"If you love me as I love you No knife can cut our love in two" That "Sanders' Speller," so tattered and

Has always a halo of romance worn, And never a poet with honeyed pen Has written so precious a rhyme since then-'If you love me as I love you. Ab, dear, you know I did-1 do.

I've kept it safely for many a year-

This dog's-eared, shabby old spelling-book And now, as I hold it within my hand. Again in the school room I seem to stand Reading once more with rapture new-"If you love me as I love you."

How some foolish saying from out the past Like a rose branch is over the pathway cast And the time of flowers we still remember, Till winds blow cold in the bleak December. God grant it always may be true-"That you love me as I love you."

EVILS OF THE DANCE. Dr. Talmage on the Dargers of Social

BROOKLYN, Sept. 30 .- Rev. Dr. Talmage, who is still absent on his round the world tour, has selected as the subject of today's sermon through the press The Quick Feet," the text chosen being Matthew xiv, 6, "When Herod's birthday was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased

It is the anniversary of Herod's birthday. The palace is lighted. The highways leading thereto are all ablaze with the pomp of invited guests. Lords, captains, merchant princes, the mighty men of the land, are coming to mingle in the festivities. The table is spread with all the luxuries that royal purveyors can gather. The guests, white robed and sit at the table. Music! The jests evoke roars of laughter. Riddles are propounded. Repartee is indulged. Toasts are drunk. The brain is befogged. The wit rolls on into uproar and blasphemy. They are not satisfied yet. Turn on more light. Pour out more wine. Music! Sound all the trumpets. Clear the floor for a dance. Bring in Salome, the beautiful and accomplished princess. The door opens, and in bounds the dancer. The lords are enchanted. Stand back and make room for the brilliant gyrations! These t. n "poetry of motion." The soul whirls in the reel and bounds with the bounding feet. Herod forgets crown and throne and

him. His body sways from side to side, corresponding with the motions of the enchantress. His scul is thrilled with right to grudge the innocent hilarities to the pulsations of the feet and bewitched the young. with the taking postures and attitudes preaching some very plain and honest

sermons. He had denounced the sins the conflagration of ribbons. of the king and brought down upon him the wrath of the females of the royal household. At the instigation of her is the sacrificial altar of health, it is the mother. Salome takes advantage of the defiler of the soul, it is the avenue of extravagant promise of the king and lust, and it is the curse of every town on says, "Bring me the head of John the both sides of the sea. Social dissipa-Baptist on a dinner plate." Hark to the sound of feet outside the door and the clatter of swords! The executioners are returning from their awful errand. Open the door. They enter, God has put a throne in every man's and they present the platter to Salome. What is on this platter? A new glass When a man does wrong, he knows he

of wine to continue the uproarious merriment? No. Something redder and costlier-the ghastly, bleeding head of John the Baptist, the death glare still in the eye, the locks dabbled with the gore the features still distressed with the last agony. This woman, who had whirled so gracefully in the dance, bends over the awful burden without a shudder. She gloats over the blood, and with as much indifference as a waiting maid might take a tray of empty glassware out of the room after an entertainment Salome carries the dissevered head of John the Baptist, while all the banqueters shout with laughter and think it a good joke that in so easy and quick a way they have got rid of an earnest and outspoken minister of the gospel.

You will all admit, whatever you think of that style of amusement and exercise, that from many circles it has crowded out all intelligent conversation. You will also admit that it was made the condition of those who do not dance, either because they do not know how, or because they have not the health to ! endure it, or because, through conscientious scruples, they must decline the exercise, very uncomfortable. You will also admit, all of you, that it has passed in many cases from an amusement to a dissipation, and you are easily able to understand the bawilderment of the educated Chinaman who, standing in the brilliant circle where there was dancing going on four or five hours and the guests seemed exhausted, turned to the proprietor of the house and said, "Why don't you allow your servants to

You are also willing to admit, whatever your idea in regard to the amusement I am speaking of, and whatever be your idea of the old fashioned square dance and of many of the processional romps in which I see no evil, the round dance is administrative of evil and cught to be driven out of all respectable circles. I am by natural temperament and religious theory opposed to the position taken by all those who are horrified at playfulness on the part of the young, and who think that all questions are decided—questions of decency and morsls -by the position of the feet, while, on the other hand, I can see nothing but ruin, temporal and eternal, for those who go into the dissipations of social life, dissipations which have already despoiled thousands of young men and young women of all that is noble in

Dancing is the graceful motion of the body adjusted by art to the sound and

it, all climes have adopted it. In ancient times they had the festal ancient times the exercise was so utter—
ly and completely depraved that the charman of the pension committee, church anathematized it. The old Christian fathers expressed themselves most vehemently against it. St. Chrymost vehemently against it. St. Chrym sostom says, "The feet were not given feathers. I would not give one lock of taken from Momday's State.

