#### YORIYILLE ENQUIRER. TII

## Scraps and facts.

without any possible excuse save as a **OVERWHELMED** matter of favor to members of congress, and that money appropriated by

congress for this purpose has been ex--Washington dispatch of June 7: pended with almost criminal extrava-Absolutely necessary relief in the way gance. On many of these routes the of rations, medicines, etc., will be givreceipts do not average \$5 a month and en by the war department to the sufferers by the disastrous floods in on others the receipts do not begin to justify the existence of the routes. South Carolina. An appeal to Secre-The southern states which will suffer vary Root from the local authorities, the most from the abolishment of resulted in orders being given to Genroutes are South Carolina, Georgia, eral Chaffee, commanding the depart-Tennessee, Mississippi and Alabama. ment of the East, to this effect. He In the north, Maine, Vermont and New will authorize an officer to proceed Hampshire will be deprived of about one-fifth of the routes now in operanorth from Atlanta with sufficient Other northern and eastern tion. supplies to relieve immediate necessistates will lose routes, but in smaller proportion. But few changes will be made in New York state. Postmaster ties as was done in the case of the sufferers by the Gainesville, Ga., ca-Jeneral Payne said this afternoon that tastrophe. — Washington dispatch of Friday: no action would be taken to reduce the number of routes until a full test

Consul McWade, of Canton, China, cahas been made of each individual case and the results noted. Then, whatever routes are found to be un-warranted will be discontinued. At bled the state department today that a million natives of Kwang Si province are starving to death. Governor present, he declined to make an esti-Wong has appealed to McWade for mate as to the probable number of American aid. The state department these routes. will forward all the cash contributions, which will be distributed by Mc-The yorkville Enquirer. Wade through the American and British missionaries. McWade says the women and children are being sold into slavery by the thousands from \$2 to \$10 a head by the heads of the families. The natives have become so emaciated from long continued starvation that they are falling in the streets and dying in large numbers.

-Kansas City dispatch of June 7: Kansas has suffered as a result of the recent floods more than any other state. No exact figures of the loss sustained can be given, but those who have an intimate knowledge of the sections submerged and the extent and force of the floods have been making estimates and their conclusions may

be considered fairly reliable. The red in the valley of the Pacolet Saturdamage done in the principal cities and day morning. An immense amount towns is estimated as follows: North Topeka, \$350,000; Lawrence, \$50,000; of property has been destroyed and thousands of people have been distress-Saline, \$200,000; Manhattan, \$150,000; Wamego, \$15,000; St. Mary's, \$40,000; ed. While many of the owners of the property have been virtually ruined, Blue Rapids, \$20,000; Clay Centre, and while they are entitled to univer-\$20,000; Enterprise, \$30,000; Concorsal sympathy, they can make good. dia, \$35,000; Junction City, \$100,000 Men who made such prosperity as was Solomon, \$50,000; Abilene, \$250,000; Ellsworth, \$25,000; Lindsborg, \$100,annihilated here can make it again, and within a few years more they will 000; Hutchinson, \$100,000; Minneapo have recovered what they lost. It is lis, \$100,000; Emporia, \$65,000; Flor ence, \$50,000; Lincoln Centre, \$50,000; the distressed operatives who stand in the greater need of practical sympathy, Atchison, \$150,000; Burlington, \$50,and it is hoped that the response to 000; Beloit, \$30,000; Argentine, \$2,000, their cries will be prompt and gener-000; Kansas City, Kan., and suburbs, \$8,000,000. Total, \$12,390,000. No acous.

count has been taken of the smaller towns, although nearly 200 of these were affected by the floods. The very lowest estimate of the loss done to lived life. Mr. Thomas was intimately crops is \$5,000,000.

the injured, thinking entirely of the

losses of the others and not at all of

the money loss to himself. In the

-Atlanta Constitution: Victor Montgomery, president of the Pacolet mills, the fortune to know a nobler man. He out the semblance of exaggeration in is essentially the man for the emer- was a Mason of Masons. His brethren any of its representations. It has not gency thrust upon him. A man of can all testify that he lived up in both yet been possible to make an accurate sympathies and understanding, theory and practice to all that is high- census covering the loss of life, but it and of magnificent executive capacity, est and best in that splendid order. is safe to say that the mortality list he lost no time in administering to the His idea of life was devotion to duty is not less than 50 or 60, and it may be needs of the people around him. and right. He loved all that was good swelled to something like 100 by the There was no question of money to and pure, and hated all that was dis- time the count is completed.

