

Cubans are winning victories.

Charleston is arranging for a direct steamship line to European ports.

Clemson College already has over three hundred students enrolled.

Gen. Huguenin, the last commander of Fort Sumter, died in Charleston last week.

President McKinley has called a special session of congress to convene on Monday, March 15th.

Just as McKinley entered the White House door Cleveland bade him farewell and went a-fishing.

An examination of applicants for departmental positions at Washington will be held in Columbia, March 24.

An English syndicate is buying property in North Carolina and Georgia, with a view to developing gold mines.

Terrific windstorms accompanied by heavy rains are reported from England, doing much damage on land and sea.

Congress has appropriated \$50,000 to the naval station at Port Royal, and \$4,000 to the naval hospital at the same place.

A cyclone struck Tennessee on Friday, unroofing houses and demolishing church steeples in Nashville and neighboring towns.

March fires have begun to blaze. On the third instant the Spartanburg machine shops were burned, loss \$50,000, \$10,000 insurance.

An explosion of gas which leaked from two great six-inch main pipes killed six persons and injured fifty others in Boston last week.

No sign yet of yielding on the part of Greece. Her government declares it will be obliterated from the map of Europe rather than abandon the Christians of Crete.

A convention of cotton planters of the South Atlantic States will assemble in Augusta on March 15th. The acreage will be urged upon all farmers of this section.

The energy and spirit of Fitzhugh Lee has accomplished the fair trial of all Americans imprisoned in Cuban prisons, those found innocent to be released, those guilty to be expelled from the island.

The 4th of March was a charming spring day in Washington, and President McKinley was inaugurated with much pomp and splendor. His speech on the occasion indicated that with the exception of higher tariff his policy will not differ materially from that of his predecessor.

Dan Murphy, the convicted murderer of County Treasurer Copes, of Orangeburg, was to be hanged last Friday, but was granted a respite of twenty days by Governor Ellerbe, through the influence of Murphy's brother, a policeman of Augusta, who is making efforts to save him, by proving his innocence of the crime.

If an express train moving at the rate of forty-five miles an hour were to stop suddenly it would give the passengers a shock equal to that of falling from a height of fifty-four feet. Should the reform movement in South Carolina suddenly cease to move, a worse shock would be experienced—down breaks, boys.

The Mexicans have been angered by the visit of the committee sent from the United States to negotiate for the return of the flags captured by the Mexican troops during the war of 1847. The newspapers of that republic are indulging in very intemperate language and there is even talk of war, which may or may not result in active opposition to this country.

The left wing of the great monastery of St. Bernard has been demolished by an avalanche. Fortunately, no lives were lost nor was any one seriously injured, but the monks occupying the monastery were in serious danger for some time before their safety was assured. When the great masses of snow and ice descended upon the building the occupants took refuge in the part of the building which remained intact and from there were able to dig a tunnel under the snow, through which they crawled. Most of them were severely frost bitten.

THE COURT.

Judge James Aldrich presides at this term of our court. His charge to the Grand Jury on Monday morning was plain, practical, and complete.

Solicitor Thurmond appears for the first time on his native hearth as the States prosecuting officer. We shall tell later how he acquires himself of the charge placed upon him by his constituents.

Tillman R. Deany of Johnston is foreman of the Grand Jury.

Before proceeding to business, the matter of the legality of the jury, some of whom live in Greenwood county, was in an informal way called to the attention of the court. Whereupon Gov. Sheppard read the act creating Greenwood county, and the Judge decided that the jury had been legally listed and drawn, at least so far as the March term is concerned.

AN OXYGEN DRUNK.

For those who are in search of novelties oxygen intoxication will perhaps commend itself, says the New Era. It has the merit of being out of the ordinary, but can be obtained through the medium of a new machine designed for family use. Of course, it is not intended that families should use machines to get drunk, but they can do so if they desire. One of the machines will furnish two per cent. of extra oxygen to a whole house if desired, but for ordinary purposes one-half of one per cent. would be ample. Two per cent. would unduly exhilarate the inmates, causing them to skip around and behave themselves in a manner too undignified. There are other uses for this novel apparatus. One of the machines placed in front of the furnace door in winter will make the fire much hotter and save a large part of the fuel.

To the Churches of Edgefield Association.

