

Scraps and Facts.

Rufus Janman, a Clover Leaf engineer, caught in a wreck near here a year ago, is wearing a new face as the result of a marvellous feat in skin graftings, says a Knoxville, Indiana, dispatch of Tuesday. In the wreck the engineer had both ears burned off close to the head, his chin and nose were torn off, his eyelids cut off and his entire scalp was torn away, not a hair being left on his head. After a year's treatment he was released from the hospital last week. For nearly 200 consecutive days Janman was on the operating table, where long strips of skin were cut from his legs and applied to his face. An oculist repaired the eyelids, making them as good as new. By degrees a new chin and nose were grown. The ears and hair could not be replaced, but a wig was given him. The long flowing locks of which concealed the spot where the ears formerly were. The engineer is now in good health and experiences no inconveniences from his misfortune.

Captain Charles D. Roberts, of the United States army, has just returned to San Antonio, Texas, from a trip through Zapata county, and gives a horrible account of the condition of the poorer classes there, who, he says, are on the verge of starvation. He says: "I was on an inspection trip on the lower Rio Grande county. There has been no rain there since May, 1901, and the people are in fearful need. Their stock is nearly all dead and they are unable to buy grain for that still alive. Hay is \$2 a ton, and the people have no money to buy it. The people from the interior of the county have moved to the Rio Grande border for water. If something is not done immediately to give relief there will be many deaths from starvation. Our people are sending money to the Boers, to sufferers in India, and to others in foreign lands, when we have people starving to death at our own doors. As I passed Zapata men and women would come and beg for wheat which was left from our meals. The condition is horrible." Zapata county is 200 miles southeast of San Antonio.

The public debt statement, issued last Tuesday by the treasury department, shows that in the month of March the interest-bearing debt decreased \$5,560,460. The debt on which interest has ceased decreased \$2,150,000. The debt bearing no interest increased \$1,623,312, while the cash in the treasury increased \$2,494,422. The debt on March 31 stood: Interest bearing debt, \$31,070,700; debt on which interest has ceased, \$1,314,120; bearing no interest, \$393,203,801, a total of \$1,325,588,621. The cash in the treasury is made up of the following items: Reserve fund—Gold coin and bullion, \$150,000,000; trust funds to redeem outstanding certificates—Gold coin, \$34,531,098; silver dollars and bullion, \$488,218,000. General fund—Gold coin, bullion and certificates, \$94,858,050; silver dollars, bullion and certificates, \$19,698,371; United States notes, \$9,987,171; other assets, \$20,924,418; in national bank deposits, \$118,041,309. Total \$1,236,208,408. Against this there were outstanding: Gold certificates, \$334,581,089; silver certificates, \$454,255,000; treasury notes of 1890, \$33,963,000; miscellaneous liabilities, \$85,653,030; reserve fund, \$150,000,000; leaving an available cash balance of \$177,856,289.

Says a Finlay, Ohio, dispatch of Tuesday: The ghost that has made the Kimmel block on North Main street, of this city, almost untenable for the last six months is laid up with a broken leg and a sprained foot as the result of a fall from a 20-foot roof, and the inhabitants of the flat are rejoicing. Last fall mysterious rappings at the windows and doors, unearthly moans and groans in the dead of night, interspersed at times with piercing shrieks in dark hallways set on edge the persons who have apartments in the building. Men, whose wives are hysterical either had to move or be broken up by doctors' bills, so they moved out. Rent came down because it was almost impossible to get families to remain in the building. To make matters worse persons residing in the neighborhood asserted that they saw uncanny phosphorescent lights dancing about on the roof and side of the building on dark nights. Yesterday morning Mrs. Rose Stahlsmith, a widow living in rear apartments on the second floor was awakened by a strange rattling at her windows. She stole stealthily to the window, taking a load of revolver from her bureau as she passed. The window rattled again, and she threw up the sash and looked out. There in the moonlight stood something in white that was unmistakably a man in bed slippers and a nightshirt, with a white blanket wrapped around him. Don't shoot, cried the ghost, beating a hasty retreat when it saw the flash of a silvered barrel. And in its haste it backed too far and dropped off the roof, alighting with a crash. Fred Peiffer, a young clerk, rooming in the block, is now confined to his room with a badly broken leg and a sprained foot.

