Scraps and Lacts.

at the final continued refusal of the to \$10 above one of brownish hue. Filipinos to release the Spanish prisoners, who exceed 10,000 in number. The insurgents are now demanding that Spain pay as ransom for those prisoners the \$20,000,000 which she is to receive, according to the terms of the peace treaty, from the United

- Mrs. Elizabeth Gelbert, of Thomaston, Conn., aged 74, daughter of the late Seth Thomas, the clockmaker, and the Rev. Dr. William Webster Belden, aged 78, were married last They were sweethearts in early youth, but old Seth Thomas did not like the engagement and broke it off. Then the young people lost sight SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1898. of each other. Miss Thomas married and became a widow, and Dr. Belden also married and lost his wife, and only recently the couple were thrown together again.

- Senator Vest says of Senator Cockrell that he always makes it a a point to learn the names of his rural but it seems that the task was too General Corbin said that was a most constituents and call them thereby. But once he made a slip. In some manner he forgot the name of the county chairman and bluntly asked it. "Why said the chairman, "I'm Jones. I thought you knew me." "Of course I do," said Cockrell quickly, "but which one of old Jones's boys are you? I knew your father for years." "And hè only had one son," was the harsh

- Henry J. Nelligan, cook, and Geo. W. Beverly, bugler, both of Company G, First Florida, were killed at Huntsville, Ala., last Monday night. Nelligan and Beverly had been on bad terms for several days and had fought in camp. Nelligan drew a knife and gerous. As a matter of fact it is nec- be absolutely requisite. with a pistol in his hand, killed him this time. He saw his brother fall, and thinking he had been killed by Nelligan, the cook, shot him dead.

- The periodical dead-letter office sale will begin in Washington, on Monday, December 19, and continue day catalogue of articles to be disposed of very far. The magistracy should be articles are classed under 3,958 headings, the books, pamphlets, etc., under 922 headings and the jewelry under 251 headings. The collection comprises many thousands of articles of every character and description, a few of them valuable; but the very large majority of insignificant worth. In the jewelry collection there are apt to be some bargains.

- Two American confidence men the money. Needless to say the sec-United States.

him by letter. Other rich officials and senators have been through the same experience, and, as a rule, rather enjoyed sharing their names and bestowing small checks until the aggregate sum of the latter obliged them to halt. In this particular direction his value has fallen off considerable, for the youngsters nowadays whose parents want to start them off under the halo of somebody else's name are christened Dewey, Schley, Roosevelt, Hobson land and sea.

- Means were taken a few days ago to make public a statement that Rufus L. Perry, a Negro lawyer of Brooklyn, backed, it is declared, by several well known Tammany officials, is to form a Negro settlement of 6,000 people within sight of the greater New York. According to the statement given out, a tract of land comprising 1,500 acres has been secured upon an option which will today be taken up. The families will be at once brought to their new homes from North and South Carolina and Georgia. The projectors of the scheme say they have the assurance that several large factories will be put into operation as soon as the colored folks are settled. A town is to be formed and the projectors say they will not only be able to elect a mayor, but an assemblyman as well. Each lot holder will receive a deed of his plot, for which he will be charged \$5. It is said that the colony will be located in the new county of Nassau.

one of the big hospitals. One of the fer. The memory of the dead will be fine athletic Dervishes make the finest be the nation's care. skeletons ever put on the bone market. ener's victims. The same dealer says with what loving care their graves are that after the Franco-Prussian war the kept. skeleton market was overstocked, dealers having to hold back the surplus in our unfortunate Civil war is a tribute It is always the vanquished who come widely about the future of this gov-

Frussian war created a fashion for of the Confederate soldiers. white bones. Consequently a very - There is great irritation in Madrid | white skeleton always fetches from \$5

The Horkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C.:

- Both the Spanish and American peace commissioners agreed to keep their direct reference to conditions in secret the terms of the recent treaty Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines until after the matter had been duly the war department was acting. acted upon by the American senate;

much for the commissioners. Mr. serious proposition. Blowitz, the Paris correspondent of the London Times, has worried the tion commission -consisting of Genergood idea of the contents of the treaty that in order to restore order and preis to be found in an article published in another column.

after such men before they have gone serves at home. found to undertake the duties of magistrate without costing the state a cent except for books and blanks and an oc-

stable.-Greenville News.