stand in the way. His people needed honest and mean. He was a man Just where the flood came from has ot yet been definitely estimated. among men and a Christian an

by the hand and when they came clear Union and surrounding towns. The Charlotte Observer, the News and Couof the wrecked house he clutched her closer to him and swam to a floating mass of driftwood. There, in plain rier and the Columbia State opened re-

view, they clung to each other and lief subscriptions, and Governor Heysang together, so that all on the banks ward issued the following appeal to the heard. The driftwood rushed against people of South Carolina: a larger mass and separated, and Swanguare and his bride went under An awful calamity has befallen the

people of Clifton and Pacolet, whereby not only has a fearful loss of life ocswanguare and his bride went under the water locked in a last embrace. Fleta Gosa boarded with a Mrs. Bailey, where also lived Mr. and Mrs. Kirby and J. E. Grier. Miss Gosa and Mrs. Kirby were carried out into the sailey was caught in a whirlpool just below Converse, and swinging to a piece of plank, revolved in the eddy until she was drawn in by a rope that until she was drawn in by a rope that bad been thrown to ber rescue. Grier Such a catastrophe, coming with

had been thrown to her rescue. Grier such suddenness and without warning, caught the branches of an oak tree and remained there till he was rescued places these people totally without means and without shelter. Local aid by a boat that was bravely manned. is not sufficient to overcome the great Mrs. Katle Long and her son, Gardestitution and suffering and greater hardships, even death may result un-less prompt ald is extended. land Long, and his bride, and her son, Richard, were hurled into the current.

Mrs. Long and her youngest son were saved by catching the branches of a tree, but Garland Long and his bride were drowned. The bodies of none of these people have been recovered. Representative people living at these places and who are familiar with the circumstances, have informed me that assistance is urgent and requested me The greatest loss of life is at Mill to call upon the people of the state to come to the rescue in order that fur-No. 2, the furtherest mill down the ther and more serious suffering may river. It is said that at least 50 operriver. It is said that at least 50 oper-atives here lost their lives. The only I feel that it is only necessary to let

names of the dead that are obtainable the true condition be known in order and four children, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. that the generous hearts of the people now are Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Johnson, Finley and five children. Several of the state may be touched to a quick response. The people have never fail-ed to respond when calamity afflicted the children of T. M. Massey were drowned, but he and his wife escaped. any of our people. Those of us who in the Providence of God have been himself had an extraordinary escape. He was carried through the escape. He was carried through the No. 2 mill out through the opening at the far end of the building and swam to the shore. wrought and the untold disaster which Pacolet Mills Nos. 1, 2 and 3 are in some of our people are undergoing, and I am sure that a prompt and liberal ruins. Mills Nos. 1 and 2 are together. They went first. No. 3 withstood response will be made to the appeal Let us all contribute in accordance the flood for a longer time, it also with our ability, however small it may went at length. Some twelve or fifteen be, but above all let it be prompt. Mr. T. Hasell Gibbes of the Co Colum lives were lost. This graphic descripbia bank, has kindly consented to retion of the tragic scenes enacted there ceive all money that maybe contribwas written by Mr. Randolph W. Smith, of the Columbia State:

uted, and whatever may be sent will be promptly dispatched to the aid of the sufferers. The mill operatives were just going to their early breakfast when the sound of a mighty rush of waters What is to be done by the owners of the destroyed property has not yet fulbroke on their ears. From their cot-tages that dot the hillsides they witly developed. The executive officers began arranging for meetings of the nessed a scene, for there was actually not time enough for many of them to directors on Saturday while the flood but not dangerously high. get to the banks, that will live on their memory. With one great bound the be several days before they can combe several days before they can comfood surged down the valley. An or-namental swinging bridge that con-nected north and south Pacolet was is that all of the mills will be rebuilt. itia purposes is \$19,117.64.

swept away as if it had not the It may be decided to discard one or strength of a cobweb. The mill operastrength of a cooweb. The mill opera-tives, some of whom had hastened down to the water's side in hopes of no decrease in the aggregate number being able to get across to their work, of looms and spindles. All of the mills backed up the hill horror stricken. In are still solvent. In fact it is a quesare still solvent. In fact it is a quesfive minutes it is said that the water tion as to whether their stock is not The Presbyterian church, which was all worth par. The executive managepicturesquely located on the river side ment includes some of the ablest mill just between the mills; was the first

building to go. It stood out on a little promontory of land that made it a great mark for the waters. The flocd surged upon it in a twinkling. It had ors all over the state who would be ors all over the state who would be served as a school house and place of worship for every congregation in the glad to buy Clifton and Pacolet stock

