## DR. TALMAGE'S CREED.

A SERMON SUGGESTED BY CURRENT THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSION.

No Matter How Uncertain Is the Belief

nacle service this morning, after the usual reading of the Scriptures, the con-

gregation sang-

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Doth his successive journeys run.

The sermon which followed was apparently suggested by the storm of theological controversy now raging in the churches. In these times, when it is quite uncertain what many of the clergy really do believe, this sermon makes it very plain what the pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle believes. His text was taken from Lake vi, 17, "And he came down with them and stood in the plain."

Christ on the mountains is a frequent study. We have seen him on the Mount of Olives, Mount of Beatitudes, Mount Moriah, Mount Caivary, Mount of Ascention, and it is glorious to study him on these great natural elevations. But how is it that never before have we no. and there a lone traveler, unless, by a ticed him on the plain? Amid the rocks, passed the night, but now, at early dawn, he is coming down with some especial friends, stepping from shelving to shelving, here and there a loosened stone rolling down the steep sides ahead of him, until he gets in a level place, so that he can be approached without climbing from all sides. He is on the level.

My text says, "He came down with
them and stood in the plain."

Now that is what the world wants toon the level, easy to get at, no ascending, no descending, approachable from all sides-Christ on the plain. The question among all consecrated people today is, What is the matter with the ministers? Many of them are engaged in picking holes in the Bible and apologizing for this and apologizing for that. In an age when the whole tendency is to pay too little reverence to the Bible, they are lighting against Bibliolatry, or too much reverence for the Bible. They are building a fence on the wrong side of the road; not on the side where the precipice is and off which multitudes are alling, but on the urper side of the road. so that people will not fall up hill, of

which there is no danger. What a spectacle we have in our deand try to fit them on the head of the modern maiden? You cannot fix up a his side. three-hundred-year-old creed so as to fit our time. Princeton will sew on a little piece, and Union seminary will sew (firmity or exhaustion or race a griefor in-

or three years hence be expected to bemade a creed of my own which I intend it down in my memorandum book some trust him, love him and obey him is all that is required. To that creed I invite all mankind. T. De Witt Talmage."

The reason Christianty has not made more rapid advance is because the people are asked to believe to many things. There are, I believe, today millions of believe all the things that they are required to believe. One-half the things enter the church and reach heaven have the question, How many volcanoes are in the moon? or, How far apart from each other are the rings of Saturn? or, How many teeth there were in the jawbone with which Samson smote the Philistines? I believe ten thousand to do with my salvation, except these two-I am a sinner and Christ came to save me.

Musicians tell us that the octave consists only of five tones and two semitones, and all the Handels and Haydus and Mozarts and Wagners and Schumanns of all ages must do their work within the range of those five tones and two semitones. So I have to tell you that all the theology that will be of practical use in our world is made out f the two facts of human sinfulness and divine atonement. Within that octave swing "The Song of Moses and the Lamb," the Christmas chant above Bethlehem and the Hallelujah of all the

choirs standing on seas of glass. Is there not some mode of getting out of the way these nonessentials, these superfluities, these divergencies from the main issue? Is there not some way of bringing the church down out of the mountain of controversy and conventionalism and to put it on the plain where Christ stands? The present atti- had fallen lifeless under accident or tude of things is like this: In a famine struck district a table has been provided and it is loaded with food enough for all.

shaking their fists at each other.

let the hungry people come in." Now, our blessed Lord has provided a great supper, and the oxen and the fatlings have been killed, and fruits from all the have been killed, and fruits from all the caresses, and the air was rent with contact to the supper in the cares of the supper in the care let the hungry people come in." Now, our blessed Lord has provided a great vineyards and orchards of heaven crown the table. The world has been invited to come, and they look in, and they are hungry, and people would pour in by the millions to this worldwide table, but the door is blocked up by controversies and of the So Called Advanced Clergy, Dr.

