Scraps and facts.

-United States Senator Mark Hanna has been stricken with typhoid fever. He had been in bad health for some months, and the disease manifested its character one day last week The crisis is expected in about ten days. The senator's friends are very uneasy about him, as they have reason to fear that he may not recover.

- Says a Washington dispatch of yesterday: Tentative orders have been prepared sending the cruiser squadron of the Asiatic fleet northward from Subig bay in the vicinity of Port Arthur to observe the Japanese-Russian naval operations, and to be at hand to protect American interests wherever they may be menaced in the war stricken district. The orders will be submitted to the president for final revision but will not be sent unless they are agreeable to Russia and Japan, who will be sounded in advance on this subject.

-The most destructive fire in the history of the United States was that which swept Chicago in October 1871. As the result of that fire 17,540 buildings were destroyed, 2,100 acres were devastated, 200 people lost their lives and 70,000 were rendered homeless. The property lost was in the neighborhood of \$190,000,000. The second most destructive fire was one that visited Boston in 1872. It swept 50 acres, and destroyed \$75,000,000 worth of property. It is quite possible that when the returns are all in it may be found that property loss in Baltimore is even greater than that of the great Boston

- Memphis, Tenn., dispatch of yesterday: Cotton factors of this city today effected an agreement whereby they will withhold from the market all spot cotton owned or controlled by them until stable prices are assured. The factors at a meeting at the cotton exchange today said: "The stock of cotton in this market is small and the cotton yet to come, we believe, is the smallest at this time in the history of the cotton trade. We confidently believe that within a very short time we will be enabled to sell our cotton at its value, which we believe is considerably above the present range of speculative values. We will aid spot holders of New Orleans in sustaining values and order telegrams sent at once apprising them of our action." -Two negroes, Luther Holbert and

wife, were burned at the stake at Doddsville, Miss., last Sunday by a mol of a thousand persons. On the Wednesday previous this couple killed Jas. Eastland, a prominent white planter and John Carr a negro. It seems that Holbert and another negro named Winters had entered Carr's cabin with the intention of raising a quarrel. Eastland came in and ordered the men to leave. Holbert opened fire on Eastland and wounded him fatally. Eastland returned the fire and killed Win-Holbert ran away, and a mob that followed killed three other negroes during the chase. Finally Holbert and his wife were captured in the swamps where they had fallen asleep from exhaustion and they were taken to Doddsville and burned.

- Washington special of Feb. 6, to Greenville News: It is entirely unlikely that the good roads bill of Senator Latimer, of South Carolina, or any other bill that provides for an extensive appropriation from the United States treasury will go through this session of congress. The Republicans it any bill to go through that will swell the expenditures of the government, which are now running neck and neck with the receipts. Such a thing as deficit at the close of this fiscal year would be a huge platform against Republican management of the government, as it would show enormous expenditures and waste of money. The appropriations to be made at this congress would not come out of the treasury this fiscal year, but the Democrats will watch the total amount that is appropriated and by estimating the expenditures will be able to tell whether the Republicans will have a deficit in the next fiscal year.

-There is serious trouble brewing for San Domingo. It has been so long since peace has reigned in the island that the inhabitants have long since been wont to look upon war and insurrection as their natural state. There is now in progress an insurrection that has been on for several years, and Monday of last week, the insurgents killed J. C. Johnson, the engineer of the United States cruiser Yankee. The act was deliberate, a party of insurgents having fired point blank at the ship without provocation. The engineer was buried on the island, the body being escorted beyond the limits of the capital into the country by marines for the purpose of interment. The insurgents did not attempt to interfere with the marines, of course. The officers would have rather liked such interference. But that does not end the incident. The government at Washington proposes to see that somebody is punished and that may mean that San Domingo will soon be American

