

## GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

## Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Throughout the State.

The Brooklyn Eagle has published an estimate giving New York to Parker by a very large plurality. The figures are conservative.

Populist candidate Watson has issued a final word to his followers in which he says that if he gets an encouraging vote he will go to work in earnest to build up a reform party.

On Friday a passenger steamer was sunk by a collision in the Mediterranean, of Angeria, resulting in the drowning of over one hundred people, mostly immigrants.

President Roosevelt last week published a passionate denial of Parker's statement that the republican party had used trust money in the campaign having compelled the trusts to furnish said money. On Saturday night, in a speech before a democratic club of New York, Parker renewed the charges, and showed that Roosevelt's denial was inadequate and weak.

Ex-Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville, who has been on trial for the murder of his wife, for the last few weeks, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, the jury coming to a verdict at about noon on Saturday. An appeal has been made on the ground that the jurors read and were influenced in their decision by newspaper reports.

## SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

## Items of More or Less Interest Condensed in the State.

On Saturday there was a severe storm off Charleston. So far as can be learned no vessels were damaged.

The Charleston trades and labor assembly will be represented at the Jig gathering of the American Federation of labor, in San Francisco, during the latter part of this month.

The husband of Mary Binds, the negro woman who was murdered at Bishopville several days ago, is still at large despite the efforts of Sheriff Smith to effect his capture.

Capt John S. Rowe, one of the largest and best-known planters of Orangeburg county, has sold his large plantation to several gentlemen from the north.

The Anderson mills, on account of the good rains, will soon be able to run on full time again. The mill people have been especially desirous for rain because of the lowness of the stream which furnishes the power.

Mr. Appelt, who has been for years the assistant postmaster of Darlington, has resigned his position, and will soon go on the road in the interest of a mercantile house.

The city of Greenville is making strenuous efforts to get the full support of the whole state in the support of a measure which concerns the city of Greenville alone, and which will be voted on at the election as a constitutional amendment.

Chester county breaks the record for speedy legal punishment. Lewis Williams, colored, committed house-breaking and larceny last week, was tried, sentenced to one year of hard labor, and put to work all in less than three days time.

While two negro boys were playing with a loaded pistol in Spartanburg county, on Friday last, the weapon exploded with the result that one of the boys, John Kirtendall, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded.

The annual state convention of the D. A. R. is meeting in Spartanburg this week, commencing today and continuing throughout Thursday. An interesting program is being prepared for each day of the convention.

Mr. W. R. Dunn, of Donalds, has the misfortune to lose ten fine mules in a fire which consumed his barn last week. The estimated loss is not given, and the cause of the fire is not known.

The supreme court last week filed a decision in which it is declared that an arrest for misdemeanor cannot be made without a warrant by a police officer unless the alleged crime is committed in his sight or unless the circumstance is peculiar because of some special emergency.

Millie Bell, a white woman of Bayboro, is dead, having been killed on

last Thursday by a hoe in the hands of William Bell, a male relative of the woman. Mrs. Bell, the deceased, was the wife of George Bell. The killing was the result of a family feud of long standing. Several persons implicated in the trouble were arrested on Saturday.

## THE ORIGIN OF GENIUS.

## Mystery Surrounding the Cause of Greatness in Men.

The revival of interest in Chopin, due to the appearance of a biography and a discussion of his place among musical composers, has also called attention to the fact that there is also no discoverable origin of his genius. His parents, while not of the lowest peasant class, were not remarkable people, nor did any of his brothers or sisters display any marked characteristics to distinguish them from the average human kind. Chopin, however, from infancy, gave evidence of superior musical development. He speedily distanced his instructors upon the piano, wrote such difficult music that he was compelled to devise his own method of fingering, and improvised long before he knew anything of technical counterpoint and harmony. His genius was intuitive. No one can tell whence it came. All delighted in its manifestation.

What is true of Chopin is true of nearly every other genius the world has known. A family pursues its common place existence for several generations, and then, without any apparent reason, a son or daughter, endowed with faculties quite foreign to parents and relatives, mount to the highest pedestal of fame. Genius, however, does not beget genius, and so, as soon as nature has sported with the one shining example, the glory dies away, and once more the dead level of common humanity is resumed.

There was not, for instance, a gradual ascent to nor an equally even descent from the height which Shakespeare reached. He stands alone, with nothing before and nothing after. Neither his father, a reputable merchant in Stratford, nor his mother, the daughter of a respectable land holder, was apparently destined to give to the world so great a son. Wagner's father was the clerk of a police court, although he passionately loved the theatre, and his mother possessed no especial gifts. Beethoven's father was an ordinary musician and his mother was the daughter of a cook. The list might be indefinitely extended, including great leaders of men like Mahomet and Napoleon; or poets, from Homer to Tennyson; or painters, from Raphael to all the famous artists of the present day.

