ne Congaree Falling-Damage Around Broad River Bridge-Terrible Loss to the Farmers in the Swamp-Augusta's Streets Travel and Telegraphic Communication Interrupted-No Trains to Augusta or

(From the Columbia Daily Record, Sept. 12.) been the talk of the city and while the ruin around Columbia has been very great, it has not prevented our people from looking support. beyond to the destructive work of the waters that has been going on throughout the State and across the Savannah. While the real condition of Augusta has not been known in the city, and it remains for THE RECORD to tell it, much sympathy has been felt for our neighbors across the river. TELEGRAPH AND TRAVEL INTERRUPTED.

No trains have been run from this city ent incumbents-from Governor downon the Columbia and Greenville road for the last twenty-four hours. The track is covered with water from Montgomery to not be bettered, while there are others that covered with water from Montgomery to Alston and it will be several days before travel can be resumed. Passengers can only reach Greenville or points above Alston by a circuitous route on the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta road. There is likewise no direct telegraphic communication between here and the upcountry.

Augusta cannot be reached by rail or wire. The bridge over the Congaree is shaky and cannot be used as yet. The Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta bridge over the Savannah cannot be used for three weeks, on account of damage to the

CHARLESTON AND COLUMBIA CONNECTED. The train on the South Carolina Railway that left here this morning for Charleston had to stop at Kingville, the track being submerged this side of the bridge. A num-ber of passengers were ferried across the river, after a terrible experience-the rise there prevented a transfer being made by the incoming Charleston train.

The Coast Line from Charleston arrived in the city at 11 o'clock and brought a few of the daily papers. In and Around Columbia.

Mr. L. D. Childs was seen by a RECORD reporter this afternoon and stated that al! the plantations on the swamp are irretrievably ruined. The Childs plantation is submerged, with the exception of one hilly patch, where all the cattle are congregated. The negroes are huddled together in a small hut. Seegers's plantations are ruined and his losses will go way up in the thou-sands. At Aughtry's about fifty head of stock and seventy-five hogs were destroyed. AT BROAD RIVER BRIDGE.

Yesterday the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroad was under water for four or five miles. The embankment in Hoffman's field, opposite Cemetery Hill, has been washed away for 350 to 400 feet. Mr. J. C. Meetze has lost his barn and a large quantity of corn and fodder. Broad River above the bridge was fourteen inches higher in May, '86, than it is now, and the Saluda was five feet higher above the factory dam than was ever known. It is supposed that the factory dam is broken near its centre. Destruction on both rivers is

Damage to the Railroads. The South Carolina Railway bridge over the Savannah is standing uninjured, but it will take three weeks to repair the damage to the track between Bath's and Augusta. The trestle approaching the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad bridge, in Hamburg, is entirely washed away, but it is hoped to open communication with Augusta by the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta railroad bridge on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

The Augusta city bridge is washed away, and the Port Royal Railway bridge is entirely gone. The damages on the southern division of the Three C's Road have been entirely repaired and regular passenge trains are running between this city and

The Fountain City Submerged. A special to the Charleston World re-veals a terrible state of affairs in Augusta. Broad street is under three feet of water. The scene Monday morning was an awful one. "From all sides came the pathetic plea of men and women asking that for God's sake they be removed from their

With dawn came a cessation of the rainfall and a burst of sunbeams, which was welcomed with prayerful thanks. The news that the dam had broken at the

locks and let in a large quantity of water back of the city, though true, did not prove disastrous or terrifying. Broad street is navigable for boats, and they run up to the Chronicle and Western

Union office doors. Business is entirely suspended, and merchants only thoughts have been of the safety of their families. The damage to merchants' interests of the city by flood is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The poor whites and shiftless negroes

are the greatest sufferers, their houses in the lower portions of the city being entirely The post office was flooded, and there

has been no mail communication since Saturday. Telegraphic communication has been considerably crippled. The News and Courier states that the

city bridge is completely wrecked, going in sections at different periods. Hamburg is almost entirely destroyed, many houses being carried away from their foundations to a distance of from 50 to 100 yards. There remain standing only the brick buildings and four or five wooden ones. No trains are run into Augusta from any point, as all the railroads have been washed up. The South Carolina Railway track is completely covered with water for 300 yards beyond the three-mile post. In some places the track was carried for 100 yards below the roadbed, the flood washing away the trestles, upon which cars were placed to keep them from floating. It will take about two days before anything can be done to rebuild, and about two more to reestablish communication by wire with Au-

gusta.
"Water damaged the Chronicle building, located on Broad street, in one of the highest sections of the city. It had the first floor flooded. In the press room the em-ployees were up to their knees in water, and it was only with great effort that it was kept out of the engine room long enough to run the presses to get out this morning's edition of the Chronicle. High water precludes the services of boys and one of the editors of the Chronicle had to wade from the Chronicle office to the Western Union office in water, because it was too high to send a boy, and receive the Associated Press dispatches.

