NO. 16.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

WHAT THE LAWMAKERS HAVE DONE FOR THE STATE.

Several Important Measures Receive Final Consideration-Synopsis of the Proceed-

COLUMBIA, December 10.—The work of the Legislature has progressed rapidwill now be noticed.

THE CRIMINAL LAW.

The bill to regulate the criminal prac-

Section 1. That every indictment shall be deemed and adjudged sufficient and good in law, which, in addition to setting forth the time and place, as now Yeas—Alexander, Bell, Bieman, Buist, provided by law, charges the crime substantially in the language of the com mon law or of the statute prohibiting the same, or so plainly that the nature of the offence charged may be easily under-

Section 2. That every objection to any indictment for any defect apparent on the face thereof shall be taken by demurrer, or on motion to quash such in- poned without a division. dictment before the jury shall be sworn, and not afterwards.

Section 3. That if there be any defect in form in any indictment it shall be competent for the Court before which the case is tried to amend the said indictment: Provided, such amendment does not change the nature of the offence charged; that if on the trial of any case there shall appear to be any variance between the allegations of the indictment and the evidence offered in proof thereof, it shall be competent for the Court before which the trial shall be had to amend the said indictment according to the proof: Provided, such amendment does not change the nature of the offence charged; and after such amendment the trial shall proceed in all respects and with the same consequence as if no varience had occurred, unless such amendment shall operate as a surprise to the defendant, in which case the defendant shall be entitled upon demand to a continuance of the cause.

Section 4. That in any plea of autre fois acquit or antre fois convict it shall be sufficient for any defendant to state that he has been lawfully acquitted or convicted, as the case may be, or the offence charged in the indictment.

Section 5. That every indictment for

murder shall be deemed and adjudged sufficient and good in law, which in addition to setting forth the time and place, together with a plain statement, divested of all useless phraseology, of the manner in which the death of the deceased was caused, charges that the defendant did feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought kill and murens county. der the deceased. Section 6. That in all cases whatso-

int or figures, shall be sufficient to deribe such instrument by any name or there shall be a reapportionment of repdesignation by which the same may be
resentation on the basis of the United usually known or by the purport thereof, and in such manner as to sufficiently identify such instrument without setting out any copy or fac simile of the

whole or any part thereof.
Section 7. That in any indictment for perjury it shall not be necessary to set forth more than the substance of the oath and the fact concerning which the perjury is alleged to have been com-

Section 8. That any person or persons who shall be arraigned for the crime of murder, manslaughter, burglary, arson, rape or grand larceny shall be entitled to peremptory challenges not exceeding ten; and the State in such cases shall be entitled to peremptory challenges not exceeding five; and any person or persons who shall be indicted for any crime a vote of 57 to 60. or offence, other than those enumerated above, shall have the right to peremptory challenges not exceeding five, and the apportionment shall only hold good unstate in such cases shall be entitled to peremptory challenges not exceeding Assembly which will be elected in 1890. two. But no right to stand aside jurors shall be allowed to the State in any case whatsoever: Provided, that in no case where there shall be more than one defendant jointly tried, shall more than twenty peremptory challenges be allow-ed in all to the defendants.

Section 9. Nothing in this Act contained shall apply to any case where an indictment has already been found and

ecutions in criminal cases, caused con- Speaker was composed of Messrs. Simpconsiderable discussion, participated in by several members, Colonel Haskell

tion to liens on buildings and lands. 5, Darlington 4, Edgefield 6, Fairfield 3, Several speeches were made on the bill, and the debate was long and interesting.

After every feature had been fully and freely discussed it was indefinitely postMarlboro 3, Newberry 3, Oconee 2, Marlboro 3, Newberry 3, Oconee 3, Marlboro 3, Newberry 3, Oconee 3, Marlboro 3, Ma

poned. Numerous bills have passed their third readings, among which—the bill to punliamsburg 3, York 4. ish ...ck-fighting within three miles of any chartered institution in this State.

CONCEALED WEAPONS. There was some discussion on the bill (by Dr. Lee, of Charleston,) to amend the law as to the carrying of concealed weapons, making the offence a felony. Dr. Lee supported his bill in an able argument and was seconded by Dr. Pope, of Newberry, Mr. Boozer, of Edgefield, Colonel McKissick, of Union, and others. Mr. Gary, of Edgefield, opposed the bill, on the ground that the present law was sufficient to suppress the evil if it was properly enforced. Finally a vote was reached on a motion to kill the bill. The motion was defeated and the fight was reopered. Mr. Wilson, or

by a vote of 75 to 37 decided to recommit the bill, and then adjourned.

