## **SO EXPERTS REPORTS**

Charleston Owes Over Thirteen Hundred Dollars After Adjustment of Account.-Farnum's Beer Establishement Financed by the State, Which Lost by Unauthorized Actions.-State Will Lose Heavily.

In its report filed with the State dispensary commission the American Audit Company charge chaotic conditions of bookkeeping, gross neglect of duty, misapplication of large funds and loose methods of conducting the institution. Startling disclosures are chant. made and the report asserts that the State lost many thousands of dollars. The company says that with opportunity of examining missing books disclosures dwarfing those just made would result. It submits a bill for \$8,-000 for its services.

Many irregularities and criminali ties are charged in the report, which consists of 250 typewritten pages. For one year alone arbitrary entries aggregrate \$100,000 and one book over \$30,000. Illustrating the loose methods the report says:

UNAUTHORIZED ENTRIES.

"In order to illustrate more fully the extent to which unauthorized entries were carried, we refer in detail to two entries in journal 1, folios 123 and 124, for \$5,000 each, under date of September 30, 1906, made for the purpose of transferring \$10,000 from the account of the Carolina Glass Company to the account of the Richland Distilling Company. It appears that on April 11, 1904, the sum of \$5,000 was paid over to the Palmetto National Bank of Columbia for credit of the Carolina Glass Company and that on May 12, 1905, an additional sum of \$5,000 was paid to the bank cited, for a like purpose. These amounts were erroneously paid by the Palmetto National Bank to the Richland Distilling Company.

The cash items referred to above were charged on the dispensary books to the Carolina Glass Company's account and the wrong application of the \$10,000 was presumably discovered by the auditor of the Carolina Glass Company during the fall of 1906. A refund from the Richland Distilling Company being unobt sinable, the entries mentioned above were passed on the dispensary books without the authority, so far as we are able to ascertain, of the proper

officials.
"The characteristic inattention annotated above shows that the physical condition of the accounts was an unknown quantity to the party or place."

Many of the original invoices are not on file. The minute book of the board for 1005 has been "misplaced." In a test of the cash receipts of Commissioner Crum and Tatum, says the report, misapplication is clearly established. Many items appear to have been intentionally omitted from the books and the company's representative asserts that losses reach into tens of thousands.

AS TO FARNUM'S ACCOUNTS.

The pages of the report are devoted to the account of the Consumers' Beer Bottling Establishment and the transactions of J. S. Farnum with the State dispensary. "The account is badly mixed up." says the report and it seems that agreements between this establishment and the board of directors as to the amount of royalty to be paid the State on the beer sold were changed at intervals without any records of such charges being made.

'A critical observation of the management of transactions carried on with this company in successive stages dispels the idea that a fair profit

agreed upon, although at intervals out the dispensary under that act. additional invoices were rendered to ence emanated could be found.

FINANCED BY THE STATE. "The dispensary having abandonthe Consumers' Beer Bottling Es-

a profit on beer obtained at first cost from and financed by the South Carolina State dispensary.

"No agree nent or contract between the State board of directors and this company could be located. and it was therefore impossible to deemed necessary," states the reverify the correctness of the prices port. and terms from which sales and pur-

chases originated. "A thorough investigation of this account with the means at hand leaves no doubt in our minds that this
Charleston. It is set forth that
Cousin of the younger judge, and used upon a given soil with a given lars secured nothing. From the company and its predecessor failed \$6,361.55 is the amount of profits Senator Bates, both of Barnwell crop. to carry out the stipulations and conditions governing operations in beer

in the State of South Carolina. with the State dispensary commis- the city of Charleston from July 18.

In the account of the Atlantic books showed that a debit balance the State dispensary \$1,317.13.

## CAPTURES BURGLAR.

Her Valuables.

Crook in Her Home, Turns Him Over to Police and Faints.