for darcing, but to walk modestly; not my old mother's gray hair for 50 000 "Twas a quaint line scrawled in a spelling to leap impudent'y, like camels." One such caricalures of humanity. And if of the degrees of the ancient church the life of a wording, if the life of a discireads: "A dance is the devil's posses- ple given to the world, is sad, the close sicn, and he that entereth into a of such a life is simply a tragedy. dance entereth into his possession. As ing, so many paces does he make to hell." Elsawhere the old dogmas deand the leboliers are his friends, and distruments, presently all the dancers is very poor pasture. gather together." This indiscriminate and universal decunciation of the exer-

cise came from the fact that it was uttery and completely depraved. But we are not to discuss the customs of the olden times, but customs now. We are not to take the evidence of the ancient fathers, but our own conscience, enlightened by the word of God, is to be the standard. Oo, bring no harsh criticism upon the young. I would not drive out from their soul the hilarities of life. I do not believe that the inhabitants of ancient Wales, when they stepped to the sound of the rustic harp, went down to ruin. I believe God intended the young people to laugh and romp and play. I do not believe God would have put exuberance in the soul and exuberance in the body if he had not intended they should in some wise exercise it and demonstrate it. If a cross the floor to the sound of music, I see no harm. If a group of friends cross I have seen it again and again—the and recross the room to the sound of piano well played, I see no harm. If a dissipation, the minstre of godless ascompany, all of whom are known to host anointed and perfumed, come in and land hostess as reputable, cross and recross the room to the sound of musical instrument, I see no harm. I tried for a long while to see harm in it. I could not see any harm in it. I never shall longer than they are kept young. Never since my boyhood days have I had more sympathy with the innecent hilarities of have telt heavy burdens! What though we have had to endure hard knocks! Is that any reason why we should stand in immortal nature over the rocks when the way of those who, unstung of life's misfortunes, are full of exhibaration and uplifting! glee? God bless the young! They will have to wait many a long year before they hear me say anything that would everything but the fascinations of Sa. depress their ardor or clip their wings or lome. All the magnificence of his realm | make them believe that life is hard and is as nothing now compared with the cold and repulsive. It is not. I tell splendor that whirls on tiptoe before them, judgeing from my own experience. that they will be treated a great deal better than the deserve. We have no

What are the dissipations of social life more and more amszing. After awhile today, and what are the dissipations of he sits in enchanted silence looking at the ballroom! In some cities and in the flashing, leaping, bounding beauty, some places reaching all the year around, and as the dance closes, and the tinking | in other places only in the summer time cymbals cease to clap, and the thunders and at the watering places. There are of applause that shook the palace begin dissipations of social life that are cutting to abate, the enchanted monarch swears a very wide swath with the sickle of to the princely performer, "Whatsoever | death, and hundreds and thousands are thou shalt ack of me I will give it thee. going down under these influences, and to the half of my kingdom." Now, my subject in application is as vide as there was in the prison at that time a Christendom. The whiripool of social minister of the gospel of the name of dissipation is drawing down some of the John the Baptist, and he had been brightest craft that ever sailed the seabodies and souls annually consumed in

> Social dissipation is the abettes of pride, it is the instigator of jealcusy, it tion. It may be hard to draw the line and say that this is right on the one side and that is wrong on the other side. It is not necessary that we do that, for scal, and I appeal to that throne today. does wrong, and when he does right he knows he does right, and to that throne which Almighty God lifted in the heart of every man and woman I appeal.

As to the physical ruin wrought by the dispositions of social life there can be no dcubt. What may we expect of people who work all day and dance all night? After awhile they will be thrown on society nervous exbausted imbeciles. These people who indulge in the suppers and the midnight revels and then go home in the cold, unwrapped of limbs. will after awhile be found to have been written down in God's eternal records as suicides, as much suicides as if they had taken their life with a pistol or a knife or strychnine.

How many people have stepped from the ballroom into the graveyard! Consumptions and swift neuralgias are close on their track. Amid many of the glittering scenes of social life diseases stand right and left and balance and chain. The breath of the sepulcher floats up through the perfume, and the froth of death's lips bubbles up in the champagne. I am told that in some of the ities there are parents who have actualy given up housekeeping and gone to llimitably to social dissipations. I have known such cases. I have known family after family blasted that way in one of the other cities where preached, father and mother turning their back upon all quiet culture and all the amenities of home. leading forth their entire family in the wrong direction. Annihilated worse than annihilated-for there are somethings worse than annihilation. I gave you the history of more than one family when I say they went on in the dissipations of social lite until the father dropped into a a lower style of dissipation, and after, awhile the son was tossed out into socieold flirt, a poor miserable butterfly with-

If there is anything on earth beautiful of the tree of life, in her voice the tenderness of gracious memories her face a benediction. As grandmother passes through the room the grandchildren pull measures of musicul instruments or of at her dress, and she almost falls in her the human voice. All nations bave weakness, but she has nothing but candy danced. The ancients thought that or cake or a kind word for the little dari-Castor and Pollux taught the art to the ings. When she gets out of the wagon Lacedæmonians. But, whoever started in front of the house, the whole family rush out and cry, "Grandma's come!" and when she goes away from us, never dance, the bacchanalian dance, and to return, there is a shadow on the table queens and lords swayed to and fro in and a shadow on the hearth, and a shathe gardens, and the rough backwoods- dow on the heart. There is no more man with this exercise awakened the touching scene on earth than when grand. echo of the forest. There is something mother sleeps the last alumber and the the movement of the hand and foot, give the last kiss, and she says, "Goodwhether cultured or uncultured. Pass- by, grandma!" Oh, there is beauty in green corn dances, their wardances. In woman ashanced it does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats will elect eight, and ne does not returned from counties endorsing the crats flow. It is a crats flow and a crats flow and