DEAR BRETHREN: The conventional year of the Southern Baptist Convention is fast drawing to a close. South Carolina Baptists have been asked to contribute their quota of funds to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards for purposes of missionary enterprise. We are far short of our apportionment up to date, and I write to suggest that a general effort be made throughout all the churches of old Edgefield to do their full share of the last of April.

The third week in March from the 14th to the 31st has been set apart as a week of self-denial in behalf of the Home Mission Board. Let us all observe it for Christ's sake and give the price of the sacrifice to missions. Then make a special effort for Foreign missions in April.

Brethren the support of the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation to the believer, must be our chief aim, for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad is the very purpose and object of the gospel at home and abroad is the very purpose and object of the constitution of a church. If we fail in this we fail in the object of our organization.

G. W. BUSSEY.

Where Frye Resembles Calhoun.

The other day I walked into the Senate gallery and found that the roll was being called on the question of considering Morse's Liquor bill. Frye was in the chair, and while Harris, Hill and Aldrich all know more about parliamentary law than Frye, he is the best presiding officer the Senate has known since John C. Breckinridge. Frye follows the rule of Calhoun, perhaps the greatest officer in the history of the Senate, not excepting Aaron Burr.

Calhoun would not permit one Senator to refer to another Senator as "my friend from Virginia" or as "the gentleman from Massachusetts." The correct phrase was "the Senator from Virginia" or "the Senator from Massachusetts." It is said that it was worth a journey across the continent to hear Calhoun announce a vote in the Senate. There was more of the Roman in his look than in any other public man of our history. His eyes burned like coals of fire and there was dignity enthroned in every lineament and movement. When Calhoun announced a vote, he said in a voice that penetrated the furthermost recess of the chamber: "Senators, on the question the yeas are— and the nays are— the yeas have it and the motion is agreed to."

Frye is the only man I have ever seen preside over the Senate who announces a vote with that impressiveness we can imagine Calhoun employed, and it is doubtful if even Calhoun could utter the word Senator with more rotundity than Frye gives to it.

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A MINISTER FOR GOVERNOR

Will Make the Race as the Radical Opponent of the Present Radical Regime—The Basis of His Proposed Campaign.

New York Times.

Columbia, S. C., March 6.—There was a time in the history of South Carolina when it was an easy matter to say who would be the next Governor or Senator. A close corporation attended to these matters with a mutual understanding that the members should take turns at office holding, and there was no trouble whatsoever about it. When C was slated it was understood that D would have it next time, and D was satisfied and happy. Now things are changed.

Since the advent of Tillman and his him, the only thing that E and F are positive about is that neither of them has the slightest show for anything whatsoever—a very unhappy condition of affairs for these gentlemen, as well as for G and H and their successor who would have been. But, while politics in the Palmetto State is in this muddled condition, and it is as a rule, unsafe to predict anything, it is interesting to note an impression that has been growing for some time that the next Governor may be a minister of the Gospel.

South Carolina has had a great many different kinds of Governors; the day was when only a wealthy man could aspire to the position, and then there came a day when war records were necessary passports, and more recently a day when unqualified indorsement of the farmers and their movement was a test. But South Carolina has been heard of more often in connection with a certain remark which one of its Governors is alleged to have made to a Governor of North Carolina than in any other, and it is safe to say that her people have never even thought of electing a minister to the Chief Magistracy.

But there now is a possibility that might be considered a probability, that Gov. Ellerbe will be succeeded two years hence by the Rev. J. H. Archer, at present Senator from Spartanburg County. Gov. Ellerbe is known to be in very bad health, and there are fears that he will not live to fill out his term.

It is not surprising that the name of a minister of the Gospel should be mentioned in connection with the Governor's office. Miles McSeeny would never think of being elected Governor himself, and there would be a vacancy in fill when he retired. For this Mr. Archer is understood to be an applicant. He will, it is almost certain, oppose Gov. Ellerbe if he is in the race, and with some hopes of success, and it is positive that he will have a good showing at the place if Ellerbe is out of the field.