Talmage's Faith is Secure and Easily

men with whole libraries on their backs and disputing as to what proportion of

> The Christian church will have to Buddhists as Roman Catholics. Protestants, 135,000,000; Catholics, 195,-000,000; Buddhists, 400,000,000. There are 175,000,000 Mohammedans and 220,000,000 Brahmins. Meanwhile, many of the churches are only religious clubbouses, where a few people go on Sunday morning, averaging one person to a pew or one person to a half dozen

Sunday evening sacred concert, he can high up on the mountain, Christ had get out an audience of respectable size. The vast majority of the church membership around the world puts forth no direct effort for the salvation of men. Did I say there would have to be a change? I correct that and say, There will be a change. If there be fifteen million persons added every year to the world's population, then there will be thirty million added to the church and forty million and fifty million and sixty million. How will it be done? It will day more than anything else-a Christ be done when the church will meet Christ on the plain. Come down out of the mountain of exclusiveness. Come down out of the mountain of pride. the two blind men in the house. Witness the two blind men near Isrich. Come down out of the mountain of formalism. Come down out of the moun-

tain of freezing indifference. Astronomers have been busy measuring worlds, and they have told us how great is the circumference of this world and how great is its diameter. Yea, they have kept on until they have weighed our planet and found its weight to be six sextillion tons. But by no science has the weight of this world's trouble been weighed. Now, Christ standing on the level of our humanity stands in sympathy with every trouble. There are so many aching heads. His ached under the thorns. There are so nominations today; committees trying to patch up an old creed made two or the long journey up and down the land three hundred years ago so that it will that received him not. There are so lit on the Nineteenth century. Why do not our millinery establishments take his life was under human outrage. The out of the garrets the coal scuttle hats world had no better place to receive which your great-grandmothers wore him than a cattle pen, and its farewell

tle piece, and Union seminary will sew firmity or exhaustion or pang that did critical pursuers. on a little piece, and Alleghany se ninary and Danville seminary will sew on touch him now. The lepers, the paraother pieces, and by the time the creed lytics, the imbecile, the maniac, the 18 done it will be as variegated as Jos- courtesan, the repentant brigand-which eph's coat of many colors. Think of one did he turn off, which one did he having to change an old creed to make not pity, which one did he not help? it clear that all infants dying go to heav- The universal trouble of the world is bereavement. One may escape all the As we are now in process of chang- other troubles, but that ro soul escape. ing the creed, and no one knows what Out of that bitter cup every one must we are expected to believe, or will two take a drink. For instance, in order that all might know how he sympathizes lieve, I could not wait, and so I have with those who have lost a daughter, Christ comes to the house of Jairus. to observe the rest of my life. I wrote There is such a big crowd around the door he and his disciples have to push six months ago, and it reads as follows: their way in. From the throng of peo-'My creed: The glorious Lord. To ple I conclude that this girl must have been very popular; she was one of those children whom everybody likes.

Only twelve yeary of age! So fair, so promising, so full of life a few days ago, and now so still! Oh, what it is to have a daughter dead! The room is full of folks, but yonder is the room where the grace, his heaven. good Christians who have never joined the church and are not counted among in there. Only six persons enter-five the Lord's friends because they cannot besides Christ—three Iriends, and of commanded a private soldier to stand course the father and mother. They have the first right to go in. The heaa man is expected to believe in order to viest part of the grief was theirs. All eyes in that room are on the face of this General Gordon leaped upon the wall no more to do with his salvation than girl. There lay the beautiful hand, white

accentuation charged with tenderness and command, "Damsel, I say unto all the exposures in which he commands things, but none of them have anything thee, arise!" And without a moment's delay she arose, her eyes wide open, her cheeks turning from white lily to red rose, and the parents cry, "She lives! She lives!" and in the next room they take up the sound, "She lives! She lives!" and the throng in Iront of the

can sympathize? Op another occasion he showed how he felt about the loss of a son. Here are the obsequies. A long pocession, a widowed mother following her only son. I know not how tong the husband and father had been gone, but upon this son, who had now come to be a young man, the leadership of that household had pride you will get no help. That is the fallen. I think he had got to be the breadwinner. He was proud of his mother, and she should never lack anything as long as he lived. And there is no grander spectacle on earth than a young man standing between want and a widowed mother. But that young man

disaster, and he was being carried out. Only a very few hours in that land are allowed to pass between decease and The odors of the meats fill the air. burial. It is the same day or the next. Everything is ready. The platters are And there they move on. Christ meets The chalices are full, The bask- the procession. His eye picks out the ets of fruit are full. Why not let the chief mourner. He puts his hand on people in? The door is open. Yes but the bier as much as to say to the pallthere is a cluster of wise men blocking up the door, discussing the contents of burnal today. That broken heart must up the door, discussing the contents of burnal today. That broken heart must the caster standing midtable. They are be healed. That mother must have her home rebuilt." And then clooking into One says there is too much vinegar in the face of the young man i (for in those that caster, and one says there is too lands the face is always exposed in such much sweet oil, and another says there a procession), Christ speaks one sen-

gratalations.

