

not remember many of the details of the killing.

When asked who shot Mrs. Bigham, the prisoner said, "Yes, I shot When asked why the answer her." came, "I decline to answer."

On being asked just what his thoughts were when he discovered that he had shot a woman, he hesitated a moment and said, "I had no thoughts. I was scared and nervous and ran back to the house."

"Why did you shoot and kill Mrs. Bigham?" was asked Avant and the usual reply to many questions came. "that I decline to tell you."

"Before you pulled the trigger, what did you see on the beech was the next question asked the prisoner, "Something black, sitting on the ground," was the answer.

When questioned further as to where Dr. Bigham was when the shot was fired, the prisoner said, "I don't know. I was scared, he might have been near me."

"What did you think the something black or dark was on the beech?" he was asked, "I will not answer that," was the reply.

Avant stated that he was married, and while not a warm personal friend of Dr. Bigham that he had known him for some time and that Mrs. Bigham had visited his home several times. The prisoner was a farmer.

The killing of Mrs. Bigham was most sensational and mysterious in its nature and many theories have been advanced, but nothing of a defi nite nature is known concerning the crime.

Where is Dr. Bigham? is the question that many are asking.

"From what can be learned here last report from him is to the ef- on the six-year-old granddaughter of dently there is some misunderstanding in connection with the affair. Avant having been arested and sent ated mob on Friday night.

to prison and Bigham being out on bond yet. It certainly appears to be illegal for Avant to be in and Bigham out or vice versa, inasmuch time and under identically the same conditions."

A report from Greenville, where it was claimed . Dr. Bigham had gone to visit some of his relatives says:

"Dr. G. C. Bigham seems not to be in Greenville at present, as he has not been seen within the last few days. It is supposed by some, however, that he is somewhere in the county with his relatives.

"The sheriff of this county has recently received a telegram from the considered a fugitive from justice." He is rather boyish in appearance, nation's official head.

destined to serve out his sentence | years."

During the afternoon, the six men eccived calls from Tennesseeans and others. Sitting on his straw bed, half reclining on his pillow of straw, Capt. Shipp made this statement: "We are very well pleased with

McKee, and are delighted with the juarters assigned us." A few hours in jail made Gibson reminiscent. He told his compan-

ons that this was not the first time he had been in prison in Washingon.

"But the other time I was brought here as a Confederate prisoner," he sald.

THE WAGES OF SIN.

Once Prominent Jerseyite Died in

luncheon.

## a Poor House.

A dispatch from Charlotte, N. C., says an eventful career ended Monlay afternoon with the death at the Rowan County Home of Charles A. Jomer, a former member of the New Jersey Legislature and once prominent in that State. Several years ago he left his wife and came to spencer, N. C., with a woman whom ae claimed was his wife. This wonan later became insane and died in the State hospital. Gomer brooded over her death and soon became wreck himself, losing his eyesight. Before his death he confessed that here. the woman with whom he lived at Salisbury was not his wife.

## Fiends Awful Crime.

At Staunton, Va., a true bill was found by the special grand jury agaist Clifton Beckenridge, the ne-Dr. Bigham is still at large and the gro charged with repeated assaults fect that he is in Greenville. E.i. G. A. Hutchinson, the county jail keeper. The negro narrowly escaped lynching at the hands of a infuri-

Wanted to Hang Sooner.

At Russellville, Ala., Tom Robertson, who two weeks ago killed his they were both released at the same wife and his mother-in-law and dan- dent Taft by South Carolinans" was conclusive of its purpose. gerously wounded his wife's father.

"At the beginning of the preparawas found guilty of murder in the tion it was decreed that there should circuit court and sentenced to be

ertson, when the date of his execution was announced.

should he appear.

low, heavy-set man, possibly five feet the members of all committees-the January. The south side of the

parted in the middle, medium low and did the arduous work of prepasheriff at Georgetown county tell- forehead, ruddy complexion; eyes tion-were hosts, each contributing ing him not to arrest Bigham, and of light brown, reddened as if by his share toward making fitting from this it seems that he is not dissipation and granulated eye lids. South Carolina's hospitality to the

John Macon and John Win. the lat-"There are two practicable meth-Dr. Bigham is under a bond of clean shaven, and when his face is \$1,500 and if the papers for a new in repose he appears rather a mild ods of defraying the expenses of pubter was shot by the former and died trial have not been filed with the mannered man. In appearance he is lie banquets. One is by using the Friday from the injuries received. The slayer was arrested and lodged supreme court, it seems as if he is rather younger than his age. 28 taxpayers' money to pay for an entortainment from which more than in jail.

Was State-wide Affair. backwoodsmen.