The most distressing feature of the minutes its fine masonry withstood the battle of the Niagara-like onslaught terrible calamity that has just occurthen without a moment's warning the red is the hardships and suffering that foundation gave away and it went down on the maelstrom as if it had been made of straws. Hardly had the fascinated spectators

recovered from this scene when the little flat of buildings comprising the postoffice, market, barber shop and Their grief is aggravated by the deepblacksmith shop went down before the est distress, and they stand in need inrushing flood. These buildings were near the church and at the foot of the but of the most generative themelity of

# Wednesday, June 10, 1903.

LOCAL AFFAIF:S. over to Yorkville yesterday to attend the organization of the First National Bank.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Mrs. Fred Nims and son, Master Douglas, of Fort Mill, are visiting Mrs. Douglas Harrison and other relatives Q. Wray—Invites you to see his line of straw and cloth hats for summer wear if you have not already supin Yorkville.

Mrs. J. I. Vance and children, who plied your wants. oushee Cash Store—Announces the have been spending a month at Dr. A. cutting of the throat of Mr. Price Y. Cartwright's left for Blowing Rock

cutting of the throat of Mr. Price from ear to ear, and also make a remark or two about its 5 and 10 cents counters. Sam M. Grist, Special Agent—Tells you to look before you leap in the matter of buying life insurance and puts forth the merits of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co. of New-ark, N. J.

Farmers' Alliance exchange.

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wollen during Saturday and Sunday;

South Carolina's share of the recent

Federal allotment of \$2,000,000 for mil-

Capt. H. D. Wheat the leading mill

not less than 75 cents on the dollar.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

Edwards & Walter, Columbia, S. C.,

are preparing plans for hotel for Mrs.

- The Yorkville cotton mills will be

able to provide for several Clifton and

Pacolet families and will be glad to do

C. G. Parish.

- Manufacturer's Record, June 4:

Cadet Arthur Beale, of Santiago, Cuba, will remain at the K. M. M. A. during the summer and will board with Colonel and Mrs. W. G. Stephen-son. Much of his time, of course and board with colonel and Mrs. W. Course and board with course and will board with course and board with colonel and Mrs. W. Course and board with course and will board with course and board with colonel and Mrs. W. Course and board with course and will board with course and with course and will board with course and will board with course and with course an W. B. Moore, Captain-Publishes gen-

chaplain on Sunday morning. Frank Ashe, County Trustee-Stock-holder-Gives information to subholder-Gives information to sub-Alliances claiming to have lost or of the late Edward Thomas were presmisplaced certificates of stock in the ent at the interment last Monday morning: Mrs. Edward Thomas, Miss Mollie Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. 12-foot

V. B. Moore & Co.—Have 12-foot binder whips, a big line of trunks, Thomas, of Statesville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Stanhope Love, Mrs. J. H. B. Jenkins, Dr. J. H. Saye, Mrs. Nancy McGill, Miss Reola McGill, Miss Laura ice boxes and refrigerators, mattings, rugs, extension dining tables, gosleeping couches, Dixie mos-Feemster, Messrs. A. C. Burgess, Jos. M. Plexico, W. D. Hope, S. A. Warlick, quito bars, fruit jar rubbers, screen David Sims, Samuel Russell, James Russell, W. B. Flanagan, and Miss Jas. M. Starr & Co.-Tell you that

your choice of a drug store may de-termine the question of health, sick-ness or death with you, and tell you Annie Jenkins and Messrs. R. L. A. Smith and R. W. Whitesides. Mr. W. P. Harrison, cashier of the of the safeguards they throw around their prescription work. Loan and Savings bank, was at Clif-ton No 1 for an hour on Monday. He had business in Gastonia, and learning fork Drug Store—Invites its teacher friends who are attending the sum-

that he could make the trip in time to mer school to make its store their headquarters, and tells them that it return Monday night, took advantage headquarters, and tells them that it has all kinds of stationery, pencils, pens, etc., that they may need. It also calls attention to its soda foun-talked to a number of people, including also calls attention to its soda founthe policeman who was on duty Friday night. This policeman saw the ap-

G. W. Sherrer-Tells his friends that proaching of the flood and the disaster that followed. He said that the water owing to the unsatisfactory trans-portation accommodations he will came down the river in rolls, each be not have any western beef until Sating higher than the first. The mill was rent in twain, one half going with R. D. Alexander-Wants you to know

that he is prepared to take care of all kinds of blacksmith work as well as ho:seshoeing. the water and the other half remaining the water and the other half remaining on its foundation against the hillside. The immense roof floated off entire. and was broken to pieces against the railroad bridge a hundred yards or so NOTE AND COMMENT. down the stream. The bridge remain-ed intact, and is still standing. Mr. Catawba river was considerably

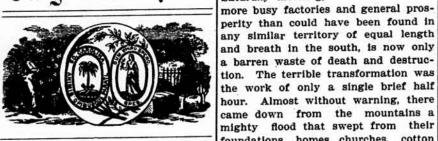
below.