Let me tell you that the dissipations many promas a man makes in danc- of social life are despoiling the usefulness of a vast multitude of people. What do those people care about the fact that clared this: "The woman that singeth there are whole nations in sorrow and in the dance is the princess of the devil, suffering and agony when they have for and there that answer are her clerks, consideration the more important question about the size of a glove or the tie the music is his be lows, and the fiddlers of a cravat? Which one of them ever ere the ministers of the devil. For as, bound up the wounds of the hospital? when hogs are strayed, if the hogsherd | Which one of them ever went out to care sil one a lassemble together, so when for the poor! Which of them do you he cev | calleth one woman to sing in find in the haunts of sin, distributing be dance, or to play on some musical trac.? They live on themselves, and it

Sybaris was a great city, and it once sent out 300 horsemen in battle. They had a ministrel who had taught the horses of the army a great trick, and when the old ministrel played a certain tune the horses would rear and with their front feet seem to beat time to the music. Well, the old ministrel was offended with his country, and he went over to the enemy, and he said to the enemy, "You give me the mastership of the army, and I will destroy their troops when those horsemen come from Sybaris." So they gave the old minstrel the management, and he taught all the other minstrels a certain tune. Then when the cavalry troop came up the old minstreal and all the other minstrels played a certain tune, and at the most critical moment in the battle, when the horsemen wanted to rush to the conflict, the horses reared and beat time to the mother join hands with her children and music with their fore feet, and in disgrace and rout the enemy fled. Ah, my friends. minstrels of pleasurels the minstrels of sociation have defeated people in the hardest fight of life. Frivolity has lost the battle for 10,000 folk. Oh, what a belittling process to the human mind, this everlasting question about dress, this discussion of fashionable infinitesisee any harm in that. Our men need mals, this group looking askance at the to be kept young -young for may years glass, wondering with an infinity of earnestness how that last geranium leaf does look, this shriveling of a man's moral dignity until it is not observable to the hife than I have now. What though we naked eye, this Spanish ir quisition of a tight shoe, this binding up of an immortal soul in a ruffle, this pitching off of an

With many life is a masquerade ball, and as at such entertainments gentlemen and ladies put on the grab of kings and queens or mountebanks or clowns and at the close put off the disguise, so a great many pass their whole life in a mask, taking off the mask at death. While the masquerade bail of life goes on they trip merrily over the floor, gemmed hand is stretched to gemmed hand, and gleaming brow bends to gleaming brow. On with the dance! Flush and laughter of immeasurable merrymaking. But after awhile the languor of death comes on the limbs and blurs the eyesight. Lights lower. Floor bollow sepulchral .cho. Music saddened into a wail. Lights lower. Now the maskers are only seen in the dim light. Now the fragrance of the flowers is like the sickening odor that comes from garlands that have lain long in the vaults of cemetries. Lights lower. Mists gather in the room. Glasses shake as though quaked by sullen thunder. Sigh caught in the curtain. naking a great deal of trouble by thousands and tens of thousands of the Scarf drops from the shoulder of beauty, slipperv boards in dance of death glide jealousies, envies, revenges, lust, despair and death. Stench the lampwicks almost extinguished. Torn garlands will not half cover the ulcerated feet. Choking damps. Feet still. Hands closed. Voices hushed. Eyes shut.

Light out. Oh, how many of you have floated far away from God through social dissipations! And it is time you turned. For ember that there were two vessels on the sea and in a story. It was very, very dark and the two vessels were going straight for each other, and the captains knew it not. But after awhile the man on the lockout saw the approaching ship, and he shouted, "Hard a-larboard!" and from the other vessel the cry went up, "Hard a-larboard!" and they turned just enough to glance by and passed in safety to their harbors, Some of you are in the storm of temptation, and you are driving on and coming toward fearful collisions unless you change your course. Hard a larboard! Turn ve, turn ye, for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"