- People at Washington, Mass., are especially interested in what will become of the vast estate of Wm. C. Whitney on October Mountain. 1896, Mr. Whitney bought over 12,000 one of the wealthiest cities in the acres of land adjoining Lenox and country, a great centre of commerce, spent \$60,000 a year in making it into and ranking as the sixth city of the a shooting park. At great expense he United States in point of population. placed there herds of buffalo, moose, elk, and deer, flocks of Angora goats and sheep, pheasants and partridges, are concerned, at least for the present, He stocked the lake with bass and the brooks with trout. On the top of October Mountain was the lodge, which around and toward the south and east the dispute between Russia and Japan was an ordinary farmhouse where a retinue of servants was kept the year tic ocean, cannot be estimated except the muzzle of the cannon. round. Mr. Whitney stayed there only a few weeks in the year. The house The fire is evidently the greatest in the is on one of the highest points of the Berkshire Hills. From its piazza one can command an extensive view of valley and woodland, besides seeing the unusual sight of buffalo and moose roaming at will over the pastures. The estate, which comprised twenty-four and it is quite probable that this help farms, was in charge of a superintendent. Many former owners of the farms were allowed to occupy their houses and to work on the estate. Mr. Whitney in late years had lost interest in ney in late years had lost interest in the country, is caused by "too free in his immense preserve, and many of the dulgence in fresh pork." Hog meat

He owned, however, a third-part of the town, and paid such a sum in taxes that the grateful inhabitants wanted to put his profile on the town seal. Owing to public discussion Mr. Whitney withdrew his permission.

The Morkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C.:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1904.

THERE is no doubt of the fact that it is much easier for a murderer to escape justice today than it used to be before the war. In the old days the killing of a fellow being was an extremely serious matter, and the courts vere careful even how they undertook to differentiate murder from manslaughter. And there were fewer murders then than there are now.

A BILL has been introduced in the house to make the stealing of electricity a crime. The wires of power companies furnish more or less temptation to thieves who would use electric power without paying for it, and the object of the bill referred to is to make such use punishable by law. The bill was introduced at the instance of the power companies and is a very proper

THE legislative commission that was appointed last year to investigate the completion of the state capitol submitted a somewhat sensational report to the general assembly on yesterday. On the authority of an expert government contractor, the commission pronounces the work a parody on the science of architecture, and says the state is the victim of a monstrous swindle. The commission recommends that the general assembly sue the contractors, McIlvain, Unkefer & Co., for the recovery of such damages as the state has sustained by reason of the breach of contract. Frank P. Melburn is the architect in charge.

THAT proposition to put a half mill extra levy on such countles as may see fit to vote out dispensaries under the bill that has been recommended by the house committee is really intended as an obstacle to the removal of dispensaries after they have been once established. The reason given for the proposition is to make non-liquor selling counties help pay the expense of keeping down competition; but this is not likely to be swallowed by a great many people. However, if that is the best that can be done, let it go at that Since we are in the clutches of the whisky ring anyway, it would be better to pay the half-mill tribute than submit to the otherwise inevitable debauchery.

THE Spartanburg Journal gravely announces that the alleged blackmailer who was made the basis of the Columbia State's shoplifting story has been exposed by the process of elimination. As we understand the situation the State has exonerated all who have exonerated, and this includes about all save one. Maybe this eration. There is still some mystery about the matter, and we would be glad to be settle' before there is any attempt to esta lish guilt.

GOVERNOR Terrell of Georgia, has joined in a petition for the pardon of Robert Jones, the murderer of the three Pressleys in Edgefield county, some years ago. Jones claimed the ownership of a piece of land that his uncles, the Pressleys were working. The Pressleys did not yield. As a matter of fact it does not appear that Jones ever tried to get the land by peaceful means. One day be appeared in the field and began shooting. The Pressleys were unarmed and he killed them all three. It was a case of murder most foul, without a shadow of justiget a verdict of "manslaughter" against relations and friends have sought a pardon at the hands of every governor who has successively occupied the executive chair. This murderer will be pardoned some day probably, and the governor who signs the paper will instigate a dozen or a score additional murders by the act.

