A Columbia Woman, Once Possessed of Means, But Reduced to Poverty by an Unfortunate Marriage, Dies in a Philadelphia Hospital-Her Remains In-

terred at Lynchburg, Va. (From the Lynchburg, Va., News, April 21.) In the Southeastern portion of Spring Hill Cemetery, near this city, at the base of a triangular-shaped lot-that, from its neglected condition, bears evidence that no tender hands inspired by loving hearts, have had aught to do with it for years-stands a small, substantially built brick vault, the ownership of which has excited the inquiries of many of the habitual visitors to that beautiful city of the silent, and only to remain unanswered, save with the rarely offered explanation that "it belonged to a strange

The mystery that surrounds it in the minds of many has at last been explained, though in a manner calculated to add additional sadness to the reflections inspired in the minds of visitors by its presence. A letter was received in this city on Thursday, from the Secretary of the United States Plate Glass Insurance Company of Philadelphia, addressed "To the Superintendent of the Cemetery of Lynchburg, Va.," in which it was stated that Mrs. Fannie Caldwell Gilbert, had died in that city on that day, (16th,) that she had a tomb in this city in which the body of a child had been deposited fifteen years ago, and that she desired to have her body sent there at her death to be deposited by her child. He further stated that the lot had been purchased in another name, but had been changed to that of Gilbert. After the body had been deposited in the vault the deceased desired it to be locked and the key destroyed. The writer concluded by stating that "she was a worthy woman, but by an unfortunate marriage had lost all and died poor.

The letter was delivered to Messrs. G. A. Diuguid & Son, funeral directors, on the day of its reception, who, remembering the circumstances referred her early environments, was one of peto, immediately wrote Mr. Rindge to send the body at once, and the wishes of the deceased should be complied with gratuitously. The body, however, had been shipped before the reply of the Messrs. D. had been written, and arrived here by Adams Express on Friday noon. On the top of the box containing the casket there was tacked a card, about eighteen inches square, on which was this indefinite direction: "To Sexton of Cemetery, Lynchburg, Va." "Paid, \$12.00." In the lower corner "Paid, \$12.00." In the lower corner was written "open this for information and directions in full. J. Rindge." Promptly acting upon this suggestion, Mr. Diuguid, who received and receipted for the box, found the following letter, the three pictures referred to therein, and the certificate of the Philadelphia

"PHILADELPHIA, April 17th. "To the Sexton of the Lynchburg Ceme-

"DEAR SIR: A lady by the name of Mrs. Fannie Caldwell Gilbert died in the German Hospital yesterday, who was a Southern lady and once possessed with means, but now penniless. According to a law of this State, her body has to be delivered to the medical institutes unless some one comes forward and claims the body. I have done so, and have raised money to give her a nice burial. I have learned that she has a tomb in Lynchburg, which she had built some fifteen years ago, and in which she deposited her child, who died while she visited your city one summer. I think she said Dr. Murrell or some such name, attended the child. She bought the lot in the name of Rosciter, and after her second marriage the name was changed to Gilbert on the record, and she stated that she had made an arrangement with the sexton to hold the key, and when her body was deposited therein he was to lock the tomb and destroy the key. The name of the sexton I do not remember; he may not be living at this time. The body will be delivered by Adams Express prepaid and we hope that Mrs. Gilbert's last request will-be carried out. I send you with this a picture of her before she was taken sick. Her body is a mere skeleton, would not weigh over sixty or sixty-five pounds. She was robbed of all her wealth and abandoned by a low, drunken gambler and scoundrel eleven years ago the 4th of last October. The casket is enclosed ma tight case as this State's law requires in all cases. I should, with others who have interested themselves in this case, be pleased to hear from you as soon as convenient after the arrival and disposition of the body. She was the daughter of Chancellor James Caldwell of Columbia, S. C, and her family have

"With much respect I remain yours, ISAAC RINDGE." etc., ISAAC RINDGE."

The certificate of the Health Office of Philadelphia attributes her death to carcenoma" ordinarily called cancer. - The pictures enclosed are what is known as litho-engravings, and indicate the features of a person of fine presence and marked intellectuality, albeit of sad expression, and from their tout ensemble indicate that they were prepared for insertion in a book. On the lower margin of one there was written, in feminine characters, "For Dr. Murrell or family on another, "For Mrs. John W. Dan iel,"the other blank, presumably intended for "the sexton.

