Scraps and facts.

- M. S. Bennett, who was acquitted in the circuit court of Knox county, Tenn., last week of the murder of Walter Kelsey, on a Southern railroad train near Knoxville, it being clearly proven that he acted solely in selfdefence, has brought suit against the Southern railroad for \$25,000 damages for allowing him to be imposed upon while a passenger on the trains. The two men were members of an excursion party en route to this city. Kelsey was drinking and attacked Bennett without cause.

- Northern Russia is being demoral ized by a big strike. It has been spreading for months. A St. Petersburg dispatch of Wednesday, says that the striking workmen already out numbered 58,000, and that 50,000 cotton mill operatives would probably join them within a few days. There is lots of discontent, political as well as industrial among the strikers and anarchy is getting full sway. The large number of assassinations that have been recorded of late indicate that open rebellion against the authorities that be will be a development of the early future.

- Andrew Carnegie has made good the deposits of students who lost their money in the Oberlin, Ohio, bank, which was wrecked by Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick through an unlawful use of Mr. Carnegie's name. Mr. Carnegie learned that a number of students had all their money deposited in the bank and that they were ruined by the failure. The Young Men's Christian association also lost \$3,000 that it was saving for a new building. Mr. Carnegie made good the whole amount not that he felt under any obligation to do so; but because he realized that to a certain extent he was made the impocent cause of the loss.

-The following report has been received at Tokio from Japanese Manchurian headquarters. "In the recent engagements it became evident that the Russians were being aided by many Chinese regulars. A Japanese detachment surrounded Russian cavalry and Chinese soldiers in the vicinity of Sanchia, west of New Chwang, on January 14, and dispersed them. The Russian casualties were over 300. The Japanese captured a quantity of arms. Lieut. Gen. Mistchenko's raiders were between five thousand and six thousand strong. After they were defeated at New Chwang they retreated to the north, passing Lactuniulu. Japanese cavalry encountered the exhausted Russians in the neighborhood of Lachosho on Monday evening, January 16. They report that the Russians wore Chinese coats and caps, and that among them were many entirely clothed in costumes and wear-

ing pig tails." - The strike of the cotton mill operatives at Fall River, which affected about 25,000 persons and has been in progress for six months, to the great hardship and suffering of Fall River's people, was settled last Wednesday through the mediation of Gov. W. L. Douglas. Under the terms of the agreement accepted by both manufac-121 per cent reduction against which they struck last July, and with no discrimination because of the strike. No rate of wages was established, but owners and the selling price of the cloth, and submit his conclusions as to an average margin upon which the manufacturers are to pay a dividend of 5 per cent on wages earned from the present time to April 1st. Both sides regard the outcome of the deliberations as a victory.

- At a hearing before the house committee on election of president, vice president and representatives in congress last Tuesday on the bill to fix the date of congressional elections on the first Tuesday in September and the time for convening congress in October, Representative Livingston of Europe and who do not care to return said if nothing more was accomplished sessions he said it was certain that there would be one between now and the time for convening the next congress. Speaking of the inaugural date he said it was an outrage to bring people to Washington March 4, because of the weather that usually prevails at that time.

- The establishment of a bureau of information at Ellis Island, with the necessary buildings, at a cost of \$150 .-000, says a New York dispatch, will be the first step in the direction of carrying out the plans of Commissioner General Frank P. Sargent for the proper distribution of immigrants. At a conference held at the immigration bureau several days ago, largely attended by special passenger agents representing Southern and Eastern and Western railroads having Southern connections, a scheme was evolved having for its purpose the diverting works in St. Petersburg, Russia, Tuesof the tide of immigration from the day....Three summer hotels and six large cities to the agricultural sections cottages of summer residents were deof the country, particularly the south, stroyed by fire at Rockaway Beach, where there is a demand for foreign Tuesday, with a property loss of \$250,labor. Commissioner General Sargent 000 Flower gardens at San Remo, believes that the first thing to be done Italy, were visited by a killing frost illustrates the character of the is to establish a bureau of informa- Monday night and Tuesday, and flowtion at Ellis Island, to which incoming ers valued at \$1,000,000 were destroy- raise the Russian ship Retvizan, sur immigrants may make inquiries as to ed......An avalanche of rocks and in Port Arthur waters. The vice adconditions in the various sections of earth was suddenly precipitated from miral pulled alongside in a tug and the United States and to which per- the neighboring hills into Lake Loenthe United States and to which per-the neighboring hills into Lake Loen-land again until he had raised sons in this country seeking special land, near Bergen, Norway, Sunday, sunken battleship, which is now be forms of labor may apply when they causing a tidal wave in which fifty- repaired for use in the Japanese navy so desire

has handed down a decision in the bit the importation of cigarettes. In this case the violator of the law claimed that the cigarettes were sold only in original packages as they came from the manufacturer, that the right to do