Harrison says that there is no damage to the railroad bridge, except that high up near the top there are to be seen numerous scars and scratches made by the impact of heavy machinery and other driftage. Mr. Harrison did not have time to go to see the other mills

man of Gaffney, says that Pacolet stock is still worth par and Clifton is worth MR. EDWARD THOMAS DEAD. Mr. Edward .Thomas died at his Fortunately for the country and for home at Sharon last Sunday morning the distressed cotton mill operatives of at 10 minutes past 10 o'clock, after an the Pacolet valley, the probability is illness, beginning during the preceedthat there will not be any permanent ing Friday. He had enjoyed his usulack of employment for them. Many of al good health up to the time last the cotton mills throughout this secmentioned, and his unexpected death tion are short handed, and to repair came as a severe shock to his immedithe terrible damage wrought by the ate family as well as to his many flood will require much well paid labor.

friends. Mr. Thomas was a native of Wales. He was born in the town of Caddystone, in the county of Glamaganshire, on January 5, 1825, and spent his early life among the coal mines, the great iron works and, the machine shops of his native land. He was raised as a machinist and served a long and strict apprenticeship as a steam engineer. His first regular em-

-Rev. J. C. Johnes, chaplain of the ployment was in the original Tredegar Jasper Light Infantry will preach the Iron works, of Wales. Then, for sevmony of th nnual ser eral years he was an engineer on a but of the most generous sherality of Episcopal church next Sunday mornchannel tug boat and after that he - Under- the twentieth annual read became a locomotive runner. Having made himself thoroughly justment of the salaries of postmast-ers, the salary of the postmaster at proficient in all the branches of his Yorkville has been increased from \$1,trade, Mr. Thomas sailed for the Uni-500 to \$1,600 per annum. ted States in the spring of 1852. He - Mr. D. C. Clark, carrier on Rural landed at New York in the month of Route No. 1, says the worst piece o road on his entire route is the mile June, and from there went to Charlesrom the court house to the corporate ton. S. C., reaching that place the next limits on the Rutherford road. month, and leaving there in the fol-- Mr. J. H. Spann has accepted a position as a member of THE ENQUIRER staff, and any courtesies shown him in take a position as locomotive runner Pacolet people gathered cloth and staff, and any courtestes shown him in goods in wagons. Some were working the collection of news or in the transfor the old King's Mountain railroad, action of other business; will be duly which had just been completed beappreciated not only by him; but also tween Yorkville and Chester. He re-It is reported that Lockhart mill has been damaged and that a small ware-house there has been washed away. It has not been practicable to confirm the report; but it probably has some founby THE ENQUIRER. with half tone cuts, and giving all of tached to the service of the Confederathe information about this excellent cy, not exactly as an enlisted man; but rather as a most faithful and trusted school that could be desired. -The county summer school comservant. On more than one occasion he in the Graded school took "train orders" direct from Gens. and well. The stage of the Congaree river at Columbia Monday morning at 1 o'clock was 271 feet—121 feet above what is considered as the denser line menced work Lee and Jackson and at their request successfully performed important and hazardous duties. attendance will be published later. After the war, Mr. Thomas returned - Colonel W. G. Stephenson received to Yorkville and rehabilitated the railthe following cable message yesterday, road which had been torn up for milisigned by Dr. Lindsay, Commissioner the first news of the disaster, many of of Education of Porto Rico: "Governor hem in various parts of the country, nominates Cadet Boschetti alternate tary purposes, and got the line in running shape again. He remained with bridges only a few were able to get there. Louis Kohn and Zack McGee, of the News and Courier, Randolph W. is no doubt true that the advents the story smith of the Store The Store and an advent true that the advent to a store and conductor, and at the ments of whisky to Yorkville by excompany was made superintendent, in press are on the increase. The general complaint of consumers of whisky is which capacity he served for a numthat the "goods" sold by the dispen-sary are higher in prices and inferior reach ber of years until about 1878. When he left the railroad, Mr. in quality when compared with the of-Thomas conducted a small machine o their respective papers. Several of ferings of dealers outside the state. - The town of Yorkville can easily subscribe \$100 for the relief of the Pacshop in Yorkville; but after a year or two decided to remove to Blacksburg, olet river flood sufferers, and if it tries where he remained