BAPTIST CONVENTION

HOLDS A MOST INTERESTING SES SION IN CHARLESTON.

A Large Gathering-A Generous Welcome Progress in Denominational Work in the

The following proceeding of the Baptist State Convention, which was recently held in the city of Charleston, we cull from the Greenville Cuntaineer:

The session of the Convention began on Wednesday night with the preaching of the introductory sermon by Rev. C. S. Gardner. After the sermon delegates were enrolled and the organization completed by the elec-tion of Hon. J. H. Hudson, of Bennettsville, as president, vice Rev R. W. Sanders, who declined re-election Rev. G. T. Gresham was re-elected secretary, with Rev. C. P. Ervin, as assistant

Thursday morning's session was opened with addresses of welcome to the body by Dr. D. M. Ramsey, on behalf of the Baptists of the city, and Mayor J. A. Smyth, on behalf of the At the call of the president Dr. C. Manly made response to these addresses. Invitations to the body to visit the Charleston Museum, the office of the News and Courier and to go upon an excursion around the har bor on Seturday afternoon were ten-

dered and accepted. The body now settled down to business, and the leading interest of the denomination, the State Mission Board presented through Dr. T. M. Bailey its annual report. The report of the treasurer showed that \$9,924 47 had been received and \$11 147.73 expended during the year, and that the Board was still burdened with a debt of \$3,500. Rev. J. L. Vass, as superintendent.

presented the fifth annual report of the Connie Maxwell Orphanageshow ing among other things that there were now one hundred children in that institution, and that about \$8,000 had been received, in cash and donations, for their maintenance. This report was referred to a special committee.

In connection with this work came the report of the president of the board of trustees, declining to recommend the present superintendent for reelection, and requesting that this matter and the revision of the rules for management of the Orphanage be referred to special committees, one of which committees was nominated. The report elicited an animated dis cussion, after which the whole matter was referred to a special committee, composed of one member from each association.

A pleasant talk followed in the interests of the American Baptist Publication Society by Dr. R. G. Seymour, its representative, in which he spoke of the Society's new buildings, the publishing work done by it, its Gospel car work by Rev. A. J. Diaz. and its general missionary work in distribut
Dr. Kerfoot, of the Theological Semwether, Miller. Milton, Mitchell, Monwether, Miller. Milton, Mitchell, Moning literature. statement as to the great work to be were in our country 13,000,000 of young people and children who were outside of church or religious influ

The report on the Relief Fund for aged ministers showed that the inter est in that work was growing, and that twenty two beneficiaries were now being aided by that board. The report of the board of ministerial education showed that twenty-four stu dents had received aid. Heretofore this board has been providing for the University students only, and give to with reference to that property. the representatives of the Seminary committee is to report through the the opportunity to solicit direct con Baptist Courier. tributions for its Students' Fund on stage of the proceedings, Dr. Kerfoot, of the Seminary, presented its claims and received pledges for its Students'

than \$1,000.

Rev. C. P. Ervin, of Bambarg. whom by the grace of the board of trusteees of Furman University we must henceforth address as D. D., pre- from this body were appointed to the sented the report of the committee on convention of the league, which is to pecting negroes, which resulted in the Foreign Missions. The gifts of South be held in Washington, D. C., on Dedeath of five of them. The foreman Carolina Baptists to this cause were cember 8 10. Congressman W. J. Taldelaims that he did not recognize any pointed out as being about one-third bert and Mr. W. H. Lyles, of Colum- of the assassins. Many believe that only of what had been hoped for from them. Rev. H. R. Moseley spoke on the subject, and was followed by Rev. R. J. Willingham, D. D., secretary of Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In connection with the subject the report of the feature of the convention's stay in pied almost entirely by the sawmillcentral committee of the Woman's Charleston, and about 20'clock a large and is filled with lawless characters \$12,000 during the convention year to provided and the trip embraced a visit carry on the foreign mission work and to pay off the debt of the board. Be and a jaunt up Ashley river. To many of the delegates began to sing, "Draw me nearer, blessed Lord," in which he plete novelty, the scenery along the them. was heartily seconded by the large audience, while standing.