THE PHOSPHATE BILL.

The phosphate bill, the provisions of which have already been summarized in these columns, caused quite a lengthy debate in the Senate. The various pro-visions of the bil! were freely discussed. The first vote came up on Senator Taltwenty. This amendment was lost by a vote of 17 nays to 16 yeas. Next his amendment to increase the royalty was lost by a vote of 25 nays to 10 yeas.

Mr. Hyde relation to the relation to th tice in this State has passed the House and Senate both and is now before the Senate judiciary committee, who are considering the House amendments. The following is the text of the bill as it left the House:

Section 1. That every indictment shell moved to table this motion. The constitution of the senate upon the measure as whole. Finally Senator Moise, of Sumter, moved to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Murray

Yeas—Alexander, Bell, Bieman, Buist, Edward, Field, Howell, Murray, Moore, Munro, McMaster, Reynolds, Sinkler, Sligh, Smythe, Talbert, Williams—17.

Nays—Austin, Black, Byrd, Crews, Erwin, Hemphill, Izlar, Kennedy, Moody, McCall, Moise, Patterson, Rhame, Smith, Wofford, Wingard, Woodward and Youmans—18.

The bill was then indefinitely post-

SOME NEW MEASURES.

Quite a number of new measures have been introduced-among them the following

In the Senate: Bill to amend the trial justice law. Bill to regulate licenses for insurance companies doing business in this State.

Bill to renew and amend the charter of the Oak Point Mining Company. Bill to extend, amend and renew the charter of the Farmers' Phosphate Com-

pany.

Bill incorporating the Security Savings Bank of Charleston. Bill incorporating the Summerville

Building and Loan Association. By Senator Moore, bill to restore a per diem payment to county boards of examiners.

In the House: Mr. Lesesne, bill to repeal certain Acts so as to remit the the stock law.

Mr. Abney, bill to amend Chapter 72, order for Monday next. &c., of the General Statutes, relating to assignments by insolvent debtors. Mr. Aucrum, bill to charter the Cam-

den Street Railway Company.
Mr. Teague, bill requiring the super-intendent of the Penitentiary to provide separate maintenance, lodging and training for criminals under 15 years of age.
Mr. Plowden, bill to authorize the town council of Forreston to borrow money for building an academy and

boarding-house. Mr. Johnston, bill to abolish the office of superintendent of highways in Pick-

ABOUT THE CENSUS.

mittee. This bill simply provides that the Representatives among the counties, taking four from Charleston and one each from Aiken, Hampton and Richland counties, and giving an additional Representative to Beaufort, Edgefield, Greenville, Laurens, Mariboro, Spartanburg and Sumter counties.

There was a long and earnest debatethe opponents of the bill resting their objections mainly upon the ground that it would be in violation of the State

Constitution. The yeas and nays were called on the motion to strike out the enacting words. During the call of the roll there was perfect silence in the House, most of the members keeping tally of the votes.

a vote of 57 to 60. Mr. Haskell offered an amendment, which was accepted, providing that this apportionment shall only hold good un-After some further debate it was sug-

gested that the apportionment set forth in the bill had never been verified by reference to the records of the census of 1880, as filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

After some discussion Mr. Haskell's motion to recommit to a special commit-tee was adopted on a division, with the understanding that the committee should the case is actually pending.

Section 10. That all Acts and parts of figures and that the bill would then be Acts inconsistent with this Act are hereby taken up for its third reading, the opposition guaranteeing that it should not The bill to provide for the payment lose its place on the Calendar. The by the State of the expenses of all pros- special committee appointed by the

son, Douglass and Aldrich.

The committee, on the day following, leading the fight against the bill and Mr. reported that they had made the neces-Rankin defending it. Finally it was in- sary calculations, and found that the definitely postponed by a vote of 57 representation would be as follows: Ab-

> The committee stated that in appor-Charleston they had made the calculatwo portions of old Charleston since cut

> into two counties. The House discussed the bill at some length. A motion to indefinitely postpone was lost-yeas 55, nays 58-and the bill was then, without a division, passed and sent to the Senate. Another effort was made to postpone the matter, by referring it to the Supreme Court to pass on the constitutionality of the measure, but this failed.

INSURANCE BILL KILLED.