Edmund Burke, the greatest orator of his time, had lost his son, and the be-BROOKLYN, Feb. 14.—At the Taberacle service this morning, after the threw his arms around the horse's neck and kissed the dumb brute. It was not hollow sentiment when David, the change its tack, or it will run on the rocks of demolition. The world's population annually increases 15,000,000. No one pretends that half that number of people are converted to God. There are more than twice as many Buddhists of Brotzestonia, more than twice as more than twice as many Buddhists of Brotzestonia, more than twice as more than as Protestants; more than twice as many bereavement there is divine condolence.

Christ on the plain. 1 care not from what side you approach him you can touch him and get his help. Is it mental depression you suffer? Remember him who said, "My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?" Is it a strug-gle for bread? Remember him who fed pews, and leaving the minister at night to sweat through a sermon with here spend your life battling with the tem- the plain! pests? Remember him who flung the tempest of Genesareth flat on the crystal pavement of the quiet sea.

That Christ is in sympathy with all

who have trouble with their eyes, and that is becoming an almost universaltrouble through much reading in rail cars and the overpressure of study in the schools where children are expected to be philosophers at ten, boys and girls at fourteen with spectacles. I say with all such trouble Christ is in sympathy. ness the man born blind. Did he not turn their perpetual midnight into midnoon till they ran up and down clapping their hands and saying, "I see! I see!" That Christ is in sympathy with those who stammer or have silenced ears, notice how promptly he came to that man with impediment of speech and gave him command of the tongue so that he could speak with ease, and putting his fingers into the ears retuned the tympanum.

Is there a lack of circulation in your arm, think of him who cured the defective circulation and the inactive muscles of a patient who had lost the use of hand and arm by saying, "Stretch forth thy hand!" and the veins and muscles resumed their offices, and though in doing so the joints may have gracked from the same though in the same though the same though the same though the same t cracked from long disuse, and there may have been a strange sensation from elbow to linger tip, he stretched it forth! And nothing is the matter with you, but you may appeal to a sympathic Christ. And if you feel yourself to be a great singer hear what he said

And see how he made an immortal iturgy out of the publican's cry, "God offender can utter it, and yet long enough to win celestial dominions. It was well put by a man who had been converted, and who remembered that in his dissolute days he found it hard to get occupation, because he could not present a certificate of good character. In commending Christ to the people he said, "Bless God, I have found out that Jesus will take a man without a character!" Christ on a level with suffering humanity. My text says, "He came down with them and stood in the plain." No climbing up through attributes you cannot understand. No ascending of the heights of beautiful rhetoric of prayer. No straining after elevations you cannot reach. No hunting for a God that you cannot find. But going right straight to him and looking into his face and taking his hand and asking for his pardon, his comfort, his

Christ on the level. When during the siege of Sebastopol an officer had on the wall exposed to the enemy and receive the ammunition as it was handed up, while he, the officer, stood in a to help, and commanded the officer to and finely shapen, but it was not lifted in greeting to any of the group.

Color of the group in the group in greeting to any of the group. Christ stepped forward and took hold thing that you are afraid to do your-of that hand and said, with a tone and self." Glory be to God, the captain of self." our salvation has himself gone through us to be courageous. He has been through it all, and now offers his sym-

pathy in similar struggles.