Says a Washington dispatch of March 31: The day on which congress will adjourn has been the subject of much guessing at the Capitol. The time of adjournment can only be a guess, open to all. The Republican steering committee of the senate and the committee on rules of the house may know what they would like to do, and may do a good many things, but when it comes to adjourning any senator may affect the result and upset the plans of the leaders. In the house, where unlimited debate is not known, and where dilatory tactics can be prevented by the majority, the individual representative is a much smaller element in the result than is the senator. This year the task of the guesser is much lessened by the fact that there has been no indication that the minority in either the senate or the house of representatives has shown a disposition to do more than go on record against legislation it does not approve by reasonable debate and negative votes. Senators Allen, Pettigrew and Butler would be accorded several weeks for their own use in speech-making were they in the senate, and they jointly could be depended upon to put off debate for that length of time. But they are not there, and the adjournment guessers take that fact into consideration.

Senator Patterson, of Colorado, is apparently a promising candidate for the reputation of a frequent and voluminous talker, and the guessers may well place a week to his account in fixing the date for adjournment. Taking all these conditions into consideration, the 10th of June seems to be the date on which there is the greatest consensus of opinion in relation to the time of adjournment. From the 1st to the 15th of June is a very common guess. Now and then some one places the time in May or July. Those who believe in an early adjournment refer to the fact that practically every question likely to lead to debate and which will demand the attention of congress, has been settled. The knotty problems of appropriation bills are likely to be settled in committee and are not regarded as apt to lead to unusual delay in the senate or house.

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It would not be at all improper for Senator Tillman to join Senator McLaurin in the request for an investigation by the senate of the charges that the former made against the latter.

The reported candidacy of Dr. John G. Black, if true, gives Cherokee an opportunity to become a dominating factor in the state senate. Dr. Black possesses, to a remarkable degree, all the elements of an influential and useful statesman.

The defeat of James K. Jones by the Arkansas Democrats, it is to be hoped, is the beginning of the end of the peanut politician of the south, and that from now, or sometime in the near future, on public men will begin to see that to maintain the confidence, respect and support of the voters they must depend upon a high development of genuine patriotism and constructive statesmanship rather than upon an ability to cajole and deceive a trusting public.

In view of the law on the subject, it is difficult to conceive that the Charleston people really expect to pull off the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons prize fight at the exposition. More than anything else, it looks as if our enterprising friends are only shrewdly taking advantage of a good opportunity to get a lot of valuable free advertising. It is a fact, however, that whisky is being sold on the exposition grounds by the drink, and maybe, after all, the authorities will wink at the prize fight also.

Theodore H. Price is still insisting that the price of cotton will advance. He believes it will go above 9 cents in New York. Although it is too late to give widespread benefit to the south, the people down this way naturally hope to see a realization of Mr. Price's predictions. Some of them, however, are inclined to think that this well-known speculator is again up against the game that ruined him two years ago. At that time he was attempting to manipulate a tremendous bull movement which was too much for him and the bears smashed him flat.

Representative Griegs, of Georgia, who was recently elected as chairman of the Democratic congress committee, is being put down as a sympathizer with the Gorman wing of the party as against the Bryan wing. Ben Cable, of Chicago, was chairman of the National Democratic sub-committee in 1892, when Cleveland carried Illinois and Wisconsin, and there are those who believe that his placing at the head of the campaign committee now will mean his eventual selection as successor to James K. Jones as national chairman. He is represented as still belonging to the Cleveland school of political thought.

The public is becoming more or less interested in the question as to who will be the first minister of the United States to Cuba. There has been talk of General Leonard Wood in connection with the position; but it is hardly probable that he will be the man, for he would hardly care to go as minister to a country that he has ruled as governor. General Fitzhugh Lee is a candidate for the place, and besides his peculiar fitness, there is a pretty sentiment in the idea of his going back to fill again in free Cuba the same position he filled in the island under Spanish rule. Then again, General Lee would be very acceptable to the Cuban people, no doubt, for to him more than any other one man, is the independence of the island due.