The session of Friday was characterized by the report of the trustees of Furman University and the Greenville stepped in to see the big presses of the Female College, and the attendant discussion. After referring to the loss the board had sustained in the death of Rev. J. A. W. Thomas, who had been connected with the board for many years, the attendance at the University was stated to be 155, and crease in both instances over the attendance of the previous year. While in the equipment of the college a debt of \$3 5000 had been incurred, the interest on the debt had been regularly paid, and \$1,500 of the principal was pressing demand for additional dormitory facilities at the college was strongly emphasized. The gratifying success attending the work of the financial agent, Rev. R. N. Pratt, was noted, and the importance of raising the proused \$40,000 for the endowment of the niversity was urged. Announcement was made that the board had

C. S. Gardner, of Greenville. Dr. Riley, Rev. R. N. Pratt, Judge ple of the South, to whose influence Hudson, and Prof. F. W. Boatwright, the negro owed much already and on president at Richmond College, spoke whose help and friendly guid to the report. President Boatwright, ance his future good so largely desaid that, if any one wished to know pended. To the suggestion of the said that, if any one wished to know why he was here, he would reply, be News and Courier the the negroes cause he was at Richmond College migrate in a body to Africa, he would and Bountiful Respitality-Gratifying with Dr. Ramsey, because he wanted to reply in the language of scripture, "I hear Dr. Gardner preach, and because would rather be a doorkeeper in the

furthering the interests of the Univer- were here with us, he besought for ity and the College. Why Baptists them our continued interest and help should be educated was urged on the to make them better fitted to live ground that they are the only people among us. that do not have bridles put on them, and as they are thus turned loose they ought to learn how to go rightly. The ing a church at Summerville. increased power of the trained mind words of the orator reach many more

licated, and the maintenance of our talk on "Religion in the family. ree institutions, as being dependent upon our being educated christianly, was strongly urged.

Rev. H. R. Moseley referred to his work in connection with the building of an alumni hall and the difficulty of enlisting the old students in that work. He explained this seeming in difference as partly due to the fact that there was an unintentional nonrecognition of the old students in the appointment of trustees and professors.

He, therefore, introduced a resolution, which was after reference to a committee passed by the convention, providing for such changes in the charter of the institution as to allow the election of the trustees in groups of five, the whole number to be elected the first year, but five to hold office for five years, another five for four years, and so on. The election to be by ballot and two thirds of the entire number to be old students of the Univer-

SILV. On November 23, 1856, the Citadel Square Baptist Church was organized, and in commemoration of the fortieth anniversary of the church it had been decided to hold some special services during the session of the convention. The evening of Friday was partially devoted to initiatory exercises connected with this celebration. Rev. B. L. Whitman, D. D., president of the Columbian College, Washington, D. C., bad been requested to make and address on the occasion, and it was the general sentiment of those who heard him that it would have been difficult indeed for a better selection to have been made. Splendid in physique, imposing in appearance, fluent of speech, profound in thought, Dr. Whitman charmed his hearers as he spoke of "Our Possessions in the Bi-

The three points made in treat ing the subject were that the Bible was the divine word of revelation for illuminating life and for the interpretation of nature; that it is the divine power for salvation, and that it is the divine sword for conquest and de-

A very suggestive inary at Louisville, followed this address with a strong plea for contribucone was made to the effect that there tions in aid of the Students' Fund of that institution and obtained as before said over \$1,000. In connection with this evening's service, Dr. Kerfoot Telfair, Towns, Twiggs, Union, Uppresented to the convention a gavel, son, Walton, Warren, Washington, brought by Rev. R. J. Williams from Webster, White, Wilkinson and brought by Rev. R. J. Williams from Webster, Palestine. The mallet is made of olive wood from the Mount of Olives, while the handle is of cherry from the banks of Jordan. President Hudson appropriately received the gavel on the part of the convention.