THE terrible destruction that has too vast for comprehensive appreciation even by the stricken inhabitants ports as he made for last year, unless, of that devasted city. Baltimore was perchance, the general assembly sees The disaster seems complete in so far as the city's great commercial interests Their Differences Can Be Settled Only and the effect of this on all the balance of the country, especially immediately to the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlanin the light of future developments. history of the country and there is reason to anticipate that insurance companies will hardly be able to make good their losses in full. The Baltimore people must have help and liberal help from the balance of the country, will be immediately forthcoming.

THE YORKVILLE ENQUIRER quotes local physician as saying that grip, which is now prevalent throughout prevalent Hog meat. wild animals had been taken elsewhere. fresh or otherwise, is no more respon-

sible for grip than old man Hardy Montgomery is for the sinuosity of his under pinnin'. Grip has hoggish ways, it is true, but, like the wind, from whence it cometh and whither it goeth. no man knows. It is certainly no respecter of persons. It will jump on a man just as quickly who never saw a hog or tasted its meat as it will on one who sleeps with hogs and eats pork three times a day. The Jews, who eschew hog meat, have to take their turns wrestling with grip just like the rest of us poor mortals. Speaking of grip, while its origin is unknown, it is a fact worthy of note that doctors have at last found a sovereign remedy for the blankety blank disease, which is nothing more nor less than assafoetida, taken internally in the no man knows. It is certainly no res than assafoetida, taken internally in the shape of pills. It seems that the germs can't bear the smell of assafoetida, and ve don't blame them. It makes no we don't brame them. It induces to difference how busily engaged a grip germ may be handing out pains, the moment he gets a whiff of assafoetida he promptly throws up his job and takes to the woods.—Lancaster Re-

All of this is very interesting except that THE ENQUIRER did not quote a local physician as saying that grip was caused by eating hog meat. The point made by the local physician was that too much fresh pork was the cause of many stomach disorders that were incorrectly diagnosed as grip. There is such a disease as grip, and it is quite a serious matter, unless assafoetida is a specific; but at the same time grip gets credit for a lot of trouble with which it has nothing to do, and if people would be more careful about their stomachs, we would hear less of this disease.

THE Washington correspondent of the Greenville News quotes Senator Till-man as follows: "I have been very much mortified by the unseemly and outrageous slanders that have been put forth almost without exception by the newspapers of South Carolina and outside against our own state. Everywhere I go I meet such remarks as these: Tillman, I see you have had 220 murders in South Carolina this 220 murders in South Carolina this last year, more than any other state in the union. Of course, I have seen the report of the attorney general, the basis for this statement, and the comments of our own editors on it. Every person killed in the state was "murdered," according to these writers. What is the result? We are being adventised as some harderians without vertised as semi-barbarians without any regard for law, and that 'red-handed murder' stalks abroad without punishment. Some of our newspa pers are clamoring for means to bring immigrants to South Carolina. What is the use of organizing a bureau of commerce and immigration at Columbia and sending literature praising our climate and soil and urging people to come among us, when those who should know better and should do better are exercising ingenuity to cause strangers to shun the state as they would leprosy? We need immigrants if we can get those of a certain sort, and we need a better enforcement of the law but we are no better and no worse than our neighbors of the southern states, and we are just as good as any of our fel-low citizens of the north, and I am disgusted to see the state's reputation thus dragged in the mire. One thing is very certain, that lawlessness has not been driven from the land, but the state's good name has been befoule own citizens." We are at a loss to understand just what Senator Tillman means by all