for several years, it can subscribe a great deal more. working in the machine shops there. THE ENQUIRER will receive, acknowl-edge and forward any subscriptions that may be sent to it. It would pre-Then he removed to Sharon, purchased a home and settled down for the purfer, however, to give its co-operation and assistance to any other proper local agency that sees fit to take the matter pose of enjoying peacefully his remaining years. But Yorkville should be among Mr. Thomas was married twice. His up. the contributors. first wife was Miss Dinah Jones. The marriage took place in Wales, and his ABOUT PEOPLE. wife came with him to America in C. W. F. Spencer, Esq., of Rock Hill, 1852. As the result of this marriage s in Yorkville. Mrs. W. D. Glenn is attending comthere were thirteen children, all of nencement at Due West. Miss Janie Robinson spent Saturday whom, with the exception of the first, being born in the United States. Only with friends in Gastonia. four-two sons and two daughters-Miss Nellie Schorb is at home from Erskine college, Due West. survive him. His second marriage Mr. Harry C. Smith, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in Yorkville. was with Miss Jane A. Adams, then residing near Bowling Green in York Miss Bessle Howe, of Hickory Grove, is visiting Miss Marion Logan. county. The marriage took place on Mr. J. M. Heath came over from December 18, 1878, and the second Mrs. Lancaster Monday on business. Mr. R. J. Herndon returned to his home in Yorkville last Saturday. Thomas survives. For a great many years, Mr. Thomas Miss Ella Neely visited relatives and was a member of the Methodist Episfriends in Rock Hill last week. copal church; but there being no Miss Hazel Grist spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Rock Hill. church of that denomination near Mr. Robert Adams spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Gastonia. Sharon, where he had selected to spend his remaining years, he decided Miss Mattle Thomas, of Charleston, to connect himself with the Presbyteis visiting her sister, Mrs. W. B. Wilrian church, to which Mrs. Thomas Misses Ethel and Ellie Hudson, of had originally belonged, and they went Wardlaw, N. C., are the guests of Mrs. together into that denomination. Mr. W. G. White. Thomas soon became a ruling elder in Mr. E. O. Wilkins and family arriv-Woodlawn Presbyterian church and he ed from Gaffney yesterday to take up their residence in Yorkville. held that office at the time of his Mr. R. A. Dobson left Monday for death. Jefferson, Edgefield county, to super-In addition to being a faithful Christend the summer school .there. tian, Mr. Thomas was an enthusiastic Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mackorell, of Lancaster, were up this week on a vis-Mason. He stood high in the order, and was much esteemed by his broth-Miss Talulah Neville is at home for er Masons. the summer from the Presbyterian College for Women at Columbia The funeral service took place at his Mrs. Sarah C. Ashe arrived in Yorkhome on Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, ville on Monday after a visit of severa weeks to relatives in Mississippi. the services being conducted by Rey. Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Finley left for P. B. Ingraham. The interment took Due West Monday; but had to return place in the Yorkville cemetery on yesterday on account of broken tres-Monday morning at 11.30, with Mason-Mr. R. C. Allein, of Gaffney, came ic ceremonies.



### YORKVILLE, S. C.: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1903.

THERE is not a great deal to be said about the terrible calamity that occur-

of exaggerated rumors, and the first really authentic summary of the situation was contained in the following at about 8.30 o'clock Saturday night from the Charlotte Observer:

known to comparatively few; but those dispatch, it was really a conservative village until the town grew to its pres-who knew him best, have never had statement of what had occurred, with-ent proportions, and is the most his-dollar. was the news contained in this brief

So far as has been ascertained up to

Clifton Mill No 3. The fatalities were

Standing on sharp knolls that dot

the banks of the Pacolet river hun-

were Miss Fleta Gosa, Mrs. W. A. Kir-

surrounded by water that

The house was dashed against a float-

ing pile of timber and went asunder.

Mrs. Owens and three children were

arms the youngest child, a baby, and tried to swim and hold the baby's head

above water. The high waves sub-

fant's head clear of the torrent he saw

that it was dead. Then, bereft of all

his family, he struggled with the cur-rent till he was rescued two miles be-

ter the house went into the stream.

ow. Mrs. Kirby was drowned just af-

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the first news of it did not reach Yorkville until late in the afternoon. Passengers arriving by way of the

"Two of Pacolet mills entirely destroyed and three at Clifton practically ruined. About twenty-five lives lost.