The report of the board of Ministerial Education claimed attention on support of students for the ministry at | Saturnay morning and over \$240 were both the Seminary at Louisville and contributed for that object. A comthe Furman University. But it was mittee was appointed to confer with decided to so change matters as to the trustees of the Yorkville High commit to this board the care of the School as to what is best to be done and Wilkinson. The

A deep interest mingled with much the floor of the Convention. A very anxiety had been felt as to what the gratifying result of this change of omnibus committee on the Connie Mux method was seen when, at a later well Orpanage would report. Their report was made on Saturday morning and was unanimously adopted, and clinched by singing "Praise God, from Fund, amounting to somewhat more whom all blessing flow." The report exonerated Superintendent J. L. Vass, The session of Thursday night was and recommended his re-election to

School and of the Foreign Mission new board of trustees will elect for work. The report of the committee themseleves a superintendent. It so line of the Cotton Belt Railroad, ocits chairman, Rev. O. L. Martin, and that the fifteen trustees shall be elected Nashville, by Dr. J. M. Frost, its sec trustees were named for the institu-

were also made. In response to a request from the

The committee on hospitality had delegates and visitors. Saturday afterto historic old Fort Sumter, the jetties ties the whole excursion was a comriver something unique and altogether the trip to Charleston's big mill-pond was a charming episode. And, then too, on the way back a number of them News and Courier at work on the Sunday edition of that paper, and some of

n the State. During the session of the convention many of the delegates visited the does not meet early enough to extend that at the Female College 158, an in- musseum connected with the Charleston College, and the fine specimens of the many curious, interesting animals and the other things to be found there were ful of charm and instruction. But there is such a thing as weariness offered to county treasurers receiving of the flesh, and then, too, Baptists taxes after the 31st of December for a expected to be paid by June, 1897. The somehow get mighty homesick at these few days. This year the treasurers gatherings of the denonmination. This was perhaps the reason why at Saturday night's session there was Auditors, who will immediately make comparatively so small an attendance. up the penalty book. In other words, State Missions occupied the time, and the law will be rigidly enforced and was discussed by Rev. O. L. Martin treasurers required to collect without and Dr. C. S. Gardner. An interest- regard to former customs." This will ing feature of the occasion was a sensi- doubtless create a stir, as the taxpayble talk by Rev. E. R. Roberts, colored, ers seem to be relying on the custom

them went thence to visit the historic

negro to remain among the white peo- SOUTH CAROLINA MASONS. he wanted to become acquainted with house of the Lord, than to dwell in the the editors of the Baptist Courier, tents of wickedness." The negro, he which was so prominent a factor in said, did not want to leave and as they

> A collection, amounting to more then \$100, was taken to help in build-

The pulpit of the Citadel Square by reason of the enlarged field given it by means of the press, whereby the words of the orator reach many more from the text, "As for me and my than the 30,000 persons, whom the house, we will serve the Lord," gave voice of Demosthenes reached, was in- a practical, impressive and eloquent

Memorial services were held on Sunday afternoon in connection with the report of the committee on obituaries. During the conventional year thirteen heralds of the cross passed from this lower sphere of work to their heavenly home. Remarks bearing on the report were made by Rev. I. W. Wingo and Dr. J. W. Perry.

On Sunday night the convention closed its session to meet next year with the Rock Hill church.