Green street has been turned into a torrent.

Mr. Carson's Money Talks.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., September 11.-W M. Carson, the wealthy and eccentric president of the Valley Lumber Company, and a lifelong Democrat, is about to offer to place \$10,000 in cash in the hands of Governor Rusk, to be given to disabled ex ·Union soldiers, in case a committee of three to be composed of two Republican circuit judges and one Republican Justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin, will say, upon due consideration, that Cleveland's last annual message is a free trade document. He will publish this offer next Saturday in an address to the voters of the United States in New York and other lead-

THE STATE CONVENTION. Comments of Some of the Newspapers of Its Action

Orangeburg Times and Democrat. While the delegates from Orangeburg county to the State Convention voted almost unanimously against the renomination of Governor Richardson, we are satisfied that no county in the State will support him more enthusiastically now than she will. Our people were honestly and openly op-posed to his renomination, but now that he Greenville.

From the Columbia Daily Record, Sept. 12.)
The disastrous work of the floods has of the people is our choice, and from now until the 6th of November we shall give John Peter Richardson a true and loyal

Bishopville Enterprise.

The State Convention has met and done its work. There was manifested before the meeting of the Convention considerable opposition to the present State officers, and Governor Richardson in particular. At the meeting of the Convention, however, the great-rattle to-do-of-nothing leaders of the so-called "farmers' movement" flanked around and helped to renominate the presmight have been left out and others substituted that would have been more acceptable to every wing and faction of the De-mocracy. One thing is pretty safe to calculate on, and that is, a more economical and guarded administration of the State government for the next two years to come. The politicians have been taught that there is something more to be done than working for office and drawing the pay. It will be seen whether they have wisdon and prudence sufficient to profit thereby.

Cheraw Reporter. The Tillmanites made an attempt to nominate Attorney General Earle, but be-fore the vote was taken the brother of Gen. Earle announced that his brother would decline if nominated. It is difficult to say what the result would have been if this announcement had not been made, but it is hardly probable that the Attorney General would have defeated Gov. Richardson. The latter was elected by a large majority and all the rest of the present State officers were re-elected without trouble.

It is not always best to re-elect the old ticket, but in this instance we incline to the opinion that it was the best course to pursue. Capt. Tillman and his henchmen had been abusing Gov. Richardson and his administration in the most outrageous manner, and the best thing that could be done. under the circumstances, was for the members of the Convention, who did not believe these slanders, to support him again for the Governorship. Had they voted against him they would have caused a stain to be left on the fair fame of the State. Capt. Tillman has failed again, and we would like to ask how many more times he is going to make the attempt to lift himself nto power.

Sumter Watchman The proceedings of the State Convention last week furnish a very important lesson to Gov. Richardson and others who have control of the affairs of the government. It is well known that the Farmers' Movement demands the most economical government compatible with efficiency, and that the legislation be more in the interest of the masses of the people. The vote in the convention, 191 for Richardson and 114 for Earle, who was not a candidate, is very significant indeed. The auti-Richardson vote was not sectional by any means, as the official statement will show that it came from every part of the State. Therefore the opposition was not against Richardson, but the policy and ideas he represented. Consequently if the feeling as demonstrated by the vote in the Convention last week can be relied upon, there are a good many in the State who do not be-lieve that everything is just as it should be.

The defeat of the primary resolutions for the nomination of State officers by a vote of 192 to 89 evinces the fact that the majority of the people of this State are convinced that it is an unwise step, and bet it would endanger more than i secure the peace and harmony of the Dem ocratic party; but the question will be agi-tated, and if some method can be devised whereby every county can retain its present strength, then in all probability it will

be adopted. Edgefield Monitor.

Well done, State Convention. Your action is just what we had a right to expect, for South Carolina is possessed of a wise and just conservatism, which is ever ready to assert itself when occasion de-mands. The occasion demanded and she

responded nobly. All honor to her. A Former Ex-Confederate. Jules Gallinard, a former resident of Alabama, is now Lieutenant General of the Thirteenth French Army Corps, and has command of 36,000 men. When he left Alabama and resumed his residence in France he went back to the army. His promotion is said to be due entirely to merit. Gallinard is about fifty years of age, and is a handsome, courtly look ing gentleman. It has been about twen ty-three years since Jules Gallinard left America for France. During the present month the mobilization of the French army and the autumn manœuvers take place in and around the French capital. These manœuvers will be conducted on a grander scale than they have for years, and the command of three corps will be given to Lieutenant General Jules Gallinard, the ex-Confederate, the gallant

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