The steward of the club is missing and is thought to have perished in the flames, and one fireman was injured. The property loss is about \$100,000... the manufacturer, that the right to do

The steward of the club is missing and other cousins who are practicing physicians in New York and are doing well are Drs. Wylle and Baxter Moore, who are with their uncle, Dr. W. Gill Wylle at Bellevue hospital.

Brown delivered the opinion of the those who deliberately set out to detrample upon the laws of a state. The power of congress to regulate commerce is undoubtedly a beneficent one. The police laws of the state are equally so, and it is our duty to harmonize them. Undoubtedly a law may sometimes be successfully and legally avoided if not evaded, but it behooves one who stakes is case upon the letter of the constitution not to be wholly oblivious of its spirit. In this case we cannot hold that plaintiffs are entitled to its immunities without striking a serious blow at the rights of the states to administer their own internal affairs."

The Morkville Enquirer.



YORKVILLE, S. C.:

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1905.

Ir would seem that the settlement of the Fall River strike ought to help the price of cotton somewhat.

THURSDAY was the anniversary the birth of Robt. E. Lee. The general assembly did no business on that

WRITING to South Carolina papers from Washington, W. W. Price says that the president has informed Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, leader in congress of the agitation in favor of reducing southern representation that he will not sign a bill along the lines advocated by Crumpacker, even if the same should pass the house and senate. According to Correspondent Price, the president has told a number of different people that he has no sympathy with any agitation aimed against the south.

Dispensary Investigation.

If the dispensary investigating committee is appointed, it will give the editors of the Spartanburg Journal and The Yorkville Enquires a splendid opportunity to make good. These brethren seem to know a good deal about dispensary corruption, and they owe it to the people of the state to come down and tell all about it.— Columbia Record.

Along in the same issue in which the foregoing appears, the Record has a turers and operatives, at a conference long editorial in which it argues the 200 yards away held at the state house, the strikers uselessness of the proposed investigawill return to work at once under the tion. The editorial concludes as fol-

As we see it now, the only thing the committee will be able to do will be to examine officials and employes of the state dispensary and go over it was agreed that the governor shall their books. There is a standing com-investigate the matter of margins between the cost of cotton to the mill duty, and it appears entirely unnecessary to pay seven men \$4 a day and mileage to do that work over again. Moreover the appointment of a special committee will be a reflection upon the legislators who have served on the regular dispensary committee in the past. As we have said, we do not wish to be understood as opposing the fullest publicity being given all the acts of dispensary officials, or any other kind of official. But we do not think any investigation ought to be gone into at cost to the state, when only rumors are at the base of the charges and when there is nobody to come forward to stand to them. Not only is such a him to appeal. Mr. Cannady uttered thing costly, but it brings all such investigations into dispute.

That the Record, which is a strong friend of the dispensary and its man-Georgia said objection to the measure agement is sincerely opposed to the familiar with the facts do not take would come from those who go to proposed investigation, we have no doubt. It understands as well as with the gentlemen of the bar. does THE ENQUIRER, that under ex-isting conditions, the result will be fiends staggered into the mayor's to this country before October. He does THE ENQUIRER, that under exthan breaking up "this Europe busi- only another whitewashing. But it the fact that cocaine is not difficult to ness" that would be something gained. also knows that the honest people of obtain by the depraved element of He contended for the bill for one rea- the state will eventually become Greenville. Lena Swaney appeared to son among others that it would equal- thoroughly disgusted with these ize the sessions, saying that time was whitewashings. While it is quite true, ing her. It not given at the short session now probably, that no evidence of corrup- hearing that Swaney was crazy half provided for the proper scrutiny of ap- tion could be secured by a thoroughly propriation bills. Speaking of extra efficient committee of the dispensary's enemies, even the report of such a and the dope fiend was fined five dolcommittee would hardly be sufficient lars. Reuben Rice, colored, who was to establish confidence in this institution.