One of the kings of England one One of the kings of England one Beck, a drayman, walked into the store night in disguise walked the streets of of W. T. Martin. He went up to a daughter teel that such a Christ as that for the night prisoners of London. Out lowed. of his own experiences that night he did this. And our Lord the king aforetime endungeoned and sick and hungry and persecuted and slain, out of

Oh, join him in the plain. As long as you stay up in the mountain of your reason so many never find the salvation of the Gospel. They sit high up in the Mont Blanc of their opinionativeness, and they have their opinion about God, and their opinion about the soul, and their opinion about eternity. Have you any idea that your opinion will have any effect upon the two tre- at \$200, covered by insurance. prayer to save you?

portance before the blast of the arch- ate medical attention. angel's trumpet. When the life of this placet shall be thrashed out with the named Willie Holland, tripped over of the mountain of opinionativeness was badly cut. and meet Christ on the plain, where you must meet him or never meet him actly clear. A twenty-five-pound keg at all, except as you meet him on the of powder was under the counter, but

per. I say, "Get out of the way and under the bier, "Young man, I say unto officer to scrutinize the papers you pre- powder near the keg.

ty! By what petition, by what hindwas not hollow sentiment when, after his pardon. The death warrant was already on its way. The countess, arriving in Vienna in the night, hastened to the palace gates. The attendants forbade her entrance at all, and especally at night, but she overcame them with her entreaties, and the empress was awakened, and the countess plead-ed beforeher for the life of her husband, and then the emperor was awakened to

hear the same plea.

Cummutation of the sentence was granted, but how could she overtake the officer who had started with the death warrant, and would she be too late to save the life of her husband? By four relays of horses and stopping not a moment for food she reached the city of Milan as her husband was on the way to the scaffold. Just in time to save him, and not a minute to spare, she came up. You see there were two difficulties in the way. The one was to get the pardon signed and the other gle for bread? Remember him who fed the five thousand with two minnows and five biscuits, neither of the biscuits larger than your list. Is it chronic ailment? Remember the woman who for ment? Remember the woman who for elighteen years was bent almost double, elighteen years was bent almost double, and the part of the making. Pardon now. Pardon for year of the making. Pardon for every first of the making. and lifted her face until she could look don for the asking. Pardon forever. into the blue sky. Are you a sailor and A Savior easy to get at. A Christ on

A Romance of Two Continents.

WASHINGTON, February 17 .- There has been a rather romantic marriage in W. Fuller, of the Supreme Court of the United States. He has eight daughters and four of them have married either contrary to his wishes, or in such a way bridegroom is Mr. Colin C. Manning, a son of Ex-Governor Manning, of South Carolina.

Young Manning came to Washington several years ago to act as private secretary to Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, and at the same time take the law course at Georgetown University. He at once became popular in social circles, and, at the instance of the Brocking of the Br of the Breckinridge family of Kentucky, was introduced to the daughters of Chief Justice Fuller. It was soon apparent to all who knew him in Washngton that he was deeply in love with Miss Mary Fuller. This affection was reciprocated and they made no attempt

to conceal the fact.

For reasons not known Chief Justice and Mrs. Fuller did not look with entire favor upon the young Manning as a prospective son-in-law. They knew him to be a member of an estimable South Carolina family, but they probably thought he had not made sufficient progress up the ladder of fame and prosperty. They also recalled the fact that one of their daughters, who participated in an elopement, might have made a more desirable choice in selecting a husband.

ite of the mild but determined be merciful to me a sinner," a prayer so short that the most overwhelmed offender can utter it, and yet long til it was thought best for all concerned that she should be sent to Berlin to that she should be sent to Berlin to finish her musical education. All of Mr. Alexander, went to Agricultural the Chief Justice's daughters are more or less accomplished in musical or literary affairs. might make the heart of the young lady grow fonder of some one else So she went abroad to take a musical course at one of the famous conservatories at Berlin.

In the meantime she kept up a constant correspondence with Manning and never for a moment allowed their ove to grow cold. Several weeks ago Mr. Manning went abroad and joined Miss Fuller. About the same time Mrs. Fuller learned that her daughter's health was not good, so she also went to Berlin with the intention of bringing her home.
While travelling in Italy, so the story

goes, Mr. Manning met Mrs. Fuller and her daughter and without delay induced the young lady to marry him. When Mrs. Fuller learned what occurred she expressed her surprise and disappointment, but finally gave him her blessing and after attending the wedding immediately started homeward, leaving the young couple to spend their honeymoon in Europe and come back to America at their own sweet will.—News and Courier.