this. If the attorney general were to blame, we might abolish that office; but evidently he only did his duty in making the report and the responsibility lies with the people who furnished him with the material: 'As to what might be the cause of the increasing lawlessness in South Carolina there is a difference of opinion. At least different views are expressed. But there are those who think that the demagogic political methods that have been in vogue during the past ten or twelve years and the fact that the state is now regularly in the whisky business may have something to do with the matter: Of course, there are thos who think that the whisky business is man is guilty; but we do not think as good and as legitimate as any oththat it is fair to assume such a thing er; but there are those of us who think because he has not asked for exon- it responsible for more destitution, misery and crime than any other business on earth. Many of those who think to have the Journal let us into the se- this way, also think that it is imposcret. The Columbia correspondent of sible that a private liquor dealer the Greenville News suggests that should come to any good end or serve opinion is about equally divided as to any good purpose, and they are unathe truth or falsity of the alleged reve- ble to see how the state could hope lations, and that is a matter that ought for any better. Among the newspaper men of the state as among other citizens there are some who think as much of the honor and welfare of South Carolina as it is possible for Senator Tillman to think. These include thousands who have never held or sought to hold office, and in fact have asked or expected nothing at the hands of their fellow citizens either in the way of emoluments, preferment or applause. But very few of these are able to understand how anything is to be accomplished by misrepresentation of actual conditions either by words or silence. There are some who would rather have a clear conscience than immigrants or anything else. So far as THE ENQUIRER is concerned, we fication, but it took a long time to have to say that while we are sorry it is a fact, nevertheless, a fact it is that the murderer. Since then, influential the law is not observed as well in South Carolina as it is in North Carolina or Georgia. We punish poor and friendless murderers over in this state sometimes: but more influential criminals are generally permitted to do pretty much as they please. Until the state gets on a higher plane of morality by going out of the whisky business, and until the courts commence meting out justice without fear or been wrought by the Baltimore fire is favor, we may expect the attorney general to continue making just such re-

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

proper to pass an act to close his

mouth.

By War. As had become evident as early as last Friday, there is no way to settle except at the point of the bayonet and Russia would not agree to Japan's final demands and Japan would take no less. On receipt of the Russian reply by Japan, the Japanese minister at St. Petersburg was recalled, and Russia color. These are all that is left of officials.... Harrison Watts, the bucket arranged for the safe return of her what were once handsome office build- shop operator of Charlotte, claims to minister from Tokio.

The dispatches published this morning represent Japan as occupying Korea. Sixty transports, carrying over opened temporary offices with a view 50,000 men set sail on Saturday, and to adjusting losses as far as possible. it was understood yesterday that they They are unable to determine on anywere landing at different points on the thing like satisfactory estimates. Al-Korean coast.

division has sailed for Port Arthur. It ried immense amounts, and in the agwas expected that this division would gregate the insurance companies are be met by Japanese warships and that hard hit. Some will be able to pay fighting would commence within a few

hours. There are various unconfirmed reports to the effect that there has already been some fighting on the sea and some of these reports have it that others who yesterday were rich are Russian ships have been sunk, while others put the losses on the Japanese, and still others divide the losses about evenly. But these are only rumors.

rea, yesterday; but there has been no request of Senator Gorman, and Govmeaning.

FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR.

There Has Been a Battle, But Result Still In Doubt.

By Telegraph to The Enquirer: CHARLOTTE, Feb. 9:-The Chronicle's dispatches indicate that there has been a battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets off Port Arthur. One report is that eleven Japanese war ships and one Russian ship were sunk. This may be exaggerated; but it is certain that there has been a battle between the fleets. It seems no less certain that three Russian ships were badly damaged. Port Arthur is in flames and martial law has been de-THE CHRONICLE. clared.

BALTIMORE FIRE SWEPT.

More Than \$100,000,000 Destroyed in the Centre of the City.

One of the most disastrous fires in Sunday and yesterday, destroying property to a value beyond reasonable estimation, but hardly less than \$100,-000.000.

The fire broke out at a few minutes after 11 o'clock in the wholesale dry goods house of John E. Hurst & Co., and fanned by a strong wind spread state hospital for the insane, the Cenwith resistless fury to adjoining build- federate pensions and the ever-recurings, consuming block after block and ring interest on the public debt, make appeal should meet with prompt restreet after street, until it began to up \$627,000 of the grand total of \$1,look as if the entire city was to be blotted from the earth. It is thought that the fire originated from spontaneous combustion in the cellar of the Hurst building, and that an explosion of gasolene contributed to its more rapid spread.

The fire department was on hand within a very few minutes after the est by every one: discovery of the flames in the Hurst Governor's office building; but the firemen seemed to be as children. Burning brands and cinders went high in the air and fell in showers on the neighboring roofs, which, almost instantly it seemed began to smoke and blaze.