As to the fling that our contemporary has seen proper to make at THE a vial in his pocket, and incidentally it was stated by the police that many ENQUIRER, we have only to say that victims of the drug were found with if the management of this paper were hypos in their possession. Reuben was able to offer any legal evidence of cor- sent up for twenty days to get rid of the remorse. The cocaine evil has ruption it would certainly do so. We been spreading to such an extent that would not only publish it to the world the police are making extra efforts to in our columns; but we would testify find out where the drug is purchased to it under oath. But we have an idea that if it was known that we really had some testimony of the kind the Miller Moore, surgeon of the United States Asiatic fleet, is in the city on a visit to friends and renewing accommittee is supposed to be looking for, the Record would not be so anxious to secure our attendance.

MERE-MENTION. A strike involving 12,000 workmen went into effect at the Putiloff iron to its ultimatum. Dr. Moore was at Yokohama as surgeon of the battle-ship Indiana. He has been in the Orinine persons perished and numbers of Dr. Moore is a native of Rock Hill of desire.

— The United States supreme court cattle and houses were swept away.The Athenaeum clubhouse and an and assistant visiting surgeon of case of the Iowa anti-cigarette law, Evangelical church were destroyed by Bellevue hospital in New York. case of the Iowa anti-cigarette law, Evangelical church were destroyed by Albertus A. Moore was the physician upholding the right of a state to prohifire in New Orleans Tuesday night. Of Mrs. Cassle Chadwick for three

this was upheld by the provisions of brothers and the town officers of Tusk- LOCAL AFFAIRS. the inter-state commerce law. Justice egee, Ala., Monday, one McBryde was killed and the other severely woundthe court and said in part: "While ed. The two McBrydes were resisting D. R. Bird, Administrator, Blacksburg this court is alert to protect the arrest for disorderly conduct..... Ike rights of non-resident citizens, and Vail, known all over the United States has felt it its duty, not always with and Europe as the "King of Bunco the approbation of the state courts, to Men," died at his home near Fiskkill. declare the invalidity of laws throwing N. Y., Tuesday, aged 70 years. He obstacles in the way of free inter- was several times convicted of swindcourse communication between the ling to the amount of several million states, it will not lend its sanction to dollars and gave the police of the large cities much trouble.....Ira A. Sanger bauch the public conscience and to formerly of Chicago, but for several years past engaged in mining and ranching in Mexico, was ambushed and killed by bandits in the mountains near Sinaloa, Mexico, Monday. Robbery was the motive as the dead man usually carried large amounts of money on his person.....Two men were killed and one dangerously wounded by the explosion of a boiler in a saw mill, near Washington, Ga., Wednes-day.....Dr. V. G. Hitt, former secretary and treasurer of the Association of Physicians and Surgeons of the Confederate army and navy, died a his home in Atlanta Wednesday aged 65 years.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

-The warehouse of Mr. S. J. Wake field of Antreville, Abbeville county, was destroyed by fire last Monday morning. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

- It is reported that Col. Thos. E Moore, secretary and treasurer of the Tucapau mills of Spartanburg, and president of the Loray mills of Gasonia, will probably succeed Mr. H. D. Wheat as president of the Gaffney manufacturing company.

-W. J. Pooser, agent of the Southern Express company and Southern railread, at Perry's, was arrested last Tuesday at the instance of the American Surety company on the charge of embezzlement. It is stated that Pooser had a bad habit of collecting C. O. D. packages and not turning over the money.

- The warehouse of the Belton Cotton mill was partially destroyed by fire last Wednesday morning. The loss included damage to about 300 loss included damage to about subales of cotton and some seventy bales of cloth, besides a large quantity of mill supplies. In all the damage amounted to \$8,000 or \$10,000, and was fully covered by insurance.

— The senate has decided to hold pending elections on next Thursday. These elections will be for two circuit judges to succeed Judges Ernest Gary and D. A. Townsend; three directors of the penitentiary to succeed John G. Mobley, D. A. Sanders and M O. Rowland: a superintendent of the penitentiary to succeed D. G. Griffith the incumbent; a trustee of the colored college at Orangeburg to succeed Cole L. Blease, resigned. - Charleston special of Saturday:

The list of negroes who are meeting their death by drowning in the harbor is growing. Within the last year between 15 and 29 have been drowned, and the number is now increased by the drowning of Pat. S. Ripper of the oyster scoop Coleman. The negro was in the bow of the boat, trying to clear the sall from the light at the cove of Sullivan's island, when he fell into the water and was drowned before he wilmoth Jackson, Point could be rescued. The current runs minnie Palmer, Blairsville Emma Creasman, Free Silver that the body was carried to sea, as W. H. Stevenson, Philadelphia

developed afterward that the fatal shot was probably fired by McIntosh. was struck by that penetrated both lungs. McIntosh knew nothing of the shooting at the time, having no idea that his rifle would carry so far. It was decided however, that this must have been the source of the fatal shot. The young men were good friends, and the shooting is believed to have been entirely accidental.