Mr. Archer, who is the representative of the denominational cool faction in the State, is a peculiar political figure. Nothing had ever been heard of him outside of Spartanburg County until he was sent to the Senate last year to fill out an unexpired term. An obscure Baptist minister, who had about retired from the field of ministerial work, his only political position was one of opposition to the State colleges, which have been a favorite target for aspiring politicians for the past seven years. Upon his appearance in the Senate he proved a genuine surprise.

A tall, slim, wiry-looking man, with a scrub of a beard and a tangle of iron gray hair, attracted very little attention until he took a part in his first debate. Then the old members, who had regarded him as a harmless "hayseed," discovered that they had struck a tartar. With views decidedly extreme and as decidedly original, and with a style of delivery that reminds one of that of John J. Ingalls, he threw himself into every debate with telling effect. He is both an iconoclast and a pessimist, but unless a position seems to be popular with the people who elect Governors in this State, and Mr. Archer may be decided on as the man to pit against Tillman four years hence, when a combined effort will be made to shake loose his already weakening hold upon the people.

The test will be made upon the gubernatorial race, however. If Archer should win in that, the visitors in the Senate Gallery at Washington may yet see an uncommon individual flourishing a pair of long, bony arms to accent the proposition that Thomas Jefferson might have been all right in his day, but that day had passed, and that the Senator from Carolina had the floor.

Important features of the April Magazine Number of The Outlook will be Gen. James Grant Wilson's "Historic Utterances of General Grant," with several unique facsimile illustrations and portraits, and Sir Walter Besant's "The Higher Life of London," richly illustrated. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

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Senator Tillman Heard From.

Senator Tillman created quite a stir in the Senate on last Monday when the armor plate question was brought up for discussion as the following press dispatch will show:

"Senator Tillman of South Carolina provoked a turbulent scene when he charged that the armor plate manufacturers had their paid agents in that body who were robbing the government. The charge was resented by Senator Hawley of Connecticut, whereupon Tillman said monopolies have this Senate in their victims pocket." Senator Hawley at this charge half rose from his chair as though he would interpose an objection, then changed his mind and sank back.

"I would hate to say, or even insinuate," Mr. Tillman continued, twirling his glasses in his hand, "that these armor plate manufacturers have their paid agents in this Senate."

Then Mr. Hawley rose, beginning: "Does the Senator dare?" Mr. Tillman took the words from his mouth. "I dare to say," he shouted, "that so far as I can see there are things here that can be explained on no other theory." "If the Senator dares to say, or even to insinuate, such a disgraceful thing, he says what is untrue and what is unworthy of a gentleman," Mr. Tillman replied very deliberately that "the galled jade winces," and it looked for a time as though a personal conflict was imminent, until Mr. Hawley was escorted to the cloak room.

"Although a member of this Naval Committee," began Mr. Tillman, who followed Mr. Elkins, "and although I have given as much time to this question as I could spare from my other duties, I am not able to give the Senator as much information as he wants." "But I am able to say," he added with emphasis, "that no recent expenditure of the government has been so reeking with fraud and so disgraceful to those connected with it."

When Secretary Whitney made the first contracts for armor plate it was understood that those enormous prices were to be paid only for a time and on account of the great expenditure necessary to

turn out the armor plate. It is not surprising that the name of a minister of the Gospel should be mentioned in connection with the Governor's office.

turned: "To that I can only say it is the galled jade that winces." Senator Hawley turned pale and trembled visibly. "If the Senator applies that to me, I have a sufficient answer," he said angrily.

Two or three other Senators gathered around Senator Hawley, endeavoring apparently to calm him. Finally he walked with them into the cloak room, while Senator Tillman continued his speech.

"I don't want to say anything, hush," he said; "God knows I've got enough vitriol in me now."

Going on with the subject of armor plate, he said he could see no explanation for the state of affairs except that the manufacturers had their friends in the Senate chamber. There was proof that the government was to be looted to the extent of two or three millions, yet Senators said: "We can't help it." The trusts had the government down and their hands in its pockets, yet if any one opposed them, if any one proposed that the government do its own work, make quick to bring out the awful spectre of socialism, said Mr. Tillman.

"The country's eyes are on us. We are already disgraced because we do not hasten to do the bidding of Wall street fast enough. The touch of the button between Wall street and the Senate seems to have been broken somewhat lately and so the metropolitan press is set upon us to whip us into line."

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J. B. HALTIWANGER, Auditor.

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