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AN AWFUL TRAGEDY.

On Thursday last at noon, N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State, was shot down on the streets of Columbia by Lieut.-Gov. J. H. Tillman and death resulted at noon Monday.

Tillman had just left the State House, where he had presided over the proceedings of the Senate. He was accompanied by Senators Talbot, de Beaufort, and Brown, of Darlington, and shortly joined by Congressman-elect Wyatt Aiken and Representative Dominick.

As they crossed Gervais street, which intersects Main street immediately in front of the State House grounds, Mr. Gonzales was coming down Main street and the meeting took place at the corner, where is situated the street car transfer station.

Without a word of warning Tillman drew his pistol and fired. Not one of those with him had time to stay his hand, and the murderous bullet sped on its deadly mission.

It penetrated Gonzales' right side, just in front of the vest pocket, passed entirely through him, coming out a little below and just back of his vest pocket. The intestines were perforated in four places and the liver was pierced.

Gonzales staggered against the transfer office for support, and, as he did so, Tillman again presented his pistol but did not fire. Friends carried Gonzales back to his office and members of his family were sent for.

He was soon moved to the hospital. Tillman walked out into the middle of the street where he was arrested. Two pistols were taken from him, one a long range magazine pistol of German make and a large Colts revolver.

He made no statement and was taken to jail. One of Lieut.-Gov. Tillman's escorts thinks he heard Tillman say, as he drew his pistol, "I received your message." He is not positive.

Mr. Gonzales made the statement shortly after being shot that Tillman gave him no warning, when he presented his pistol the second time "I said to him, Shoot again, you coward." Mr. Gonzales was unarmed.

Indignation over this foul deed fills the entire country. It is of no concern whether the people agreed with Mr. Gonzales in political matters; it amounts to nothing if there be many who regarded him as being indiscreet and unrelenting in denunciations of Tillman during the campaign last fall; it matters not whether the dead editor had sent Tillman a message, (but few, if any, believe he did); these things cannot justify the deliberate, willful shooting without warning.

And every man, woman and child of discretion and with a correct conception of justice and right realize that the Lieutenant-Governor of the State, the second highest official of the commonwealth, has fastened a stain upon them that will require years of commiseration to wipe out.

N. G. Gonzales was a strong man and an honest man. Right was his governing principle, and he dared more than other men to express his convictions of right. If he was indiscreet it was the result of over-zealousness for the general good.

OUR COLUMBIA LETTER.

COLUMBIA, JAN. 19, 1903.

The general assembly is but slowly getting to work. Organization cannot be perfected in a day and not until the second week of the session does the machinery of law making get into good working order.

Today there will be no session of the general assembly, the members spending the annual holiday—Lee's birthday—with the winsome women of Washington. A special train has been provided for them.

A number of Columbia people will accompany the legislative party. The house of representatives resumes work at noon tomorrow. There will be a number of second reading bills on the calendar, and by Wednesday the house may be getting well into the work of the session.

The house is presided over by Hon. M. L. Smith of Camden, who was elected speaker by 97 out of 118 votes, practically unanimous, although opposed by one of the strongest and best equipped men in the house. Mr. Smith is pursuing the policy of Andrew Jackson, and has re-imposed his friends and supporters in forming the house committee.

These appointments insure safe and satisfactory legislation. Speaker Smith's clerical associates are such as to insure the rapid dispatch of business. Col. Tom C. Hamer, who was re-elected clerk, has held this position four years. He has ever been studious of the requirements of the members and has always sought to be of every assistance in handling the records so that there should be no discrimination and no delay.

Mr. J. Wilson Gibbs, whom Col. Hamer recommended for assistant clerk, is one of the most competent men in the State. When in newspaper work he was a great help, and this training has been of great service to him in making his official records of the day's proceedings. The Journal clerk, Mr. W. E. Cook, of the Florence Times, has held this place for several years and has the work well in hand. He has a very nice system for recording the introduction and final disposition of bills.

CHILD LABOR BILL. A great deal of interest was manifested in Speaker Smith's selection of a committee on commerce and manufactures. The members of this committee which will consider child labor bills, compulsory education, etc., are T. F. Stackhouse of Marion, G. R. Webb of Aiken, W. J. Johnson and T. W. Taylor of Fairfield, J. R. Haine of York, J. W. King of Florence, B. P. Carey and J. E. Herbert of Charleston, D. D. Harrelson of Horry, and Jesse Mahaffey of Spartanburg. The indications are that a bill prohibiting or restricting the labor of little children in cotton mills will be enacted at this session.