The three-quarter value clause insurance bill was next taken up, the object York, Mr. Haskell, of Columbia, Major being to prevent insurance companies Brawley, and others opposed the bill on from inserting in their policies what is the grounds given above, viz., that in- known as the three-fourths value clause.

the enforcement of the law against carrying concealed weapons. The discussion lasted till 10 p. m., when the House W. B. Wilson, of York, advocated, and Mr. Connors, of Lancaster, and Mr. Moses, of Sumter, opposed the measure, the bill was killed—73 to 36.

THE LABOR HOURS BILL.

The Greenville bill to limit the time of working in factories to ten hours per day caused much debate. An amendment, making the bill apply only to persons under twel e years of age, was ly and satisfactorily for the past week. bert's motion to make the duration of offered, which caused a long debate. The and all the rest of it.

The more important measures acted on the proposed grant ten years instead of bill was discussed to day and went over Now that the ferme

> THE LAW OF MARRIED WOMEN. Mr. Hyde's bill to amend the law in relation to the contracts of married women was next taken up and discussed. A motion to kill the bill was lost—88 to 23. Finally the bill was passed in

> this shape: Section 1. A married woman shall have the right to purchase any species of property in her own name and to take proper legal conveyance therefor, and to contract and be contracted with in the same manner as if she were unmarried: Provided, that the husband shall not be liable for the debts of the wife contracted prior to or after their marriage, except for her necessary support.

> Section 2. All the earnings and income of a married woman shall be her own separate estate, and shall be governed by the same provisions of law as apply to other separate estates.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

The bill to reorganize the Department of Agriculture caused much debate in the Senate. It was finally passed, with an amendment provided for members of the Board and providing that eight of these members and the Commissioner of also shall be elected by the General Assembly. The other two members are to be the master of the State Grange and the president of the State Agricultural and Mechanical Society. The eight elected are to be one from each of the eight judicial circuits.

The bill to reorganize and improve the State University caused an animated debate in the Senate—Messrs. Buist and Youmans favoring it, and Messrs. Moody, Hemphill, Sligh and Talbert opposing it. A motion to indefinitely postpone the bill was tabled by a vote of county of Colleton to the operations of 21 to 13. After further debate the bill one year notes have of late been falling Chapter 27, General Statutes, relating to was made the special order for yesterday. And on yesterday it was made the special

> OTHER MATTERS. Senator Edwards's joint resolution proposing to strike from the Constitu-tion, Section 10, of Article X, contain-ing the mandate that all schools, in whole or in part, supported by the publie fund, shall be free and open to all the youth of the State without regard to race, color, &c., was killed without a division as soon as the Senator had ex-

plained what it meant. The joint resolution proposing to amend the Constitution as to Judges charging juries on questions of fact, was killed, on motion of its author, Senator

A bill to prevent the improper selling make any averment in any indictment as in the House on the bill to re-apportion of Senator Hemphill's jocular amend-nesists wholly or in part of writing, previously reported by the proper comparison of the proper comparison. newspapers, &c.

The committee on agriculture has submitted a favorable report on the bill to establish a separate agricultural college. States census of 1880 and divides out It was made the special order for the 15th inst.

Mr. Davenport has at last succeeded in getting a favorable report on his bill to protect the 'possum while he in an unripe state. The coon will also be included in the beneficent and merciful provisions of the bill.

The House committee of agriculture had a lively discussion on the Colleton stock law exemption bill. Seven of the committee agreed to report the bill unfavorably and six favorably. The reports have been handed in.

Dr. Pope's bill to amend the law as to lawyers' costs so as to limit their fees for attending references was passed to a third reading.

The joint resolution to call a Constitutional Convention passed the House, but with frightfully high rents are in danger was lost in the Senate. The joint resoof going to the wall. The company, it lution to enlarge the judiciary by creatriding that unless two Supreme Court the decision of the latter should stand

affirmed. Unfavorable reports were made on the last payment shall be made. separate agricultural college bill and the bill establishing certain scholarships in the Winthrop Training School for Teachers, but both were placed on the Calen-

dar for consideration hereafter. The House has passed a bill to exempt

the operations of the stock law. THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL.

No day has yet been fixed for the election of a successor to Comptroller General Stoney, whose resignation was handed to the Governor on Thursday. Among those most prominently mentioned are James S. Clerk of the House.

New York from \$4.60 in December, 1886, tioning representatives to Berkeley and to \$5.25 per ton in December, 1887, and the latter figure will be likely to prevail tion according to the townships in the during the winter. Owing to a strike on of production, transportation and handlivered to the consumer in New York for ests are involved, but it's true just the \$3.50 per ton. But this is on paper only. same. -Richmond Whig.

ceasing the penalty would not ensure The bill had already been discussed and continues to come every night, as usual.