MRS. ROSCITER IN LYNCHBURG.

About the year 1872 Mrs. Gilbert, then Mrs. Rosciter, came to this city ostensibly in pursuit of health, her condition being one of extreme feebleness, accompanied by her infant child and nurse. She brought letters of introduction from friends in the far South to members of the family of Mr. John William Murrell, then residing in the house now occupied by General T. T. Munford, The larger portion of the family being at that time absent in Louisiana, Mrs. Major Brockenbrough, Mrs. Murrell's daughter, afforded her accommodations in the house during her sojourn in this city. We learn, from a member of Mr. Murrel's family, who distinctly remem bers her, and who promptly recognized the picture sent from Philadelphia when it was shown him by a representative of the News, that there was an air of mystery surrounding her while an inmate of their house that was positively impenetrable, and during the whole of the period indicated she refrained from the slightest reference to her family or her former life, and in this reticence she had thoroughly drilled her attendant, who was as impervious to hints or questions as her mistress. Mrs. Rosciter made no acquaintances; and whenever still retaining her almost queenly car- price to him.

riage. She was a woman of great intelligence, failing also to disguise the fact that she had been reared in the most refined circles. That she was bountifully supplied with money was evident, which is amusingly illustrated by a circumstance that occurred while under Mr. Murrell's roof. One of our liverymen, who had been furnishing her with carriages, became somewhat uneasy when his bill had attained the sum of twenty dollars, and sent his clerk with it for ment was more surprising in view of the room rendered insensible. had not before fact that she had not before Edward Adams, the eighteen-year mentioned him. He came, and she met old son, was the first to recover from old son, which and found that the house was ing the door of the parlor, gave him, on fire. He at once set to work to resfrom the hall, a general introduction to cue the others. He dragged their inthe family, and at once proceeded with sensible forms out one by one and carhim to her room, where he remained for a brief period, then left, and was never seen there again or heard of by the in-

mates of the house. Soon after the death of her child, which was placed in the undertaker's vault until her own could be built, Mrs. Rosciter left this city to go to Philadelphia, and reappeared here during the ensuing summer as a guest of the Arlington Hotel, during which time her taciturnity left her, and she was remarkable for her gaiety, her husband having died in the meantime. Whether that circumstance had anything to do with the change in her manner is not known, but certain it is that she attracted no little attention and considerable admiration by reason of her intelligence and personal charms. After that visit she was lost sight of in this city until the reception of the above letters, quickly followed by all that was left of the accomplished and wealthy Mrs. Rosciter, which was soon followed by HER BURIAL,

that, in view of the surroundings attending the event, when considered in connection with what may have been culiar sadness and most forcibly suggestive of the mutations incident to human life. Here was a woman of culture, once possessed of wealth, and allied to one of the most reputable South Carolina families, whose young life, perhaps, gave promise of a brilliant fu ture, brought from a charity hospital in a distant city at the expense of benevo-lent and sympathetic strangers, unattended to her last resting place save by the funeral director and a representative of the press, and buried in a community where she numbered few acquaintances and none who really knew her, added to the fact that all to whom she was attached by the ties of consanguinity had preceded her to the "land of the great hereafter." As the body was laid by her loved child and the doors closed against the possible intrusion of the curious-for kindred will never look upon its interior-we could but think of the appositeness of the utterance of the preacher, as applicable to at least this human life.

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

(Meeting of the Board of Agriculture.

The Board of Agriculture met at the Department of Agriculture yesterday. All of the members were present except Col. Crayton and Dr. Buck, who were prevented from attending the meeting by sickness in their families.

The Board authorized the Commissioner to turn over the lot of land owned by the Department, and formerly used as a fish pond, to the Director of the Experiment Stations, to be used in making agricultural experiments. Mr. Lawton, chairman of the special committee appointed to visit the Spartanburg Experiment Station, submitted a report showing the present condition of the station, which was received as information and adopted. General rights phosphate licenses were granted to the following parties: John Hanson, Oak Pines Mine Company, Sea Island Chemical Company and Beaufort Phosphate Company. The Commissioner of Agriculture was directed to refer certain reported cases of violation of the fertilizer laws to the Attorney General for action. The Board resolved to hold a State Farmers' Institute at Pendleton, S. C., in connection with the summer meeting of the State Agricultural Society, and adopted the same rules and regulations for the government of County Institutes as were in force last year. Messrs. Moore, Lawton and Love were appointed a committee from the Board to attend the meeting of tion at Augusta on May 1, upon the invitation of President Hickman. The Director of the Experiment Station was directed to conduct a series of experiments at the Spartanburg Station for the purpose of testing the benefits of irrigation. Mr. J. S. Daley of Greenville was appointed Immigration Agent late the virtues which adorn it. I purfor the Piedmont region of South Carolina. The Commissioner of Agriculture was directed to ascertain the cost of fitting up and transporting a State advertising car to be sent North and West. The Board adjourned until 8:30 p. m., at which time some routine business was transacted.—Columbia Register, 25th.