THE EVIL OF SMALL COUNTIES. The State of Georgia Finds them Very

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 9.-Our Legis latute is now in session, and it would of Williamston Lodge be remitted. like to find some way to lesson the burden imposed on the State treasury by the great number of small counties that draw more money from the State than they pay in taxes. In a long statistical statement published today The Journal shows that the burden of government in Georgia is borne entirely by forty-seven counties. The other ninety counties draw out for schools and pensions more than they and importance of these representa-pay in taxes. This is the situation lives. with the present year's disbursements. burden to the larger ones will be in-

creased to over one hundred. The following counties now pay less

ury:
Baker. Baldwin, Banks, Bartow,
Brooks, Bryan, Burke, Butts, Calhoun,
Marshal; Victoria, J. T. Barron. than they draw out of the State treas Camden, Campbell, Chattanocchee, Cherokee, Chattooga, Clay. Clayton, Colquitt, Columbia, Craw-ford, Dawson, Decatur, Douglas, Echols, Elbert, Fannin, Fayette, Forsyth, Franklin, Gilmer, Glasscock, Gordon. Greene, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Jones, Liberty, Lincoln, Lumpkin, Madison, roe, Murray, Newton, Oconee, thorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, laski, Putnam, Quitman, Rabun, Randolph, Rockdale, Schley, Screven, Stewart, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor,

Woth. The following twenty-eight small counties get more from the State school fund than they pay into the State treasury for all purposes:

Baker, Baldwin, Burke, Calhoun, Camden, Columbia, Crawford, Fannin, Gilmer, Glasscock, Greene, Henry, Johnson, Jones, Liberty, Lumpin, Madison, McIntosh, Meriwether, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Rabun, Screven, Talbot, Taliaferro, Towns, Union

The six counties of Fulton, Chatham, Bibb, Richmond, Muscogee and Floyd pay \$696,000 in tax this year, or more than a third of the levy. Fulton alone pays a quarter of a million or one eighth of the levy. The small counties are riding on the backs of the larger ones. They are a curse to the State. But we have them and there is no way to get rid of them.

Shot Down in Cold Blood.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 9.-Last devoted to the interest of the Sunday that position until July, 1897, when the Tuesday afternoon, about midway between Camden and Bearden, on the on the first subject was presented by changes the rules of the Orphanage curred one of the foulest and most damnable massacres of negroes that was followed by a presentation of the on the rotation method, five for three has ever blackened the records of that claims of the Sunday School Board of years, five for two, and the other five locality. A gang of section men, comthe Southern Baptist Convention, at for one year, and upon this method posed principally of negroes, with a white foreman, were engaged in their tion. Other changes in the by-laws labor of improving the roadbed, when a gang of unknown persons made their appearance upon the scene and with-Anti Saloon League, two delegates out warning began to immediately fire into the crowd of helpless and unsusbia, were appointed as the delegates he knows who they are, but on accalled for. danger to himself, he is afraid to give provided for a free excursion to the out any information that would lead to their arrest. The section where noon was devoted to that interesting these last murders occurred is occu-Mission Society was presented and discussed. The body by a rising vote adopted a resolution to try to raise was fine, a bounteous lunch had been to apprehend the guilty ones, and the Cotton Belt Company has offered reward of \$250 for the capture of the murderers. If they are captured it is fore the vote could be announced one of the delegates from the upper coun- believed that the courts of Quachita County will mete out swift justice to

Taxpayers Must Pay Up. GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 10. - Comproller General Norton was in the city today, and made the first official announcement that there would be no extension in the time for payment of taxes. He said: "The time for the First Baptist church, the oidest church | payment of taxes for the year expires December 31st-that is for payment without penalty. The Legislature the time, and the Governor and Com ptrolier General will not extend, and therefore there will be no extension. Heretofore, on account of the fre quent extensions, no objections were will be advised to deliver their dupli cates on the 1st of January to County confered the degree of D. D. upon who is working in connection with the ary few days' grace, as shown by the Rev. C. P. Ervin, of Bamberg: Rev. State Mission Board. He stated that small receipts up to date. The penal-J. W. Perry, of Hartsville, and Rev. it was the desire of the common sensed by will doubtless attach in many cases.

THE SECOND DAY'S SESSION OF THE Darlington. GRAND LODGE.

