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BLIND TIGER PAYS FOR PROTECTION

ing is a condensed statement of his vices of an attorney.

evidence.

He said that he had been in the

money in Charleston, S. C., so Mr. W. S. Nelson. and paid it to Chief Constable B. H.

O'Neill's testimony was made before great confidence in his position that against tsate officials.

threat of imprisonment.

ble by Gov. Blease and a few days later he came to O'Neill's place of business. "Stothart told me that the boys would be coming around to see me' testified O'Neill.

The witness then testified that he collected the "protection" money from the retail whiskey dealers and about a month later placed it under Stothart's door in an envelope. The names of the dealers who had "contri-buted." O'Neill testified that the "pro tection desired" was given.

The testimony of O'Neill was the most sensational that has ever been given before the legislative commithad commenced about 18 months ago, or just after the appointment of Stothart by the governor of South Carolina. At a recent meeting of the dispensary committee in Charleston several confessed "blind tigers" charged that they had been paying a protection fund to J. P. B. O'Neill, who was said to be a member of the Marion Stock company, alleged to be a wholesale whiskey company operating in the city of Charleston. The principal testimony on the "protection fund" given at the Charleston hearing was by John J. Miller. O'Neill admitted before the committee that Miller had been employed as his agent and that he collected the "fund" from the retailers.

Grace's Charges Several weeks ago Mayor Grace of graft had been traced practically up to the governor's office. The legislative committee held a meeting in appeared. Practically every witness the constables for "protection." gave testimony that they had been paying a "protection fund" to the wholesale whiskey dealers. The whole sale dealers charged with receiving the fund were subpoenaed to appear before the committee. The committee met here last week and only one alleged wholesaler appeared. He was

Albert Sottile. Sotille Was Dumb

He refused to testify on the ground that it might incriminate him, the committee at that time let him off. Later a case was found giving the committee the right to force to testify and not to use the testimony in criminal prosecution. O'Neill is the directly charged the chief constable of the governor of South Carolina with grafting. All of the other wholesalers will be called and they will be forced to tell what they did with the fund collected.

The committee held an executive session when several matters were discussed. No announcement had been made as to when the next meeting

of the committee will be held. "What was the business of the Mation asked O'Neill by Chairman Car- selmyer.

The committee investigating the af- lisle, which the witness did not wish fairs of the old dispensary held a to answer on the ground that it might meeting in Columbia Thursday. J. P. incriminate him,but which the com-B. O'Neill, of Charleston appeared mittee announced they would insist and testified that he paid "graft" to on, as this is not a criminal case. Chief Constable Stothart. The follow- O'Neill departed to secure the ser-

Columbia, July 19 .- The sensation grocery business and the paint and of the hearing Thursday afternoon be-fore the special investigating commit-as to whether or not he had been in tee o fthe South Carolina legislature the liquor business on the ground was the testimony of J. P. B. O'Neill, a that it might incriminate him. He confessed blind tiger operator, who too, was given permission to reure testified that he had collected "pro- and consult his attorney, who was al-

his clients, announced that he had

the special session of the committee the committee was outlisde it sscope investigating the alleged dispensary in taking this testimony, and that the graft and charges of corruption witnesses did not want to testify unless they had to. His second ground O'Neill proved to be an unwilling was that witness should not beforced witness and after evading questions of to answer on ground thatit might inthe committeemen for more than an criminate him. He asked that they hour he was induced to testify by a be given time tol test the matter of the authority of the commission . In Give Money to Stothart order to get the matter right up to the point, Chairman Carlisle asked seventeen months he had been collecting "protection" money amounting at any time collected any money in to about \$60 per month from blind Charleston and paid any constables tigers in Charleston and turning the graft for immunity," and the witness money over to Chief Constable Stot-declining to answer on the ground that the question might incriminate Eighteen months ago, he testified, him, the committee reserved its de-Stothart was appointed Chief consta-