It is being noted in many of the papers that because of the action of the beef trust in steadily raising prices during the past few weeks, fresh beef is now beyond the reach of the poorer classes. It is a fact that prices of beef have advanced considerably of late, and that fact is of very considerable significance. It is hard on beef consumers of all classes and especially on the beef consumers of the poorer classes. We have no doubt of the fact that it was the beef trust that raised these prices and brought about the present situation, as is alleged; but somehow it occurs to us that it ought not to be difficult to find a remedy for the trouble. Had the agricultural people raised just lots of cattle and had enough of them to supply the demand, the price of beef would have hardly been advanced. Until cattle becomes plentiful again there will not be much of a decline in the price of beef, and until beef does decline, cattle raising ought to be a pretty good business. Of course nobody likes to pay high prices for anything; but if this reported act of the beef trust only results in making our people raise more cattle than they have been raising, it will be a blessing in disguise.

disguise. If our people do not commence raising more cattle, prices of beef will continue to advance even if the trust should desire to hold them where they are.

It does not look as if the investigation of Captain Christmas's charges of bribery in connection with the Danish West Indies negotiations, are going to amount to much. A careful reading of the full text of Captain Christmas's alleged secret report, seems to give the idea that the fellow was a mere adventurer, who conceived the notion, that if there were no commissions to be had in connection with the sale of the islands, there ought to have been, and, having failed to get a share, he tried to stir up odor in order to prevent the full consummation of the undertaking. In Denmark it is claimed that he is now representing the party that has all along been opposed to the sale. Within the past few days a number of papers have stated that Christmas tried to get them to take up his cause before he applied to Mr. Richardson, and that they refused because they did not have any confidence in his representations. It may be that there is some foundation of truth down at the bottom of Christmas's story; but so far there have been no developments to indicate anything of the kind.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

It is Up to Jeffries. The only bid made for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons prize fight last Tuesday, the last day on which bids were to be received, was that of the city of Charleston, and the bid was 75 per cent. of the gate receipts or a guarantee of \$26,000. The club agreed that the contest would be held between May 15 and June 1. Fitzsimmons promptly accepted Charleston's proposition; but Jeffries hesitated, stating that he did not believe the fight could be pulled off in Charleston because of hostile laws. The two fighters are now engaged in the usual newspaper quarrel incident and necessary to such occasions.

Payment of Pensions.

Columbia special of Wednesday The News and Courier: Every year, almost as soon as the legislature adjourns and the appropriation for pensions becomes available, such questions are constantly asked as, when will the money be paid out? Why should the poor old soldiers and widows be kept waiting so long for their money when they need it so badly? etc. etc. These and various other questions can best be answered by the simple statement of the amount of work necessary before this fund can be disbursed. The various county boards are supposed to meet on the third Monday in January of each year to pass on all new applications and revise the old list of pensioners. It is necessary in every county to have several meetings before they can get their reports in proper shape to send in to the state pension board, and even after they are received here every mail brings in belated applications from the chairmen requesting that they be added to their rolls. This is not the fault of the boards, but is due to the fact that the applicants for pensions are often unacquainted with the time the board meets, or have had difficulties in getting witnesses, etc.; in many cases the boards hold their reports back purposely, hoping to get all the applications in at once. The state board requested that all the reports should be in by March, but the last one has just come in, and therefore it was impossible to call a meeting of the state pension board, when it meets, has to consider each new application, which is necessarily, a slow and tedious process, and also hear appeals, etc. It is quite likely they will be in session several days this year, as the number of applications is very large. After their work is over the pension clerk then has to prepare the pay-rolls for the clerks of court of each county and, as there are over 6,000 names, this of itself takes some little time. It is the desire of the state pension board to pay the pensioners just as soon as possible, as they are in constant touch with them and know just how great is their need of this help and every expedition possible is used.

BOARDS OF EQUALIZATION.

The county board of equalization has been in session during the past three days listening to the various protests that have been entered against the action of local boards in raising assessments and which had not already been acted upon.

All of the members of the county board were present at the meeting and they gave their work careful and painstaking consideration. The protests growing out of the assessment of the property of the town of Rock Hill engaged the greater part of the board's attention. Captain L. M. Davis was on hand to represent the city board of assessors, and the different individuals who were dissatisfied with the action of the board represented their respective contentions.

MERE-MENTION.