- Columbia special of January 18 to News and Courier: The unusual spectacle of a farmer representing himself against two able lawyers was presented in the supreme court this afternoon in the case of Green et al. vs. Cannaday, on appeal from the circuit court in Laurens. The case grew out of the division of proceeds of a land sale, and a small sum is involved Cannady, an elderly farmer, who is a lame man, declared that he had had various lawyers to whom he had paid get results. Lawyers in Laurens, "conspired" not to take his case, and the circuit judge had advised their names. Frank P. McGowan an C. C. Featherstone appeared for the plaintiffs. Mr. Cannady, of course, received a respectful hearing, but those

court yesterday, a living example of King, whom she charged with assaultthe time from the use of dope, that while in a mad fit had cursed enemies. The latter was dismissed picked up by Sergeant Gunnels at 2 a, m. yesterday, was still reeling from the effects of too much cocaine. He came here from Spartanburg. He had - Columbia State, Thursday: Dr. J. quaintances made while he was a student at the South Carolina Dr. Moore has just returned from his third cruise around the world and will be assigned to shore duty at the New York navy yard for the next three years. When the Japanese govern-ment was waiting for Russia's reply

the events of the campaign are extremely interesting. Just a few days before leaving the east he passed within 40 miles of Port Arthur. He before anese soldiers by the conduct of the

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

—Gives notice to the debtors and creditors of Cynthia and John S. Bird, deceased, to make immediate settlement and present their claims duly authenticated.

Edgar Poag, Broker-Makes some timely remarks on the subject of low and high prices. He also gives a list of York county property on which he wants offers. dickes' Emportum—Is making special

dickes Emporium—Is making special prices on tobaccos by the box, and calls your attention to Club House, cheese, peas and beans, molasses, pocket and butcher knives, etc.

E. Lowry, Mayor—Gives notice that a special municipal election will be held on February 14th to elect an

alderman for ward 5.
Jas. M. Starr—Wants the farmers who use fertilizers to know that he is still prepared to fill orders for Nastill prepared to fill orders for Navassa guano, which has been sold on this market for so many years.

J. C. Wilborn—Publishes professional card and tells you that he will give prompt attention to all business.

Star Drug Store—Says that Starr's white pine syrup and tar for coughs, colds, etc., touches the spot. 25c.

Miss Rosa Lindsay—Will receive orders at any time for out-door work.

ders at any time for out-door work, and will fill orders promptly. Sam M. Grist—Gives some history in

regard to the formation and con-duct of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company during its sixty vears of existence. oushee Cash Store—Will have a Foushee Cash Store—Will have a special sale on Monday next of "odds and ends" of children's and ladles' goods. Will also sell 5c and 10c goods at half price.

WITHIN THE TOWN.

Rev. W. E. Hurt and family are occupying the Presbyterian Manse. - Mr. John E. Carroll is occupying the new residence, recently built by him on East Jefferson street.

- Mr. W. Mason McConnell has moved into the house recently purchase by him on College street and formerly occupied by Mrs. W. M. Allison. - Mrs. W. M. Allison and children have moved to their new home on

King's Mountain street, the residence formerly occupied by Rev. W. E. Hurt.

GOLD WATCH CONTEST.

The contest for the gold watch offered by THE ENQUIRER to the school teacher who receives the most votes stands as follows:

Adams, Clover Nettle Green, Bell Creek E. P. Castles, Beatty Lida Smith, Beersheba Clara Mitchell, Centre Carroll, Fairview J. Hamilton, Gold Hill Blanche Love, Tirzah Posy C. Hardin, Ogden J. K. Roach. Ida Ormand, Filbert.... Bessie Faris, Clark's Fork Ella Neely, Yorkville Graded..... all efforts to recover the body have proved fruitless.

—D. G. McIntosh of Cheraw, recently arrested for killing W. C. Traywick near that place has been released on Benj. Black, Forest Hill Sudie Allison, Yorkville Graded ...