THE WANING "MAGIC CITY."

The Downward Trend of the Inflated Alabama Towns-Depression in Birmingham
-- A Sad Collapse in Prospect.

(From the New York Herald.) The New South. It is now nearly year since the boom in that section culminated. The whole country has been ringing with the fairy tale of the South's awakening, of her wonderful mineral re-sources, of the new towns and cities On First Avenue. Birmingham springing up, of fortunes made in a day

Well, the situation is seriously strained. In the new manufacturing cities everybody has been doing a little more than was safe, and, consequently, is now borrowing. Money commands sixteen to was safe, and, consequently, is now borrowing. Money commands sixteen to eighteen per cent. and even more, and the reply.

"What!" exclaimed the writer, "for this little house? Why, it's a ridiculous the lowest rate at the banks on absolutely safe security is one per cent. a month. The boom has subsided, but the people are trying to sustain real estate on the absurdly high level to which it was lifted in the period of crazy speculation. It rests upon a vast trestle work of interrelated credits.

owner of a single lot not for and the land company with millions of capital—are all trying to talk up and hold up values. The creditor does not dare to press the debtor, for if one brick in the row is toppled over others must inevitably go, too, and no one could tell that would suit me, but they asked \$3,700 a year rent for that four story barracks. Why our firm has a ware-barracks. Why our firm has a ware-barracks.

on which he may float out of his difficul- off Broadway, seven stories, with cellar ties. He feels sure that this revival is and sub-cellar, and for that we pay only coming soon, but pending its fancie \$3,500. advent his needs are pressing. He must have money to tide over, and to get it he is obliged to pay whatever the lender chooses to ask. In many instances the rates paid amount to confiscation. The borrowers are doomed.

prices, taking one-fourth cash and notes at one, two and three years respectively for the remaining three-fourths. due from day to day, but the makers are unable to pay.

cent. cash payment in most instances about fifty yards—when it stopped and probably represents the full intrinsic value of the property, or more than the theorem and of the property, or more than the thrown out of the buggy, getting his arm and statistically started on—running that the control of the property of the commenced kicking. Mr. Johnson was value of the property, or more than the thrown out of the buggy, getting his arm and statistically started on—running that the control of the property of the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and statistically started on—running the control of the property of the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and started on—running the control of the property of the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and started on—running the control of the property of the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and started on—running the control of the property of the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and the control of the property or more than the buggy, getting his arm and the control of the property or more than t "business" streets. The twenty-five per and it immediately started off-running value, but most of the lots were bought on speculation, and in many instances lots, after sale by the company, have passed through several hands at always advancing prices; so that they are now at the mill and witnessed the accident.

No. Englis; fork mission, M. A. Considered to have been in no small broken and sustaining other injuries. The mule dragged the buggy some distance further, kicking as it went, until J. W. McRoy; Lancast r. A. General rates were ended and that open rates on an equal basis were now offered at the mill and witnessed the accident.

J. W. Englis; fork mission, M. A. Considered to have been in no small broken and sustaining other injuries. Fork Mills, J. W. McRoy; Lancast r. A. General rates were ended and that open rates on an equal basis were now offered to all. The reflex action of this development of confidence among business.

headed investors who visit the city are that could be done for her relief was S. Martin; Tumbling Shoals, W. A. maintained, no destructive rate would

contracts being made. The land company is now "carrying" those who bought its lots, and individuals who sold real estate are doing the same by their debtors. If the company could seize the lots it could not sell them, so that the notes (which bear in- lovely wife c. he President, and whenterest, of course) are more valuable than the "dirt," provided the drawers succeed in pulling through, and if they do not. the company can then recover the land anyhow. From selfish motives the comof going to the wall. The company, it may be noted, could not foreclose if it ustices and Circuit Judges) and pro- lands sold. Instead of giving the buyer a deed and taking a mortgage for the Justices concur with the Circuit Judge, balance of the purchase money the company gives simply a bond that the title it, and read "Frances H. Cleveland," town, A. H. Lester; Georgetown circuit, shall be vested in the holder when the and not "Frances F. Cleveland." Be-L. C. Loyal; Johnsonville, W. B. Baker.

The ease with which these bonds could be transferred was an element in fostering the wild speculation. To wipe out the claims of the holders of these, however, would involve a long and tedious litigation. At Decatur and some other certain portions of Berkeley county from new cities they are wiser; they give the buyers deeds and clap mortgages on the property for the balance of the purchase

money.