that he worke with him in the Marion Stock company, and Miller had been in business for himself. Said he had endorsed a note for Miller and said he had never paid him any money for "protection" for himself, but de clined to answer if Miller had paid him "protection" for anyone else, as envelope, he testified, contained the he was of the opinion that puestion might incriminate him. Never saw anybody else pay any money for "protection, and didn't want to answer the question if he had beard anybody say they had paid "protection" as he thought it might incriminate him. tee. In his testimony O'Neill declared that the collection of the "protection that the collection of the "protection paid paid "protection;" but didn't paid paid "protection;" but didn't to appear on ground that it want to answer on ground that it mightincriminate some one else.

constitutional guarantees of the en tire city of Charleston," said the chairman, and told him to answer Said he had seen others pay "protection;" but didn't want to answer as "it was incriminating to somebody."
Said Mr. Strickland said he paid Mr.

I. J. Miller money for "protection" from the State constables of which B. H. Stothart was chief. Said Mr. Strickland said he gave \$5 for protection. Said Mr. Strickland was running a grocery and was in the liquor business. Said he did not hear much about money being paid to constables until about 18 for "protection"

months ago.
"Is that incriminating to me?" The Charleston, made the charge that witness would ask the chairman every time a question was asked and before he would answer. Said a Mr. Windham told him he paid \$5 a month to

"Did you ever hear Stothart say anything about this payment for protection?" was asked O'Neill, and with visible reluctance and delay the witness said, "I am trying to remember what the words were. I don't remember them exactly." declined to answer on the ground that might iccriminate him. He said he never recollected lending money to Stothart, and never heard him say that he had received any.

What Protection Meant Witness was asked to define what he meant by "protection," and he said he understood that when Mr. Strickland had paid "protection," before the first witness to be called and he has directly charged the chief constable constables would raid they would notify him. "If I would say Ihad heard them say they had paid money for pay it to me?" asked O'Neill amid say they paid money, witness said,

"protection" wouldn't it incriminate me, for how do you know they didn't laughter when pressed for information a sto having hearl anybody else "We are here looking out for ourselves and didn't discuss this question at the table, for it was too unpleasant," said O'Neill, denying that he rion Stock Company?" was the ques- had talked over this matter with Has-

ARMY WORM IS NOW IN ANDERSON

Special to Greenville News. Anderson July 20.—The farmers of the and arsenic of lead with good results. yet to be canvassed in whole and one in afternoon issued an appeal for help in the way of labor and money with which to buy Paris green and arsenic of lead to he used in stamping out the pest. The dreaded worm was first discovered early in the week in the Roberts section of the county. Since then the pest has spread to other sections. And the worms are absolutely destroying all vegetation. The worms have confined themselves princi- Ashley, a well-to-do farmer, and distant pally to the bottoms, but they are now going into cocoons and in five days will by lightning last night 15 miles from hatch into moths and butterflies, which Anderson. the experts say will be scattered by the winds in all directions. Several Clemson in search of his son, who had been out in churches the every-member canvass beexperts are on the scene and are urging the storm. immediate action, which is being given freely by the people of all sections of the county. Two or more entomologists are ly. ing and by noon it is expected that a sys- by his son. Mr. Ashley was about 50 whole amount within a week. tematic plan to exterminate the worm will years of age. be devised. The worm is stripping corn of its foliage, and literally devastating all green things that comes in its way. Unless the ravages of the worm are checked it is feared that the crops of the county will be destroyed and from this county gaged in making extensive improvements the pest will spread to other counties. on Wardlaw street. From its intersection several speeches by the candidates and a the confusion increased. Ladies seat-Up to tonight the worms have played but with Main to the property of Mrs. Klugh little havoc in the cotton fields, principally the street is being widened several feet who come. The Ladies Working Society Gov. Blease, when he could command because they have been fought back by and regraded. Permission was given by the farmers who have gathered in large property owners to place the drain for the numbers in the infected districts. The sidewalk within their property line. The

presents itself to give the farmers relief. A united effort among all the people of the county to confine the worms to the dis-Monday when the efforts will be more than doubled.