A very sad tragedy occurred at Gas-Wednesday night. It was the tragic ceath of a bright young lad, who had run away from home, without even tellirg his parents good bye. The sad event occurred just about midnight, and tears siole down the cheeks of many a strong man, as he stood by the handsome lad in the hours of the morning, as his life slowly ebbed away from his mangled form. These strong, tender-hearted farmers stood around the little fellow, although he was a perfect stranger, doing all in their power to save him, knowing he was in a dying condition all the time. oarding that they may give their time | They stood there and heard him tell his story and plead for his life to be prolonged till he could kiss his father goodbye, a father whom he had left without giving any intimation as to his intentions -a father who was at his home in Philadelphia, perhaps at that very moment racking his brain to devise soms plan of securing intormatian as to his missing son. It was a scene to touch the heart of any man. The story briefly told is as follows: On Wednesday night this lad got into Gaston in some way. At midnight a tast freight train passed through, but did not stop. Just as it rolled past the station, a cry of pain was heard on the track and several parties hastening to ty a nonenity, and after awhile the investigate, found the form of a youth daughter eloped with a French dancing on the track terribly cut and mangled. master, and after awhite the mother, get- He was lifted up tenderly and taken into ting on further and further in years, tries | the depot building. There was no physito hide the wrinkles, but fails in the at- cian in the place, the town physician tempt, trying all the arts of the belle, an being away in Columbia. The lad told these around him that he had in a belt around his waist \$3.65 in cash. He begged them to tear his clothes open. to me, it is an aged women, her white get it and get a physician for him. He locks flowing back over the wrinkled said that this was all the money he had brow-locks not white with frost, as the | and he had not cared to spend any of it poets say, but white with the blossoms to ride on the railroad. He said he atwas running; no one had pushed him off, and fallen under the wheels. No physi-When the lad was told this he said he without, even saying good-bye to his mother and father, run away from his home in Philadelphia. He said he was eighteen years of age and his name was Samuel Williams; his parents lived at No. 2 736 Germantown avenue, Pailadelphia. The boy was a handsome little fellow, and seemed to be ct good in the sound of lively music to evoke little child is lifeted up to the casket to birth and well-to-do parentage. When the 1st and 11th districts, the homes of he realized that death was miniment, he | Congressmen Taylor and Martin, are pleaded to be allowed time enough to thought to be doubtful. Out of the kiss his father good-bye; and thus his nine remaining districts the Democrats ing down the street we unconsciously old age! God says so. "The hoarv head kiss his father good-bye; and thus his nine remaining districts the Democrats keep step to the sound of the brass band is a crown of glory." Why should people along the brass band is a crown of glory." Why should people along the brass band is a crown of glory." while the Christian in church with his ple decline to get old? The best things, Brooker arrived about 3 a. m., but the only allow them a total of four. Postwhile the Christian in church with his foot beats time while his soul rises upon some great harmony. While this is so in civilized lands the red men of the civilized lands the red men of the policy in civilized lands the red men of the policy in civilized lands the red men of the greatest. In greatest things, they was an ashamed of the fact that she is greated that she is greatest things. 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THE NEXT HOUSE.

HOW IT IS FIGURED OUT BY LEMO-CRATS AND REPUBLICANS.

Both Sides Claim a Comfortable M.j. ity-The Democ ats are a Little More

mittes of both the Democratic and Republican parties are beginning to consider seriously the complexion of the next National House of Representatives. The election is only a little over four weeks off, and there is a natural inclination to survey the field and determine, if possible, the size of the harvest that is to be gathered in. Very naturally the spectacles through which the Democrats and the Republicans gaze at the Congressional districts do not produce the same results, but the difference is not as marked as one would suppose. Both sides are confident of winning. The Democratic es-timate is more conservative than the Republican, and with its total of 190 is dangerously near the danger line. The Democratic estimate gives three of the South Carolina members to the Populists, which is a mistake. Our belief and hope is that every district in this State will be carried by the Democrats. The Republicans in their estimate claim 200 members, but we have no idea that they will get them, if the Democrats all over the country will lay aside their factional difficulties and pul together. This is all that is needed to secure a grand Democratic victory next month. The following table gives the claims of each party, and it will be worth while comparing these figures with the returns on the morning after Republican Dem'cratic estimate. estimate. R. D. P. D. R. P

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Neither the Democrats nor the Re-

publicans, it will be seen by the above,

believe that the Populists will cut very

not believe that a single Populist will

be elected north of Mason and Dixon's

line, and the Democrats account for

only a total of ten in the whole United

have made much exaggerated claims

in the past, have cried "wolf" so frequently when there was no wolf, that

the practical politicians pay little or no

much of a figure in the outcome.