A bill to limit the hours of work in cotton mills has been introduced. It is proposed to cut the limit from 11 to 10 hours. There have been quite a number of bills introduced in the house. Some are measures of merit, some are freakish, and some have ornamented the calendar with their existence for years, only to meet with defeat each session.

FINANCES, roads and the system of taxation are questions which will require the earnest attention and the thought of the general assembly. There are 73 new members of the house, and in this new blood are some strong men. There are several young men of promise in the lower house and this is expected to be an eventful session.

THE SENATE. The week's work in the senate is ended, and beside perfecting a permanent organization little has yet been accomplished except the introduction of about a dozen bills, the majority of which are still in the hands of the respective committees. The re-election of all the former officers adds greatly to the facility of the transaction of business, besides being a high compliment to those who have served so faithfully in the past.

Lieut. Gov. Sloan, after the inauguration, will become the president of the senate and will immediately enter upon the discharge of his duties with the hearty co-operation as well as the esteem of every senator in the body. Long service in the general assembly has familiarized him with the rules of the senate and he is regarded by those who know him well as a good presiding officer.

CHILD LABOR BILL. Senator Marshall's child labor bill is perhaps the most important measure to come up in this session. The measure is now in the hands of the committee of commerce and manufactures and already three prominent mill presidents have appeared before the committee and expressed their satisfaction with the measure and will not oppose it. Another meeting of this committee will be held Tuesday evening and all interested are invited to be present and state their objections, if any, why the bill should not be reported favorably.

OTHER NEW MEASURES. Mr. Poyser's compulsory education and biennial session; Mr. J. W. Ragsdale's railroad relief department, and Mr. Hydrick's railway employes, also his telephone companies' bill will doubtless cause much discussion when these matters come squarely before the senate.

ELECTIONS. Tuesday at 11.30 a. m. the senate will convene and at noon meet the house in joint assembly and immediately enter into the elections of a chief justice to succeed the late lamented Chief Justice Henry Melver, a superintendent of the penitentiary, and two directors of the penitentiary.

It is generally conceded that Associate Justice Pope will be made chief justice and the names of about half a dozen prominent attorneys throughout the State have been suggested to fill the vacancy which will probably be made on the bench by the elevation of Associate Justice Pope to the chief justiceship.

The names of the candidates for the superintendency and the two directorships of the penitentiary are almost legion and their friends are hard at work in their behalf.

The time for the election of the United States senator is fixed by statute and will take place January 27th. Congressman A. C. Latimer having received the nomination in the Democratic primary will receive the unanimous vote of the general assembly to succeed Senator John L. McLaurin whose term expires in March.

CODE COMMISSIONER. W. H. Townsend, Esq., code commissioner, having been chosen by Attorney General-elect L. N. Ginter as assistant attorney general, will, as soon as he enters upon the discharge of his new duties tender his resignation to the general assembly. This will necessitate another election which will probably be ordered as soon as Mr. Townsend's resignation is received.

The engrossing department is busy with the preparation of new bills, the nature of which its members will not yet make public. The department is under the charge of Mr. W. W. Bradley, of Abbeville, who succeeds Mr. Frank F. Covington, who for a number of years has held this important position. Mr. Covington would probably have received the appointment again, but for the fact that the attorney general decided that under the statute he could not hold two offices at the same time.

Hon. D. C. Heyward will be inaugurated as Governor of South Carolina to-day, and we predict for him a successful and business-like administration of the affairs of our grand old commonwealth. Gov. McSweney has made an excellent Governor, and retires again to private life with the plaudit, "well done, thou good and faithful servant!" He has been attentive to the duties of his office, did not meddle with the affairs that did not concern him, and in all fairness he has acted under difficult and trying conditions. He has belonged to no one and no boss has dictated any policy or line of conduct. In short, he has made a model Governor, and his name will long be an honor to the pages of South Carolina's history.

We join his numerous friends in wishing him many years of health, happiness and prosperity. The corn crop of the United States for the year 1902 reached the enormous amount of three billion, five hundred million bushels, valued at over one billion dollars. It is all well enough to give manufacturing industries a prominent place in estimating the future wealth and greatness of this country, but agriculture has been the foundation of all that has been accomplished up to the present time, and will continue to be in the future.

Think of one billion dollars being produced from the ground in one year from one article of agriculture, and a food article at that. This sum would more than pay off the national debt, it would liquidate the expense incurred by England in the recent South African war, and all made in one year from one corn crop. With such resourcefulness as this, it is not surprising that the United States is looked upon as the greatest country in the world.