If The News had been keeping up with what THE ENQUIRER has been saying on this subject, it would not have been in Havana and gone, leav- have been suggested that we desire to eral Corbin; "but no man can say." ing the Spanish wiser but poorer by do away entirely with the office of Owing to importunities of congress-\$30,000 in gold, says a dispatch. One magistrate. We have shown all along men, as a reassurance to volunteers, of them paid \$5,000 by a certified that this step is neither desirable nor the Associated Press was requested to check for an option on a plantation at \$115,000. Then a second American practicable. The principal benefits that point. He said: "The depart-dren of Fort Hill church, Clemson colappeared and offered \$175,000 cash for to be derived from county courts are a ment is disposed to deal very leniently lege, and Tuesday afternoon before his plantation, giving the Spaniard more satisfactory admininistration of as to letting off men who are needed ladies and children of the graded a certified check for \$10,000 to make many matters now in the jurisdiction at home. In some cases colonels have school of Pendleton, in the Presbytergood the bargain. The first purchaser of magistrates and speedier admin- been instructed to reduce companies ian church. Ladies of all the churches refused to release his option except on istration of many other matters now the payment of \$30,000 cash. He got in the inrisdiction of the circuit court ond purchase was not completed. The The saving is expected to make the satisfactory statements that the prescertified checks were bogus and the county court sustaining, with but little, ence of the men are needed at home." two confidence men are now in the if any, more expense than at present. What The News says of the horse - The vice president says he is a sense of country magistrates, sounds Legislators Beginning to Give Attention direct gainer financially by the late all very well in theory; but it is not war, and the reason he gives is a de- often borne out in practical operation. August Kohn in News and Courier. to Washington up to the outbreak of It is easy enough to talk about higher to washington up to the outbreak of the war, an average of 100 babies a courts correcting mistakes and grand considerable agitation throughout the best way to interest men in foreign shape of corn, meat, flour, chickens, the rent, and he is pretty sure of his price was for real good cotton. month were named after him, or at juries straightening out incompetent state for the establishment of county least their foud parents so informed and vicious magistrates, etc. In most and vicious magistrates, etc. In most up the question and they generally ing. They thus get their curiosity fact, any and everything that is good favor the idea. Legislators who come aroused and begin to inquire what was do not know enough to secure correction. Columbia occasionally are also talk. do not know enough to secure correction to Columbia occasionally are also talk-said. They thus learn more than if charge of these contributions, the tions, and complaints to grand juries, ing about it, and there is no doubt that you were to send for a man to lecture ladies of Charleston will soon organize which they never gets paid; but, as a whether based on right and justice or such a bill will be introduced, and, and invite them all to come. not, are too often ignored on allega. judging by expressions of opinion from tions of personal interests, etc. The best thing, therefore, to do in a matter of this kind is to provide not that sysbut that which is calculated to show and all the rest of the recent heroes of up most sastisfactory in practical ope-

THE PRESIDENT IN ATLANTA. Uttered Sentiments That Received Enthusiastic Endorsements.

President McKinley delivered short speech before the Georgia general assembly last Wednesday, the first

created wild enthusiasm. map of the United States. Sectional feeling no longer holds back the love we bear each other. Fraternity is the national anthem, sung by a chorus of 45 states and our territories at home and beyond the seas. The union is once more the common atlas of our love and loyalty, our devotion and sacrifices. The old flag again waves over us in peace and new glories which your sons and ours have this year ad-- The battle of Omdurman has ded to its sacred folds. What cause strangely affected a peculiar market, we have for rejoicing! Saddened only says a London dispatch. Dervish by the fact that so many of our brave skeletons are now a special high class men fell on the field or sickened and line in the skeleton markets of Europe. died from bardship and exposure, and There are already about 200 on the others returning, bringing wounds and London market, chiefly purchased from disease from which they will long suf-

"A nation which cares for its disa-

order to keep prices up. Not a single to American valor. And while, when German skeleton came on the market. those graves were made, we differed at St. Louis, Mo., on January 10, next. lowed with especial zest by the Gadto this anatomical end. The dealer erument, the differences we long ago Monday between Cubans and Span- for an aspiring suitor to obtain a bride pointed out the curious fact that settled by the arbitrament of arms- iards on account of the refusal of the until he has at least one head to his Frenchmen's skeletons are always and the time has now come in the Spaniards to close all places of amuse- credit. This is an incentive to the much whiter than the British. How- evolution of sentiment and feeling, ment in respect to the memory of marital relations against which an un- well hopes to enter the seminary at no ever, artificially bleached, the latter under the providence of God, when, General Garcia. Three Cubans were fortunate victim might not unreason-distant date. remain yellow. The huge influx of in the spirit of fraternity we should killed. Major General Brooke has ably protest.