Blown Up by Gunpowder. COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 17.—Quite a commotion was occasioned this afterter noon in Main street by the explosion of a keg of gunpowder. It was shortly after 5 o'clock when Charles

London and not giving account of himself, was arrested and put in a miser-clerk, was sitting. His cigar having lives!" and the throng in front of the doorway repeatit, "She lives!" back to the palace, he ordered thirty Will not all those who have lost a doughter teal that such a Christ as that for the right prisoners of Lordon (1).

Beck was thrown on the floor, his making this statement. clothing on fire and himself badly burned. He managed to get outside and pull off his overcoat, which was his own experiences is ready to help all burning. An alarm was sounded, but and pardon and comfort all and rescue before the engines arrived the fire had been extinguished by the employees of the store. The window glasses, both on the front and side, were blown out. Over half of the plastering in the store was knocked down and the groceries in the store was damaged. A number of pictures and some plastering in the rooms above were knocked down. The upper rooms are occupied by Mrs. Al-

len, who owns the property.

The damage to the stock is estimated mendous facts, that you are a sinner, damage to the building small. Both and that Christ is ready at your earnest | Messrs. Beck and Radcliffe were badly burned. Their hair was badly scorched In the final day of accounts how their faces burned, their hands bruised much will your opinion be worth? and burned. Their injuries are serious Your opinion will not be of much imbut not fatal, and were given impuedi-

flail of thunderbolts nobody will ask the hose and fell into a ditch which about your opinions. Come down out was filled with pieces of glass, and he

The cause of the explosion is not ex-

## HOLDING THE FORT.

AGRICULTURAL HALL NOW GUARDED BY A CONSTABLE.

its Purchaser Tenders Blue Ridge Bonds in Payment of the Two-Thirds of the Cost, Treasurer Bates Refuses the Tender-The Governor Acts Promptly.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 18.-A bombshell was burst Tuesday by the purchasers of the Agricultural Hall, which ing me that you consider my action in

was recently sold by the State. Governor Tillman was equal to the emergency and put forth the strong arm of the State.

Shortly afternoon Tuesday J. W. Alexander, through his attorneys, W. II. Lyles, Esq., gave the State Treasurer a check for one-third of the amount of the purchase price of Agricultural Hall, which was \$16,165. It was accepted and the title deeds of the

then served the following notice on Treasurer Bates:

The undersigned, J. W. Alexander, having executed and delivered to you as Treasurer of the State of South Carolina his bond, dated February 2, 1892, has been a rather romantic marriage in the family of Chief Justice Melville conditioned for \$10,776.67, with interest from said date, and having executed his mortgage of the real estate in Columbia on which is situated the build-ing known as the Agricultural Hall to secure said bond, and having the privilege under the terms of sale in compliwilled in love affairs. Miss Mary, the eldest daughter, is the latest victim of that sly rogue Cupid, and the happy bridegroom is Mr. Colin C. Manning son of Ex-Covern. pay the same, and herewith tenders to you as said Treasurer in payment of said bond and satisfaction of said mortgage Treasurer's certificates of in-debtedness of the State of South Carolina, otherwise known as "Revenue Bond Scrip," issued under the Act of March 2, 1892, 15 Statutes at Large, p. 79, to the amount of \$10,810, and should you decline or fail to accept said tender, the said J. W. Alexander hereby gives you notice that he will

> advised and claims that the lien on said mortgage is liquidated and the running of interest on said debt is saspended. Treasurer Bates referred the matter o Governor Tillman and he acted with his usual promptness. Attorney General McLaurin was absent at his home n Marlbero and the Assistant Attorney General was absent on State business. In this emergency the Governor obtained the counsel of Judge Melton, and after receiving his advice on the situation, Governor Tillman appointed Mr. Coullette Special State Constable and put him in charge of Agricultural Hall with orders to admit no one. The Governor also rescaled the police for the deed and you are hereby ordered not the great and two alternates and two alternates. ernor also rescinded the notice for the

keep said tender good and gives notice to you and the State of South Carolina

through you that by said tender he is

premises. POSSESSION REFUSED. Hall and demanded possession, which was refused. Thereupon he opened It was thought absence the battle by sending to Governor Tillman the following, which explains it-

To His Excellency B. R. Tillman, Governor State of South Carolina: SIR—On yesterday, as attorney for J. W. Alexander of Lincolnton, N. C., I completed the purchase of the building and lot adjoining, situate on the west vented by the directors. His real estate side of Richardson street in this city, to-day I called at the building, still vestigate and find that their homes acting for Mr. Alexander, and found it were mortgaged. locked. Upon knocking at the door Mr. G. W. Coullette opened it from within, and, upon stating that I had is in a transaction upon which he real-come to take possession of the buildig, informed me that he had orders which the original had been paid. One from you to prevent my contained in the local statement of the local statement in the loca from you to prevent my entering and to refuse to surrender possession of the building to me. I demanded to see his authority, if it was in writing uthority, if it was in writing.

it did not state for what purpose, and I now write to you to know if he was correct in his statement that you had instructed him to refuse the possession

of the building to me.