The Elyton Land Company passed its dividend the other day, thus indirectly confirming the correctness of the state-ments made above. Instead of paying Verner, Esq., of its cash dividend the company issued Oconee, Hon. J. W. Daniels, of Ander- script convertible into bonds. The script son, Colonel John P. Thomas, of Co. represents, the company says, \$2,400,lumbia, General St. J. Sinkler, of 000 of good notes in its treasury, and as successful business men attribute their Berkeley, Hon. W. C. Coker, of Darl. these cannot be disturbed, they are good fortune neither to luck or general to 45.

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mingham will pull through. year than the year before. The Morning the bad features being an exact ratio to Journal makes an estimate of actual cost the madness of the speculation recently carried on. All this will probably be ling of coal, showing that it could be de- scouted by those whose pecuniary inter-

So much for the financial situation in A Georgia man, who was engaged in and their ultimate prosperity and imparising up a gate, was struck by lightning portance there can be no question. Before there can be any new leap forward, The Lowa brew however, there will have to be a wiping being decided against them.

and there must be a general adjustment of values on a rational and practical basis

instead of the present speculative one. On First Avenue, Birmingham, the writer was in a little shop on the first floo of a two story brick building.

The evere no flagstones in front—only after a warm debate, was adopted, re-Now that the fermentation has sub-sided, it is worth while to blow off the a dir. sidew. k, with the dust rising in froth and glance at what is under it. little clouds from the feet of pedestrians. "What rent do you pay here?" was the

visitor's query.
"Two hundred dollars a month,"

get the whole house. The floor above is cause, temperance, Conference relations, rented out to a family. I pay \$200 for the store alone."

firm who was looking for a suitable Landowners, hotel keepers, agents, warehouse with a view to establishing a shopkeepers, mechanics—the humble branch of their business in the "Magic warehouse with a view to establishing a

A Shocking Accident.

On Friday last Mr. John Johnson, Sr., and his wife were returning from a a visit to their brother, Mr. Isaac John-The state of affairs in the new manufacturing city of Birmingham, Ala., is fairly representative. During the "boom" one year ago, the Elyton Land Company (which founded the city; sold no end of building lots at enormous prices, taking one-fourth each and rotes they mot English Herber mot English H they met Freddie Holmes, nephew of flank which caused him to come down a te, W. D. Kirkland. The lots were sold for absurdly high prices—as high as \$1,500 per front foot on the ragged outer edge of so-called on the ragged outer edge of so-called outer edge outer edge of so-called outer edge outer edge of so-called advancing prices; so that they are now nominally owned by persons several removes from the original buyers.

Now that the boom has died out and there is no demand for lots, the last buyers cannot sell except at a great sacrifice. But the lot owners and the company are alike interested in keeping property up on its fictitious level. Cool headed investors who visit the city are lowed and conveyed to the nominally owned by persons several removes from the original buyers.

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Cokesbury District—A. J. Cauther, Cokesbury, D. Z. Dantzler; Greenwood, F. Auld; Ninety-Six, W. P. Meadors; Donald's, C. H. Abbeville circuit, S. J. Bethes; McGorment advances except when excessive competition had reduced them to a point at which they could not well be maintained. The reflex action of this development of confidence among business men has been highly favorable to the Ockesbury District—A. J. Cauther, Presiding Elder. Cokesbury, D. Z. Dantzler; Greenwood, F. Auld; Ninety-Six, W. P. Meadors; Donald's, C. H. Abbeville circuit, S. J. Bethes; McGorment advances except when excessive competition had reduced them to a point at which they could not well be maintained. The college of the control of this devel.

The tendency of rates has been down-bether. Prichard; Abbeville, D. B. Jackson; and they have set down permanent advances except when excessive competition had reduced them to a point at which they could not well be made to the mule standing with one foot through the dash, and Mrs. Johnson lying insensible in the reflex action of this devel. Journal and Review.