French skeletons after the Franco- share with you in the care of the graves

existing between the north and south prompts this gracious act, and, if it the year just passed by the sons and grandsons of the heroic dead.

"What a glorious future awaits us, f unitedly, wisely and bravely we face the new problems now pressing upon us, determined to solve them for right and humanity."

THE NEED OF THE ARMY.

General Corbin Indicates the Dispo of 100,000 Soldiers.

Adjutant General Corbin appeared ast Wednesday before the house committee on military affairs, says Washington dispatch. His statements attracted unusual interest because of

As to the need of an increased army

He proceeded: "The Cuban evacuainformation out of somebody, and a Sampson—has submitted a statement serve order in Cuba, it will require the presence of an army of 50,000 men." General Corbin said he would send

- Meanwhile we may be pardoned this recommendation, in confidence, for whispering a suggestion to THE to the committee; but later it was ar-ENQUIRER. That newspaper objects ranged that it should be submitted preach for you today, and plan your to the "emergency judges" idea, that without confidential reservations. It it would not do away with the magis- was on this recommendation, said Gentrates in the country. THE ENQUIRER eral Corbin, that the plan of sending seems to think that these officials are troops to Cuba was based. It might usually nuisances and frequently dan- be found that 50,000 men would not ing a lecture, especially on such a topic ciency than ten or more; but still the

told him to stand back. Nelligan's trate in every neighborhood. Our obbrother, H. T. Nelligan, seeing Beverly servation of the country magistrate is general. As to the Philippines, he that he is a useful officer. When he went on, General Otis, in command with a Springfield rifle. Beverly's is honest he is a court of arbitration there, has recommended that 25,000 brother Ray emerged from his tent at for his section, and by plain horse men were required. In Puerto Rico sense settles many questions on both the officers in command there recomsides of the docket which would other- mend that the force now on hand is wise cumber the courts. Now and about adequate for the requirements. was not to be resisted. then a contentious or greedy fellow is The present force there is 6,100. That appointed, proceeds to stir up strife and made 81,000 men, leaving with an make cases; but the grand juries get army of 100,000 about 18,000 for re-

"It must be borne in mind," said er side, too, his love for poetry. covers 91 pages. The miscellaneous an honorary office, however, as it used General Corbin, "that an army in time to be and yet is in England. We be- of peace is like insurance. It is a lieve that in every county enough men preparation for an emergency. If we humorous to the grave is only a short of high character and position could be had had such an army last June, there step for him and his hearers, and in would have been no such loss of life as occurred."

"Do you think 50,000 men for Cuba casional day's work for a special con-Jett, of Illinois.

"I think it is," answered the general. "And how long will that last?" ask-

"I wish I could say," answered Gen-

COUNTY COURT QUESTION.

to This Important Matter.

COLUMBIA, December 14.—There is seems to be to have a county court to derson today and tomorrow. meet once a month and try such cases, and dispose of them, as magistrates now have jurisdiction over. It is concuits in the state to relieve them of table packer.

MERE-MENTION

been appointed governor of Cuba. LOCAL AFFAIRS. Each of the six provinces is to have a "The cordial feeling now happily governor, and all the governors of provinces are to be answerable to General Brooke as governor of the to the flag so conspicuously shown in flagship of Commodore Philip, commanding the North Atlantic squadron. A Madrid dispatch says that at

Grenada, on Wednesday, a mob of

women, considering that the discovery of America was, in their opinion, the principal cause of Spain's misfortunes, stoned the statue of Columbus...... The pension appropriation bill, reported to the house last Wednesday, carries \$145,233,830, being \$4,000,000 more than was carried by the appropriation bill of last year. Hon Wm. J. Bryan arrived in Washington on Wednesday. The United States transport Panama, with Fitzbugh Lee and staff aboard, entered the harbor of Havana on Wednesday.

MR. BRICE AT McCONNELLSVILLE.