Mrs. Theresa Calono chased a burglar down two flights of stairs in her home, No. 74 Elder street, Williams-Wednesday evening and captured him after a struggle. Then she handed him over to a policeman.

was a desperate crook and that he more than 150,000. nad been released only recently after serving a two years' term at Sing Sing Prison.

Mrs. Calono is the wife of Joseph Calono, a well-to-do commission mer- of the total; South Carolina ranks cal and more diversified crops. One age, and is much admired for her and North Carolina third, with 2,- to be conducted is to find out the cor beauty.

When she returned at 6:30 o'clock from a shopping trip she was sur- Hampshire sixth and Connecticut results and to point out to the farprised that her rooms were lighted seventh. Massachusetts increased mers what is the best method to purthe dining room.

Hearing a rustling in the next room. of her presence.

"What are you doing here?" she demanded.

The startled burglar looked up, the parlor. The door leading from preceded him but, before she could abandoned, and to the reduction of lock the dining room door, he had the spindle capacity in others. overtook her.

She grappled with him, but the man struck her in the face, and, hall to the stairway and down to the ground floor.

blow she had received, followed close she tripped him by interposing her and 5,947,896 mule. foot as he was springing for the front

He recovered his balance, and then she hit him a blow that sent him spin- cotton mixed with other fibres. The ning backward. The burglar retreat- States which lead in the manufaced to the back end of the hall. Fearing he would go down to the basement and escape, the plucky woman cornered him and again grappled ported, 137,190, or 21 per cent, were

Then ensued a struggle that took them from one end of the hall to the 70,462 from Massachusetts, 52,630 other. The man gradually edged his from Connecticut, and smaller numway to the front door and managed bers from several other States. to get it open,

He dragged Mrs. Calono through make another effort to jerk himself 1907, followed by North Carolina time professor of chemistry at the loose when the policeman approach- with 14 per cent, while South Caro- University of Souuth Carolina. ed. He relieved Mrs. Calono of her lina takes third place with 13 per

who, strange to say, had not heard New York seventh. As stated above, which give contour maps showing her cries during the struggle in the hall. At least they had not respond-

all of the silver and also all the loose jewelry he could find in the house.

the man gave the name of Matthew Endrick. He said he was thirtyeight years old, and had no home. The police recognized in him and old offender.

\$320.95 was closed out on March 31, 1905, by transferring same to the account of J. S. Farnum. The successors to Farnum denied any knowledge of this account and refused to

nay it.
"It would appear that this account, if not settled, had been neglected for a period of nearly three years prior to its being buried by an unauthorized transfer, resulting in a total loss to the State."

DUE FOR CONSTABULARY.

At the close of business on Febever accured to the State out of ruary 16, 13 counties in the State the sales and repurchases of beer. | owed to the State dispensary \$25,-Beer supplied by this company to 490.15 on account of constabulary the cotton growing States were not dispensers and hotels for account of service. This amount is based upon in fact idle throughout the year, but the dispensary was billed to the lat- the enforcement of section 7 of the ter institution at prices apparently Brice law in counties which voted

According to the report but two the dispensary, recharging State counties have made the levy neccesprofits on original purchases resold sary to place funds with the State to the State as herein indicated. treasurer for the purpose of dis-That the dispensary officials acquies- charging their obligations to the ced to a refund of State profits is dispensary in this particular. The ample of fidelity to principle, fearshown by the credits given for the counties of Pickens and Newberry aditional invoices. No trace of the have settled their indebtedness, blemished private and political inauthority room which this acquies amounting to \$2,549.16, leaving \$22,941.78 due by eleven counties.

A balance of \$6.60 against John Black, former member of the board of directors, represents a charge on ed these profits or royalties placed December 21, 1906, for one ton of coal, the collection of which is contablishment in a p sition to realize tingent on a counter claim made by John Black for mileage and per diem allowance of \$4 per day for five days on a trip to Peoria, Ill., in Decem-

'This matter rests with the com-

CLAIM AGAINST CHARLESTON.

