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### WILMINGTON, COLUMBIA AND AUGUSTA R. R.

On and after May 15th, 1881, the following schedule will be run on this Road:

Station	Time
Leave Wilmington	9:15 a.m.
Arrive Florence	12:05 p.m.
Leave Florence	12:40 p.m.
Arrive Columbia	4:00 a.m.

TERMINAL FREIGHT TARIFFS. Daily, except Sundays.

### South Carolina Railroad.

ON AND AFTER MAY 15th, 1881, Passenger Trains on this Road will run as follows:

Station	Time
Leave Columbia	6:15 a.m.
Arrive Charleston	7:20 a.m.

ON SUNDAYS THROUGH TICKETS. Through tickets to all points can be purchased by applying to James Jones, Agent at Columbia.

### Columbia and Greenville Railroad.

COLUMBIA, S. C., AUGUST 31, 1881.

Station	Time
Leave Columbia	11:20 a.m.
Arrive Greenville	1:26 p.m.

ON SUNDAYS THROUGH TICKETS. Through tickets to all points can be purchased by applying to James Jones, Agent at Columbia.

A. POPE, General Passenger Agent, August 30, 1881.

### A SHORT-SIGHTED FATHER.

A farmer had seven daughters, and but little else he had. The girls all had good appetites, and times were very bad. He bribed the county paper to say in his collar's would be had hidden, being a miser, Seven kegs of pure, bright gold.

### THE SONS OF A CLERGYMAN.

A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE EXPLOITS OF THE JAMES BOYS.

Robberies and Murders surpassing those of the Celebrated Murrell Gang—What the Mother of the Boys Says. A Dozen Express Trains and a Score of Banks Plundered.

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THE MOTHER OF THE JAMES BOYS. She is 58 years old, well preserved, vigorous in body as well as in spirit. Her hair is gray, quite white, her eyes a steely blue, her face is a long oval, set off by a firm, determined expression about the mouth, marked by a few lines of age, and flushed with a ruddy glow of health.

WHOLESALE TRADER OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS. In Quattrell's command the James boys found congenial spirits in Cole and Jim Younger, Jarrett, Oll Miller, and George Shepherd, and others who have been partners in their robberies since the war. Both were in Quattrell's band of 200 when Lawrence, Kan., was sacked, burned, and nearly every male inhabitant ruthlessly murdered. Jesse James boasted at the time to have shot down thirty-six.

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### THE YOUTH OF THE JAMES BOYS.

It was here and about Kearney that Frank and Jesse James led successful lives until the breaking out of the 1861-65 war. They were not over-fond of attending school in their youth, but preferred squirrel hunting, and in horsemanship they became famous. As the other boys in the neighborhood were, so were they there, though high spirited, and they are remembered to-day as boys of pleasing manners and general favorites.

### THE FIRST RANSOMER.

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THE FATE OF SEVERAL DETECTIVES. John W. Wicher first undertook the perilous task of finding and capturing the James boys and their associates. He found them, but it was he and not they who were captured.

A BARRING BOBBERY IN KANSAS CITY. In the fall of this year Kansas City was for the first time visited by the outlaws in an official capacity. The County Agricultural Fair was in progress, and it was on Thursday, the big day, that three men not only might have been but were seen to ride up to the gate of the grounds. They were mounted and wore long linen dusters and the usual wide-brimmed slouched hat commonly affected by Missourians.

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### Parable of the Farmers.

At religious services, one night last week, the Parable of the Ten Virgins was read, and as recited with attentive ears to what the preacher had to say about them, the Parable of the Farmers occurred to us, which will no doubt be found in the revised edition of the New Testament, as being applicable to the times. The Parable of the Farmers reads as follows: 1. Then shall the State of South Carolina be likened unto a great multitude of farmers, that set out in the Spring time to plant the seed and harvest the yield thereof.

### Eleven Tons of Gold.

Over \$5,000,000 in broad, salmon-colored bars or bricks of gold, occasionally darkly tinged with a copper-like coating, says the Philadelphia Times, arrived recently at the United States mint. They came on in one hundred wooden boxes, about two feet square and a foot deep. An express wagon with several custodians, carried them and they were rolled and dumped into the weighing-room like so much lead. To the men in the mint the daily handling of fabulous sums of the precious metal brought an indifference that puts it on a par with the commonest merchandise. Not an ounce of it, however, is free from the closet scrutiny while within these walls. Although a man may walk in from the street and stand at a step before the open door of the weighing room vault, where \$300,000,000 is stored, with but a single official in sight, it would need the slightest alarm to have a score of men with loaded weapons in their hands standing on the spot. Unlike foreign mints, no display of armed protection of the treasure is made, but the precautions are nevertheless complete. The large consignment came from the assayer's office in New York. Each box contained a "unit," or in other words, the entire refined contents of a crucible, each varying in quantity, and every brick was numbered. The men who do the heavy work opened the boxes, took off the paper wrappings and piled the bricks upon the scales. Then the clerk weighed them and carried the bricks into the vault. The entire weight was 266,930.78 ounces, or eleven tons.

### Belshazzar and His Brother Bill.

Belshazzar Smith had a bad and very dangerous habit of walking in his sleep. His family feared that during one of his somnambulistic saunterings he would charge out of a window and fall into the street. He had a habit of sleep walking with his little brother William, and to one end of a rope around his body, and the other around little William. The very first night after this arrangement was made, Belshazzar dreamed that a burglar was pursuing him with a dagger. So he crept over to William's side of the bed, stepped over William's slumbering form, jumped out on the floor and still under the bed. He stayed there awhile and then, his nightmare having changed he emerged upon the other side of the bed and got under the cover in his old place.

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