JOHN ASHLEY KILLED BY LIGHTNING BOLT Methodists and Lutherans for their de-Anderson, S. C., July 21.-John M.

The bolt hit Mr. Ashley on the top of his head, and killed him and the mule instant-

The body of Mr. Ashley was found later

The Widening of Wardlaw St.

The city street force is now actively en-And erson Chamber of Commerce tonight improvement was much needed, as the announced that it would help in a finan- street was too narrow for two vehicles to cial way as well as in any other way that pass.

News Snapshots

Presbyterians Held Banquet

Thursday Evening.

EMINENT MEN ADDRESS ASSEMBLY.

Propose to Raise Endowment

tor Chicora, College for Wo-

men and Seminary.

On Thursday night, July 18th, there as-

sembled in Abbeville seventy officers,

preachers, elders and deacons of South

Carolina Presbytery to inaugurate a cam-

paign for raising \$20,000 of a \$200,000 en-

dowment fund for the thr . Presbyterian

Educational Institutions or the State, viz.,

Columbia Theological Seminary, Chicora

beautifully set, and the banquet was pro-

attractive young ladies of Abbeville con-

tributed its share to the enjoyment of the

few appropriate remarks, introduced Dr.

occasion.

Mr. Nelson, after consultation with

Declines to Answer Witness said he knew J. J. Miller,

"You are not here to represent the

Thornton Whaling, the first speaker. Dr. Whaling spoke of the campaign in general and of Columbia Theological Seminary in particular. The great history and work of the Seminary was detailed, most of which is familiar to South Carolina Presbyterians. He emphasized two great Finally O'Neill needs of the Seminary, one that of scholarships for needy students and the other a fire proof building for its almost invaluable library, the finest in one respect in America.

Dr. Byrd of Chicora, at Greenville, was dation. There is also a bonded debt on this college which the present campaign is intended to lift.

Dr. Douglass was then introduced and presented the needs and condition of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina at Clinton. His ideal is to make this college campaign is expected to raise, it will be a long step in this direction.

The last speaker was Rev. A. C. Bridgman, the financial agent of the campaign. read: He showed that it was a campaign for \$200,000, not a single pledge being binding killed Rhoden in Batesburg. Glenn till the whole \$200,000 was pledged. He says he paid Mr. Rembert \$500. Remtill the whole \$200,000 was pledged. He gave the good news that three and one tricts already infected is being made. The half Presbyteries had promised to date plants are being sprayed with Paris green \$120,000. There are three Presbyteries The supply of arsenic lead is limited, but part. On next Sunday, July 21, every pulpit in South Carolina Presbytery would "Any who says Glenn have a speaker to present the cause. An me \$500," said Mr. Rembert, a large shipment is expected to arrive by pit in South Carolina Presbytery would eight day canvass would then be inaugu- liar. rated, and South Carolina Presbytery would be asked for \$20,000. All the speakers spoke of the fine work of the Baptists,

nominational colleges. According to the plans, all the churches cousin of "Citizen" Josh Ashley, was killed of the Presbytery were filled by visiting speakers last Sunday and the cause presented. In the country churches the cam-He was riding his mule through a swamp paign started at once, and in the town gins Monday July 22 and will be hurried through to completion as soon as possible. It is the hope of the committee'in charge

Pienie at Sharon. of Sharon church will sell ice cream and attention, said: "Fellow citizens, barbecued hash during the day.

