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Landrum, Spartanburg county, is to have a hosiery mill with \$20,000 capital.

China has acceded to all the demands of the powers and will take the medicine like a good little boy.

The Philadelphia Record says that South Carolina is the smallest and smartest one of the Southern States.

President McKinley has called a special session of Congress to convene the day after his inauguration.

Fruitists say the fruit crop is safe. It is rather early, we think, to predict. Three good fruit years in succession is almost too good to believe.

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas legislature providing for the dispensary system like the one in this State except that it eliminates the profit feature.

A negro paper published in Charleston says there are 10,000 negroes in that city who loaf from choice—they could get work, but do not want it.

Chief Justice Bleckley, of Georgia, though he is 76 years old, has entered the University of Georgia as a student to learn a little more about mathematics. He is puzzling the professors no little with his problems.

Politics in Carolina.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 23.—The candidates for Senator McLaurin's seat are already announcing. Congressman Latimer, it is said, has positively announced that he would be in the race and it is also said that he is Senator Tillman's choice and will have his support.

A good deal has also been heard here about the race for governor and several candidates are already in training. It is announced from Washington that Congressman W. J. Talbert would like to round out his political career through the governor's office, and certainly be in the race. It was stated here last week that Lieutenant Governor Tillman would like to step up higher would try his hand in the primaries next year for the governor's office.

Advertised Letters.

List of letters remaining in the Post Office at Edgefield C. H., Feb. 23, 1901. Miss Georgia Cordes, Miss Laura Shipley, G. P. Timmerman.

STEAMER SINKS

AT SAN FRANCISCO.

RIO DE JANEIRO STRIKES A ROCK AND GOES DOWN.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—The steamer Rio de Janeiro, Capt. Ward, from the Orient and Honolulu, struck on a rock at an early hour this morning, just outside the Golden Gate, and sunk in twenty minutes. A large number of people were drowned.

MANY LIVES WERE LOST.

Ship Sank in Twenty Minutes After She Struck and There Was No Time for Launching Lifeboats, Only Three of Which Got Off—Captain Goes Down With His Ship.

The vessel had been lying off the Heads all night, an unusually heavy fog prevailing. At 4 o'clock thick this morning she weighed anchor and headed for the city in charge of Pilot Frank Jordan.

Shortly afterwards the vessel struck a hidden rock and Pilot Jordan shouted for all on board to take to the boats. The widest confusion prevailed. Passengers and crew alike scrambled for the boats and in their endeavor to escape from the rapidly sinking vessel many jumped overboard.

Capt. Ward ordered several of the boats alongside and the ladies of the cabin and other passengers were placed in them. The boats were manned by part of the crew. So far as known but three of the ships boats left the vessel.

On board the Rio were twenty-nine cabin passengers, 150 in the stowage and 140 in the crew. There is an unverified rumor to effect that Consul Wildman of Hong Kong and his son were among those drowned. The steamer Sequoia, just returned from the scene, has twenty people on board.

It is reported that Capt. Ward locked himself in his stateroom and went down with his vessel. Pilot Jordan was picked up by one of the boats. Passenger Philauzinblatt of Honolulu was saved.

The vessel sank in less than twenty minutes and it is possible the list of fatalities will be large. G. H. Sheets, a German officer, was rescued by the life saving crew. He said the fog prevented him from seeing what was going on in the work of rescue.

CONSUL WILDMAN LOST.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—The number of lives that were lost in the wreck of the steamer Rio de Janeiro is variously estimated at from fifty to 150. It is almost positive that Consul Wildman, his wife and two children were among the number lost. Nothing has been seen of the Wildman family since the vessel struck the rock.

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Political "Horror-Scene."

The politicians are grooming themselves for the next primary. Unless all signs fall there will be another great shakeup in 1902. A number of Congressmen have held their positions for ten years and the people are beginning to think they have had ample opportunity to display their ability.

TALBERT IN THE CHAIR.

The Ex-Confederate President Over the House Deliberations.

The House yesterday afternoon had the rather unexpected pleasure of sitting under Representative Talbert as Speaker pro tem. For a Southern soldier, and an ex-Confederate, Mr. Talbert found himself in quite a prominent position, one that no Confederate before him has ever reached, and only one has ever approached when the Republicans had a majority in the House.

There was a peculiar fitness in having the South Carolinian in the Chair, since he was put there to take care of the passing of pension bills. Mr. Talbert's antagonism to pension bills as a class is well known, and the fight he made against the wholesale and indiscriminate passage of all applications, whether meritorious or otherwise, is part of the history of the first session of this Congress.

Mr. Talbert, however, acquitted himself of the duties of his office with becoming dignity, though parts of the routine of declaring bills passed at times were left out or mixed up. A little desire was evident on the part of Mr. Grosvenor and other experienced members of the Republican side, to make some amusement for themselves out of the presiding officer's protest, but it received a sharp check from Mr. Talbert.

In the hurry of passing from bill to bill, and in his desire to get the business over with by the time for adjournment, Mr. Talbert may, perhaps, have omitted a few words of the perfunctory forms. Mr. Grosvenor arose during one of the Speaker's breathing spells and said, as he smiled amusedly, "Mr. Speaker, I rise to a parliamentary enquiry."

Mr. Talbert—State your parliamentary enquiry. Mr. Grosvenor—What has become of the last three bills before the House? Mr. Talbert—I ordered them read a third time, they were read a third time, and passed.

Mr. Grosvenor—believe the Chair failed to announce that they had passed. Mr. Talbert—If that is a fact, the gentleman must have been asleep. I am glad to have done something to awaken him.

The House broke into hearty laughter, and thereafter Mr. Talbert was allowed to pass the bills according to his own methods. —Washington News.

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We admire the manhood displayed by the Lieut. Governor when he denounced this measure and cast his vote against it. Not a time serving politician, but a patriot, proud of his old mother State, not willing that calumny should be heaped upon her and not raise his voice in her defence. All honor to Jim Tillman.

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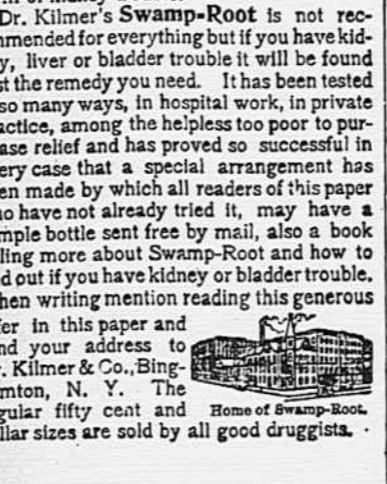
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