heed to any prophecies which take the Populists into consideration. The Pop ulists, for their part, expect to hold the balance of power. It will also be noticed in the above table that in a large number of instances there is absolutely no difference of opinion between the Democratic and Republican experts. In nearly all the Southern States solid Democratic delegations are cenceded to the Democrats. This is noticeably the case with Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and, with the exception of one district in North Carolina. Texas, on the contrary, is regarded by Republicans as debatable ground, their information being that the Populists in that State will make serious inroads into the Democrats. In Missouri, too, the Republicans expect, with the aid of the Populists to unseat at least four Democrats, in addition to result has been a great slum in Demoton on the South Bound Railroad last carrying six straight Republican Districts. These six districts comprise the three in the city of St. Louis and three in the State. The Democrats for their part, concede to the Republicans and unofficial reports have been rethe entire delegation from Iowa, with the exception of Judge Hayes's district, and some forty more Congressmen in Maine, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, New Hampshire, North and South Dakota, Washington, Vermont and Pennsylvania. The estimates regarding the latter State tally, to a nicety, although even such a conservative Republican as Chris Magee is said to believe that the Democrats will carry even districts in the State, or one more than is allowed by either of the committees. The Democrats expect to get nothing in Kansas, and they count upon four Populists from that State, while the Republicans claim the entire eight. Out of the six New England States the Democrats anticipate at least five members, two in Massachusetts, two in Connecticut and one in Rhode Island. The Republicans cut this estimate down to two, one in Massachusetts and one in Connecticut. In New York the Democratic committee counts upon sixteen certain for each party, with two districts doubtful, and a possibility that the delegation will be equally divided. The Republicans look for nineteen of their candidates to be elected, giving to the Democrats the disricts south of the Harlem. Under the Republican redistricting of the State the Republicans look for only three Democrats to be returned from New Jersey. The Democrats count on carrying four districts in this State. A Republican gerrymander also confronts the Democrats in Ohio, but they count upon at least six districts. 'The Republicans concede five. In Illnois, on the other hand, the redistricting is with the Democrats. It is a fact which is admitted at the Republican headquartempted to jump on the train while it ters that nothing less than a majority of 60,000 in Illinois can change the po but he had simply missed his footing litical complexion of the delegation from the State, while the Democrats cian could be secured before the arrival can lose the State by 30,000 and still of the 3 a. m. train from Columbia. hold the Legislature. Consequently the Democrats will probably get a mahad some time ago, without cause, and jority of the Congressmen and the Republican managers will be satisfied if they get one-half of the total of twenty two. For this reason the Democratic claim of nine is within the most conservative bounds. As to the outcome in Indiana opin-

ions differ. One district there, now represented by Mr. Hammond, a Democrat, is certain to go Republican, and

lieves that the Republicans will only gein one Congressman in his State, and he is not at all certain that even this slight change will occur. At Republican headquarters, however, it is said that Repulicans will be elected in the 2d, 7th and 9th districts. West Virginia also seems to be a very much disputed battle ground. The advices at the Democratic headquarters indicate the election of Democratic Congressmen in all of the four districts, but this claim The Congressional Campaign Comis said by the opposing managers to be absurd. Wilson's defeat is predicted by a majority of 1,200. A communication received at the Republican headquarters recently, dated at Berkeley Springs, in Wilson's district, says that all the saw mills in that county have been closed, and that at Davis City 300 lumbermen have been thrown out of doomed to defeat. Wisconsin is another State where

the result appears uncertain. Chairman Wall, of the Democratic State Congressmen, but Representative Babcock, of Wisconsin, who is the chairman of the Republican Congressional committee, thinks the Democrats will be fortunate if they bring even three of their candidates safely through. By a fusion with the Populists the Democrats expect to get three Congressmen in Nebraska, who will co-operate with the Democrats in organizing the House, but the Republicans, claim the entire State, being now confindent that Mr. McKeighan, against whom they had to make their hardest fight, is as good as beaten. In Kansas Jerry Simpson was their most formidable opponent. From Michigan the Democrats expect Griffin, Gorman, Whiting and Weadock to be returned, but the Republicans claim eleven out of the twelve districts. In Maryland, too, the Republicans expect to make gains, counting upon three of the six districts, the 1st, 5th and 6th. They do not put Louisiana in their column, believing that they have a clear majority in the House even if the bolt in the sugar State does not materialize. The defeat of Enloe and Snodgrass in Tennessee is predicted, giving them a total of four Republicans from that State, while they do not concede a single Democrat from Minnesota. The Democrats expect to hold their own in that State. They have now two members. A clean Republican sweep in California, with the exception of one district, is also a part of the Republican programme. They also expect to wrest Colorado from the Populists, Delaware and Wyoming from the Democrats, and gain a district in Kentucky. While we believe that the Democrats will win, we confess that the fight is going to be a hard one.

THE GEORGIA ELECTION. the Poulist Make Large Gains All Over

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 4 .- The Constitution publishes this morning returns from all of the 137 counties in Georgia made from unofficial estimates, compiled by its correspondents in every county, and most of them received after midnight last night. The unofficial returns indicated that the State had gone Democratic by thirty thousand majority, but the official county, cono'clock to-day show that this figure has been reduced. The official Democratic majority will not vary much from twenty thousand and this is the figure which is now accepted by conservative estimates on the Democratic side. The Populists on the other hand claim that the counties, the consolidations from, which will be the last to be heard from will reduce this majority to at least ten thousand. Of the one hundred and Republican managers, for instance, do seventy-five members of the House elected, about sixty are Populists and of the forty-four members of Senate, there are seven Populists and one Republican. Several of the strongest De-States. The truth is that the Populists mocratic counties in the State have been carried by the Populists and with but few exceptions every county in the State shows Populist gains. Speaker Crip's district gives the largest Democratic majority of any district in the State. He figured conspicuously in the campaign, strongly advocating tariff reform and the free coinage of silver. An organized movement against | who does not wish his name given just a return to silver coinage without foreign consent was started early in the campaign, Secretary Smith, Congress man Turner and others vigorously defending the policy of the administration on the stump. The debate on the silver question grew so warm as to frequently put Democratic speakers in the attitude of making a joint discussion against each other on this issue. Speaker Crisp and Secretary Smith spoke in Atlanta together a few weeks ago, one defending free silver the other who would speak lightly of such an antagonizing it. The Populists took full advantage of the division and the in the letter than has been given.