The investigation of the railroad statistics for 1902 by the Railway Age and by the Manufacturer's Record develops the fact that the South has constructed over 4,000 miles of new roads in 1902 and that over 5,000 miles are already projected for 1903. Other sections have been so much more developed in this particular than the South that this is the field in which lies the greatest opportunity for further development.

Pushing Ahead!

We are continually pushing ahead, buying new Goods, cutting down prices on small lots, thinking new thoughts, offering special inducements to the trading public, looking out for the interest of our customers, for in so doing we are looking out for ourselves.

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About 100 pairs of extra heavy 11-4 Cotton Blankets, worth \$1.50, but to close at 99c. pair. 100 extra heavy White Bed Spreads, weigh three pounds, full size and ready hemmed, at 98c each. 50 pairs 10-4 All Wool North Carolina Home-made Blankets, worth \$4.00, at per pair \$2.75.

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Beautiful Taffeta Silk, in blue, white and pink, bought direct from importers, and cheap at 50c, our price 39c yard. Nice line of All Wool Flannel Waisting at per yard 25c. Nice line of Wool Skirting, 56 inches wide, at 49c yard. 42-inch Henrietta, in blue, garnet and black, worth 75c, at per yard 48c. Very heavy yard-wide Black Taffeta Silk, soft and will not split, at per yard 98c. Light-weight Homespun at per yard 3c. Heaviest yard-wide Homespun at per yard 5c. 64-inch Table Damask, mercerized and all linen, worth 75c, at per yard 50c. 54-inch All Linen Damask, bleached and unbleached, at 25c per yard. Good quality Red Table Damask at 25c per yard.

CUTTING AFFRAY.

There has been a cutting affray in our Clothing Department. Men's \$5.00 Suits at per Suit \$2.98. Men's All Wool Suits, worth \$7.00, at per Suit \$4.50. Men's All Wool Melton Suite, worth \$10.00, at per Suit \$6.98. Men's Tailor-made Suits, worth \$15.00, reduced to \$10.00 Suit.

SHOES, SHOES.

Women's Fine Shoes, on job counter, small sizes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00, at per pair 75c. See our line of Fine Shoes for women, bought direct from factory, at \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75, every pair guaranteed. Women's \$3.00 Fine Shoes at \$2.50. Men's Fine Shoes at 75c to best ones made at \$3.50 pair.

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Big shipment of Union-made Carhart OVERALLS at Cut Prices. Ten doz. Men's All Silk Ties, cheap at 25c, but for a flyer 10c.

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Dean's Patent.

He finds it so sticky he can't eat it; the more he chews it the bigger it wads up in his mouth, and when he carries it back to the man he bought it from, he is told that his wife don't know how to bake good bread. This is enough to make any man mad, and say funny names, but there is no excuse for it. He ought to have sense enough, as his wife told him, to know that there is no Flour "just as good" as DEAN'S PATENT, and he ought to buy it all the time, although he is offered something "just as good" for 25c. a barrel less.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE are pleased to announce to the public that our trade for the Fall of 1902 has been unprecedented, and we thank you for your valued patronage.

Seasonable Goods

To clean up. So be quick and take advantage of our Cleaning Up Prices. LOT 40—Boys' Overcoats, worth \$3.50, sale price \$1.50 each. LOT 41—Men's Overcoats, worth \$5.00, sale price \$2.00 to \$3.00 each.

SPECIAL.

Twenty pounds Sugar One Dollar. Ten pounds Arbuckles' Coffee One Dollar. Ingersoll's Guaranteed Watch One Dollar. The Sorosis Skirt One Dollar.

D.C. BROWN & BRO.

Advertisement for Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. featuring a cartoon character with a whip and a horse, promoting fertilizers.

Announcement!

It is with much pleasure that we make the announcement that Mr. Davis, "The Shoe Man," will soon take up his abode with us to live in Anderson, he and his family, and the style of our Firm will be known, on and after March 1st, 1903, as—

DAVIS & DANIEL, "THE SHOE MEN."

The Shoe Stock now on hand will be closed out at greatly reduced prices, excepting Clapps, Walk Overs, Snows and Queen Quality.

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Terms Strictly Cash.

DAVIS, THE SHOE MAN, W. F. DANIEL, Manager.

A new weekly newspaper has been started in Greenwood, which gives that city three weeklies and one daily. The new publication is called News and Views, is an 8-page, 6-column sheet, with J. L. Carr editor. It starts off with a fine advertising patronage, and we wish it well.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of the annual report of State Superintendent of Education John J. McMahan. It is a lengthy and carefully prepared document, every page of which can be studied with profit. Mr. McMahan makes several important recommendations to the legislature which should be heeded.