Damage over a million dollars."

Further particulars gathered by the newspapers in spite of demolished railroad trestles and broken telegraph and

Although the terrible disaster occurred at about 6 o'clock in the morning,

Carolina and North-Western railroad from Gastonia brought the first intimations of the disaster; but the information was principally in the shape

telegram, received by THE ENQUIRER

THE death of Mr. Edward Thomas last Sunday morning ends a well-

nighty flood that swept from their foundations homes, churches, cotton mills, and engulfed scores of human beings who had no previous intima-

tion of their danger.

rose more than 20 feet.

telephone lines show that terrible as

nour. Almost without warning, there came down from the mountains a

BY FLOOD

PEOPLE DROWNED.

Appalling Disaster In Val-

ley of the Pacolet.

Cloudburst In the Mountains Swell

the River, and the Rushing Waters

Claim Scores of Precious Lives-Most

**Prosperous Mill District In the South** 

Strewn With the Corpses of Indus-

trious Workers and the Wreck of

Millions of Dollars Worth of Build-

The populous valley of the Pacolet

iver, which up to an early hour last

Saturday morning, was the scene of

Massey

to the shore.

MILLS DESTROYED,

ings and Machinery.

doctors and medicines and comforts; his assistants were instructed to se- Christians. The world is the better cure them if money could do so. He for his having lived in it, and surely ized that it has not been practicable was everywhere, sympathizing tender- his soul has entered into the reward of to gather details. Common opinion atly with the bereaved, ministering to the just.

### Case of Mr. Machen.

mediate section say that it did not oc-Although we have been trying to get cur there. There had been a heavy at the true inwardness of the case of rain during the whole night previous, at New Holland, he stopped long Mr. A. W. Machen, superintendent of and the river was high. People genenough to send his check for \$500 to the free rural delivery service, and to erally, however, had seen larger and ting one. that end keeping up with the published heavier rains, and the swollen waters

the Gainesville committee. It was endetails, we confess that we have not were in no wise an occasion of alarm. thought of asking him for aid. After yet been able to arrive at a satisfac- It is thought that the cloud burst getting those people housed, he turned tory conclusion on the subject. must have occurred fifteen or twenty It seems that the charges against miles up the river probably at the foot his attention to the needs of the em-Mr. Machen are two-fold. He was ar- of the Blue Ridge mountains. During turbid mass of waters at lightning ployees of the other mill which must rested on the charge of bribery. It is the early part of the night, the slow necessarily be closed for weeks, and claimed that he used his official posi- steady rise in the river was noticearranged to give them work at the mill, working out the details of trans- tion to secure the adoption of a cer- able; but not alarming. Nobody tain pattent letter box, after having dreamed of danger until the actual ocportation of the men, women and chilfirst reached an agreement with the currence of the catastrophe. Then, dren back and forth by the electric line manufacturer's of that box that he those who saw it say that the water so transportation would be no burden should have a share of the profits de- came rolling down in what seemed to ters. The great torrent turned the litupon the employees. Nothing was forrived from its sale. The amount he is be a mighty wall. The river valley is gotten by him, nothing left undone alleged to have realized on the deal deep and narrow. Fifteen feet is high that human agency could accomplish. is about \$18,000, and the evidence water and twenty is close to the rec-No wonder the citizens of Gainesville against him consists of certain checks ord. But on this occasion the flood are singing praises of Mr. Montgomdrawn by the government in behalf of mounted to 40 or 50 feet, and it struck the patent mail box concern and col- the houses and mills like a gigantic bat-

ery. - Washington dispatch of January 5: The long-standing contention of the lected by Mr. Machen, on his own ac- tering ram. Nothing could withstand count. The other charge is to the ef-the stupendous force. Cottages that just where the foundations were. Hardly had the wrecked warehouse postoffice department that novels and fect that Mr. Machen used his official stood closest to the river bank were other writings published in the form position and power to establish un- crushed like egg shells, and those of periodicals were not entitled to the necessary rural free delivery routes in that were further away were slowly buildings, No. 1 and 2. The river inlike newspapers and magazines, was order to make himself solid politically lifted from their foundations. The big stead of receding as the wiseacres had sustained by the court of appeals of with the numerous congressmen who three and four story mills went down sustained by the court of appeals of with the numerous congressmen who three and four story mills went down the District of Columbia today. Achad favors to ask on this account. In reply to the first charge, Mr. very few minutes after the first dis- and 2 went down. The other section cording to Postmastef General Payne Machen explains that he is interested astrous shock, the Pacolet, ordinarily and other officers of the department, with a partner in certain mining en- an insignificant stream of 90 or 100 a great crash that the mill people say this decision practically assures a selfterprises, and that his partner is inter- feet, was swelled to a mighty torrent could be heard for miles. sustaining postal service. The decisested on his own private account with of more than a mile in width, with its ion was in the test cases of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, publishers of the manufacturer of the patent mail surface dotted with store houses, cot- ters has utterly destroyed everything the "Riverside Literature Series," and box in question, and that the checks ton and cloth bales, giant trees and on the small part of the building that brought up as evidence against him scores of drowning men, women and was left standing. The mill No. 3 was the last one to the Bates & Guild Co., of Boston, publishers of "Masters in Music." The came through his partner in settle- children. Riverside Literature Series had been ment of profits derived from the min-