Col. J. T. Barron, of Columbia. Elected Grand Master of South Carolina-A De lightful Excursion Around the Harbor-

Master ruled that where a brother was a Knight of Pythias and requested to entitled so to be buried, the Masons taking charge of the body after the other ceremonies were over, and not mingling with the other bodies.

and property of a defunct lodge. The Grand Master ruled that the Grand Lodge would lend the property, but not be responsible therefor. R. W. Bro. Sheppard moved that the request be granted, Macedonia Lodge being responsible for any loss or damage Adopted.

W. Bro. W. L. Glaze submitted the report of the committee on appeals and grievances. W. Bro. W. A. Giles moved that the

Grand Master be allowed to draw a sum not exceeding \$150 to pay his expenses in visiting lodges during the oming year. Adopted. Bro. Giles moved that a sufficient sum be appropriated to furnish each

lodge with stationery. Made special order for 11 30 o'clock. Bro. Mahaffey requested that dues

Postponed until the Grand Master could visit the lodge. On motion of R. W. Bro. Witherspoon it was resolved that the next annual communication be held in Char

leston. The Grand Master extended a welcome to Grand Representatives from other grand bodies to this Grand lodge and commented on the utility

The following were present: anada, When the school fund is increased to A. H. White; Cuba, John R. Bellin-\$400 000 as proposed, the number of ger; Delaware, John R. Smith; Dissmall counties which will be a trict of Columbia, Manitoba, Missouri, New Jersey, New York and Quebec, Charles Inglesby; England, Ohio, Rhode Island. J. Adger Smyth; Illinois, J. F. Ficken: Maine, Claude E

> On motion of M. W. Bro. Ball the the election of officers at high twelve was suspended by unanimous consent and the election was proceeded with. t resulted as follows: Grand Master, J. T. Barron, of Co-

nmbia. Deputy Grand Master, B. J. With rspoon, of Lancaster. Senior Grand Warden, Orlando Sheppard, of Edgefield. Junior Grand Warden, W. M.

Grand Treasurer, Zimmerman Davs, of Charleston. Grand Secretary, Charles Inglesby, of Charleston. Bro. J. H. Hambleton submitted

report from the committee on unfinshed business and it was adopted. Bro. Whitehead offered a resolution that an appropriation be made for preparing and printing a digest of the aws of Masonry in South Carolina. He moved that the work be done by Bro. Inglesby and the printing given to the lowest bidder. This was adopted and an appropriation of \$500 was

made for the purpose. At 12:45 the lodge was called off antil S P. M. The Grand Loige was called to laor at 8 o'clock P. M.

R. W. Bro. Barron submitted the report of the committee on redistricting the State, and it was adopted.

M. W. Bro. A. H. White submitted the supplemental report of the committee on by laws. Adopte 1.

R. W. Bro. Sheppard expressed the thanks of the lodge for the courtesies extended by the Grand Lodge and for the courtesies extended by the lodges in Charleston, and moved that the thanks of the body be extended to

them. Adopted by a rising vote. R. W. Bro. W. C. Miller, Grand Representative of Colorado, was pres-Representative of British Columbia.

ent; also W. Bro. A. W. Taft, Grand The Grand Lodge was then closed in short form and opened in like manner ou the E. A. Degree. The Grand Officers were then instal

led. The following appointments o officers were then made: W. Brothers A. H. Doty, of Char leston and J. C. Watkins, of Anderson, Senoir Grand Deacons. W. Brothers E. C. Secrest, o. Lan-

caster, and W. A. Holman, of Barnwell, Junior Grand Deacons. W. Bro. C. P. Quattlebaum, of Conway, Grand Marsnal. W. Bro. L. M. Nettles, of Foreston,

Grand Pursuivant. W. Brothers J. L. Mickle, of Darington, and S. E. Moore, of Hartsville, Grand Stewarts. W. Bro. W. A. Winkler, of Char eston, Grand Tiller.

All of these were duly installed. The M. W. Grand Master announc ed the following committees: Hall Committee-J. Adger Smyth. F. Panknin, W. F. Strong, John

. Strohecker.

son College.