The place to get what you want-Speed's

Of the Week Rosenthal, the gambler who was assassinated. Arbitration board began hearings on demand of railroad engineers for more pay. Members of the board are: 1, Daniel Willard; 2, O. M. Eidlitz; 3, Dr. Albert Shaw; 4, P. H. Morrissey; 5, C. B. Van Hise; 6, Oscar S. Straus, chairman: 7, Frederick N. Judson. The board is meeting at Manhattan Beach, New York. Many engineers have been called in witnesses and have told of long hours of duty at pay they consider inadequate considering the risk and sesponsibility. CAMPAIGN MEETING ENDOWMENTS FOR THREE COLLEGES.

The campaign meeting was held in in South Carolina," Judge Jones re-Columbia Friday. Nothing of a sensa-marked, as he resumed his speech, "when a candidate for governor is tional nature developed. Governor howled down, and the governor Blease spoke to a crowd from the the State refers to those against him steps of the Capitol at night but did as hissing snakes." not refer to the recent charges made by Felder-Burns, and others in either follows: son if they came to their house in the Think it over. condition in which they visited the

did there. in the Columbia theatre yesterday to people, an enemy of the criminal and College, and the Presbyterian College of hear what reasons for election the sev more criminals than any other gover-South Carolina. To these gentlemen a eral candidates for State offices had nor South Carolina has ever had? A banquet was given by the Joint Committee to present. Industrial workers largely man who has acted in defiance on the Endowment Fund, which was handsomely provided by the ladies of the Ab- predominated in the audience. Busi- law and order? Whose message and professional men were ness beville Presbyterian Church. The tables sparsely represented. The mass of the that that body, by an overwhelming crowd was orderly, but disturbing ele- vote, struck it from the record-some were beautifully set, and the banquet was given by the Joint Committee on the Enments made their presence felt early thing that has never been done beand the noise became unendurable to fore in the history of the State? A those who wished to hear, when Ira man who poses as a friend of the dowment Fund, which was handsomely provided by the ladies of the Abbeville B. Jones, candidate for governor poor man and an enemy to lawless launched into a severe arraingement corporations, but whose votes and Presbyterian Church. The tables were of the Blease administration. fuse and delicious, and the service by the No "Refutation"

Disappointment was generally expressed in the audience over the failure of the governor to read an "Blease voted not to investigate the to stay there." for more than an hour, the chairman of the spected statement in refutation of the occasion, Mr. John R. Blake, after a charges brought against him by impages 68 and 69.)

Judge Jones referred to B. L. Abney's eating at the governor's table and a voice After enjoying the good things to eat plication at the Burns-Felder hearing in Augusta. The governor did not sider the bill supplying money to eating." undertake to discuss the Augusta, prosecute the grafters. Charleston or Columbia hearings of

Naturally, in so large an audience, cite partisan feeling, there was much the State in the federal court in her of the committee. He referred to the tesunder circumstances so likely to exnoisy expression of sentiment. The preference evident by the clapping State finally won and recovered back of hands, chiefly, while Blease back many thousands of dollars stolen by ers had recourse to hooting and yellthe next speaker. He told of the need at pression empolyed by Jones forces echo answers, when and how? Chicara for additional dormitory space, and Blease forces. Blease men outthe college having had to turn away sixty numbered Jones men in the audience, nor, he asked for a committee to in-

Jones-Rembert Clash

There were two interruptions in the course of Judge Jones' speech, aside from the periodical outbursts of catcalling, hooting, hissing and cheering for Blease. Geo. R. Rembert of the Columbia bar, who had been floor the best college in or out of the State. He leader of the Blease forces in the did not want the biggest college, but he house of representatives during the wanted the best. If the Synod gives \$100,- past two sessions of the general as-000 for its endowment, which the present sembly, advanced to the front of the stage, from his seat at the rear, on hearing his name mentioned by Judge about him be repeated. Judge Jones got in sight of the penitentiary. Oh,

"He (Blease) pardoned Glenn, who bert is Blease's floor elader in the house. Did that \$500 pay Mr. Rembert to explain how Glenn was innocent, or did it pay for Mr. Rembert's influence on Gov. Blease to liberate a criminal?"