THE AIKEN SCHUETZENFEST.

Last Day of the Fest-Prize Winners a

Target Shooting. AIKEN, April 25 .- [Special to The Register.]-On account of the rain the crowd to-day was not as large at the platz as heretofore on the last day of the I now ask an appropriation of \$8,000 to Schuetzenfest. At 10:30 this morning dancing commenced in the hall and the riflemen went to work on the targets in the shooting contests. Other amusements, as on yesterday, were also in-dulged in. At 6 o'clock the shooting ceased and a large number of prizes were awarded. The following took first prize on the different targets: H. F. Warneke, target of honor, Schuetzen's centre target and king's target; Mack B. Williams, citizens' target; H. Thees, Schuetzen ring target. To-night the rain continues, but the grand ball will be a success. Many will attend who were not present at the day festivities.

A Wife Above All Price.

A gentleman of Americus, Ga., was bragging of having the best wife in the State. He says that in the ten years he has been married she has never asked him for a dollar. He never gave her a dress, \$5, nor anything. He generally borrows money from her, and she makes more than he does, yet he is a merchant. She sells all home products, such as she went out, which she did daily, it was meat, lard, chickens, wood, hay, etc., in a close carriage, unattended, save by and beats his store. He does not buy her nurse and child. She bore traces at anything but sugar, coffee and a little that time, notwithstanding her ill-health, rice, as he has everything else to sell off of having been a woman of great beauty, at his place. He says she is above all

PARALYZED A WHOLE FAMILY.

Lightning Strikes Ten Persons at Dinner Two Die from Its Effects. NEW YORK, April 23 .- At Pond Ridge,

one of the small towns in Westchester County, Saturday night Leverda Adams was visited by his uncle, Noah W. Brown, aged eigty years, and the latter's son, both of Danbury, Conn. The members of Mr. Adams's family, including collection. She very promptly respon- his wife and six children and the Messrs ded by sending her servant to the door Brown, were seared at the dinner table with a one thousand dollar bill. It is when the thunder storm broke over the hardly necessary to add that the col- town. They were suddenly startled by lector was not then in so great a hurry a terrific clap of thunder followed by a for his dues. During the illness of her bolt of lightning, which struck and ran child, she astounded the family one day down the chimney. The duning-room by announcing that she expected her was badly wrecked, the stove being husband on that day; their astonish- knocked over and all the persons in the

Edward Adams, the eighteen-yearhim at the hall door herself, and open- the shock and found that the house was ried out his infant brother, who was sleeping in a cradle. The infant, though stunned, was apparently not injured. After he had rescued all those in the diving room he succeeded in extinguishing the flames. By this time some of the neighbors came to his assistance, and the insensible persons were removed to the nearest house.

Sunday afternoon Mrs. Adams and all her children, with the exception of her ten-year-old daughter, had recovered from the shock. Mr. Brown's son was also out of danger. Mr. Adams was in a critical condition, being badly burned from head to foot. His clothing was nearly all torn from his body. Little Nellie recovered consciousness and lived until 7 o'clock Sunday morning. She had made preparations to observe Easter Sunday and for the event gathered a lot of choice flovers. A few moments be-fore little Nellie died she asked her mother what had caused her injuries, and when she was told that it was lightning she said: "Oh, ma, how it did hurt me. I guess I won't need the flowers." The child then died in her mother's arms.