The Postoffice Department has often been a ken to name a postoffice after the ever the request could be complied with Vilas has gallant Postmaster General consented. Therefore there is a Frances appointment of Frances Cleveland as Hill, J. E. Rushton and W. A. Wright; acting postmistress. The request staggered the high postal authorities, and at er Darlington, J. W. Murray; Timmonsfirst the request came very near going ville, J. E. Beard; Effingham, M. W. clerk in charge of the Virginia desk hap-pened to read the letter again, and found W. Jackson; Kingstree circuit, J. A. that the applicant's name had an H. in Rice; Salters', S. S. Blanchard; George-Cleveland more than other States had done, and so they picked out a postmistress with a name as near as possible to that of the beautiful mistress of the Bennettsville circuit, J. C. Stoll; Clio, White House. The matter was thus ex- D. D. Dantzler; Bienheim, G. L. Boyd plained to First Assistant Postmaster Little Rock, J. C. Kilgo; Mullin's, J. A. General Stevenson, and he at once ordered Frances H. Cleveland appointed acting postmistress at Dooms, Va. The Rock, J. C. Kilgo; Mullin's, J. A. Porter; Little Pee-Dee, T. C. C'Dell; dered Frances H. Cleveland appointed acting postmistress at Dooms, Va. The Rocker Loris, Wm. Hardin; acting postmistress at Dooms, Va. The Rocker Loris, Wm. Hardin; acting postmistress at Dooms, Va. The Rocker Loris, Wm. Hardin; acting postmistress at Dooms, Va. The next thing in order will be to change the name of the postoffice from Dooms to W. W. Jones; Pce-Dee mission, B. O. White House.—Baltimore American.

The Rule of Success.

It is astonishing how many of our successful business men attribute their dividend the stockholders are offered a rule has done it all for them. Commo-Capt. Stoney will be appointed auditor of the South Carolina Railway Company.

Common dore Vanderbilt's receipt for making this because the drawers of the notes are millions, with certainty and celerity, was never to sign a note. William E. Dodge probably "lying down."

It's a tight squeeze. If money should would not hold any pecuniary interest become easy and the iron trade should in any enterprise that was at all attrac-The price of coal has been raised in be prosperous, and there should be a tive on Sunday, and he firmly believed new speculation "boom" in reality, Bir- that his wealth was a reward for conscientiously observing the Sabbath day; But if monetary stringency continues, the first John Jacob Astor's charm lay in and speculation continues moribund, and investing in nothing aside from his rega wage issue in the Lehigh anthracite the stoppage of railroad building in the ular business, except in real estate; and regions, over twenty thousand miners Northwest should depress the iron in- Alexander T. Stewart would have anticiand laborers are unemployed and have dustry, as now seems certain, then there pated misfortune if he had wantonly been out of work for several weeks. This is going to be a sad collapse in "the broken the smallest personal engagewill be made an excuse for keeping up Magic City"—a collapse which will thake ment. Men of success can afford to the price of coal, notwithstanding that the New South to its centre, for the same practice their theories, and even become the production has been larger the past conditions prevail in the other towns, slaves to them. Men of failure cannot vear than the year before. The Morning the bad features being an exact ratio to induige in such luxuries of conduct.— The Headlight.

> J. E. Physioc's Merchant Tailor Establishment, Columbia, S. C., is in full blast. Only a look will convince any one. All that want a first-class fitting the new centres; as to their future growth suit try him. A full line of the best

> > The Iowa breweries have closed, the law

Closing Work of the Conference at Spartanburg-The Next Session to be Held at

The Conference disposed of much important business on the closing day. commending collections for repairs on State Commerce Commission has just Wofford College of \$7,500, endowment \$15,000, professors' salaries \$4,000.

session of the Conference.

A class of fourteen young men were admitted into the Conference on trial. "Oh," said the shopkeeper, "I don't Reports of the committees on Bible railroad mileage of the United States, it books and periodicals were received. In Birmingham it was, too, that the writer met a member of a New York paid for missions, \$14,632. The following are the appointments for 1888:

Winnsboro, G. P. Watson: Fairfield, N. K. Melton; Blythewood, W. H. Arial; Lexington Fork, C. W. Czeighton, Lexington, J. W. Neely, G. R. Shafer; Batesburg, S. P. H. Elwell; Johnson, J. B. Wilson; Edgefield, R. P. Franks; Upper S. Mathews, W. H. Lawton; Granifevili, and Langley, W. A. Betts; Aiken, Will Discension to Pentientiary. Will. Martin.

land, W. D. Duncan; Clarendon, W. C. Wateree, E. E. Gat in.

Berry.

Orangeburg District—T. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder, Orangeburg, L. F. Beaty; Orangeburg circuit, J. E. Grier; Lower St. Matthew's, J. W. Humbert; Providence, W. H. Kirton; Branchville, D. Teller; Bamberg and Buford's Bridge, C. B. Smith; Graham's, J. L. Sibley; Edisto, J. W. Airail; Upper Edisto, M. M. Ferguson; Blackville, P. F. Kirtlee; Beiling Springs, L. S. B.I. linger; Orange, B. M. Grier; Williston, R. A. Yongue; South Branchville, J. J. Workman.