It is believed in Washington that General Nelson A. Miles is soon to be placed on the retired list and it has been suggested that General Leonard Wood may be his successor as commanding general of the army. The foreign newspapers are again printing most encouraging predictions of early peace in South Africa. The house of representatives is considering the question of government construction of war vessels. The labor unions are in favor of the proposition because the government always pays wages high in excess of the wages paid by private individuals and corporations. New York butchers are threatening to organize a combination to fight the beef trust that has its headquarters in Chicago. A Pretoria dispatch of April 1 says that 39 British soldiers were killed in a railroad wreck at Barberton, Transvaal colony, on March 30. Dr. Thomas Dunn English, the well-known composer and author of "Ben-Hur," died at Newark, N. J., last Tuesday. Atlanta business men are encouraged to believe that a United States sub-treasury will be established in their city. The German emperor's American-built yacht, Meteor III, sailed for Germany on Tuesday. It is claimed that certain farms in King's county, Colorado, yielded two tons of shelled corn to the acre, last year. A Negro man was lynched on the streets of Rome, Ga., a few days ago, for criminal assault, 2,000 citizens participating. Miss Helen M. Stone says she will go on the lecture platform and remain there until she pays back the money that was given up by individuals and the government on account of her ransom. It is reported from Washington that there is but little prospect of the passage of the ship-subsidy bill because of the opposition of western Republicans. The postmaster general has been notified by the secretary of state, that on May 20, Cuba will become a foreign country. Tampa, Fla., reports having shipped 35,340,000 cigars since January 1, the largest shipment within the same period in the history of the cigar business of Tampa.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Victor Cotton Oil Co.—Give notice that after April 15th they will not exchange meal for cotton seed at the present rate of exchange. Opera House—Announces the production of "The Facts in the Case," and other specialties, by the Bon Ton Dramatic club, at the opera house this (Friday) evening. Susan J. Hambright, Adm'x.—Gives notice to debtors and creditors of the estate of Dr. J. P. Hambright, deceased. O. E. Grist—Wants you to know that you can easily find something to read by going to the York Drug Store. Mary J. Hunter, Clerk of Board—Gives notice of order of county commissioners to road overseers to call out their hands for road work. H. C. Strauss & Co.—Continue to talk about their line of beautiful and stylish millinery stock, and claim that they can suit anybody in quality, style and price. They also have more words of praise in regard to their stock of dress goods. J. H. Witherspoon, Yorkville—Wants some information about a spotted calf that either strayed or was stolen from his lot. A. M. Grist—Tells you that you can put out a fire just starting, with a Utica fire extinguisher, that would only be a practice event for the fire department. If you have horses and mules that the condition of work animals can be improved by the use of Jockey animal food. J. F. Parsley, Clover—Invites your attention to a number of articles that are reasonable just at this time of the year.

PRISONERS IN JAIL.

The following prisoners are in jail awaiting trial on the charges mentioned: Reuben Steward, murder; James Lindsay, murder; Sol Dorsey, murder; William Walker, grand larceny; Dock Lanier, murder; Kelly Gist, grand larceny; Ed Reid, robbery from the person; Henry Love, assault and battery with intent to kill; Will Tighe, violation of dispensary law; Abe Jones, violation of the dispensary law; Henry Green Wylie, rocking railroad train; Amanda Beatty, infanticide; Randolph Beard, witness in Lindsay murder case; Reuben Lindsay, burglary and larceny; See Kirkpatrick, burglary and larceny; Freedom Hughes, burglary and larceny; Ned Thard, violation of dispensary law; Titus Lynn, housebreaking; Will Hampton, breaking in bar car and larceny; Luke Chat, abandonment of child; Maggie Stroud, malicious mischief; Sarah Jane Moore, malicious mischief; Henry Brice, assault and battery with intent to kill; James Knox, rocking railroad train; Bascomb Kennedy, burglary; Sam Fair, murder.

ABOUT MICAH JENKINS.