It was not more than a half hour before the fire department began to realize the desperateness of the situation and telegrams were sent to Philadelphia, Washington, Wilmington, Del. and other nearby towns and cities for and other nearby towns and cities for grounds
aid. All of the cities responded and State geologist's office ... before dark Sunday night more than Judicial 400 streams were playing on the flames

effect. Seeing the fruitlessness of the efforts of the firemen, Chief Horton decided at about 7 o'clock Sunday evening that he must resort to measures more heroic than water, and he began an attack with dynamite. Large buildings that stood in the path of the conflagration and which seemed doomed anyway were blown up; but even this remedy seemed to be of but small effect, as the blazing brands and cinders easily leaped such gaps and communicated their flames to the still intact buildings beyond. Among the Miscellaneous, insurance, buildings dynamited were the offices of the Baltimore Sun, the Baltimore Public printing American and numerous others as fine as the finest in the city.

Among the difficulties with which the firemen met was the network of wires overhanging nearly all of the principal streets. These included telegraph, telephone, electric light and Interest on debt, annual. trolley wires, and their cutting was attended with more or less danger Often before the wires could be cleared out the flames had already spread to the buildings adjoining and desperate and tedious work went for nothing.

The city hospital, corner of Calvert and Pleasant streets, was in the path of the flames. Some seventeen or eighteen injured men, mostly firemen, suffering from broken bones, burns and lacerations were taken into it during the day; but at about 10 o'clock Sunday night they with the regular patients had to be moved to what was thought to be a safer locality.

Detachments from the fourth and fifth regiments of United States troops during the discussion, and they apassist the police in patrolling the streets and guarding property.

It was not until dark last night that the people began to hope that the fire was under control. It was not subdued through the efforts of the firemen; but just burned out. There was nothing crumbling walls and tall chimneys. The residence portion of the city, or a least a large portion of it was saved by a muddy stream known as Jones Falls. The fire crossed the stream in places; but was held back at other places, the dividing waters thus as-sisting the firemen in their heroic efforts at defense.

A Terrible View.

With the fire under control, says a waste which lies in the wake of the sea of flames presents a view, terrible be likened best to oceans of great coke effect in future actions taken against ovens, each shooting out its thousand state constables. tongues of flames from pyramids of brick, stone and cement. Where the fire has died out nothing remains but waste, from which rise hundreds of that cipher messages will not be retowering, insecure shafts of the same ceived for Japan except from Japanese ings, storage, wholesale and business houses of all kinds

The insurance men have already were landing at different points on the Korean coast.

A Berlin dispatch published this norming says that a Russian cruiser whatever, there were others who car
Reyes, the newly elected president of hold its next annual meeting at Windows through there were scores of large busithough there were scores of large business concerns without any insurance whatever, there were others who carhis own country.

Reyes, the newly elected president of hold its next annual meeting at Windows and community hold its next annual meeting a morning says that a Russian cruiser whatever, there were others who car- his own country.

their losses in full without delay; but others will have to ask for time and even then will only be able to pay a

part of their obligations. Many merchants, manufacturers and now ruined, and it is estimated that not less than twenty thousand people are out of employment.

A bill was introduced in congress A cable to the London Daily Mail yesterday by Representative Emrick says that heavy firing was heard about of Illinois, appropriating \$1,000,0000 for twenty-five miles east of Fusan, Ko- the relief of the fire sufferers. At the satisfactory explanation as to its ernor Warfield, the general assembly has passed a resolution authorizing the declaration of martial law and asking General Corbin to take command of troops at Baltimore.

THE APPROPRIATION BILL.

The Expenses of the Government For the Next Year Will Amount to \$1,-145,216,46.