Mrs. Brown died during Sunday night. Last night Mr. Adams was still in a very critical condition and but very little hope of his recovery is entertained. The house, which was an old-fashioned frame structure, is a total wreck. The lightning, in passing down the chimney, struck the hearth and seemed to separate into three electric balls, which played sad havoc through the building. The furniture was badly wrecked, the doors and windows smashed and the beams and rafters in the attic were snapped or splintered. The kitchen cooking utensils were melted and twisted into different shapes by the electric

During the same storm the barn of Mrs. D. L. Park, near Bedford Station, was struck by lightning and set on fire. Two cows and a horse perished. The same night the lightning played a curious freak in the building known as the Old Club-house, at Milton Point, in which Stephen Gaunung resides with his family. A bolt of lightning ran down the chimney, and after zig-zagging around the room, upsetting chairs and knocking Mr. Gaunung down, ran out the door and struck a dog, instantly killing the animal.

THE STORY OF A STATUE.

A Brief Historical Sketch of the Statue of Washington Lately Placed in the State House Grounds

The bronze statue of George Washington, which has been a familiar part of the furnishing of the lower corridor of after the government ceased to pay for the State House, has been moved out of doors and erected on a pedestal opposite the East wing of the building. The idea, which is an excellent one, originated with Secretary of State Marshall.

Captain U. R. Brooks of Colonel Marshall's office furnishes the following historical sketch of the statue.

In the year 1857 the late Hon. A. P. Butler, who then represented South Carolina in the United States Senate, must have seen this Houdon statue, and being impressed with its value recommended its purchase by the State. Governor Allston in his message to the Legislature most feelingly speaks of it in the following words: "It is a boon to mankind when the good God permits, sometimes, the wisdom of love, associated with faith and hope, to be embodied in a human form, whose form we may look upon and admire. It is true that our debt of gratitude to his memory cannot the Southern Manufacturers' Associa- be paid, but it is due to ourselves that we may acknowledge it by some visible token, and it is due to posterity to provide a monument to which the young may be pointed when curious to realize the idea of his manly proportions, or late the virtues which adorn it. I purpose that a statue be ordered and provisions be made for its erection with the new State Capitol. The Legislature did not make the necessary appropriation and before the next session it became necessary for the Governor to take active steps if he wished to secure the statue for the State. Accordingly he then announced what he had done in his next annual message: "The statue of Washington, to which my message of last November alluded, was completed soon after. Ascertaining in March that the artist was obliged to dispose of his work, and being certified that it was valuable, I took it for the State at \$10,000, advancing \$2,000 from the contingent fund. complete the purchase, and compensate fully the ingenious artist. The statue is of bronze. It has been placed in the Orphan House grounds, in Charleston, under the care of the city authorities until the new State House shall be sufficiently finished to render it safe in the State grounds here." The appropriation of \$8,000 was promptly made by the Legislature on December 21, 1858, under the head of "Extraordinary Expenditures," to complete the payment for the bronze statue of Washington, mentioned in the Governor's message, to be drawn by the Governor and paid by him to the proper person. This statue remained in the Orphan House grounds in Charleston, until the missiles of death from the swamp angel fell thick and fast, and it was considered by the authorities safe to remove it to Columbia the last year of the war. It was placed in the main

> This is a copy of the statue made by Houdon, the French sculptor. The original in marble, stands in the rotunda of the Capitol at Richmond, Va. There are also copies in Central Park, New York, and in one of the parks of

morning.

YELLOW JACK.

THE EARLY REAPPEARANCE OF THE PLAGUE IN FLORIDA.

A Talk With Surgeon General Hamilton About the Case at Sanford-The Probability of the Spread of the Disease-The Marine Hospital Service Well Prepared to Cope With Any Serious Outbreak or Epidemic.

Washington, April 24.-An Associated Press reporter saw Surgeon General Hamilton to-day and had a talk with him concerning the case of yellow fever reported at Sanford, Florida, and the possibility of the spread of the disease or a recurrence of the epidemic of last year. Said Dr. Hamilton: "I learned of the appearance of yellow fever at Sanford from two sources yes terday-from a special agent who has been traversing the State since the subsidence of the plague of 1888, and from Dr. R. P. Daniel, President of the State Board of Health. This fact shows that there will be no attempt made to conceal the presence of the disease, as was done last year; and such being the case, the danger is largely reduced. The fear and panic excited by the knowledge that the true condition of affairs is being suppressed does much more harm, in my judgment, than the fever itself."

"What are the probabilities of another outbreak of the disease this year?" "I shall not be surprised if there were a considerable number of cases. The danger chiefly lies in those towns and cities which escaped the plague last year. In places that were visited then, there is a large proportion of acclimated residents who have had the fever, and are therefore safe, and who can remain to Lurse and care for any who are sick; so that the disease may comparatively be easily controlled."