The People Were Especially Pleased With His Arbor Day Speech.

lence of the Yorkville Enquirer. McConnellsville, December 14 .-Friday, December 9, after an interesting day spent in tree-planting exercises als Wade and Butler and Admiral and in listening to appropriate recitations by the school children, the crowning effect was reached in an evening speech delivered in the academy build ing. The trustees of this district had been fortunate in getting for the occasion one who finds no subject foreign to him, or, as he expressed it, "can suit tomorrow."

prominent lawyer. Mr. Brice very be less cumbersome, and three men modestly disclaimed all powers of mak- will be able to work with greater effias "Arbor Day." He, however, could "But we are holding 50,000 men in not cheat the people with that vain carefully prepared discourse, giving governed by representatives of the some history of the day that was governor rather than of the people being celebrated. His eye though was This is virtually the only difference not always free from a twinkle, nor were the listeners wholly dignified, for the inimitable style of his anecdotes

With these he mingled the grave truths and the moral lessons which he now provide that all three county pointed out to the children. His numerous apt quotations showed on anoth

Mr. Brice has undoubtedly power in controlling his audience. From the both he holds their rapt attention.

Although the lecture was not near ly long enough to prove satisfying, a conservative estimate?" asked Mr. vote it as a half-hour spent most pleasantly.

MISS DAVIDSON AT CLEMSON.

Good People of Fort Hill Congregation Delighted With Her Lecture. Correspondence of the Yorkville Enquirer.

PENDLETON, S. C., December 14. Miss Ella C. Davidson lectured Mon day evening before the ladies and chil

lectured in Chinese costume, and was the entertainment of the veterans. listened to throughout with rapt attention. All who were fortunately enough to be present were delighted

Miss Davidson called to see the ver legislators, the measure has a good erable Dr. J. B. Adger on his 88th chance of passage. So far as can be birthday, Tuesday last. Dr. Adger is ascertained, no definite plan has been the oldest minister in our synod, and arranged which will be included in the was for sometime a missionary to Turtem which seem to look best in theory; bill; but generally speaking, the idea key. Miss Davidson lectures in An-

B. P. R. LIKE THE REESE CASE.—Eli Tucker tended, and, perhaps, truly, that many will have to pay the widow and chilcases are sent up to the higher court dren of Uriah Johnson \$5,000, because which could be disposed of by a coun- he killed Johnson. A jury so decided for considerable surprise. ty court at less cost. These trivial today. This case has attracted concases cost the counties as much as siderable attention, it being the first those of a more serious character. of its kind ever tried in a Maryland The advocates of the county court court. Tucker had had some trouble scheme say that the circuit judges are with Johnson. The quarrel ended in The gallaries of the legislature hall were crowded, and the reference of the question is again being agitated of killing Johnson. Tucker is a prosperwere crowded, and the reference of increasing the number of judicial cir-the president to Confederate soldiers increasing the number of judicial cir-ous farmer, while Johnson was a vege-in Columbia for several days.

The president spoke as follows: this overwork. Unless the county "Sectional lines no longer mark the court bill is passed, it is very likely wife and children of a man killed by that a bill will be introduced increasing another can recover damages from his the circuits by two at least. Of course assailant if the latter is convicted of Wednesday. there are men having judicial aspira- the crime. The law was copied into tions who would like to see the num- the Maryland code from a similar one ber of circuit judges increased; but written by Lord Campbell, which has aside from that, the advocates of the for centuries been enforced in Engcounty court idea hold that it must be land; but it has always been a dead done if our courts are to be conducted letter in this state. Indeed, few lawwith due deliberation in the considera- yers were aware that it existed. The tion of cases by the judges. Should case has been on trial for more than a Columbia during the present week. the county courts be established, the week, and attracted considerable at- He is expected home today. number of magistrates in the state sention. The jury in rendering a would be decreased. Those that reverdict decided that the widow should