The following from the Washington letter of Wednesday to The News and Courier will, no doubt, be of especial interest to most of the readers of THE ENQUIRER: Representative Elliott called at the White House today to confer with President Roosevelt relative to a bill now pending before congress to place Major Micah Jenkins on the retired list of the army with the rank of captain. The president expressed the deepest interest in Major Jenkins and showed the warmest regard for him, and indicated his willingness to aid congress in duly recognizing the gallant and meritorious services of Major Jenkins during the Spanish war. The president alluded with pride to the fact that Major Jenkins was the only captain in the Rough Riders regiment who had been promoted to the rank of major upon his recommendation. The president again alluded in the most pleasant manner to his forthcoming visit to Charleston, and he was equally delighted to hear that Major Jenkins will be in Washington tomorrow to appear before the military committee of the house in connection with the bill for his relief, which was under consideration by that committee. From the conversation between the president and Colonel Elliott today it was evident that Major Jenkins would have been provided with a commission in the regular army without delay but for the fact that he has passed the age limit, which allows him to enter the active service. In addition to having a handsome sword presented to him by the citizens of South Carolina, at the hands of the president of the United States, Major Jenkins is in a fair way to receive an honorable position on the retired list of the army at the hands of congress.

President Roosevelt's interest in Major Jenkins is shown in the following letter, written by Governor Roosevelt, to President McKinley, at the request of Congressman Elliott, urging Major Jenkins's appointment to a position in the army: State of New York, Executive Chamber, Albany, N. Y., December 17, 1900. To the Honorable William McKinley, President of the United States—Dear Mr. President: It is a pleasure to write as warmly as I know how for Major Micah J. Jenkins, of Young's Island, South Carolina, late of my regiment. Major Jenkins is an applicant for a staff position, preferably in the quartermaster's department. Major Jenkins is the son of a Confederate general of that name. He is a graduate of West Point and a more gallant man never trod the earth. Among the captains of my regiment I singled him out for promotion as major for distinguished gallantry on the field of battle. He was the only captain thus promoted. I shall never forget the joyous courage and soldierly proficiency he showed leading his men at San Juan. I very earnestly recommend him and hope sincerely that this gallant American soldier may be given the position that he seeks. With great regard, faithfully yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

Next Monday is salesday for April. The approaching municipal election will be held on May 7. By taking up fresh at this time the good work that was done in the cemetery last summer and fall, that spot can be very much benefited before the arrival of the long, hot days of the coming summer. "What our local board was after," said Captain Davis, "was to raise our appraisement to an aggregate that would give us sufficient revenue to equalize the burdens as far as possible. We have had a great deal of hard work; but we had done the best we could, and I believe we have done pretty well. I do not think that the county board has hurt us much, and taken all in all, I am very well satisfied with the outcome. There is one thing on which we can congratulate ourselves, I think,

and that is that much of our work is done for all time. There won't be nearly so much trouble hereafter."

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Messrs. C. E. Spencer and W. W. Lewis returned from Charleston Thursday afternoon. Mr. Moffatt Kennedy arrived at home Wednesday morning from the Atlanta Dental college. Charlotte Observer, April 2: Mrs. Elred Griffith left yesterday for Yorkville to visit relatives. Miss Bessie Williams and Josie Camp, of Winthrop college, are in Yorkville, on a visit to relatives and friends. Miss Beulah Grimes, came up from the Columbia Female college last week, to spend a few days with her father's family. Mr. Jos. F. Wallace and Dr. A. Y. Cartwright will go to the Confederate reunion at Dallas, Texas April 22 to 25. Mr. William Camp, of Richmond, Va., is in Yorkville on a visit to his mother, Mrs. M. E. Camp and other relatives and friends. Mr. G. L. Suggs, of Enquirer, was in Yorkville Wednesday, accompanied by his son, Master J. W. Suggs, and by Master Alec J. Sigger. Mr. Pack Williams is recovering from a severe illness with pneumonia. At one time last week his condition was very grave; but he is now believed to be out of danger. Mrs. W. O. Rawls was summoned to McConellsville last Thursday by a message announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. W. R. Conrad. She went down shortly after noon, accompanied by her children. Dr. T. B. Hough, of Newport, was in Yorkville, Wednesday, for the first time in quite awhile. He is anxious for the early establishment of the proposed rural free delivery route that is to run out from Rock Hill by way of his home. Quite a number of persons have gone from Sharon and vicinity to the exposition at Charleston this week, among whom are the following: Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saye, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Swann, Misses Belle Flavco, Minnie Palmer, Agnes Sherrer, and Masters John Good and Willie Ratchford. Charlotte Observer, April 3: Miss Mary Erwin, a daughter of the late F. Lee Erwin, was married at her home in Steele Creek township, last night to Mr. J. M. Byers, of Rock Hill, S. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. M. Byers. Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Erwin, of Charlotte, attended the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Erwin spent last night at the Central Hotel and leave this morning for their home at Rock Hill.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EXPOSITION.