About the close of the conversation etween Mr. Coullette and myself, Mr. David C. Means, the clerk of the board of commissioners of the sinking fund, came up, and, upon my exhibiting to Mr. Coullette the orders given me on yesterday to the occupants of the building to recognize me as the representaive of Mr. Alexander as their landlord, he (Mr. Means) informed me that in pursuance of instructions from you he had revoked the orders.

I beg to know if he was correct in Respectfully, WM. H. LYLES.

Attorney for J. W. Alexander. About 2 o'clock Mr. Lyles received the following reply from Governor Till-STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, / EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, COLUMBIA, Feb. 17, 1892.

W. H. Lyles, Esq., attorney, Columbia, S.C.: In reply to your letter of this date, sking whether or not Mr. Coullette had been instructed by me to refuse possession of the building known as Agricultural Hall, to you, I reply: Yes, he is instructed to hold possession for the consideration of the sliver bill, and it was his opinion that by the middle of March the free coinage question would have been passed upon by the State against anyone claiming the property, and Mr. Means was also in-was merely his opinion. So far as can structed to revoke the orders to the tenants in the building to recognize you, or anyone, as owner, except the State. Respectfully,

B. R. TILLMAN, Governor. SAYS THE GOVERNOR IS LIABLE. Mr. Lyles in reply to the foregoing vrote the Governor as follows: His Excellency, B. R. Tillman, Gover-nor of South Carolina.

Sir: Your letter of this date stating that Mr. Coullette and Mr. Means were much sweet oil, and another says there is not the proper proportion of red pepare. I say "Get out of the way and before which Death fell prostrate before which Death fell prostrate sentinel to challenge you. No ruthless head is thought to have ignited loose matter referred to in my letter of this date has been handed to me.

On behalf of Mr. Alexander, I desire to notify you that he considers your action unwarrented by your official po-sition, and will consider you individually liable for any damages he may suffer thereby, and will proceed according-

Respectfully, WILLIAM H. LYLES.

SOME PLAIN ENGLISH.

About 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Governor sent the following to Mr. Lyles, wherein he acknowledges his in-dividual responsibility in the matter:

Wm. II. Lyles, Esq., Attorney: Sir:—Your letter of this date informrefusing to surrender possession of "Agricultural Hall" unwarrented by my official position, and will consider me "individually liable for damages," received.

I desire to notify you that I, as Gov ernor, am chairman of the sinking fund commission, and that acting for the commission, I have refused to consu-

amount of the purchase price of Agricultural Hall, which was \$16,165. It was accepted and the title deeds of the building turned over to the purchaser with an order for the parties occupying the building to vacate the premises.

As soon as the deeds had been obtained the attorneys of the purchaser tendered Blue Ridge bonds or revenue tendered Blue Ridge bonds or revenue bond serip to the amount of \$10,810 in the building turned over to the purchaser tendered Blue Ridge bonds or revenue at the bond serip to the amount of \$10,810 in the bond court. payment of the balance of the amount due on the building. This was of course of the State's debt by the bond court, refused and Attorney Haynesworth and saddle several millions of illegal Radical bonds on the taxpayers, is "un-warrented" by my official position.

I cheerfully assume the responsibility and all individual liability and will leave the question to courts. Respectfully,
B. R. TILLMAN, leave the question to be decided by the

Governor. FURTHER OFFICIAL ACTION. The following, filed at the clerk's of-

fice yesterday morning, explains itself: Mr. Edward R. Arthur, Clerk of Court, Richland county:
DEAR SIR—Please return me, by Mr.
D. Means mortgage left with you yesday, and oblige yours respectfully, W. T. C. BATES, State Treasurer.