Several pages in the report are witeheld from the city of Charles- county and C. E. Sawyer of Aigen ton. Against this claim upon the will be candidates for the vacancy dispensary there is a counter claim on the bench caused by the resigna-'We recommend, in the interest of \$7,678.68 against the city. Of tion of Judge James Aldrich. of the State, that the books and ac this latter claim, \$5,462.78 reprecounts of J. S. Farnum and his suc-cessors, the Consumers' Beer Bot-Sdate dispensary resulting from the tling Establishment, be subjected to difficulty between Wieters and State an examination with a view of dis- constables. The remainder of the closing the extent of transactions un- charge, \$2,515.90, represents the ex- day. The priest lost his life in the accounted for in the statements filed penses of the constabulary force in flames. The loss is over \$100,000.

1901, to October 9, 1901. The account as adjusted shows Beach Hotel, Sullivan's Island, the that the city of Charleston is due very near being lynched by his own for cotton thieves and was shot by

#### **GROWS SECOND.**

How a Plucky Little Woman Saved South Carolina Next to Massachusetts in Cotton Manufacture.

States Census Reveals the Above

The cold statistics of the United States census bureau frequently re- and Lee counties are to be given the Admiring neighbors who called to the number of cotton spindles in the offer congratulations marvelled at United States, being exceeded only the pluck of the pretty, slender by Massachusetts, and that during Frank Bennett to arrange for the young woman. They marvelled the the past year South Carolina actualmore when they heard that the man ly increased the number of spindles he will go to work at once in the

This interesting bulletin says: Massachusetts exceeds every other State in the number of cotton spindles, having 9,158,389, or 34 per cent | the interest of better, more economi-She is twenty-eight years of second, with 3,609,969, or 13 per cent, of the chief aims of the experiments She found every jet burning in its number of active spindles during sue in order to give his land rest and of the total for the State, while in the lowest expense. she entered. A man, kneeling on the loor, was packing articles he had ed to 262,652, or 11 per cent. The taken from a dresser into a bag. She increase in South Carolina was more no cost to the farmer and when a had not made the least noise, and he than 450,000 and in New York near- working basis is found full informawent on with his work, unconscious ly 100,000. According to Table 3 tion will be given out to the farmers there were 1,141,661 cotton spindles. exclusive of renewals, added during the year, thus indicating no cessation in the progress of the industry. Howsprang to his feet and dashed into ever, the net increase in the total number of spindles for the year is

In its annual investigation relative to the cotton industry the bureau makes no endeavor to segregate shaking himself loose, ran along the frame and mule spindles; but if the proportion between these spindles as returned at the census of 1905, when Mrs. Calono, unmindful of the this was done, be applied to the statistics of active spindles in 1907 the at his heels. In the ground floor hall, figures would be 20,427,395 frame

> In addition to the spindles designed primarily to spin cotton, 751,251 have been returned as consuming ture of woollen and knit goods naturally lead in the number of these spindles. Of the total number rereturned from Pennsylvania; 110, 862, or 17 per cent, from New York;

Massachusetts leads in the consumption of cotton with 1,253,856 it to the front step, and was about to bales or 35 per cent of the total for reau is Prof. Milton Whitney, at one parties responsible for their keeping, unresponsible times elapsing before discovery and adjustment took place."

In the fourth of the university of North cent. The fourth position is held by Georgia with 11 per cent; New Hamp-Carolina and a practical farmer. He shire takes fifth, Alabama sixth, and has the supervision of these maps, spindles gives some of the States a houses, etc. This is known as a base Mrs. Calono had a bruise on her Massachusetts increased its cotton represented by colors, so each farmer right cheek. The thief had pilled up spindles by more than 300,000, the knows what soil he has upon his inquantity of cotton consumed increas- dividual farm, and thus he will see ed less than 20,000 bales. If the stat-At the Ralph avenue police station istics for South Carolina be examined in a similiar manner it will be work done by the bureau of soils. found that the quantity of cotton consumed during the year is 5,705 practical Mr. Bennett has been put bales less, while the number of spindles operated increased more than experiments. Samples of these soils 150,000. This would indicate a sig- in the three counties have been sent nificant tendency during the year to to Washington and have been carried spin finer counts, provided, of course. through what si known as the "wire that the conditions prevailing in the basket test. The test is briefly as two years were similiar and the spin-