On Cemetery—A. T. Snvthe, R. P. Evans, W. C. Miller, W. H. Prioleau. Charity Committee—Joseph Bock, J. S. Bennett, L E Williams, H. A. DeSaussure, I W. Hirsch. The Grand Master appointed the following District Deputy Grand Mas-

First distri t, W. G. Mazyck, Chareston. Second district, G. M. Buckner, Ridgeland. Third district, J. R. Bellinger, Bam-

berg. Fourth distric', W. A. Gyles, Granteville. Fifth district, S. J. Watson, Johnton.

Sixth district, F. E. Harrison, Ab peville. Seventh district, T. F. Hill, Ander on. Eighth district, R. S. Porcher, Clem

Ninth district, F. E. Nichols. Green-

ville. Tenth district, J. M. Lunham, Nes Eleventh district, Jos. H. Hamilton, Twelfth district, J. W. Ardrey, Fort

Thirteenth district, J. W. Seigler, Winnsboro. Fourteenth district, F. Leslie Zemp, Camden.

Fifteenth district, John A. Kelly, Kingstree. Sixteenth district, W. E. Jones,

Seventeenth district, F. D. Bryant.

Eighteenth district, W. L. Glaze, Orangeburg.
All were installed except Bro. Ar-The new Grand Master then return-

ed thanks to the Grand Lodge for the honor conferred in his election to the CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 10.—The office, and made an earnest appeal to ter the calendar had been disposed of, Grand Lodge was called on at 10 the brethren to fully inform themo'clock yesterday morn ng. The Grand selves upon the secret work and conform strictly to it. He commended 'Tidings from the Craft' to their conbe buried with Masonic honors he was sideration, and advised them to become subscribers to it.

following resolution:

W. Bro. Dabney, of Macedonia be appointed to confer with the busi- Senate ness organizations of Charleston and upon. endeavor to induce them to select as a Gala Week in 1897 the week of the annual communication of this Grand odge. Adopted. The following committee

was appointed: Zimmerman Davis, J. Adger Smyth, Charles Inglesby and W. M. Whitehead. On motion it was resolved that a committee be appointed to purchase a

suitable jewel or momento, to be presented at our next annual communication to our honored, respected and beloved retiring Grand Master, Claude E. Sawyer, etc. This was adopted and he committee appointed as follows: C. P. Quattlebaum, Joseph Bock, O. Sheppard. On motion of Bro. Sawyer all offi-

ers of the Grand Lodge who have not been installed were authorized to be nstalled in any lodge which they may respectively select. Bro. Sawyer moved that the foreign

correspondence report of the Grand Secretary be dispensed with for the coming year. Adopted. The Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

LEAPED TO HIS DEATH.

Clerk of Court for Lancaster County Takes

LANCASTER, Dec. 9.—Clerk of the Court W. W. Perry committed suicide this morning about 10 o'clock by jumping into Bear creek from the Ohio River and Charleston railroad trestle, three fourths of a mile southwest of town. The whole community was shocked when the news came it that Bill Perry had drowned himself.

Mr. Perry was a great sufferer from dyspepsia and since his defeat last summer in the primaries for re-elecrule in the constitution in relation to tion has been very much depressed. He ate his breakfaft as usual this morning and about 9 o'clock came into his office and asked his deputy. Mr. Jones, if he was busy. Mr. Jones re plied thal he had some work ahead. Mr. Perry then left the office and went to the creek, on the track of the railroad, but on reaching the trestle turned and came back in the direction of town, but soon returned to the creek.

A school box saw him walking hur-A school boy saw him walking hurThen why not co-operate with us,
iedly on the trestle with his hat off.