cratic majorities throughout the State. ATKINSON BADLY SCRATCED. ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 4.—Returns come in slowly but enough official ceived by the Journal up to 12 o'clock to indicate an average Democratic majority of twenty to twenty-five thousand. Atkinson, the Democratic nominee for Governor, has been scratched in all the parts of the State and it is not believed his majorty will exceed fifteen thoushand. The Democrats will have thirty majority in the State Senate and 150 majority in the House. Every Congressional district except Black's went for the Damocrats. The ninth, represented by Tate, is carried for the Democrats by seven majority, and the fourth, represented by Moses. the war when Republicans and Populists have made a complete fusion. The negroes voted solidly with the Populists. Great surprise has been occasioned by the defeat of Warner Hill a prominent candidate for Speaker of with the Populists: this insures the election of W. H. Flemming of Ricamond to be Speaker. South Georgia counties which are solid for Representhe Democrats.

tative Turner for the Senate have given the largest majorities in the State to ATLANTA, Oct. 3.—The State election occurred in Georgia today, the State voting for Governor and State officers and a full Legislature, which is to elect a Senator in November. Two years ago the State went Democratic for Governor by 71,000 majority for W. J. Northern over W. L. Peck, the Po-pulist nominee. W. Y. Atkinson is the Democratic candidate for Governor Georgia and returns are coming in will be between 30,000 and 50,000. Later reports from all over Georgia show that the Populists have made gains in almost every county in the State and that the Democratic majority will probably not be more than 30,000. Indications are that the Populists will have thirty or forty members, in the next Legislature. The Populists claim that the official reports will reduce the Democratic majority to 20,000, while Chairman Clay, of the State Democratic executive committee, claims that the De-

mocratic majority will reach 35,000. A BIG FALLING OFF. SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 4.—Returns in this Congresional District indicate four thousand Democratic majority, a fallng off of twelve hundred in two years. majority in Congressman Turner's dis-

ginia Democratic State committee, he- , THE SOUTH CARO! INA AND GEORGIA

The Loui-ville and Nastvi le and Coast Line Buy It.

The Augusta Chronicle, of last Wednesday, says the South Carolina and hands again. Just as the Chronicle has is unusually full and interesting: been telling you all along, the Atlantic change. The News and Courier yesterday says:

recently been going the rounds of the usual while the latter portion was very New York papers, will unquestionably employment. Howard, in the 1st, and be of interest to the people just at this Alderson in the 31, are also said to be time. With slight variations the paragraph is as follows:

"Negotiations are said to be under way between the Parsons Brothers, the committee, predicts the election of five principal owners of the South Carolina and Georgia, and the executive officials of the Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville and Nashville, whereby the first named property is to pass into the joint control of the latter companies. The South Carolina was bought by the Parsons some time ago, and the name was changed. The road has a main line from Charleston to Augusta, with branches, and the Atlantic Coast Line and Louisville and Nashville have had interior, and about an inch in the their eyes on the property. During the Northwest counties. Very few streams past week negotiations are said to have | overflowed their banks, but heavy dambeen resumed between the Parsons age resulted from the combined force and the Atlantic Coast Line and the of the rain and high winds which Louisville and Nashville, and it is said reached an extreme velocity of sixty that the transfer of the desired line is now pending. The South Carolina is wanted by the Atlantic Coast Line, because it will give it an entrance into Augusta."

In substance this statement has been made many times before, both here and in New York, and the pertinacity with which the rumor keeps itself before the public is possibly the strongest argument which at this time can be adduced in support of it.

The railroad men hereabouts are pretty well divided in their opinions on the question. Some very high off cials on the South Carolina and Georgia Road, while they disclaim speaking | caused by the historic storm of August, with authority on the subject, are open and above board in their expressions of belief in the truth of the rumor. At the same time there are other well informed railroad men in the city who think that the ultimate outcome is to be that the Louisville and Nashville and Atlantic Coast Line will control the South Carolina and Georgia Road. From time to time the Louisville and Nashville people, as well as the Messrs. Parsons, have denied that any deal was in progress, and yet it contin-

ues to be generaly accepted as a fact

that negotiations are now pending between the two. A gentleman was seen in the city yesterday who mentioned the name of a well known railroad man who teld him that he had received a telegram from New York stating that the arrangements had actually been made looking to the transfer of the property. solidations which took place at 12 At the same time it should not be forgotten that the new officials of the road in this city disclaim having any information on the subject, and the business of the company is being conducted as though the management were a almost general over the entire State.

permanent one. But information was received here the fields is variously estimated from 5 yesterday, which seems to indicate be- to 20 per cent., an average of all the yond a doubt, that the "Old Reliable" has already, or will positively, within per cent. again. The statement was made on the street last night that a well known gention, of the open boils were more or less gleman in this city had received a telegram during the day in which it was green the damp, cloudy weather caused stated that the Louisville and Nash an increase in rust and bell worms ville and the Atlantic Coast Line had which late in the week again appeared made definite arragements with the Messrs. Parsons by which these systems would in the near future take control of the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad. A confirmation of this rumor was

received in an unexpected way last night. A gentleman in Charleston, now, showed a reporter a letter from a prominent New York man in which the writer says: Of course you know that the Messrs. Parsons have dis posed of their interest in the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad."