F. M. Howell, Bowling Green..... · FEES OF THE CLERK.

Representative Ardrey has introducof the court for York county now receives for recording papers, etc. The fees of the clerk are now fixed by Section 3,103 of the general statutes, and Mr. Ardrey wants to apply the provisions of Section 3,102 instead. The provisions of Section 3,102 are as year. follows:

For recording a deed to or a mortgage on real estate, with or without renunciation of dower, and certifying the same on the back thereof, seventy-five cents: Provided such de mortgage does not exceed fifteen hundred words, in which case they shall be entitled to receive and collecan additional sum of eight cents per hundred words on all words over one thousand; for recording each chattel mortgage over \$100 and certifying same on the back thereof, fifty cents. Provided such chattel mortgage not exceed 1,000 words in which case they shall be entitled to charge, and receive an additional sum of eight cents per hundred words on all words over 1,000; for indexing each chattel mortgage under one hundred dollars and certifying same on the back thereof, ten cents; for indexing each agri-cultural lien, and certifying same on the back thereof, ten cents; for recording each lien and mortgage combined, and certifying same on the back thereof, fifty cents; for entering each satisfaction on the record of a mortgage of real estate or a chattel mortgage,

and certifying same on the back thereof, ten cents; for recording of copying plats of not more than six seventy-five cents, for every corner over six, six cents; for every probate in writing twenty-five cents for every certificate except the certificates on the backs of papers recorded by them, and certificates of judicia records in their offices, required for a court or a judge thereof, twenty-five cents: for recording any other paper required by law to be recorded, except judicial papers, eight cents per hun dred words.

The section regulating the charges under which the clerk is now operating reads as follows:

For recording and copying deeds and other papers, per copy sheet of 100 words, 10 cents; for entering satisfaction on mortgages, 25 cents; for recording or copying plats of not more than six corners, one dollar; for every core more than six, six cents; for every probate in writing 25 cents; for certificate other than that me in section 3106, twenty-fiv cents; for filing, indexing and certifying any bill of sale, chattel mortgage or other instrument in the nature lien on personal property, where the cured is not more than one hundred dollars, fifteen cents.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Mr. J. J. Keller is in Charlotte on business.

Mr. Fred C. Black has opened an insurance office in Yorkville. Miss Mary Lee Alexander is visiting relatives and friends in Charlotte.

Miss Daisy Guy of Lowryville, visited the Misses Neil near Yorkville, this week. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Jennings have taken rooms in Mr. W. Mason Mc-

Connell's home. Dr. J. H. Save came up from Columbia Wednesday to attend the Sims-Kennedy wedding at Sharon.

Rev. W. C. Ewart was painfully in- set by the president.

jured yesterday as the result of a kick on the leg from a horse. The injury is not very serious.

Frank P. McCain, Esq., has been associated in the management of the Yorkville New Era. E. E. Thornwell, Esq., has been in

Columbia this week on business before the supreme court.

Miss Kittle Blair of Blairsville, has taken charge of the Sutton's Springs school. Mr. R. M. Roark of Grover, and Mr.

D. R. Bird of Blacksburg, were in Yorkville Wednesday on business. Mrs. Sam W. Guy of Lowryville, spent Wednesday and Thursday with on February 14th to elect an her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. P. Hope.

Misses Floride Bowen and Bessle Williams attended the Fewell-Mc-Laughlin marriage in Rock Hill Wednesday. Supervisor Thomas W. Boyd is in

Columbia in attendance on the annual meeting of the State Good Roads as-Miss Louise Dawson, who has had

charge of the millinery department of J. M. Heath & Co., for the past season, left for Richmond, Va., yesterday.

aunt Mrs. Kate Borders, who died at 9 o'clock Wednesday evening, aged 74 Thos. F. McDow, Esq., is in Colum-

bia in attendance on the annual meeting of the state bar association. He is to respond to the toast, "Woman," tonight. Mr. Paul H. Moore of the Columbia

Theological seminary, was summoned home this week on account of the home this week on account of the death and burial of his mother, Mrs. S. Emily Moore.
J. C. Wilborn, Esq., as guardian for the children of the late John M.

Clonts, has received a check for two-thirds of \$500, the interest of the children in an insurance policy on the life of their father, paid by the Hepta-Mr. Lamartine G. Strauss of Staun-

ton, Va., spent several days in York ville this week, arriving on Tuesday and leaving this morning for Charles-ton. He came to visit his brother, Mr. Henry C. Strauss, and to renew acquaintance with the old friends he made while a citizen of the town many years ago. Mr. Strauss conducts a large and prosperous clothing business