"Members of committees were tirade, his maliciously false statement of Columbia's position, his later appointed, and the committee on invitation forwarded to the charge that our plan was a violation thousand persons selected to be giv- of hospitality and 'indecent,' would the treatment given us by Warden en the opportunity to participate have been ignored by me had not in entretaining the President, a card papers in South Carolina, some of of invitation, in stereotyped form, them perhaps misinterpreting the bearing, as symbolical of the scope, committee's silence while the guest an engraving of the flag of South was approaching, indulged in whol-Carolina. There was absolutely ly unjustified, and, as a distinguish nothing upon that card suggesting ed Georgian writes me, unprecedent-Columbia as the host. Another card ed ccriticism of this city.

carried the information to South "That Tillman, who has never balked at the price of a dinner when Carolinians invited that the first three hundred to avail themselves paid for with the money of taxpayof the invitation, and pay the amount ers, should essay the role of a Ward fixed upon, would participate in the McAllister is grotesque. The man who as a guest of honor in Charles-

"Invitations were essential beton 'took the hide off his hosts and cause limitation and selection were then 'rubbed in salt,' and gave Charnecessary. No one was invited belestonians a stomach-turning from cause he could pay his way. Ofwhich they needed years to recover ficial South Carolina, the press, the the man whose coarse speech when men of learning and of worthy making addresses by invitation has achievement were recognized as fulbrought the blood to the faces of ly as possible in the effort to have farmers' wives and daughters in assemble here a representative and South Carolina, the man whose prodistinguished body of South Caro- fanity before women has shocked in South Carolina and in Washington linians to meet the country's Chief Executive. Private entertainment in -this man's criticism, I say, of Columbia would have saved the comhospitality and etiquette is grotesque. The animous is revealed

mittee's infinite troubles and trials, but would necessarily have eliminatwhen Tillman, notorious for lack of courtesy, lack of refinement, and for ed that State feature of the entergeneral uncouthness, and boastful tainment, to which the President so of his disregard of the conventions. feelingly referred in his address attempts to be mentor of Columbia's

"Further carrying out the Statemanners. And when it comes to maintaining the good name of South wide conception, a reception committee was appointed, on which every Carolina, for which he now essays county in South Carolina had repreto be jealous, Tillman's display of an

sentation; there were two aldermen appetite for getting something for nothing or much for little, which from Columbia and probably a dozen members of the General Assembly had its incelpient manifestation when he was Governor in the cultivation on that committee. "The design and inscription for of a private oat crop at public ex-

the menu card, chosen by the lunch- pense, and its latest development in the Oregon land affair, might be deeon committee, a full month before the event, emphasized the scope of tailed as startling inconsistency bethe function., In addition to the tween the word and the deed.'

engravings of the Capitol, the coat "If Mr. Taft knew anything about of arms of South Carolina and a the reason Senator Tillman gave for palmetto tree, the declaration that absenting himself from the luncheon.

the luncheon was "Given to Presi- he said nothing about it, but enjoyed a good dinner. A. K."

Lives and Property Lost.

It is estimated that fifty persons hanged December 15. "That's too be no 'guests' at the luncheon ex- were drowned by the recent floods long for me to live." exclaimed Rob- cept the President, his party and on the island of Jamaica and that members of the Cabinet. And there the material damage will not be less was none. Every South Carolinian than \$1,250,000. The principal loss

present was there as a host. The re- was to the banana plantations on the porters for the Columbia Record. north side of the island, and few Bigham is thus described: "A The News and Courier and the State, shipments will be possible before

nine inches in height, dark red hair, men who bore the responsibilities island was practically uninjured, and the situation there is not serious.

> Negro Kills Another. At Chester, in a quarrel on Tues-

day night, between two negroes,

Young Ladies and girls over 14 years of age can secure steady and profit able employment and be taught to make cigars. Will be paid while learning, good, cheap board car be secured near the factory. Any girl can make from \$6 to \$12 per week (some much more) after learning. We need 500 young la dies immediately. Apply to Seid enburg & Co., Opposite Union D+ pot, Charleston, S. C. Fine silk four-in-hand Sunday tie,

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It is quite possible for a girl to get her eyes open, you know, through just a little pique.

worn-out lands in a marvelous man- year-old halfback of the University ahead of ammoniated goods. It's ing the game at Washington on Satsweetening effects on sour lands is almost magical. Charleston freight rates apply on this new fertilizer. The factory is located on Young's Island, S. C., but all letters should be addressed to E. L. Commins, Sales Agent, Meggetts, S. C. Free descriptive circulars will be sent to any one

er only \$7.00 per ton. It reclaims of Archer Christian, the eighteen-Georgetown University, was fatally injured in a mass play during the last five minutes of game, and died twelve hours later in a hospital.

Many a girl who is fond of jew-

elry has no use for a rolling pin.



from Birmingham, Ala., that three Italians nearly died of Fever. They had been sick 3 months. Johnson's Tonic cured them quickly--read letter below:

----Brookside, Ala., May 4, 1903.

The two physicians here had 3 very obstinate cases of continued Malarial Fever. All were Italians and lived on a creek 50 yards from my store. These cases were of three months standing, their temperature ranging from 100 to 104. The doctors had tried everything in vain. I persuaded them to let me try Johnson's Tonic. I removed all the printed matter and let the medicine go out in a plain bottle as a regular prescription. The effect in all three cases was immediate and permanent. They recovered rapidly and there S. R. SHIFLETT. was no recurrence of the Fever.



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