The general appropriation bill, as reported by the ways and means committee, includes practically the entire expenses of the state government, says August Kohn in his letter of Sunday to the News and Courier. The house committee, a very conservative body, has pruned expenses closely. With all possible trimming the normal expense of the state government are over a million dollars. The report of the com mittee figures up \$1,145,216.46. This does not mean that the actual expenses will be that much, because about \$20,-000 has to be annually appropriated, in Friday. excess of the current expenses, for inthe history of the country swept the terest on the state debt. The approheart of the city-of Baltimore during priation for the railroad commissioners is returned by the railroads. The Wade Hampton monument fund was appropriated last year, and is repeated that there has been any appeal to the in this year's bill. It will be observed that more than half of the total ex-

> 145,216,46. South Carolina is a growing state, and it is about as reasonable to expect the state to remain stationary in its expenditures as to expect the tide to stand still. The following list is taken of cash or checks made payable to Li from the appropriation bill, as reported, and it ought to be read with inter-

covered by three items. That is, the

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Adjt. and Ins. Gen. and support militia

Atty. Gen. office and litigation fund

R. R. commission 12,450 00 Library State house grounds..... Janitors
Engineers
Keeper of state house and 63 300 00 65,500 00 treasurers, etc. South Carolina college— Maintenance Scholarships Safe Winthrop college—

Maintenance Scholarships Painting and help.... Citadel support Heating plant, (S. H.).... Colored college, (Orangeburg) Penitentiary institute Catawba Indians 37,109 55 Claims Improvements and repairs, governor's mansion Water and lights

\$1,145,216 46

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS. Telephone Control.

Elections

Wade Hampton statue

The senate on Saturday passed bill to put télephone companies under the jurisdiction of the railroad commission, with the provision that the rates. There was an amendment stipand towns had fixed a maximum limit allowed to raise the same. There were several representatives of the Bell telephone company in the senate chamber anxious to have the railroad commis-

sion take charge.

Constables Are Responsible. Charleston special of February 6: Circuit Judge James Aldrich, in an orelse for it to feed upon. It left 140 der filed today with the clerk of court acres of smoking ruins, marked by at Charleston in the case of R. D. Wieters against dispensary constables, on an action for damages, rules, that suit may be brought against the bonds of the constables and that their sureties are liable for them. The order is very long and incorporates the complaint, motion to strike out and copy of the bonds of the constables. It is made applicable to the several cases against the constables brought by Wieters. J P. K. Bryan represents Wieters and dispatch of last night, the blackened Haskell, Bellinger & Townsend the constables. The decision establishes a thority that Mr. T. Y. Williams is to new principle in dispensary litigation be a candidate for congress this sumin its pyrotechnic grandeur. It can which is likely to have a far reaching

MERE-MENTION.

The cable offices have announced have lost about \$50,000 by the failure of Baxter & Co. O. P. Heath has sued Watts for \$14,000 of margins.....Secretary Hay, who has been spending sometime at Thomasville, Ga., has returned to Washington General

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

L. D., Hickory—Wants a housekeeper. P. W. Love, City Treasurer—Gives no-tice that the dog license is now due

and payable.
Foushee Cash Store—Will give away pieces of decorated opal ware to every customer buying \$1 worth of goods before Friday next, if the decorated ware lasts that long.
W. A. Youngblood—Asks farmers a pointed question in regard to buying fertilizers, and tells you how to save money on fertilizers.

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Edgar Poag, Broker—Tells of his methods of business, and prints testimonials from pleased clients. He

timonials from pleased clients. He solicits business from you.

Loan and Savings Bank—Tells you it is no use to lock the door "after the papers are lost," and suggests that you rent a safety deposit box in its new fire and burglar proof safe.

W. M. Kennedy, Agent—Has seed oats, Irish potatoes, onion sets and garden seeds. Also has full lot of tablets expendition books, pencils, etc.

lets, composition books, pencils, etc. He invites you to see his new sample book of tailor-made clothes. . M. Whisonant & Co.—Have one horse and several mules which they want to dispose of at once. They will make it to your interest to see

are a hundred and one ways for the money to go. It invites you to de-posit your funds, large or small, with it. Every safeguard possible. National Bank-Says that there

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Col. W. H. McCorkle seems to be growing weaker steadily and surely. Miss Alma Walker is quite ill with pneumonia at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Walker. She has been teaching school at Gold Hill, and came home with the malady on last

HELP FOR BALTIMORE.