Later Mr. Arthur received the following, with which he complied: Mr. E. R. Arthur, Register Mense Con

veyance, Columbia, S. C.,
DEAR SIR:—You are hereby notified that a deed issued by the Sinking Fund Commission to J. W. Alexander for Agricultural Hall and premises, situate in the city of Columbia, is considered invalid, and the delivery of possesion will be refused. The validity of the title will be contested in the courts, and you are hereby notified not to record the deed. Respectfully, B. R. TILLMAN,

Governor.

TO THE AUDITOR, TOO.
The following is a copy of the instrucions received by County Auditor Marshall during the morning, which shows what the Governor intends to do:

Mr. L. R. Marshall, county auditor, Richland: DEAR SIR-You are hereby notified that the deed given by the Sinking Fund Commission to J. W. Alexander

deed, and you are hereby ordered not parties occupying the hall to vacate the to certify the transfer for record by the clerk Respectfully, B. R. TILLMAN, Gov. and Ch'rm'n. Sink. Fund. Com'n.

A Big Swindle in Texas.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 17 .- The powerful lever of curiosty, excited to the highest pitch by sensation, is prying deeper and deeper into the crooked transaction and sudden mysterious flight of Col. J S. Simpson, who for years has been regarded as one of the solid pillars of Dallas. He was president of the Fourth National Bank of Dallas, and tried to mortgage that concern, but was predeals were on a mammoth scale, and peobetween Gervais and Lady streets, ple to whom he sold property only upon known as the "Agricultural Hall," and his word of perfect titles, began to in-

were mortgaged.

The only operation upon which direct evidence of forgery has been traced uthority, if it was in writing.

He handed me a commission executed out security, which he sold for something like \$20,000. Attachments are by yourself as Governor of the State to piling up in the county clerk's office by im to hold during your pleasure, but the dozen. Two of the heaviest losers are the Edinburg-American Land and Mortgage Company \$51,581 and the Scottish-American Land and Mortgage Company, \$50,000, and other claims of thousands. When Simpson was last heard of he was in Kansas City, where it is supposed he was visiting E.P. Cowen. From letters received, he is trying to create the impression that he from St. John's in a blinding snow has committed suicide, but people do storm. While she was pounding to not believe it.

The Speaker Not in the Way. WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The leaders line. He was carried ashore on a big wave, but could not land, coinage of silver have received from the coinage of silver have received from Spezker Crisp assurances that a special order will be brought in the House in favor of the free coinage bill. The Speaker told them that as soon as Mr. Cutchings, who is at present in New toward the property of the control of the free coinage bill. The drew hitself up from one point of rock or to the control of the free coinage bill. Catchings, who is at present in New York on business, returns to Washingon, the rules committee will meet and will take prompt action on the Bland resolution, making the silver bill a special order. The Speaker has assured them that he is in favor of the consideration of the bill and of its being finally disposed of in the House within a reasonable time. One of the most earnest supporters of free coinage in the House said this afternoon that he believed that next week a special order in the cotton raising States was considwould be brought in fixing the time for the consideration of the silver bill, tion would have been passed upon by was merely his opinion. So far as can be learned nothing was said by the Speaker to the silver men to indicate whether or not the rules committee would recommend that silver be given priority in consideration over tariff bills, and Mr. Crisp himself said to-day that no determination had been reached as to this matter.

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ties and bagging on the free list and were agreed to to-day by a majority of by the frequent occurrence of similar the committee on ways and means.

## A CONVENTION CALLED.

AN OLD LINE REPUBLICAN RALLY IN MAY.

The Official Call for the Machine Politiclans of the G. O. P. to Come Together and Sing Their Tale of Woo and Elect

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 15.—The political pot of the Republicans, the regular grand old party" men, has begun to simmer, and in a short time, now, it will be boiling. The Republican party of South Carolina has, in short, issued

its manifesto.

Ever since the meeting of the Fxecutive committee, about six weeks ago, he address, or whatever it may be, has been anxiously awaited by the Brayton and Clayton factions of the g.o. p., but nothing being forthcoming, it was thought that it had fallen into innocuous desuctede. The following, however is the document, which was issued ever, is the document, which was issued

last Saturday, and was secured in the form of a proof by The State yesterday: HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 13, 1892.