Greenville District—J. Walter Dickher bleeding head pillowed on the roots son, Presiding Elder. Greenville, J. O. Wilson; Greenville circuit, Λ. W. Walk-

er; Fork Shoats, T. W. Muhnen'n;
Reidville, A. F. Berry; North Greenville, A. C. Walker; Williamston and
Belton, W. H. Wroton; Piedmont, T. C.
Ligon; Anderson, W. S. Wightman;
Anderson circuit, S. D. Blackman, West
Anderson, A. M. Attaway; Townville
C. V. Barnes; Pendleton, N. B. Clarkcon, Piedmon, J. E. Anderson; Piedmon son; Pickens, J. F. Anderson; Pickens mission to be supplied; Seneca City, R. W. Barber; Walhalla, M. L. Carisle; Oconee mission, J. N. Wright; Williamston Female College, S. Lander, presi-Spartanburg District-T. G. Herbert,

Spartanburg District—1. G. Reference, Spartanburg, J. A. Clifton; City Mission, E. P. Taylor; Union, S. A. Weber; Cherokee, W. M. Zimmerman; South Union, J. M. Fridy; Jonesville, D. P. Boyd, Gaffney City, A. A. Gilbert; Laurens, T. E. Morris; strength. By all druggists.

out of mere paper values, a great deal of charging off to profit and loss. Some men who fancy that they are worth \$100,000 will have to realize that the half of that would be a very high cash price for what they hold, others who are too far extended will have to "let go," Closing Work of the Conference at Spartan-

REPORT ON RAILROADS.

been made public. It fills 42 pages of

The First Annual Report of the Inter-State Commission-A Very Interesting History of the Railroads of the County. The first annual report of the Inter-

Conference.

closely printed matter, in which the Using the first selected for the next the effects of the new law upon trade and transportation, and the faults and defects are treated exhaustively. The report opens with a very interesting his-tory of roods in the United States. The is shown, is 137,986. The number of corporations represented in this mileage is 1,425, but by the consolidation or carriers i reduced to 700. It is believed that 1,200 roads operated by about five Charleston District—J. M. Boyd, Presiding Elder. Charleston, Trinity, R. subject to the law. The Commission N. Wells; Bethel, R. D. Smart; Spring has as yet no statistics of its own collecstreet, J. E. Carlisle; Cumberland, H. tion to lay before the public, but quoted B. Browne; Cainhoy, D. A. Calhouu; from a manual generally accepted as re-Berkeley, R. L. Holroyd; Summerville, reliable, the cost of construction and J. B. Campbell; Cypress, H. W. Whitequipment of these roads which places taker; Ridgeville, J. A. Mood; St. it at \$7,254,995,223, and estimates the taker; Ridgeville, J. A. Blood; St. It at \$1,294,995,223, and estimates the George's, T. Ruysou; North George's, Funded debt of the companies at \$3,802,-966,330. Some idea, the Commission Round O, W. W. Williams; Walterboro, Say of the magnitude of the interest which the Act undertaken to regulate may be obtained from these figures, but J. Brown; Hardeeville, G. R. Woittaker, S. J. Meynardie; Principle Reason Agadamy, J. E. Walson, and the will specific the companies at \$3,802,-966,330. Some idea, the Commission say of the magnitude of the interest which the Act undertaken to regulate may be obtained from these figures, but they fall short of measuring, or even of indicating its importance. Commentation of the companies at \$3,802,-966,330. Some idea, the Commission and the short of the companies at \$3,802,-966,330. Some idea, the Commission say of the magnitude of the interest which the Act undertaken to regulate may be obtained from these figures, but they fall short of measuring, or even of indicating its importance. Commentation of the companies at \$3,802,-966,330. Some idea, the Commission say of the magnitude of the interest which the Act undertaken to regulate may be obtained from these figures, but they fall short of measuring, or even of indicating its importance. pal Benson Academy, J. E. Watson.