dles were operated in like manner. In the mills of the cotton growing States 970,039 spindles were reportcountry. While the scarcity of labor is largely responsible for this condition throughout the country, it appears more pronounced in the cotton growing States However, as stated elsewhere, a considerable number of the spindles returned as idle from were new, and had only been install-

ed a short time. THE Newberry Observer says 'Col. William Jennings Bryan may never be president, but he has furnished to the American people an exlessness in advocating them, and untegrity, that is entire too rare nowa-That is a handsome, but deserved, compliment.

going to take it back. He said the principal crops and as a method of president was playing a game of the introduction of the crop rotation. mission for such action as may be the President as justice Brewer did,

#### Wants to be Judge.

Burned to Death.

The Catholic Convent, academy, monastary and church in Covington, La., were destroyed by fire Satur-

Wanted to Lynch Him.

race for assaulting a colored woman. one of them.

### SOIL SURVEY.

Prof. Bennett is Conducting Experiments in This State.

Mrs. Theresa Calona Finds Noted The Cold Statistics of the United Orangeburg, Sumter and Lee Counties Being Now Looked After by

> The farmers of Sumter, Orangeburg veal some wonderful things. Among benefit of the soil experimentation these, in a bulletin just issued, is that has been conducted at Washingthat South Carolina ranks second in ton by the bureau of soils, depratment of agriculture, for the past few years. The bureau has sent out Prof. practical application ot the test and counties named, so that the soil may

> be gotten into shape by next spring. The plan that the dapertment i going to offer to the farmers is in 981,386, or 10 per cent, Rhode Island rect rotation of crops on a given has fourth place, Georgia fifth, New piece of land so as to secure the best the year by 307,443, or 3.5 per cent get therefrom the greatest yield at

The work will be conducted by the representative of the department at of the State, so that all may reap the benefit from the proposed plan.

Within the past few years the department of agriculture has interested itself in the work of a possible development of the soil of the Souththat room to the hall was locked. 1,127,734. This apparent discrepan- ern States. It has been realized that The man darted back again toward cy is accounted for by the fact that there are latent possibilities here the dining room. Mrs. Calono had a few plants were dismantled or which if scientifically developed would be a surprise to many. To this end a large part of the appropriatinn given the department has been expended in the South.

And one of the many important steps taken for the ultimate benefit of the Southern farmers is an experiment survey of lands in the counties of Sumter, Lee and Orangeburg. This is the first experiment of the kind ever undertaken by the depart-

Congressman Lever has been inthe subject of the best methods of the best results financially.

The soil surveys of the counties of Sumter and Orangeburg have just been completed, while that of Lee county was completed some time Prof. Frank Bennett of the United States department of agriculture, bureau of soils, is in charge of these surveys. The chief of the bu-

Mr. Bennett is a Southern man, a comparison on the basis of active the character of soil, streams, towns, what crops are best adapted to his particular soil after following the Two thousand postage stamps of

In order to make the maps more follows:

About one bushel of soil is divided into about 25 small baskets and then in these baskets various seeds are ed as having been idle throughout planted with various kinds of fertillthe year, which is 66 per cent of the zer. The object of this is to see the idle spindles returned for the entire result of plant growth and to get a fertilizer formula. When this formula is obtained it will be used in the field whose soil corresponds to the soil tested. Mr. Bennett is here to put this test in the fields from his personal observation and experience in Washington. This test is to be put to each type of soil encounted in

the three counties named above. farmers in each of the counties named that are willing to cooperate in these experiments. Two or three acres are to be taken in and every known fertilizer will be used thereon. And then new crops, such as the vetches, clover, grasses, alfalfa, fruit and trucking will be ntroduced. But the staple crops, such as cottonparticularly the upland, long staplecorn, oats and the like, will be given special attention. The new crops, JUSTICE Brewer seems sorry to the vetches and the like are to be have caused trouble, but he is not introduced as accessories of these There Seems to Be Several Gangs of