issued for many years, and had been ing deal. accepted by previous postmaster gen-We are not prepared to say that we

confined principally to Converse and erals as mail matter of the secondbelieve this story or that we do not class. The judgment of the court of believe it. The case against Mr. Clifton No. 2. Converse is located in president of the mill, has already made appeals sweeps away the . contention Machen looks pretty grave on its face a narrow gorge at the point where the that the postmaster general is bound and it is easily possible that he is Southern railroad crosses the river, and one of the principal streets runs by any decision of his predecessors in guilty as charged. On the other hand, parallel with the stream only about ten accepting matter under a wrong clas- the story of his friends is quite plausisification, and restores to him the au- ble, and it may be true. We will say feet above the ordinary level. The residents of this street saw the water thority which he has all along been however, that if he has been using his coming. At least some of them did. allowed to exercise without question, official position to get personal profits Instead of running up the hill, howuntil the reform in the second-class on government transactions, we sinmail matter was undertaken, when the cerely hope that he will be convicted until the flood was in behind them. courts were invoked to prevent him. and punished.

Mr. I. E. Avery, correspondent of the The decision leaves him free to clas-Referring to the other charge against Charlotte Observer, who was on the sify the mail matter according to his Mr. Machen, that of establishing unground during Sunday, tells the story judgment and discretion as to the true necessary R. F. D. Routes for the purof what occurred as follows: meaning of the law. The court held pose of strengthening himself politithat a book or set of books cannot cally, we would say that this looks be converted into a periodical publimore like mere unfriendly criticism. dreds of people saw the inhabitants of River street meet death. In one house cation by the ingenuity of the publish- The inauguration of rural free delivery er in inventing a serial name or a involved tremendous problems, and by, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Swanguare, Mr. literary title and numbering the books while it is a fact that many non-payconsecutively. The decision will affect ing routes have been established, Mr. Mrs. John D. Owens and three children. When they discovered that they a great number of alleged periodical Machen is not to blame, and neither is publications which are in fact books. any one else, for it is not understood -Washington dispatch of Friday: that the government is trying to run to the roof. The house gave way and The investigation made by Fourth As- the postoffice as a money making was hurled out in mid-stream with the sistant Postmaster General Bristow, of scheme, and one locality is as much inhabitants still holding to the roof. the affairs of the free delivery division, entitled to free delivery of mails as is formerly conducted by Superintendent another.

It is a well-known fact that there drowned at once. Owens held in his Machen, who was summarily dismissed has been a long drawn feud in the and arrested on a charge of bribery just a week ago, has resulted in the postoffice department, involving Mr. discovery that in order to restore the Machen on the one side and people merged him until, as he lifted the inservice to a proper state it will be ne- who want his place on the other. It is cessary to abolish one-third of the ru- just possible that many of the charges ral free delivery routes now in opera- that have been made as well as many tion in southern states and about one- of the unfriendly criticisms are comfifth of those established in the north- ing from sources interested in considern states. The investigation shows erations other than the mere matter of that routes have been established vindicating the law.

Communication has been so demoralor main street of the village. road They went down in the rush of waters their fellow citizens, especially here in ing at 11 o'clock. one after the other so quickly that their immediate vicinity. the spectators differ as to which went tributes the disaster to a cloudburst

lagers

somewhere; but the people in the im-By this time the river had risen 10 feet higher until its waters were surging through the third story windows of the mills built to withstard ordinary

the entire structure went down

standing that it is thought can be re-

junk.