A call is hereby made for a conven-tion of the Republican party of South Carolina, to be held at the city of Columbia on Tuesday, the 19th day of Aprial, 1892, at 12 o'clock m., for the purpose of electing four delegates at large and four alternate delegates at 'arge to represent the Republican party of said State in the National Republican convention to be held at Minnea-polis, Minn., on 7th day of June 1892. The Republicans of the various counties and all voters, without regard to past political affiliations, who believe in Republican principles and endorse the Republican policy are cordially in-vited to unite under the call of their respective county chairmen in the selection of delegates to said State convention.

The convention will be composed of one hundred and twenty-five (125) delegates, apportioned among the several counties of the State as follows, viz: Abbeville 5, Aiken 4, Anderson 4, Barnwell 5, Beaufort 4, Berkeley 6, Charleston 7, Chester 3, Chesterfield 2, Clarendon 3, Colleton 5, Darlington 3, Edgefield 5, Fairfield 3, Florence 2, Georgetown 2, Greenville 5, Hampton 2 5, Darlington 3, Horry 2, Kershaw 3, Lancaster 2, Laurens 4, Lexington 2, Marion 3, Marlboro 3, Newberry 3, Oconee 2, Orangeburg 5, Pickens 2, Richland 4, Spartanburg 5, Sainter 5, Union 3, Williamsburg 3,

At least ten days' notice shall be given of county or county Congressional con-ventions by advertising the same in one or more newspapers published in the county, or by notices posted at each pre-cinct in the county, and such notice shall state the time and place of meeting, and the purpose of such conven-

A copy of the call of each convention, as soon as the same is issued, should be sent to the scretary of this

tled to two delegates and two alternate delegates elected to the National convention, who shall be chosen at convenons called by the Congressional committee of each such district in the same manner as the nomination for Representative in Congress is made in said

The Congressional conventions shall be constituted as follow::

FIRST D STRICE-25 DELEGATES. Charleston 10, Berkeley 1, Colleton 4, Lexington 4, Orangeburg 6. SECOND DISTRICT-28 DELEGATES. Colleton 1, Hampton 4, Barnwell 8,

THIRD DISTRICT-27 DELEGATES. Ablazil'e 9, Ne vberry 5, Anderson 7, Oconee 3, Pickeus 3. FOURTH DISTRICT -35 DELEGATES.

Aiken 6, Edgetield 9.

Greenville 9, Laurens 6, Fair-leld 5, Spartanburg 7, Union 4, Richland 4. York 7, Chester 5, Lancouter 3, Sparanburg 2, Chesterfield 3, Kershaw 4,

Union I. SIX DISTRICT-27 DELEGATES. Clarendon 1, Darlington 5, Florence 4 Marlboro 4, Marion 5, Horry 3, Willi-

amsburg 2 SEVENTH DISTRICT - 39 DELEGATES. Georgetowa 4, Beanfort 6, Sumter 7, Orangeburg 3, Williamsburg 3, Colleton 3, Charleston 1, Berkeley 10, Richland 2. E. A. Webster, Chairman.

. II. Johnson, Secretary. A Thrilling Story of the Sea.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15 .- A thrilling story comes from St. John's, N. F., of the rescue of the crew of the Prince Edward Island schooner Avenger. She was driven on the rocks twenty miles pieces, the boat was launched and immediately swamped. Murdock Gilli to another until he reached a place where he could fasten a line. Then he drew ashore a larger line, by means of which the captain and crew all got safely to shore.

To Investigate.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator George's resolution for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cause of the low price of cotton and the depressed condition of agriculture ered by the Senate committee on agriculture today, with the result that the committee decided to report to the Senate a substitute directing the committee to make a general investigation to ascertain the present condition of agri-culture in the United States.

Incendiaries Lynched.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 12.-Last Monday night at Romulus, Tuscaloosa County, two negroes broke open D. S. Robertson's store, robbed and burned it to the ground. They were arrested and tried before a Justice and committed to jail. On their way to Tuscaloosa a body of masked and armed men took WASHINGTON, Feb. 17 .- The bills the negroes from the guards and swung placing wool, binding twine and cotton them to the nearest tree. The bodies were left hanging until yesterday. reducing duties on manufactured goods Public sentiment has become aroused