Arrangements have been completed for the presentation of the completed entertainment by the Bon Ton Dramatic club in the opera house this (Friday) evening. The young people have spent a great deal of time and work on this entertainment with a view to surpassing, if possible, the best of their previous efforts. In view of the object, the benefit of the Athletic association, and the delightful reputation of the club for making its entertainments thoroughly enjoyable to everybody, it is quite probable that the opera house will be crowded to its fullest capacity. John Smith, the colored barber, who pleaded guilty before Mayor Willis a few days ago, of selling whisky in violation of the town ordinance on the subject, was re-arrested by Sheriff Logan on Thursday afternoon, on the same charge. The sheriff got information that Smith had contraband liquor in his possession, and accompanied by Policeman Love, made a search of his house. He found a case that had come to Yorkville by express in the fictitious name of H. H. White and which had originally contained three gallons. There were still two gallons in the case, all in pints. On a hearing before Magistrate Barron yesterday morning, Smith was discharged as not guilty.

THE FIRE WAGON.

The acquisition of the fire wagon has made desirable a practical reorganization or re-disposition of the fire department, and at a meeting held on Wednesday night, some important steps were taken to that end. It is the understanding that the wagon will be kept at Glenn & Allison's livery stable, and that it will be in charge of a division of twelve men with Dr. A. Y. Cartwright as foreman and Mr. Brooks Inman as assistant. The three hose reels are to be distributed in different parts of town. One near the Tavora mill, one at the head of Congress street and the other in the vicinity of the Southern depot, with not less than three men especially assigned to each. It will be understood that the fire wagon and the hook and ladder truck are expected to answer all alarms, while the hose reels will be governed by circumstances. There are now about 60 men in the fire department and the question of cutting down the number to 30 or 40 is being considered.

The ginning plant of the Victor Cotton Oil company, together with about 25 bales of cotton, all of which but one belonged to the company, was destroyed by fire in short order last Tuesday evening between 7 and 8 o'clock. The gin was in operation at the time and the fire is supposed to have originated either from friction or a match. At any rate, the operatives saw a sudden streak of flame dart from a running gin into the press and within a very few minutes the whole building was fiercely ablaze. The oil mill and ginners employees fought the fire vigorously while the engineer sounded the distress signal with his whistle. The fire department answered the alarm promptly, and within a remarkably short time ran a line of hose thirteen hundred feet long, from the corner of Congress and Madison street to the burning building. The gin was already pretty well burned down; but the large flouring mill, only about twenty-five yards distant, was smoking ominously and threatening to break out in flames also. It is probable that the saving of this building is due to the efforts of the fire department. The total value of the burned property was in the neighborhood of \$1,500, on which there was insurance to the amount of \$550. The only outside loss was a bale of cotton belonging to Mr. S. W. Thomason. Mr. T. R. Cox, manager of the Victor Cotton Oil Co.'s plant, said Wednesday that the company would proceed shortly to erect a still larger and better ginning plant than the one that

Presbyterian church to the residence of Mrs. Jas. Mason, in order that Mrs. Mason, who is confined to her home with rheumatism, may participate in the services held in the church.

Some of the older graded school boys ran off on the first day of April and Superintendent Daniels has had them doing guard duty during recreation hours since. The boys are trying to figure it out whether they fooled the teacher or the teacher fooled them. At the instance of the county board of commissioners, Supervisor Gordon has given out a contract for the painting of the court house. Messrs. J. J. Keller & Co. are doing the work and they expect to have it completed before the approaching term of court convenes.

It has been arranged that the teachers and pupils of the Yorkville Graded school who desire to do so, will go to the Charleston exposition next week. There will be no exercises of the school on Friday or the following Monday, and the arrangement contemplates leaving here on Thursday night and returning Monday afternoon. It is not known yet just how many of the pupils will go. Superintendent Daniels and Prof. Bryan will have charge of the party.