rose

freshets, but in no contemplation of a flood of such proportions an the exis The walls of the building

known as No. 1 and 2 mill were seen on and Pacolet, it was not sufficient to be trembling and the crowds of vilto deter the work of thieves. Below were watching them closely when a scene on the red torrent arrested their attention. o recover the stuff for the owners; A raft which looked like the side of others appropriated all they could lay house was coming down the great red

hands on to their own use. peed. Seated on the rafters near the dge was a child in his night dress. A the clouds had let the sun through brightly and the face of the report; but it probably has some founbaby turned up to the light, pale and appalled. The raft struck the falls dation It is reported at Jonesville that some just below the dam with an ugly smash

women and children who floated away from Pacolet on pieces of wreckage and the child stepped on into the wawere rescued at Lockhart shoals, alive tle body over and over, dashing it against the rocks until it disappeared around the bend of the river. In a brief space of time the great

warehouse in which were stored some considered as the danger line. 5.000 bales of cotton was swept away

The daily papers were not the least remiss in their efforts to get corre-spondents to the Pacolet flood. On Three thousands bales of goods and 3, 649 bales of cotton were lost in this wreck, and it is now difficult to see been swept out of sight when there was an ominous cracking in the mill Smith, of the State, I. E. Avery, of the Charlotte Observer, and A. B. Wil-liams, of the Richmond News, were like play houses of sand, and within a to 40 feet and the old part of No. 1 among the few lucky ones to of the building gave away rapidly and heir destination without delay and all with of them sent some splendid accounts the correspondents were unable to get A small section of the building is still standing but the force of the wafurther than Columbia. By this time, however, most of them have gotten on the ground and they can be depended

upon to give the outside world a full and accurate description of all that has occurred or that may occur. go and a part of the structure was left

#### In Anderson and Oconee.

this time, there was no loss of life at stored. The end of the mill nearest the town is wrecked, the slashing room, The flood damage in Anderson and engine room and boiler room are also Oconee counties is estimated at sevgone and Mr. Victor Montgomery, the eral hundred thousand dollars. seems that nearly all the streams in arrangements to sell some of the mathat section were swollen by the same chinery that was recovered as old cloudburst that struck the headwaters of the Broad and Pacolet. The big electric power dam at Portman Shoals,

Several thousand bales of cotton in Anderson county, withstood the and also several thousand bales of flood staunchly. cotton goods were washed down the

#### river. In the first reports all this Damage to the Railroads.

The Southern and Seaboard property was put down as lost; but Line railroads have suffered terribly salvage parties were promptly organas the result of the floods of Saturday ever, to save their lives, they remained ized at various points down the river and Sunday. The Southern's bridge and much of this cotton as well as the at Converse went down, as also did its cotton goods, have been recovered. It bridges over Lawson's fork, Middle Tyger, and Enoree rivers. seems that in most cases the bales of other bridges on the Atlanta and Charcotton and cotton goods did not float lotte division between Spartanburg but a short distance. The river went and Greenville are damaged so badly as to be unsafe. Several hundred down with almost the same suddenyards of track at Alston, on the Co ness with which it had risen and bales lumbia and Greenville division, were of cotton and cotton goods settled in washed away, and the trestle over Broad river was damaged. Traffic bemany instances high out on the banks. tween Columbia and Greenville had to A number of bodies of drowned opesuspended. The only way the ratives have also been found in the Southern has of reaching Atlanta liams. rom Charlotte is by way of Columthickets down the stream, and some bia to Augusta and thence over th have been found in the bottoms and Georgia railroad. The Seaboard's on sand banks. It is quite certain, bridge over Sandy river, between however, that not nearly all of the Chester and Carlisle went down and the Seaboard is using the Southern's dead have been recovered. There are track from Chester to Columbia, and thence over the Columbia, Newberry missing many people who are expected by their friends and relatives to turn and Laurens road to Clinton where it up safe and sound while in the case strikes its own line again. The imup safe and sound, while in the case nediate damage to the Southern is of many others there is reason to behardly less than one million dollars, it to Mr. J. C. Elliott's family. lieve that their bodies have either been and it will be weeks if not months before the damage is repaired sufficient buried in the sand or mud, or left hidly to warrant the complete resumpden in the underbrush where they will tion of traffic over the regular routes remain until they are pointed out to The loss to this railroad on account of the destruction of the Pacolet and Clifton mills is many times the direct Immediately upon the dissemination loss sustained, for the freight revenues Sam Swanguare and his bride died ion, Pacolet and Glendale, relief meet- rebuilding of the mills would probably of the news of the disaster to Clifspectators. Swanguare seized his wife ings were organized in Spartanburg, aggregate millions.

ECHOES FROM THE FLOOD. Miscellaneous Items of Interest Glean

ed From Various Sources. Appalling as was the disaster to Clif-