"I have not said so," rejoined Judge Jones. "Glean said so, and upon de-

mand I will produce proof that he Mr. Rembert said no more, but re-

tired to his seat in a group comprising Joshua W. Ashley of Honea Path, formerly a representative from Anderson county; Fred H. Dominick of Newberry, formerly law partner of Cole L. Blease and W. P. Beard of Abbeville, editor of the News-Scimitar of Greenwood.

"Hissing Snakes"

At another time during Judge that South Carolina Preshytery will make | Jones' speech, the hooting and hissing and the cheering for Blease from supthe canvass in record time and secure the porters of the governor attained such volume that the chairman, H. N. Edmunds, after seeking in vain to restore order, announced that if the disturbance were continued he would adjourn the meeting at once. Gov. Blease sprang from his seat and came house, Friday, Aug. 2nd, to which the pubile is cordially invited. There will be several speeches by the condidates and a good time and a fine dinner is assured all ed in the parquet departed in haste. just want to ask my friends in this audience to give Judge Jones a respectful hearing, and when Judge Jones finishes, let these hissing snakes

"Things have come to a pretty pass

AT COLUMBIA

Ira B. Jones' address was in part as "South Carolina, the State you call

The battleship New Hampshire went into drydock in New York for repairs after being rammed by steamboat. Carmi Thomp-

son succeeded Charles D. Hilles as secretary to the president. Illinois authorities investigated Chicago and Alton wreck near

Chicago, in which thirteen were killed. Lieutenant Becker of the New York police was accused of being partner of Herman

speech. In his speech at night he yours, the State for which your fath-stated he would pardon any man that ers have fought in four wars, is on would kill J. N. King and O. M. Wat- trial. You are to decide her fate. What I say may help you to decide right. "We are to elect a governor-a gov-

mansion and used the language they ernor to represent you and your children, to make laws and to enforce them. Do you want a friend of the the legislature was so vile and vulgar the poor man and has only protected the criminal and the grafter?

Blease and the Grafters

"Then he voted to kill the bill sup-

the legisaltive investigating commit- plying money to prosecute the grafters. (Senate Journal 1908, page

supporters of Judge Jones made their (Senate Journal 1908, page 253.) The the grafters. If the other legislators ing. This difference is almost every- had voted with Blease, would the where noticeable in the modes of ex- State ever gotten their money? The

lature passed the bill but gave the charges against any one. That . was just what Blease did not want, so he vetoed the bill. The legislature passblind tigers paying \$3,000 a month to the chief constable of the governor, and the governor still stands by the chief constable. Do you wonder that he vetoed the bill? Only one grafter John Black, has been convicted, and Blease pardoned him before he ever

he stood by the grafters? "A Friend of the Poor Man."

the income of the rich (senate journal 1907, page 452.) "He voted to shut the school house door in the face of the child of the man who is too poor to pay his poll

tax. (Senate Journal 1906, page 493.) "He voted against the bill providing for federal help in road building, lighter on the poor man. (Senate Journal 1907, page 337.) 'He is in favor of abolishing the

office of bank examiner, thus leaving easy for an unscrupulous and dishonest banker to rob the small de-"He vetoed the appropriation

\$4,133.64 to pay for the medicine in cases of diptherla and smallpox. "He favored putting a burden of \$900,000 on the taxpayers to improve the State house, which everybody knows is one of the finest State houses in the country.

'Is he the poor man's friend? He will tell you so, but does his record show it?

"Opposed to Corporations."

"In 1892 he voted for free passes, and for free express and free telegraph franks to legisaltors. (House "In 1907 he voted to let the rail-

roads keep it secret who were carrying free passes. (Senate Journal, page "In 1907 he voted against the bill

requiring the railroads to reduce passenger rates, as they were doing in other states. "He told President Finley of the

Southern Railway that he would have friend in the mansion when he Blease become governor. When he Continued on last page.