It has developed recently that the court house is badly in need of certain repairs. It seems that when the building was last painted, some holes were made in the tin covering of the spire over the clock tower, and the water that has come through this when it rained has caused the plastering to fall off from the ceiling of the front portico, and from the auditorium. This is being repaired and it is probable also that before the work is completed, there will be a new coat of kalsomine on the walls and a heavy matting on the floor of the courtroom.

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CONVENTION SPECIAL.

Columbia special of Thursday night to Greenville News: The state Democratic executive committee tonight ordered the state convention to be held in Columbia on May 21, at noon. During the day quite a number of the committee suggested that it would be a good idea to hold the convention in Charleston in view of the exposition then being at its best, the cheap rates and the general desire to go to Charleston. The exposition authorities acted upon the suggestion made in good spirit by members of the committee and extended a formal invitation that the convention meet in Charleston. Before the meeting of the committee those who advocated the exposition idea thought that the proposition would be overwhelmingly adopted and gladly accepted, but when the committee met constitutional objections were made and the expected support faded down to seven votes as against 21. Some of the members thought that if the delegates went to Charleston they would devote all of their time to seeing the great sights of the exposition rather than fool with the convention. At all events everyone said a good word for the exposition, want to go there and testified to its greatness, but could not see their way clear to accepting the invitation so quickly in response to the suggestion of committee.

BURGLARIZED STROUP'S STORE.

A phone message received here early yesterday morning, announced that the store of Mr. J. M. Stroup, at Zadok, had been burglarized the night before, and that the indications were that the burglars had come in this direction. Policeman Rose began an investigation of the matter, and within a short time learned that two Negroes who work on Mr. John Plaxo's place, south of town, were at Sherris's beef market at an early hour, spending coppers for soda water and cakes. Later in the day the sheriff, accompanied by a posse, went down to Mr. Plaxo's and arrested one of the Negroes, Bert Neely. He had on his person a watch, pistol, pocketbook, pocket knife, cigars, tobacco and other articles. He made but little hesitation in telling a story to the effect that during the previous night he and another Negro, named Will Boyd, took some tools from Mr. Plaxo's shop and made a raid toward Zadok. They at first tried to get into the store with the augur, but finding this work too slow, they managed to make the job easier by prying open a window. Neely remained outside and watched, while Boyd went into the store and helped himself to what he wanted. They afterward made a division. During the recital of his story, Neely was asked as to whether or not it was he who made the previous attempt, some weeks ago, to enter the same store. He denied any knowledge of the other circumstance. Boyd also was on Mr. Plaxo's place when the officers approached; but he saw them coming and managed to slip away unobserved. The officers think they will capture him later on.

Social Function in Rock Hill.

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Vaccination Prevents. There is only one case of smallpox out at the York Cotton mills at this time, and although vaccination has been quite general, the residents of the mill village are giving the matter but little concern. Speaking of the matter yesterday, President Carroll said that if everybody would promptly submit to vaccination, we would have no more smallpox. "The father in a family of thirteen took smallpox out at our mill some weeks ago. Next day all of the members of the family except the two smallest, were successfully vaccinated, and all escaped except the two smallest. These had smallpox."

CONVENTION SPECIAL.

Columbia special of Thursday night to Greenville News: The state Democratic executive committee tonight ordered the state convention to be held in Columbia on May 21, at noon. During the day quite a number of the committee suggested that it would be a good idea to hold the convention in Charleston in view of the exposition then being at its best, the cheap rates and the general desire to go to Charleston. The exposition authorities acted upon the suggestion made in good spirit by members of the committee and extended a formal invitation that the convention meet in Charleston. Before the meeting of the committee those who advocated the exposition idea thought that the proposition would be overwhelmingly adopted and gladly accepted, but when the committee met constitutional objections were made and the expected support faded down to seven votes as against 21. Some of the members thought that if the delegates went to Charleston they would devote all of their time to seeing the great sights of the exposition rather than fool with the convention. At all events everyone said a good word for the exposition, want to go there and testified to its greatness, but could not see their way clear to accepting the invitation so quickly in response to the suggestion of committee.

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