- From a review of "The Philip-The Isle De Cuba, one of the cruisers pine Islands and Their People," a book sunk by Admiral Dewey in the battle recently published, one gets a vivid principal London dealers says that the a precious legacy and the disabled will of Manila on May 1 last, and which he idea of the heterogenous racial charsubsequently caused to be raised, start- acteristics of the population, and a still near Sharon. Mr. Carroll is confined ed for Hong Kong last Monday under more vivid comprehension of the man- to his bed. The expense of transportation is bled soldiers as we have always done her own steam. She is of 1,030 tons ifold tribulations which are likely to heavy; but the type of skeleton a will never lack defenders. The na- displacement and 2,200 indicated horse be encountered in attempting to gov-Dervish makes commands a price tional cemeteries for those who fell in power. Seven Italian snow shovel, ern them, should the islands become fessional business and returned on sufficient to cover the expense; but battle are proof that the dead as well ers were killed at Crittenden, N. Y., United States colonies. The popula-Berlin, Vienna and Paris have secured as the living have our love. What an last Tuesday by a New York Central tion of Luzon, the most civilized of the the greatest number of General Kitch-ener's victims. The same dealer says with what loving care their graves are snow at the station, and in attempting 000. It is divided into numerous tribes in his office. Jack Frost has not gotto get out of the way of the freight of diverse origin and natures. Most of ten them yet; but -"Every soldier's grave made during engine, stepped on the wrong track, them are barbarians, and among not a The centennial anniversary of the few of the tribes head-hunting is a A riot occurred in Havana last denese, among whom it is impossible seasons.

INDEX TO NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. The Ganson Dry Goods Company—Print a list of sensible and suitable holi-day gifts which can be found at their store at proper prices, and let you know that on next Mouday they will have another car load of shoes for your in-

spection. The Beautiful White Devil"—Is the title of the next serial story to be pub-lished in The Enquirer. The publica-tion of this story will be commenced early in January.

Mrs. T. M. Dobson—Announces that old

Santa Claus will leave her store at midnight on the 24th of December. In the meantime you should be in a hurry to secure a share of his stock. It consists of dolls, albums, cases, plain and fancy candies together with many other things that are either useful or orna-

mental.

V. W. Lewis, Administrator—Gives notice that on the 17th of January, 1899, he will apply for a discharge as administrative of the state of tor de bonis non cum testamento an-nexo of the estate of James Jefferys, de-

Ceased.

W. Brown Wylie, C. C. C. P.—Gives notice that Mrs. Laura D. Allison has filed a petition praying that a homestead of real and personal property be set aside for herself and minor children, out of the estate of her late husband, Dr. J. W.

Charleston, this week.

There are to be only two changes in the county offices this year—Mr. Boyce to succeed Mr. Williams as suditor, and Mr. Carroll to succeed Mr. Shurtley as superintendent of education.

the article from the Orangeburg Times-Democrat, elsewhere in this issue, is He will, however, in order to familiarseen on the subject.

improvement on the present law, we The speaker was Mr. J. S. Brice, our have every reason to believe. It will new law is open to a strong objection. between the new law and the old law by which power was vested in three county commissioners, all elected by the people. Let the general assembly commissioners be elected by the people and all will again be right.

CONFEDERATE RE-UNION.

The re-union of United Confederate veterans in Charleston, on May 10, 1899, promises to be the biggest thing of the kind that has yet taken place. At least that is what the people of been, and inasmuch as it was not re-Charleston intend to make of it if they pealed 15 or 20 years ago, there will can, and the people of Charleston for its repeal." have a way of doing pretty nearly everything they set out to do.

One thing the executive committee has in view, is the raising of about er pays the cost of production, and is \$25,000 in cash. It is the intention it not practically impossible for a merthat most of this money shall be rais- chant to profitably make advances on tal joke. ed in Charleston, and all of it is to be a crop which, when sold, will not net used for the purpose of making the much more than enough to pay him?" visiting veterans enjoy themselves.

But while Charleston is willing to do her full share and more, the executive committee does not expect her to do it average merchant advances supplies tures, and several times be has told in the jurisdiction of the circuit court.

The saving is expected to make the We had heard much of Miss David- and it has been decided to call upon very poor farmer who cannot make son as a lecturer before she came. She the state at large to help provide for that amount of cotton. Now, you

contributions has not yet been com- the land, somebody else has to furnish The Price of Cotton. with her lectures. She is certainly an pleted. It has only been planned, the mule, the tools and the labor. impressive and instructive lecturer on People all over the state will be asked The lien of the supply man covers terday to report the local cotton marmissions. We believe now that the to contribute whatever they can in the about everything that is made above ket at from 51 to 51. The last named turkeys, beeves, butter, eggs, etc. In money. It is often the case that there It Was Too Cool. a commissary department, and it is general thing, the man who holds the expected that when the time comes, will be entertained either free of charge the lien law may have been beneficial Tax Collections. all the veterans who go to Charleston

> bly, in each and every section, and if hardship, still I think that the best inin the matter, there will be occasion repeal."

ABOUT PEOPLE. Mr. W. T. Barron is evidently in for siege of fever.