Staunton. Winchester, Va., special of Tuesday to the Columbia State: "In the pres-ence of Baxter Moore, a prominent young man of Chester, S. C., to whom young man of Chester, S. C., to whom she was to be married soon, and with members of her family near, Miss Mary Picton Lewis died suddenly at Memorial hospital today from an operation performed for appendicitis Saturday by a New York specialist. Young Moore arrived a few hours before the surgical operation, after a race from Chester, having boarded the first train immediately upon receiving news that his sweetheart was ill. He is prostrated tonight. Miss Lewis was a daughter of Daingerfield Lewis, owner of "Audley," a famous estate in Clarke county and was rela-ted to many noted Virginia and southern families. Her mother, Mrs. Car-ter Penn Lewis, three sisters and three brothers survive. She was a beautiful young woman 21 years old and popular in fashionable society. Preparations were being made for her marriage to Dr. Moore and the event was to have been the leading social event. n Clarke county!

TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS.

township was held at Glenn & Riddle's store on last Wednesday, pursuant to the call made by the county mass meeting held in the court house on salesday, and was called to order by Mr. G. L. Riddle, executive commited a bill to reduce the fees that the clerk teeman. Mr. I. B. Faires was elected secretary and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That no member of this association will plant more than 10 acres of cotton to the plow during 1905. That commercial fertilizers be reduced 25% from amount used last

fifths of the cotton now on hand be placed in the hands of the trust. On motion a committee was appointcommittee was appointed as follows: G. L. Riddle, W. T. Nichols, S. J. Clinton, J. L. Brandon. Before the ad-

subscribed as follows: G. L. Riddle, 15 bales; W. T. Nichols, 15 bales; S. J. Clinton, 15 bales; J. J. Nichols, 15 bales; A. Lee Campbell, 15 bales; I. H. Campbell, 8 bales; R. L. bales; I. H. Campbell, 8 bales; R. L. Campbell, 15 bales; A. E. Sifford, 1 bale; W. N. Wallace, 2 bales; J. L. Brandon, 2 bales; D. G. Stanton, 2 bales; A. B. Currence, 5 bales; R. M. Barnett, 2 bales; S. A. Glenn, 2 bales I. B. Faires, 3 bales.

to the action of the New Orleans convention. The Fort Mill Times of Wednesday

Mill township farmers as follows: Pursuant to the call of Hon. S. H. Epps, member of the executive com-mittee of the York Cotton Growers' association, about fifty of the farmers f the township together with a number of business men of the town as-sembled in the town hall Saturday afternoon for the purpose of organizing a township association, as per the

request of the county association at its meeting on January 2.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Epps, who appointed Mr. W. F. Harris temporary chairman. Mr. dren are Mr. 8 Harris explained the purpose of the meeting, and made quite an impression pon those present as to the necessity of immediate action and co-operation on the part of the farmers to bring a Richmond, Va., bank. Mrs. Watson relief for the present depressed condi-tion of the cotton market. Mr. Hartion of the cotton market. Mr. Har-tion of the cotton market. Mr. Har-of the terrible shock. The absent of the new council was held immedi-ris then called for the nomination of children have been telegraphed for. permanent officers and the following children have been telegraphed for. gentlemen were elected: T. S. Kirkpatrick, president; J. M. Spratt, vice president; B. W. Bradford, secretary; W. F. Harris, treas-

A letter from Capt. S. E. White, of Lancaster, one of Fort Mill township's largest farmers, was read, in which ne stated that unless cotton advanced in price he didn't think he would plant more than half a crop, and that he was ready to join his brother farmers in any step they may take for the bet-

The sense of the meeting was to with a like reduction in the amoun of commercial fertilizers used, and to hold all cotton now on hand until price to be agreed upon can be ob-All further business was put aside,

terment of conditions.

awaiting the action of the National association, which meets in New orleans on the 25th, and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting of the association will be held soon after the New Orleans convention, the date to be

SUICIDE OF J. A. WATSON. self in the head. The deed was committed with a shot gun, and was the result of careful and deliberate prepar-

ation. Death was instantaneous. It was about half past 10 o'clock when Mr. Watson's body was found nation of auditors should be taken by Mr. S. W. Watson, his son, lying in out of the primary. The governor's the back of the garden, but from the idea is that if auditors looked to the surrounding circumstances it was ev- governor instead of the people for ident that the shooting had taken place the continuance of their position, at least two hours before.

lay on a bank of grass covered earth, it was left by the murderous discharge.

Mr. S. W. Watson says he heard breakfast at the time. He did not know where his father was; but had no suspicion of anything unusual. The firing of guns in the vicinity is not Mr. J. Q. Wray went to Shelby yes-terday to attend the funeral of his time afterward he walked down in the garden and was horrified at the awful find against which he stumbled.