The city of Baltimore needs help, needs it badly and needs it now. So far we have not been advised

country. It is reasonable to assume that the proper officials are too much penses of the state government are occupied with the needs of the immediate present.

But that there will be an appeal for help is practically certain, and that sponse. We therefore beg to offer the services of THE ENQUIRER in receiving acknowledging and forwarding ceived by Messrs. Latta Bros., by telsuch subscriptions as our readers may see proper to make.

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WITHIN THE TOWN.

-The Charlotte Chronicle reached here last evening at 6.30 o'clock with news of the Baltimore fire up to 4 and Sharon. The work was como'clock p. m., and a map of the burned menced at the incorporate limits of 200 00 district as it stood at that hour. So far as THE ENQUIRER has information no daily paper has ever before been received in Yorkville so soon after across the creek from Dry Fork tres-5,923 25 received in publication.

Yorkville school district to vote on the about one mile of macadam in the question of levying a three mill tax worst places. It is understood that 1,640 00 has been withdrawn from the house from here the chaingang will go to the calendar. We have not seen the bill McAfee hill on the Rutherfordton road. and know nothing of its provisions; Monument at King's Mountain. 5,456 00 but beg to suggest that if offered at 3,800 00 all it should be so worded as to provide for a levy of either two or three pleased to know that he is making a mills, as a majority of the voters may grand effort to purchase some land and 5.000 00 elect. It is possible that the voters build a suitable monument at King's may be willing to stand for three mills 142,200 00 but not probable.

from Mr. W. B. Moore, the lot between we see that he has the promise of sevthe old H. F. Adickes residence and eral of our most influential members 14,600 00 street, with a view of some day erecting is every reason to believe that Mr. thereon a municipal building. The Webb will get the matter in proper yet there has been no definite underavoided if it had a building of its own are from \$200 to \$300 a year.

- Mr. E. A. Stackloff, the Baltimore drummer who has been mentioned as will rejoice at its realization. being critically ill at the Parish hotel, Rock Hill Postoffice. died last Saturday night at 7.30 o'clock He had been confined to his bed for eighteen days. Mr. Stackloff traveled ant postmaster for the past twelve for the firm of Maas, Kemper & Co., Baltimore, and had been coming to commission shall have the power to fix Yorkville twice a year or oftener for more than twenty-five years. He was ulating that in cases where citizens fifty-one years of age and leaves a widow and one son. Dr. Moss of of rates the commission should not be Charlotte, was over to see him a day or two before he died; but said that everything that was possible had already been done. Mr. Stackloff's son, arrived Saturday evening, accompanied stationed in the city were called out to peared to be very much pleased with by Dr. J. W. M. Cuddy of the Universithe way matters were going. It is ty of Maryland, who is the regular phyunderstood that the Bell people were sician of the family. The family of the sick man had been notified in ample time: but it developed that he had had similar illnesses before, and they had not proved serious. According to Dr. Cuddy, the trouble was due to peritonitis. Mrs. Stackloff is now ill with heart trouble and the understanding was that she would not be told of her husband's death, until after the arrival of Dr. Cuddy in Baltimore. The body was embalmed and carried away on Sunday morning. The deceased was of the Roman Catholic faith. He was well-known in Yorkville, and was quite popular with a large circle of acquaintances made on the road.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The Kershaw Era announces on au-

The fertilizer season is opening fair ly and it looks as if the dealers are going to have more business this year than usual.

The house of representatives on ves-

terday passed a bill providing that all marriages must be recorded. The bill does not include a license feature. A dog bill was passed by the house yesterday. It levies a tax of 50 cents per capita on all dogs, and provides that the tax shall be collected as other

taxes are collected.