Mr. T. B. McClain is hard at work on his cotton mill project. C. E. Spencer, Esq, has been absent Dr. Wm. M. Walker has been con-

fined to his bed for several days. Mr. B. D. Springs, of Charlotte, was in Yorkville on last Tuesday and

Jos. Alexander, Jr., is assisting Treasurer Neely with the work of ssuing tax receipts. Mr. J. H Riddle is still confined to

bed. He seems to be better one day and not so well the next. Major James F. Hart has been in fox.

Mr. B. N. Moore has begun to make main would have only committing have \$3,000 and her six children property, recently purchased by him. \$2,000.—Baltimore dispatch.

Mr. A. M. Grist left last Thursday for New York. On his way he will stop over at Charlotte, Washington.

Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Mrs. S. A. Carroll is visiting the Dr. Miles Walker went over to Union county on Wednesday on pro-

Thursday afternoon. W. W. Lewis, Esq., is trying to carry

Mr. R. N. Plaxco, of the Bethany neighborhood, has in more than forty acres of wheat. He has not allowed

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Mr. Howard Caldwell addressed the Y. M. C. A. Sabbath night. Mr. Cald-

but there is no question of the fact for another short term. that he has a fine crop.

and selling quite a large number of pairs of spectacles recently. As the another charge of larceny. The Negro result of the careful attention he has tried to run away; but finding himself given the matter, he is getting up an hemmed in by a creek, turned and extensive reputation. Messrs. John I. Spinks and J. W.

Ardrey, of Fort Mill; F. E. Clinton, time, it was thought he was done for. of Bethel; L. C. Harrison and A. H. White, of Rock Hill; Paul T. McNeel He served 30 days on the chaingang and W. M. Propst, of Yorkville, repre- for larceny, and at the next following sented their respective lodges at the term of the court of general sessions annual communication of the Masonic plead guilty to the charge of resisting grand lodge of South Carolina, in an officer. Judge Klugh returned him Charleston, this week.

ley as superintendent of education. Mr. Carroll has not received his com-NEW COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW. mission; but will likely get it in time A change in the present county gov- to take charge of the office soon after ernment law goes into effect about the the first of January. Mr. Boyce will 1st of February. We had an intima. hardly received his appointment until tion of the fact some months ago; but after the meeting of the general assemoffice until about the first of February. the first definite statement we have ize himself in the work of taking returns, go with Auditor Williams to That the new law will prove a great most of the latter's appointments.

> ABOUT THE LIEN LAW. "I have read the editorial in THE

ENQUIRER of Wednesday with a good deal of interest," said a retired ex-merchant to the reporter on yesterday, "and while in most particulars I agree with the ideas expressed, in some I think the editor is mistaken."

"I'd be very glad to bave your views," said the reporter. "In what particular do you fail to agree with the editorial?"

"Well, although I have made some noney out of the lien law, I have thought for a long time that it should be repealed. As suggested by THE been sent out and he went to Matt's ENQUIRER, the law has outlived its usefulness; but when it comes to assuming that the law has became, or is about to become, a dead letter, I have a very different opinion. The law is just as live today as it has ever never be another better time than now

"But," asked the reporter, "is it not a fact that the price of cotton no long-

"Yes, that is all very well; but you

must remember that the supply man The necessary organization to raise does not furnish everything. Besides

> lien is reasonably safe. to a few farmer years ago; but it has

> > IN JAIL AGAIN.

Matt Byers is in jail again. This time the charge is housebreaking and considerable supplies of toys and artilarceny. Some weeks ago he broke cles suitable for Christmas presents. into the house of a Negro-John The proprietors of these stores are Stowe-in King's Mountain township, satisfied that old Santa Claus does not and stole a valise, an overcoat and care a great deal about the price of some other articles. He was committed to jail by Magistrate McMackin. Matt Byers is probably one of the White-Draffin.

most notorious Negro criminals who has figured in York county for a good many years. He is about 25 years of age, as strong as a mule, above the average of his race in intelligence, not afraid of anybody or anything, and in a county. S. C. on December 27, at 7 has figured in York county for a good cunning a match for the traditional county, S. C., on December 27, at 7

The fellow first began to figure in who was supposed to have been killed fully covered by insurance. family of her son, Mr. J. E. Carroll, by a train. The case was investigated | Fire In India Hook. with the result that upon a trial, Byers | Rock Hill Herald, Wednesday: Monwas convicted of murder; but after- day night, about 9 o'clock, the twoward secured a new trial and was ac- story cotton house of Mr. Jesse Faris, quitted. Since the acquittal he has in the India Hook section, was constated more than once to responsible sumed by fire, together with 10 bales parties, that he was really guilty, and of cotton, 40 bushels of wheat, a lot of two banana plants through the winter although he did not deem it prudent oats, 250 bushels of cotton seed, 500 to talk about the matter, he fully un- pounds of meat and 2 buggies. We derstood that he could not again be could not learn how the fire originated.