These experiments look ultimately 'hide and seek'' with the nomina- to the ascertainent of certain fertion, and adds that that is exactly tilizer formulas and crop practices what he meant. While we think it which will give the largest yield with in bad taste for a judge to criticise a minimum expense with the staple crops. It is sought to ascertain what we think he sized up Teddy just about | crop can be most profitably grown upon a given type of soil and what kind of fertilizer is best abapted to Ex-Senator Robert Aldrich, son a given type of soil and what quanti-

#### Killed by Policeman.

John T. Werner, of Pickens county, was killed Saturday in Central by Policeman Attaway. Werner had been arrested the day before by the policeman and when he got out he began abusing him and a fight resulted.

Killed by Cotton Thieves.

Jethro Jones, an aged farmer of Whiteburg, Ga., was assassinated on A negro near Columbus, Ga., came Saturday night. He was watching

## **GANG OF CROOKS**

Breaks Two Safes at Mauldin and Make Good Haul.

# MADE THEIR ESCAPE

And No Clue Could Be Obtained of Where They Went. Same Gang That Recently Blew Open a Safe in Seneca. There Are Four of the Thieves And They Are Very Bold.

A special dispatch from Mauldin in this State to The State says safe crackers struck that place Saturday aight, making a good baul. While Mr. J. S. Hill was at supper the gang forced his front store door, entered and carried away his cash drawer and the contents, about \$250. Mr. Hill organized a small posse and began search, but without avail.

About 12 o'clock midnight Mr. W 3. Bauldwin of the firm of Bauldwin & Whatley heard a noise about his store and got up to investigate. He was greeted with, "Get back in the house or I will blow your head off.' Having no weapons at hand he went back in the house, while the safecrackers blew open his safe and carried off the contents, netting about \$300, making a total of nearly \$600 secured Saturday night.

Sheriff Gilreath was notified and was at Mauldin Sunday investigating the matter, but no clue could be obtained. He tracked the parties north ward from the store through a field a little way, then they turned toward the depot and into the road, but they could be tracked no further.

There is no doubt that this is the same gang that blew a safe in Seneca some weeks ago and no doubt has headquarters in Greenville. No suspicious characters have been seen around that place recently. There were about four men in the gang. Robs Pelzer Postoffice.

A gang of three or four yeggmen strumental in bringing this about and invaded Pelzer Monday night, and the scheme is outlined below and is at 12.44 o'clock Tuesday morning supposed to enlighten the farmer on blew open the safe of the postoffice and succeeded in getting away with planting his farm in order to secure the contents, which amounted to about \$100 in cash and \$700 in stamps. H. L. Padgett, the postmaster

> the hotel just across the street from the office. He hurried out on the plazza of the hotel, where he found John Hindman, a merchant of the city, who had been attracted by the explosion. Hindman caught sight of a man coming out of the front door of the

neard the explosion at his room in

postoffice and fired at him twice in quick succession. The man thus fired on did not return the fire, bu at the rear of the postoffice building. The yeggmen then gathered to-

Smyth street on foot. They were not molested by any one and made good their escape. In their hurry to flee the yeggmen dropped a tin box on the front steps of the office containing ten dollars in change one and two cents denominationwere found about fifty yards from the office, having been dropped by the yeggmen while being fired on.

Still Another Robbery.

A special dispatch from Williams ton, S. C., says that burglars entered the postoffice at that place Monday night, blew open the safe and se cured seven hundred dollars in cash. Williamston is only two miles from Pelzer, and the two places were robbed by the same gang.