The body, as it was found, lay on its side, in doubled up position. The shot gun, which was a double-barrel muzzle-loader, lay with the muzzle within a few inches of the left side of the head and the butt near the feet. From the hands to the trigger guard extended a shoot of a wild cherry tree, a fork at the small end fitting over one of the triggers. Mr. Watson had cocked his gun, laid down on his side, placed the forked stick against the trigger, and ended his life by means of pressure with his hands. The soft showed a slight depression that had made by a rebound. There seemed to not instantaneous.

Examination of the wild cherry shoot which had been used to fire the gun, showed that all the limbs had been carefully trimmed, so as to leave no jagged places. In fact the trimming could not have consumed less than fifteen minutes, whether all at one time or at different times. But the fees are too high. From the best the stick was not prepared this morn-information this writer has been able ing. The condition of the knife marks to get, the office is not worth more show that the trimming must have

been a matter of several days ago. The place where the stick was secured, was found on an adjoining lot and the evidence there was the same, It has since developed that the buckshot, with which the gun was charged, were purchased from the Withers Adickes company about a week ago,

death was due to despondency. "My father had been trying to get work for some time past," said Mr. Wat-son, "and being unable to do so, became very despondent. We all knew and another gentleman, it did, it of this; but we had no idea that he was contemplating anything like makwas contemplating anything like making way with himself," A little negro about the place says she has heard Mr. Watson several times lately say, "Out of work; out of bread." It is understood that up-to the past few days the unfortunate man had hopes of getting a position; but when he finally learned that he would not secure the place, he carried into final execution the desperate purpose that had probably been forming in his mind for a week or more,

Mr. James A. Watson was a son of the late Rev. Samuel M. Watson, for many years pastor of Bethel church, and was born in Bethel township on April 1, 1841. He was well educated ed to make a canvass of the township and devoted the greater part of his life with a view to ascertaining how many to school teaching. He volunteered as if they were building a home to bales the various holders of cotton his services to the Confederacy shortwould be willing to turn over to ly after the breaking out of the war, trustees in accordance with the York and became a member of Company A. county mass meeting resolutions. This 12th regiment, of which he was appointed second sergeant. Later he became first sergeant, and was elected second lieutenant. Afterward he was journment of the meeting cotton was promoted to first lieutenant. He was wounded at Gettysburg and the Wilderness, and was captured by the enemy at Sutherland Station on April for sash, blinds and painting and all 3, 1865. He remained a prisoner at these things will be looked after short-3. 1865. He remained a prisoner at Johnson's Island, O., until some time after the close of the war.

Mr. Watson has been living in Yorkville for nearly twenty years, and was universally regarded as an upright The action of the meeting is subject Christian gentleman. In fact he was on the action of the New Orleans conthe very synonym of honesty, probity the very synonym of honesty, probity wilkerson's complaint is not unreasonable to the control of the meeting is subject. and correct living; but it would hardly be fair to say that he was a popureports the proceedings of the Fort lar man. The only reason for this probably was because he was too serious minded. There was absolutely no levity in his make up. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church of Yorkville and was faithful in the discharge of his every duty. In a word, it is not too much to say that a more honorable or upright man never lived

Mr. Watson leaves a widow and three children, all grown. The children are Mr. S. W. Watson of Yorkville; Mrs. R. C. Guy of Lowryville and Miss Virginia Watson, at present holding a position as stenographer in is in a state of collapse as the result Immediately upon the spread of the news of the tragedy citizens of Yorkville hurried to the scene to be of such assistance as possible in the circumstances, and kind neighbors are doing what they can to assist the grief stricken family with all the consolation possible. Arrangements for the funeral will probably be perfected during this afternoon.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

proposed amendment to Section 9 of children, four sons and three daugh-Article 3 of the constitution so as to provide for biennial sessions of the Kicked by a Mule.

the taxpayers make returns without the stock some attention and prot comment; but the auditor is seeing an hour later he was found lying as

enough to make it quite clear that Mr. James A. Watson committed the new law is not at all popular. suicide this morning by shooting him- As to whether the effect of the law will be to make dogs less plentiful remains to be seen.