After his trial for murder, Byers was Rock Hill Woodmen himself to be worried by unfavorable convicted of housebreaking and lar- Rock Hill Herald, Wednesday: At Mr. R. A. Cloaninger, who got his get back here until after he had served clerk, W. J. Caveny; banker, J. E.

hand badly cut in Morrow's gin re- a short term in the Fairfield jail and cently, and went to Gastonia, has re- a 30 days' sentence on the Chester turned to Yorkville. He is carrying chaingang. Within two weeks after his right arm in a sling.

T. F. McDow, Esq., has been trying chaingang, he was arrested in Vork chaingang, he was arrested in York his hand on raising celery. As to just chaingang, he was arrested in York how much of the work he did himself, county for housebreaking and lanceny, the reporter is not in a position to say; and sentenced to the York chaingang

Mr. T. W. Speck has been fitting Jackson set out to arrest Byers on still Near Clover, last summer, Policeman showed fight. Mr. Jackson had to shoot him quite severely, and, for a to the chaingang for 30 days more, and the county offices this year—Mr. Boyce since he has been at liberty he has added a number of new offenses to his already long list.

A gentleman who runs a farm a short distance from the place where the chaingang is encamped, tells of an experience with Byers after his last release. "He came to my house." the gentleman said, "told me he was bly, and may not take charge of the hungry and wanted to work. I gave him his dinner, and after dinner sent him out with an axe to cut wood. That was the last I ever saw of the Negro or the axe either."

John Stowe-Matt's last victimwas very anxious to recover the goods that had been stolen from him. He got the valise without difficulty, and Deputy Sheriff Harshaw asked him for the overcost.

"I ain't got it," said Byers, in his cell. "I done sent it away by a woman."

"What woman?" asked Deputy Harshaw.

"I am not going to tell you," returned the Negro, impudently.

The matter was brought to the attention of Sheriff Logan. The sheriff did not believe that the overcoat had cell to make a search. Matt denied that he had the overcoat; but in less than a minute the sheriff had fished it up from under a blanket.

"I'm not going to give it up," said Matt sullenly.

"I'm not going to ask you to," said the sheriff, as he walked out of the cell with the cost. I'll just take it."

The coat was returned to the owner. and at the first opportunity, Matt said to the sheriff, "I can bluff dem other fellows, boss; but I can't bluff you."

The guards at the chaingang say that Byers does not mind doing time at all. He would as lief be on the lose sight of a very important fact in chaingang or in jail, as free. He likes connection with the proposition. The to tell of his experiences and advengenerally gets a lighter sentence.

LOCAL LACONICS.

THE ENQUIRER was instructed yes-

The cotton receipts in Yorkville last Wednesday were lighter than for any 20 bales were offered on the market. It was not on account of the price but "No, I agree with the suggestion that on account of the bitterly cold weather.

Up to last Thursday night, Treasur-York county will soon be called upon to make her share of the contributions.

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He'll Be Here. Several Yorkville stores have laid in usual.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Dr. M. W. White, of Yorkville, and

The Fire Alarm. An alarm of fire last Wednesday the criminal court of York county morning brought the fire department repairs and changes on the Jefferys when he was sent up from Hickory out to the residence of Dr. J. B. Alli-Grove, several years ago, for stealing son, where sparks from the chimney a pistol. While in jail he told some had ignited the roof. The blaze was of his fellow prisoners of his implica- extinguished within a few minutes, tion in the murder of a Mr. Bradford, and the loss, which was slight, was

No insurance.

ceny and sentenced to a term in the the meeting of Walnut Camp, of Rock penitentiary. This was before the in- Hill, held Monday night the following stitution of the chaingang. He served officers were chosen to serve the enhis term in the penitentiary and star- suing year: Consul commander, J. J. ted back for York county; but did not Hull; adviser lieutenant, G. W. Ayers;