LIAR IS APPLIED TO **GOVERNOR BLEASE**

Judge Jones Uses Shorter and Uglier Word.

"I'M TOO SLY A FOX" SAID COLEY

Governor Told Opponent Go in Back Lot and Wait for Him.

Winnsboro, July 22.-Before 500 people. the candidates for governor spoke here today and there was considerable enthusiasm. Governor Bleases admirers were the most evpressive of their feelings and the chief executive was. loudly applauded Judge Jones was howled considerably and early in his speech the chairman, J. E-McDonald, had to call to order only with the threat, "if there's any more howling bens and Dr. Mueller purporting to deny there won't be any more speaking." .

"I thought Governor Blease had an opponent," was one retort hurled at Judge Jones. In his landation of the newspapers. Judge Jones said;

"Show me a town that has not a live pa per and I'll show you a dead town.".

"Winnsbore," came a voice from crowd, and then there was laughter When Judge Jones charged that Governor corporations, but whose votes and Blease had said that President Finley of whose acts show he cares nothing for the Southern railway had a friend in the mansion, Governor Blease from the rear of the platform said:

"Yes, he has a good one, and he's going

"He voted not to take up and con- from the crowd rejoined, "Mighty good

In such ways Judge Jones was frequently interrupted, though, on the whole he was heard attentively.

Judge Jones referred to the recent in "He voted against the bill to help vestigations and commended the members desperate fight with the grafters timony against Stothart and said the governor was honor bound to remove or suspend the Charleston constable.

"Do you believe that Governor Blease has gotten graft?" asked a spectator.

"I have no positive evidence of graft on the part of Governor Blease, and I hope "Finally, when he became gover- for the good name of South Carolina that such will never be proved," replied Judge applicants last year for lack of accommowhen he took his seat. He mentioned an committee power to investigate article by U. R. Brooks, which he said was being circulated over the state against him, and he said he now warns Brooks to ed it over his head; and that is the stay out of this fight or he will take sides same committee that has been in the race for treasurer and cause some hearing charges in Charleston about body "the loss of some mighty heavy votes."

He called on the newspapers to publish this warning.

BLEASE'S SPEECH.

Governor Blease answered Judge Jones demanding that Chief Constable Stothart be removed. He said that Stothart had never been given a chance to defend himself and he challenged Judge Jones to "Governor Blease voted not to tax select two men whom Goodwin Rhett, former mayor of Charleston, would say in affidavits are honest men, and if they would swear that they believe that Stothart ever took a dollar dishonestly he would turn Stothart off.

Governor Blease was making his charge that the railroad represented by B. L. Abwhich would have made the road tax ney had employed Charlie Jones, son of the former chief justice, in order to get near the chief executive and Judge Jones from the rear of the stage, retorted "That's a lie, governor."

The charge was repeated and Judge Jones repeated his retort:

"That's all right, old man, I don't want to hurt you, for that would make you furnished for the poor man's child governor, just what you wait," and there were loud cheers. The governor then said if Judge Jones

wanted to have a difficulty with him he should meet him in a rear lot. The gover: nor added that he could "spank" Judge Jones as easily as he would a baby: 1. "No; you can't catch this fox in your trap," was a "remark, by the governo

the Transfer of Protracted Meeting.

which brought much laughter.

The pretracted meeting in progress at the Baptist church is arousing a great deal of interest. Dr. Jones of Charleston, who is assisting the pastor, the Rev. Louis Bristow, is a preacher of power and his message is being received with deep interest by the large congregations present at both morning and evening services.

For nice eigars and chewing tobacco go to Speed's Drug Store.

GOVERNOR BLEASE ANSWERS CHARGES.

Submits Affidavits-Statement Covers 60 Typewritten Pages.

IS WILLING TO MEET ANY ISSUE.

H. H. Evans, L. W. Boykin, Jodie Rawlinson, John Black, John Bell Towill and

Others Make

Affidavits.

