

Broke Neck With His Fist.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 22.—Frederick Sanders, a dairyman, was killed today by William H. Slaughter, Jr., a coal merchant and one of the best known men in Louisville. The men had an argument over a debt and Slaughter struck Sanders with such force as to dislocate the man's neck, death resulting instantly. Slaughter surrendered. Sanders was 55 years of age. The trouble rose over an amount of \$15 which Sanders owed Mr. Slaughter.

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of *Chas. H. Pritchard*

A Big Battle On Ice.

May Happen Any Day At Mukden-Lard And Rivers Frozen.

St Petersburg, November 25 — 2.25 A. M.—Appearances again point to the possibility of a big battle south of Mukden. The Japanese, according to an official report have received a severe setback in the vicinity of Sitsintun in which direction they were apparently attempting to execute a wide turning movement. Military opinion here scarcely believes it possible that the two great armies can winter less than a rifle shot distance from each other, though the heavy defences on each side make it extremely difficult for either to assume the offensive. It is believed, however, that if the deadlock is to be broken Gen Kuropatkin will let Field Marshal Oyama take the initiative, as the Russians have the better of the present position namely, a strong line of defense and Mukden behind them, making satisfactory winter quarters, where the Russian reinforcements are now accumulating for an advance next spring. The Japanese also are being strongly reinforced. The rivers are already frozen sufficiently to permit of the movement of artillery and commissariat trains so that the country actually is better adapted to the Japanese advance than during the summer.

Biennial Sessions Won.

Columbia, Nov. 23.—The total vote of the State in the general election became known today when all of the returns were brought in and the total tabulated by the State board of canvassers. While the vote is an increase over previous years it is still light and the members of the board were rather surprised at the totals. The vote for the various offices was as follows: D C Heyward 51,970. J T Sloan 52,043, J T Gantt 51,822, U X Gunter, Jr, 51,834, R H Jennings 51,831, A W Jones 51,823, O B Martin 51,832, J D Frost 51,835, J H Earle 51,803.

For the Presidential electors the nine Democrats received 52,863, T W Vaughn, the Socialist candidate from Richland received 22 and Tom Watson received one in Spartanburg. The biennial sessions vote was yes 25,365; no 14,491. Total 39,856. Amend section 7, article 8, yes 21,682; no 11,016. Total 32,698. Amend road law yes 26,452; no 11,242. Subdivision 2 and 9 of section 34 yes 20,086; no 12,024. Total 32,110.

For solicitor First circuit, P T Hilderbrand 5,523. Second, J E Davis, 6,590; third J S Wilson 6,619; fourth, J M Johnson 5,514; fifth, G B Timmerman 6,084; sixth J K Henry 5,691; seventh, T S Sease 8,239, eight, J E Boggs 7,192.

The vote for congress was as follows: First district, Legare 6,668, Prioleau 234, Noland 346; total 6,668. Second, Patterson 9,426, Myers 419; total, 7,984. Third, Aiken 7,659, Samps Pope 1, Scott 143; total, 7,802. Fourth Johnson 8,517, Adams 219; total 8,622. Fifth, Finley 7,928, White 171; total 8,099. Sixth, Ellerbe 8,353, Deas 376, total, 8,727. Seventh, Lever 8726, Jacobs 536, Johnson 6; total, 9,305.

Will Colbreth, colored, was killed near Saluda Tuesday afternoon by Mit Morse, S. D. Gillman, and others. Colbreth was with W. M. Morse when the latter was killed by W. L. Henderson and was an important witness. It is supposed that the parties that killed Colbreth were attempting to arrest him and that he offered resistance.

THE NEWEST AND MODERN

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EVER OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC.

Our Mr. Heath has just returned from the North, where he scooped in some startling values in dress goods and lots of other bargains too numerous to mention.

BROWNS AND GREENS

Being the prevailing colors, we bought heavily in those two shades in Mohair, Cravinetts, Mixed Cheviots and Whipcords. Broadcloths in all shades. Our notion department is complete and right up to the notch, and anything you may wish in that line we have it. Tailor made Skirts, Jackets and Capes. A tremendous line, and we think the prettiest and cheapest ever shown on this market. An inspection of same will be appreciated and will insure us a sale.

CLOTHING

We are still handling the celebrated high art clothing manufactured by *W. W. Bowers* **KIDNEY** Baltimore. Also A. B. Kirschbaum & Co., and Sneltenburg & Co., and other lines. Beautiful patterns in browns, grays and any color you may call for. All we ask is to give us a look, and if we do not dress you up, we will be perfectly satisfied for any of our competitors to have the sale. We are still handling the

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Shoes, which are three of the best and strongest lines that are manufactured. Not wishing to carry over, have decided to sacrifice the price on all our Lawns, Piques and Voils, so come at once and make a purchase for surely they will go at some price. Just received a beautiful line of Furs, which are very cheap. Be sure to watch for the Fall Millinery Opening, first Wednesday in October, 5th day. All the ladies are cordially invited. Groceries of all kinds and such that will satisfy the inner man. Thanking all for past patronage and hoping for more in the future, we are,

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