"Are you prepared to manage any outbreak should it occur?" "Yes, much better than ever before.

Camp Perry is in such condition that it can be put in operation in twenty-four hours. But it will be much better if we do not have to fill up the refugees camp. This would tend to create a panic in surrounding towns, and that is the most difficult thing for us to control. Already I have received messages of inquiry, showing an alarmed state of publie feeling, for which there is no foundation. Ever since the outbreak of 1888 ended, this office has kept a close sanitary watch over Florida, tracing every report of the existence of fever; and this case at Sanford is the only one I have heard of from a reliable source. Since the epidemic of last year Florida has organized a State Board of Health by legislative enactment, providing heavy penalties for violations of the regulations of the board, and these regulations, which were promulgated on the 6th of this month, are admirably adapted for carrying out the purposes of the Act. The board is made effective by the imposition of a tax, the receipts from which are set apart as a fund to be used for the health purposes of the

"Where is Sanford, the seat of the present outbreak?"

"It is about one hundred miles almost directly East of Tampa, in Central Florida. I can readily account for the presence of the disease there. It is only six miles from Enterprise, across the lakes where the fever raged last year, and there was uninterrupted intercourse be tween the places. After the fever was subdued an attempt was made at disinfecting the place, but it was not thorough, by any means-nothing like house to house inspection and destruction of infected material carried on at Jacksonville ba this department. But, orticles destroyed, the destruction -the people would not give up their property unless paid for it-and in a great measure the inspection stopped. visited Sanford was yellow fever in 1887, when there were 150 cases there, the presence of which was concealed by the authorities. That is the thing most to be feared-suppression of the facts. If publication can only be secured, apprehension and terror are allayed, and the greater part of the difficulty in controlling the disease is overcome

Dr Hamilton left Washington this evening for Jacksonville, to confer with the State Board of Health in regard to measures for preventing the introduction or spread of contagious diseases.

LUCK OF A DRY GOODS CLERK.

He Married Gen. Scroggs's Widow, Worth \$300,000, and Won a Lottery Prize. BUFFALO, April 26 .- The aged widow of Gen. G. A. Scroggs was this morning married to James Albert Stitt, a dry goods clerk, 22 years old, with whom she became acquainted less than a year ago. The wedding was originally ar ranged to be celebrated to-day in St. Thomas's Church, New York City, Rev. John W. Brown, an old friend of the Scroggs family. For some reason not known here, but suspected to be a disinclination on the part of Dr. Brown to officiate, the arrangements were altered and the wedding took place in St. Paul's this morning. Mrs. Scroggs is said to be 67 years old, but she claims

to be younger. She did not look over 50 as she swept down the aisle of the cathedral this morning clinging to the arm of her youthful and much less robust lover. Stitt has lately resided at Mrs. Scroggs's elegant home in Pearl Street. He is above the medium height, dark complexioned and has a full heavy face set off by a neat black mustache. There appeared to be less than a score of years of difference between the two. Only a few friends of the couple were present. John Stitt, brother of the bridegroom, who is a Toronto business man, and Mrs. Elmer H. Whitney, an incimate friend of Mrs. Grover Cleveland, were the witnesses. The couple left for New York on a West Shore morning train and will spend their honeymoon in East-ern cities. Mr. Stitt last week won a \$100 prize in a lottery. Mrs. Scroggs's fortune is estimated at \$300,000.

Death of a Prominent Minister. HARRISONBURG, Va., April 25 .- The Rev. L. C. Miller, a prominent minister of the M. E. Church, South, died here

this morning. He was very popular and greatly be loved. He had been retired some time ago on account of ill health. He was one of the most eloquent preachers in the South.

hall of the State House, and remained there until it was placed in its present Married With a Wound in His Breast. PITTSBURG, April 24.—Samuel Little position in the State House grounds this took out a license yesterday afternoon to marry Sue Baumeister. Soon afterward he got into dispute with Captain Shanafelt and received a severe stab in the breast from a pocket knife. Little's wound was dressed and he was married at the appointed time, although the wound may prove fatal.

Assistant Land Commissioner. WASHINGTON, April 25 .- Ex-Governor Wm. M. Stone of Iowa has been

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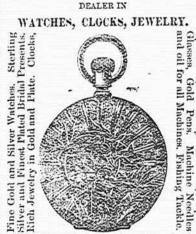
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