In all of these men the mystery of genius was present. Its presence excited curiosity, as well as admiration, and yet its cause remained a sealed book. All that is said and written is mere guesswork. No one knows what peculiar convolution of the brain, what particular activity of undiscovered cells, makes the poet, the musician, the artist, or the general. We say that a man is a born poet of a born musician, and there we pause. Science brings nothing definite to our aid, and leaves the curtain darkly down.

While it is true, as Carlyle said, that genius is capacity for taking infinite pains, it is also true that no amount of labor can supply the missing element of genius. A man who lacks the vital spark at his birth might as well accept the place which nature has assigned him. It is not for him to be great. Perhaps the time will come when the researches of the scientists will reveal to us how geniuses are made, discovering the conditions which create the wonderful gifts which make the whole world bow in admiration. Until then, however, the mystery of genius must be ignorantly worshiped.

It is even poor consolation to agree with Shopenhauer that there is a touch of genius in every man. He argues that unless this were the case, it would be impossible to explain the love of humanity for art and music and all the concrete manifestations of beauty. At the same time this is merely the statement of a fact, not the discovery of a cause. When the birth of every genius the eternal riddle presents itself unsolved. Some of these days when the world

is not so wholly given over to materialism, as it is today, some rare, ethereal, spiritual mind may grasp the secret. Meanwhile, we of the grosser flesh can simply wonder and adore. Washington Post.

## The History of Sheep.

November Outing.  
Of all the domestic animals the sheep has from time immemorial, been most closely associated with mankind. An erudite author sixty years ago having laboriously collated an assortment of allusions to sheep made by sacred and profane writers, concluded that "the history of these animals is so interwoven with the history of man that they never existed in a wild state at all. Biblical history from the time of Abel is full of allusions to the flocks which formed the chief possessions of the Jewish people and their neighbors. The spoils of war and the tribute of vassal kings largely consisted of sheep. Thus we read that Mesha, king of Moab, was a sheep master, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand rams with the wool. Moses after his victory over the Midianites obtained as loot no less than 675,000 sheep, and long before the Christian era sheep were cultivated in Western Europe. Spain and Italy possessed them from an unknown period, although the inhabitants had not learned to shear the fleece; and, until the time of Pliny, the practice of plucking it from the skin was not wholly abandoned, so long had the humble shepherds of Syria preceded in their knowledge of necessary arts, the future conquerors of their country.

## Some Ancient History.

The State.  
Governor Heyward's action yesterday in granting a respite to Aaron Williams was based upon the construction of law as given by the supreme court of South Carolina in the case of Jeff David. This is one of the most celebrated cases in history, and although it occurred nearly 30 years ago the facts are familiar to many people.

It was in this case that the principle of "after discovered evidence" was established, and the convicted person, no matter how long after the crime, has the right to demand a new trial upon "after discovered evidence." Not "cumulative" evidence, not evidence which was neglected at trial, but evidence which was not available after due diligence had been exercised by the accused and his legal representative. Ex-Judge W. C. Benet, now of this city, represented Jeff David, who for three years lived in the shadow of the gallows, who eight times was respited, once while the noose was around his neck, and whose case was passed upon by four governors, the supreme court, four circuit judges, and who was prosecuted vigorously by two solicitors with press and public clamoring for his execution.

## FOR SPEEGLE.

## Senator Tillman Enters Greenville Election Controversy.

The State.

Greenville, Nov. 5.—A bomb was thrown into the camp of Walker supporters in the supervisor contest this afternoon when it was made known that a telegram had been received from Senator Tillman declaring it to be the duty of democrats to support Speegle. The message came from Corydon, Indiana, and was addressed to Messrs. C. L. Verdin, W. H. Whitmire, W. E. Wright, E. P. Burbage, W. J. Bramlet and read as follows:

"Your telegram received. The action of the committee, right or wrong, is final and all democrats must bow to its decision. If I lived in Greenville I should vote for Speegle. As fraud was charged and shown on both sides the committee should have ordered another primary.

"Walker should vote the ticket and urge his friends to do so and appeal to the people hereafter to right his grievances.

The democratic primary should be above suspicion, or the negro will come back into our politics, something we cannot afford.

(Signed) "B. R. Tillman."  
On receipt of the telegram the Speegle supporters to give it all pos-

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sible weight had a sworn statement from the receiving telegraph operator made before a notary to prove its authenticity.

It is believed the message will have some conciliatory effect in the country neighborhoods, where in fact the fight has been the strongest against Speegle. In the city surprise is expressed that the senator should take a hand in what appears to me purely a local factional fight.

## Experience His Best Teacher.

A Chicago man who gave advice to another man's wife has been named as a correspondent in a divorce libel instituted by the husband of the woman to whom the advice was given. The husband cannot be blamed for wishing to give the adviser a chance to put his advice on "How a Wife Should Be Treated" into practice. He probably is working on the theory that experience is

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