There is considerable difference of opinion as to the wisdom of the governor's suggestion that the nomithey would be more fearless in the When the reporter arrived on the discharge of their duties. There is scene a few minutes after the alarm reason, however, to believe that the had been given, he found that a num- proposed change would be of but ber of citizens had already gathered little benefit in the direction of takabout the corpse; but nothing had ing the office from politics. If it been disturbed. The unfortunate man appoint he would have to look to the left side of his face covered with the legislative delegation for advice blood and powder smoke, and the shot as to which was the best man and gun still lying in the position in which politics would enter into the situation all the same. Then again, under the law the auditor has but little discretion or authority in the matter the report of the gun. He was at of listing property for taxation. He has to take the returns as they are given in to him and sworn to by the property owners, and the question as to whether returns are too high or too low must subsequently be decided by the board of equalization. Mr. Ardrey's bill to reduce the fees

of the clerk of the court is a subject of pretty warm discussion among people who know more or less about the circumstances. People who oppose reduction claim that the effect of the bill will be either to reduce the income of the clerk's office to a bare living or bring about a readjustment of charges that will cause no end of confusion. One of the principal sources of revenue to the clerk's office in York county is the recording of deeds and mortgages, and the price of this work will be cut half. The clerk is allowed to charge . for probating papers and earth underneath the butt of the gun entering satisfaction of mortgages: but it has never been customary to evidently, been made by the shock of make such charges in this county, and the discharge, and another not quite it is thought that it would be difficult so pronounced that was probably to change the custom. The fee question was made an issue in the cambe nothing to indicate that death was paign last summer; but it can hardly be said that the voters considered it at the polls, and as to whether or not there is any real demand for a reduction of the fees of the clerk's office, does not clearly appear. There are those who claim that this office is worth several thousand dollars a year; but this is only talk. If it is true, than \$1,800 a year or \$2,000 at best probably much less, and if this be true, the fee scale is about as it should be: Mr. W. S. Wilkerson of Hickory Grove, was in Yorkville Wednesday.

and made complaint to the reporter about a paragraph that was published in THE ENQUERER of January 10, and which puts Mr. Wilkerson in Mr. S. W. Watson save it as his a false and embarrassing position. credited to a "well-known farmer of the western side." "If that para-graph had reference to me," said Mr. Wilkerson, "and I suppose from a certain conversation I had with you place I am sure you will not question the fact that our conversation was not intended for publication, and in the second place you will agree that our conversation could not have been comprehensively covered in such a brief statement. Anyhow the publication failed to voice what was in my mind at the time, for I certainly did not intend my complaint as to the scarcity of labor to apply to the work that we were doing on outle school house. The article published made it appear everybody in the neighborhood was trifling, and nobody knows better than I do that such is not the case. than I do that such is not the case. As a matter of fact, there was no lack of labor on the school house. Messrs. J. J. Robinson, R. A. Brown, J. T. Wilkerson, Jonathan Buice, J. R. Howe and R. A. Fosier worked at the building as faithfully themselves, and others gave more or less assistance. It was hard to get carpenters when we needed them, and I confess that I may have shown a little vexation at that; but I hardly think I said anything to warrant such an impression as the article was calculated to create. The thing has worried me ever since it has brought to my attention, and I will ly. We have one of the best country schools in the county, and a school house which, when completed, will be second to none." While of course the reporter did not intend to create any unwarranted impression in the article referred to, he is convinced that

LOCAL LACONICS.

Miss Betsy Black Dead. Miss Betsy Black died in the county last Monday night, aged 96 7 months and 1 day. She was buried at Bethany on Tuesday by realtives. Miss Black had been an inmate of the county home for a number of years-sometimes there and sometimes away. She had been there for a year previous to her death, which was due to the grad-ual wearing away incident to old age.

Fort Mill's New Council.

Fort Mill Times: The new town ant, and S. W. Parks, A. A. Bradford, Sr., J. T. Young and W. P. Crayton, wardens, took the oath of office on Tuesday night of last week. A meeting was elected secretary and treasurer of the town, while W. L. Hall was re-elected chief of police for this year. Death of Mrs. Susan E. Moore, widow of

Mrs. Susan Emily Moore, widow of the late Philander E. Moore, died at her home near Philadelphia church last Monday afternoon of consump-tion, aged 51 years, 3 months and 12 days. She had been ill for about a year and had been confined to her bed for eight weeks. The funeral took place at Bethesda church on Tuesday, the services being conducted by Rev. J. K. Hall, her pastor. Mrs. Moore was highly esteemed by all Representative Beamguard has in- who knew her as a most excellent troduced a bill to ratify the recent Christian woman. She leaves seven

Andrew Moore, the 13-year-old son general assembly.

Auditor Williams reports that there is not a little kicking on account of the capitation tax on dogs. Some of Nobody saw the accident. The boy went out into the barn yard to give