BRYAN DISCUSSES MESSAGE.

On Some Important Questions I Expresses His Views.

Mr. Bryan was reluctant to discuss President Roosevelt's message to congress, saying that he had not had sufficient time to read it through. He however, commented freely on several of the most important issues pursue is to get a cetrain number of and gave President Roosevelt oredit for introducing an original proposition in suggesting the appropriation of campaign funds by the government.

"I hope," said he, "that it will be enacted into law."

On importan questions Mr. Bryan's ideas coincde with the text of the message. He is strictly in accord with the president concerning postal savings banks and guaranteed banks. ROBBERS IN FLORIDA.

Safe Blowers.

At Hawthone, Fla., professional burglars dynamited the large safe in the store of F. J. Hammond Thursday night, the explosion setting fire to the store, destroying the building and a large stock of goods, only two boxes of Oranges being saved. The force of the explosion tore away the outside door of the safe, but not the portion where a large amount of Hammond store, and while citizens were fighting the fire, the burglars entered the store of Webb & Barnett, where they secured a small amount of cash.

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INTERESTING FIGURES

The following are the figures of members of the conference) 77: members, 85.084, Total 85.161.

paptised, 2,072. Epworth Leagueus, 51; members,

Sunday schools, 681; teachers, 4,-313, scholars, 44,612. Raised for worn out preachers, their widows and orphans, \$10,488,-

Contributed for missions: Foreign, 21.818.51: domestic, \$16,454.49. For church extension, \$5,887.10. American Bible Society, \$680.48. Paid to presiding elders, \$22,582 .-

Paid to pastors in charge, \$174,

For bishops, \$3,069.56. Number of church societies (organizations) 775; houses of worship,

Value of houses of worship, \$1, 412.300. Indebtedness on same, \$41,049.

Number of pastorial charges, 235; umber of parsonages, 190. Value of parsonages, \$362,525. Indebtedness, \$14,219,50.

Number of districts, 12; district parsonages, 9. Value of parsonages, \$50,000. Indebtedness, \$1,800. Number of churches damaged by fire or storms, 5. Amount of dam-

age, \$2,113. Insurance carried, \$509,983.50. which was a very large one, the hag up the stomach, regulates the liver Value, \$573,000. Endowment funds, \$115,560.

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BRUTALLY MURDERED

Concerning the Methodist Church, Newly Married Couple Slain by a

Lying face downward in pools of membership, property, and such, as blood, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. read near the close of the session: VanWynkle, a newly married couple, Local preachers (not including were found on the floor of their cabin at Fairport, a small hamlet east of Muscatine, Iowa, Thursday. Infants baptised, 1,886. Adults They were attacked while asleep and killed by a heavy club. Harry Jones, an adventurer and tramp, who was seen carrying a heavy club on the afternoon preceding the murder and visited the VanWynkle home Tuesday night, was found guilty of the double murder at the inquest, and a posse immediately organized and made a search of the entire neighbor-

> hood. How to Cure Rhoumatism The cause of Rheumatism and kindred diseases is an excess of pricacid in the blood. To sure this serrible disease the acid must be expelled and the system so regulated that no more acid will be formed in excessive quantities. Rheumatism is an internal disease and requires an in-ternal remedy. Rubbing with oils and liniments will not cure, affords only temporary relief at best ( causes yet to delay the proper treatment, and allows the malady to get a firmer held on you. Liniments may ease the pain, but they will no more cure Rhen

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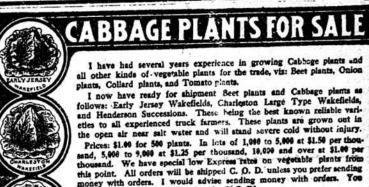
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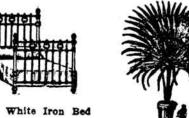






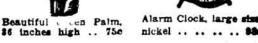


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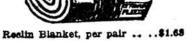
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