Columbia, July 20.-Gov. Cole L. Blease today issued his promised statement refuting the charges brought against him by Thos. B. Felder, of Georgia and W. J. Burns, the detective. Including copies of affidavits, the statement makes about 60 pages of typewritten manuscript. Each and every charge or rumor is taken up

separately and answered by the governor. Blease says Felder erred when he says he went to Charleston between the two primaries in 1910 to get money from the 'tigers" for his (Blease's) campaign ex-

He says the statement that he is getting graft from the Charleston blind tigers originated with Mayor Grace, of that city owing to the governor's frefusal to allow Grace to control the constabulary there.

The governor denies that he received any money for his signature to the interurban railway act or that he knew of any plans to buy a pardon for Gus DeFord or any one else and says that not one word about it had been said to him by Nichols.

PARDONS AND PETITIONS. As to the pardon for F. W. Bentley the governor denies that he received pay for its issuance. He says a check for \$25 was sent him for the payment of Bentley's railroad fare to his home in Iowa, but that no other money figured in the transaction.

The governor mentions persons from whom petitions were received requesting pardons, one of whom was the Rev. Dr. W. A. C. Mueller a Lutheran pastor of Charleston. He says the accusation made by Felder that \$2,000 had been paid by Rabens for his freedom was a wilful falsehood and he submits affidavits from Rethis charge. -:

He presents an affidavit from H. H. Evans to the effect that he has never had any transaction with Blease as to dispensary affairs or that he and Blease were never in Atlanta together nor has he ever had money paid to him by any party for

Governor Blease. Gov. Blease also presented affidavits from a dozen persons that he was not concerned in any liquor or other corrupt

transactions. As to the famous "T. B." letters, of which Felder has denied authorship, the governor said that he had submitted the letters to several gentlemen of Columbia who are familiar with the handwriting of elder, and that these gentler ing to go on the stand and swear that the letters were written by T. B. Felder. Persons in the State of Georgia, who are also familiar with the handwriting of Felder, had made the same assertions, "I have also two letters written by Felder-one from England and one from a point in the United States—to a woman, and the writing of these letters compared with those of the "T. B." letters, shows that the let-

ters I hold were written by Felder." In eonclusion the governor says that he he has endeavored to answer every charge made against him, but if any honest man in South Carolina desires any information regarding anything, however small, regarding any alleged dishonorable act, he is willing to answer the accusation.

Atlanta, Ga., July 20.-Thomas B. Feller, the Atlanta attorney who made sensational charges of efficial corruption against Gov. Cole L. Blease of South Coroing, before the special investigating committee of the legislature of that State, tonight made the following reply to a state-

ment made by Gov. Blease today. "He (Blease) substantiates his statement by the affidavits of men who have been convicted of felonies and pardoned by him and by men who are under indictment for grafting in South Carolina. Further than that the reply that will be made to him will be as soon as he is relieved of his gubernatorial irobes.

"It is just as certain that he will be landed in the penitentiary as it is that the Ohio grafters, the Atlantic City grafters, the McNamaras, Abe Ruef of San Francisco and the land robbers of Oregon were placed behind the bars.

"We have better and more conclusive proof against Blease and his associates than Detective William J. Burns had against any of those people who are now serving terms in various penitentiaries of the United States."

SIDEWALK COMPLETED FOR FORT PICKENS

Alderman Syfan Has Pushed to Completion Needed Work

The new sidewalk to Fort Pickens, the movement for which was fathered by Alderman Syfan, has about reached completion and appears to be a very creditable piece of work on the part of the street force. The improvement was much needed, as pedestrains were compelfed to use the railroad track when coming to town. This will no longer be necessary. The sidewalk was constructed on the right of way of the railroad, the company having granted permission, on the request of Mr. Syfan.

No Compulsion. (From Satire.)

Chief Clerk (to office boy:) Why on earth don't you laugh when the boss tells'a joke?

Office Boy: I don't have to; I quit on