Columbia District—S. B. Jones, Presiding Elder; Columbia: Washington Street, W. R. Richardson; Marion Street.
M. Dargan; City Mission, S. D. Vaughan; Winnsboro, G. P. Watson. Fairfield, N. Parther Bidden and All Parther Bidden and All Parthers and Parther Bidden resenting a mileage of 11,066 are now in the hands of receivers managing them under direction of courts whose attention is thus necessarily withdrawn from the more appropriate ruling of judicial bodies, nevertheless the Commission feels justified in saying that the opera-tion of the Act has in general been Mr. Alfred Holmes, who was riding a horse. Freddie attempted to get out of the road, but the front wheel of Mr. Johnson's buggy caught the horse in the Parker; Editor Scattern Christian Advosimilar statutes in some of the States it has operated directly to increase rail-Chester District—A. M. Chreitzberg, road earnings, especially in the cutting Presiding Elder; Chester, H. F. Chreitzberg; Chester circuit, J. B. Tray eck; trains and putting an end to rebates, East Chester, G. T. Harmon; Rock [fill], drawbacks and special rates upon freight

headed investors who visit the city are repelled by the prices asked, to the permanent injury of the town. True, the city is ringing just now with the sounds of hammer and trowel, but most of this work is being done under contracts made last spring or summer while the fever was on. I could learn of few or no new contracts being made.

The Doctor, after examining her clark; Waterloo, R. R. Dagnell; North have occurred, but increased stability in rates has tended in the direction of stability in general business. There is, however, great mischief resulting from afternoon and at ten o'clock on Saturday this poor unfortunate lady was a corpse. Mrs. Johnson was a sister to M. sers. Ben and Elias Holman—Aiken and A. W. Attaway; Kinad's, however, great mischief resulting from frequent changes in freight rates on the part of some of the companies.

Sumter District—J. S. Beasley, Pre
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Changes that in some cases it is difficult to suggest an average for The repeat. Corpse. Mrs. Johnson was a sister to Messrs. Ben and Elias Holman.—Aiken Journal and Review.

Sumter District—J. S. Beasley, Presiding Elder. Sumter, J. M. Pike; to suggest an excuse for. The report closes with the following suggestions for amendments to the new law: "Incidentson; Bishopville, J. L. Shutord; S. n'ee, ally in this report some need of amend-T. E. Wannamaker; Forreston, J. S. ment has been pointed out. Especially Porter; Manning, H. M. Mood; Oak ought the law, as we think, to indicate in plain terms whether the express busi-Gleaton; Camden, P. A. Murray; Hang-ness and all other transportation by the ing Rock, J. C. Davis; Richland, G. H. carriers named in the Act shall be gov-Pooser; East Kershaw, W. E. Barr; West erned by its provisions. The provision against the sudden rising of rates ought yesterday "Ole Virginny" came forward Florence District—W. C. Power, Prepany must extend the notes of delinquents and help them along—the concern must be kept agoing or be smashed. With the passing of the boom business has fallen off and shopkeepers burdened with heightfully high representations. The commission of the cake and took the cake. They have a post-office called Dooms—awful name—and they wanted a postmaster appointed at once, so what did they do but ask the appointment of Frances Cleveland as Hill. J. E. Rushton and W. A. Weight. and supervise the schedules, contracts, etc., required by the law to be filed, as well as properly to handle the mass of ing a Court of Errors (comprising all the would, for it has not a mortgage on the into the waste paper basket. But the Hook; East Effingham, H. C. Bethea; well as properly to mandle the into the waste paper basket. But the twentieth section. For all these purposes, as well as for others improperly provided for, a considerable addition to the force employed with the Commission will be indispensable. Other matters, sides, the clerk also discovered that the Virginians wanted to compliment Mrs. Siding Elder. Marion, W. A. Rogers; by water shall be made subject to the Act are submitted to the wisdom of Congress without recommendation.'

> The Fatal Tree. In 1836, Fort Gaines was a little more

than an Indian fort. Early in the

spring of that memorable year, while hostile Indians thronged this section, and before they were removed by Uncle Sam across the river above us, a party of the treacherous wretches stole up the then densely wooded line of the Town Branch, and passed out to the Buffton settlement, where they were met by soldiers and thrashed back to their reservation. Just where the Eufaula road. crosses the Town Branch, a beautiful spring bubbled from the ground, and people in the vicinity did their washing there. On the day referred to above, a lady was at the spring washing, when the red miscreants passed. They brutally murdered her, and after removing her her bleeding head phlowed on the roots of a stately beech. Time has done its work. The Indians are gone, scenes er; Fork Shoals, T. W. Munneslyn: have changed and the towering beech has long since gone to decay, and only its worm-eaten stump remains to mark the spot where long years ago this sad tragedy of death occurred. A friend pointed us to the fatal spot and gave us the above facts. They were new and interesting to us, and will doubtless prove so to our readers. Truly, things have

> asked the minister, patronizingly. "I am a writer for the press," said the lad proudly. "Indeed, you are quite young for that; what do you write?" "I direct wrappers."

"What are you doing now, Thomas?"

changed.—Fort Gaines, Ga., Star.