This statement, coming as it does from one of the best known financiers in the country, seems to be a very "straight tip." The writer of the letter is in a position to have inside informawho would speak lightly of such an important question. He says no more evidently taking the sale of the road as the percentage of cotton ungathered a matter of course. It is not said to on October 1, replies were received whom the Messrs. Parsons had disposed of the property, but everyone takes it for granted that the purchasers are the Louisville and Nashvile and Atlantic Coast Line systems. Some persons have supposed that the

Southern Railway Company might which two, or more reports were rewish to own the property, but there is ceived they did not differ more than very little reason to believe that that 10 per cent., and that can readily be assystem would care greatly for the South Carolina and Georgia Line. If it is true, as now rumored, that the Southern has made arrangements to absorb the Central system, it is hardly probable that it would care to have an additional South Atlantic port. Taking everything into consideration, and remembering everything received here yesterday, there is little reason to doubt that if the Messrs. Parsons have sold

the South Carolina and Georgia Road.

that the purchasers are the Louisville and Nashville and Atlantic Coast Line systems. In this connection it may be said that one of the leading railroad men si the next House. This county went the South recently told a reporter of The News and Courier that there was little reason to doubt that the South Carolina and Georgia Road would change hands again within a very few months He said that he felt confident that the Louisville and Nashville and Darlington, Kersnaw, Lexington, Edgethe Atlantic Coast Line systems would build a new line to Augusta if they could not control the South Carolina and Georgia property, and as he considered it would be ruinous to the old if the new line was built, he did not doubt that arrangements would be

made by which the road would change hands. The information which is given here has come so straight that there seems this year and J. K. Hines the Populist to be no reason for doubting it. The nominee. There are 137 counties in authority is about as good as could be gotten, unless an official statement slowly, but there seems to be no doubt had been made either by the Messrs. that Atkinson's majority for Governor Parsons, or by the Louisville and Nashville, people themselves.

Buried in a Mine. SCRANTON, Penn., Sept. 28 .- Two ives of four men, two miners and two aborers, without warning were crushd out in Northwest colliery of Simpon and Watkins, at Simpson, near Carondale, late yesterday afternoon. Their managled remains as near as can e ascertained lie beneath a fall of rock which is ten feet wide and six feet high, and extends for at least sixty feet and Hanan soldiers are gathered n the gangway off from the third slope of the mine.

P. W. Kime, a lottery and shop man of Kausas, has published a letter in which he recites that Governor Lewellyn, Attorney General Little ndications are that the Democratic and other Populist State officers of Kansas agreed to sell him police protrict will hold up well. Counties in tection in that State and to permit him the 'Tenth, Tom Watson's District, to have the appointment of the police CPOPS AND WEATHER

The Past Week and the It co ds of the

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 2 - The following is the weekly weather crop re-Georgia Railway will soon change port of Weather Observer Bauer and it

During the week ending October 1, Nashville, jointly are going to buy it. 48 degrees, the former was recorded on a shot was fired by some unknown par-Augusta will be benefitted by the September 30 and October 1, and the latter at Looper's, Pickens county, and at Reid, Greenville county, on 25th and 26th respectively. The first The following paragraph, which has of the week was much cooler than

The two last days were the only ones comparatively clear. The sunshine averaged about 30 per cent. of the

Rain began on the 25th in portions of the State, and was general and heavy on the 25th and 17th, ended gradually on the 28th, and there were light scattering showers, with generally clearing weather on the 29th

The beginning and ending of the rainy weather marked the duration of a West Indian hurricane, whose centre skirted the South Carolina Coast on the 26th and 27th, with gales over the entire State, but most severe along the coast and second tier of counties, where the rainfall was extraordinarily heavy, ranging from eight inches at Pinopolis to lesser amounts toward the Richland and Orangeburg counties it is reported that trees were uprooted by the violence of the wind. Rice suffered most severely, having been some-what damaged by high tides and by fresh water. Much of it was in stacks which were more or less scattered and saturated, entailing a great deal of labor to dry the grain to prevent sprouting.

The aggregate damage from this storm, is however, much less that that 1893. This year's storm was less severe the tides were not as high, and, owing to having occurred later in the season, a smaller percentage of the crops re mained in the fields ungathered.