The county board of commissioners has an engagement to go to the dam of the Catawba Power company today to see whether or not some agreement can be arrived at with reference to that bridge the company has been building

over Allison creek. Messrs, Beamguard and McCain tri d yesterday to get the house to coin at to pay for some animals that were destroyed by Dr. Nesom in this county some two years ago on the theory that the animals were infected with glanders; but the house refused to make

the necessary appropriation. The town council has done a good thing in purchasing a lot for the erection of a city hall and it is to be hoped that it will not stop there; but go ahead and make the necessary arrangements for the erection of a suitable building. The town is badly in need of a city hall, and it would be difficult to conceive of a better way of disposing of its surplus revenues

A severe wind storm, accompanied by considerable rain, passed over Yorkville last Sunday afternoon. The wind came from the northwest and although it must have created a great deal of uneasiness, no serious damage has been reported in this immediate section. The Observer of yesterday, however, reports that Charlotte suffered considerably from the blowing down of chimneys, smokestacks, etc. Many telegraph and telephone wires were blown

The Catawba Power company has secured the contract to light the city of Charlotte. It agrees to furnish 150 lights per annum at \$50 each and as many additional lights as may be desired at \$48 each. The lights are to be of 1,200 candle power each, and the company is to begin furnishing them within six months from the date of the contract. It is estimated that the contract means a saving of \$5,400 annually to the city. According to the Observer, the Catawba Power company has arranged to take 3,000 horsepower to Charlotte.

LOCAL LACONICS. The Report of the Ginners.

The government report from the ginners was issued this morning, and reegraph. It estimates the crop at 9,-485,537 bales.

Death of Mr. J. M. Riggins. Mr. J. Meek Riggins, formerly of Blairsville, but for some time past conductor on the Lockhart branch of the Southern railroad, was fatally wounded last Thursday while engaged in coupling cars. He died on Friday, and was buried at Sharon on Sunday. The deceased was a son of the late Robert T. Riggins of Blairsville, and

had many friends who are shocked at his, untimely end. The Chaingang. The county chaingang is still at work on the road between Yorkville Yorkville, and the "finishing up touches" are now being put on opposite the residence of Mr. R. A. Gilfillen, just tle. Some grading has been done and -The bill to authorize the voters of altogether there has been put down

King's Mountain Herald: The constituents of Hon. E. Y. Webb will be Mountain battleground. Mr. Webb is hopeful of obtaining. \$100,000 for this town council has purchased purpose. From press reports sent out the Nichols property on East Liberty to aid him in his undertaking. There price to be paid for the lot is \$750. As shape at this session and at the short session next winter he will push his standing with regard to the erection of bill through. A hundred thousand dola building. The expenses of the town lars spent at this battleground would on account of rentals that would be mean something not only for this section, but for our young congressman as well. The public will keep an anxious watch on this monumental matter and

> Herald, Wednesday: Our townsman, Mr. E. E. Poag, who has been assistyears, has been appointed postmaster, to succeed the late C. J. Pride. Mr. Poag was nominated to the position by the president on the 18th of January and on Monday his appointment was confirmed by the senate. This action on the part of the government will give our people a great deal of pleasure, as it is pleasing to have dealings with an office conducted in such an admirable manner as is the Rock Hill postoffice. The office is fast growing in importance. The receipts for the last fiscal year were \$10,675. Mr. Poag expects the amount at the end of this fiscal year to be considerably more than \$11,-000. The receipts for January in this year were \$375 in excess of the same month last year. It is not expected that Mr. Poag's appointment will make any changes in the office, except that Mr. Halcott Pride will become assistant postmaster, nad Mr. Marion Nelson, who has been night clerk, will be advanced to day mailing clerk. In that event, the night clerkship will be vacant and that place will be supplied at once under the civil service rules.

> > AT THE CHURCHES.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL. REV. J. L. STOKES, D. D., PASTOR. Prayer meeting tomorrow evening at 30 o'clock

PRESBYTERIAN. REV. W. G. NEVILLE, PASTOR. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening

SUNDAY SERVICES-Morning services

at 11 o'clock. Sunday school at 3.30 o'clock. No evening services. ASSOCIATE REFORMED. Prayer meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

Special Hotices.

The executive committee of the State Rev. W. C. Ewart will be installed as pastor of Hebron church next Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Revs. J. S.