The following rainfall measurements, made during the storm, will illustrate the gradual decrease from the coast towards the Northwestern counties, (in inches and hundredths:) Pinopolis 8 00, Charleston 7.45, Georgeto wn 6 55. Trial 5.47, Beaufort 6.15, Conway 5.08, Cheraw 4.98, Society Hill 4.93, Barnwell county 4.62, Port Royal 4.27, Effing-ham 4.02, Trenton 3.49, Cnesterfield 400, Blackville 3.70, Tiller's Ferry 302, Stetesburg 285, Lexington 250, Aiken county 2 20, Longshore 2.12, Looper's 1.85, Little Mountain 1:45, Santuc 1.38, Laurens I.22, McCormick 1.22, Winnsboro 1.70, Columbia 1.18, Greenville 1.09, Watts 0.84, Ella 0.75.

The force of the wind did not decrease to the same extent as did the rainfall from the coast towards the Northwestern counties and consequently the damage to corn and peas, but more particularly to cotton, was The percentage of damage to cotton in estimates making somewhat under 10

stained and where the stalks remains in injurious numbers in some counties. Picking was greatly hindered by the unfavorable weather, but will be pushed rapidly from now on, as the weather permits, as the tolls are opening very fast, some, it is thought, prematurely. Sea Island cotton suffered more from the storm than the short staple varie-

The rain was beneficial in the North central and Western counties for late root crops, such as turnips and late sweet potatoes, and also for gardens, and kept grass green and growing for pasturage.

Some oats being sown, but oats seeding has not become general yet; it is generally too wet to prepare the ground

Truck farmers suffered severely from the heavy rains along the coast as the wet soil interferes with the cultivation and marketing of fall crops. To the request made for estimates of

from all but six counties, some of which raise but little cotton and therefore would have but little effect on the percentage for the State. A very good indication of the accuracy of the different reports is that in counties from cribed to varying conditions according to locality.

The estimates by regions and expressed in averages, are as follows: Alpine region 85 per cent. ungathered, Piedmont 61, Red Hill and Upper Pine Belt 42, Lower Pine and Coast regions 30. By assigning to each region a value in proportion to its cotton acrerge the average percentage of ungathered cotton for the State, on October 1, is 51 per

Counties grouped according to per centages, the results are as follows: Above 80 per cent. Laurens, Oconee, Pickens: between 70 and 80 per cent.-Auderson, Greenville, Spartanburg; be-tween 60 and 70 per cent.—Fairfield. Richland, York, Abbeville, Union; between 50 and 60 per cent. Beaufort, Berkeley, Florence, Williamsburg, Lancaster, Sumter; between 40 and 50 per cent.—Hampton, Atken, Chesterfield, field; between 30 and 40 per cent .-Clarendon, Barnwell, Orangeburg, New berry; below 30 per cent.-Marlboro. In the statement that 51 per cent, remained ungathered, allowance was also made for the probable damage

that resulted from the storm, in other words, the number of bales already gathered will likely, be more than doubled by the end of the season. J. W. BAUER, Director.

New York, Oct. 2 —A special able to the Herald from Shanghai says: Emperor of China will very likely be dethroned in favor of Prince Kung's on, who will treat with the Japanese Li Hung Chang has been superseded in supreme command by General Sang Tsing, of the Province of Huhan, who has received full powers. Li Hung Chang retires disgusted to l'ao Fing Foo, capital of the province of Chi Li. His alleged defection to the Japanese is only canvassed consequent to the recall of Prince Kung. 1 wenty thous-

around Shan-hai-kwan, the terminus of the great wall where it forms a boundary between the provinces of Chi Li and Shing-King. The Li Hung Shang army is distrusted. THE Charleston Sun says it is to be

observed that the local nominating conventions of the different political parties this fall are a great deal mixed

Met a Deserved Fate FAIRFIELD, Texas, Oct. 5 .- Henry dibson, colored, attempted to outrage Miss Mitchell near Mills yesterday evering, but was prevented from accom-plishing the terrible act by the screams of his victim, which attracted help rom near by. In the scuffl; with Miss Mitchell he cut her several times but not seriously. The fiend was ar-rested and carried to Mills where he was identified. He was being guarded Coast Line and the Louisville and the temperature ranged between 88 and at a store, but last night about 2 o'clock ty from the outside, which killed Gib-

CHESTER, Pa., Oct. 2.—The passengers on board of the New York and Washington express train on the Passelvania Railroad, due in this city at 10:22 this morning, had a remarkable escape from serious injury and perhaps death. The train struck one of the Dupont powder wagons, near Gordon Heights, killed one of the horses, seriously and perhaps fatally injured the driver and scattered one pound cans of powder in various directions without an explosion. The wagon was on its way to the powder company's wharf and it seems miraculous that the powder did not explode, in which event the train would probably have been wrecked. The driver was brought to this city and placed in the hospital. He was unable to give his name and could not give any information about the

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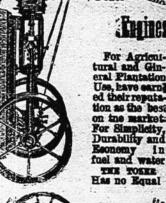


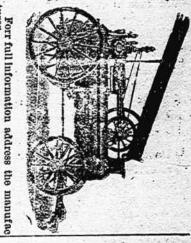
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