Mr. Chandler asked, "and get free they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not they made a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not the make, he has not the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make, he has not the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on the make a concerted rush for the here is not on On reaching the middle of the struc ture over the channel of the creek, he climbed down carefully to some plank nailed about 10 feet from the top and

jumped off into the swollen waters below. The boy who saw him gave the alarm and a man on the public road ran down the creek to render help. He succeeded in getting below Mr Perry, who by this time had on the public road ran down the ceek. When he saw Perry he was holding his head above water with one hand grasping a bush and had his hat in the other. The man called to him to hold on and he would help. Mr. Perry turned his head, looked at him for a moment, turned loose the bush Parties and sank for the last time. with boats and hooks have been dragging for the body all day but up to this time (8:30 p. m.) the search has been unsuccessful. His hat was found 200 yards below where he was seen to

sink. The creek is very full and the water swift. The search will be kept up all night. Mr. Perry was 45 years of age. He was a cadet at the King's Mountain Military Institute just after the war. Several years ago he held the office of county auditor and was elected clerk of the court four years ago. He made is called to it. What is there in the a model clerk. He was generous and kindhearted to a fault and was held in gress to spend six or seven months in high esteem by all who knew him. He leaves a wife but no children. Mr.

W. L. Porter, the newly elected, will take charge in a day or two.—State.

South Carolina's Delegation. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 9 .-Representative Strait arrived here today, and was welcomed back to the House by his Congressional associates. He has not yet received a formal no tice of contest from his rivel, John F. Jones, although he has been informed by friends of Jones that a contest will be made. It is understood that contests are expected from every South Carolina district, and the pleas in every case will be based on the unconstitutionality of the State registration laws. Dr. Stokes says he is not worried by the Johnston contest at the present session, nor does he believe he contestant will be able to make out a good case in the next Congress. Dr. Stokes has prepared his case, and he will be able to stand upon the returns of the election managers that there were not more than about 3,000 rejections in his district on account of failure to register. Conceding all these votes to Johnston, Dr. Stokes claims that he will have a handsome majority over his competitor. E. A. Webster, who is here looking after the political interests of his faction in the Republican party, says he supposes Johnston is making a contest against Dr. Stokes at this session as a test. If he fails to succeed on the ground of the unconstitutionality of the registration law of South Carolina he will probably abandon his contest in the next Congress. Mr. Webster does not claim to speak authoritatively on this subject, and therefore, it is probable that Mr. Johnston has in view the financial allowance in a contested case. He can hardly hope to have two allowances in the same Congress and, therefore, the committee on

elections may decline to consider his

case at the present session. - News and

Courier.

Orangeburg and Lexington Counties Island could -withdraw his motion to was requested to come forward and was voted last Tuesday, and was de refer and a yea and nay vote on the take oath. Accompanied by Mr. Latfeated in both counties. Orangeburg gave for Calhoun county 160; against, county, 41; against, 55. All polls whether something would not come oath after which he was a full-fledged control.

A SHARP DEBATE.

SILVER SENATORS OUTWIT REPUBLI-CANSON THE DIGLEY BILL.

The Populist Senators of Nebraska Moves to Take up the Deferred Taria Bill for

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The Dingley oill was brought under discussion afy a request from Mr. Allen for unanmous consent to have the bill taken up for consideration.

Objection was made by Mr. Aldrich Rep., of Rhode Island in the phrase, M. W. Bro. White submitted the collowing resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three committees of th Senate may know what it is voting

The bill was thereupon read in full, with the free silver substitute reported for it last session from the finance committee.

After the reading Mr. Aldrich withdrew his objection to take up the bill and the objection was renewed by Mr. Palmer, Dem., of Illinois. Mr. Allen desired to make a brief

statement, but objection was made and the Senate proceeded to vote by yeas and nays on the motion to take up the bill. The motion was adopted by a vôte of 35 to 21. The bill having been taken up, Mr, Aldrich moved that the bill be recom-

mitted to the finance committee with instruction to report it back without amendment. Mr. Harris declared his opposition

o the instructions and after some discussion Mr. Aldrich withdrew that part of his motion. Mr. Chandler. Rep., of New Hampshire reminded Mr. Allen that the pecple had decided in the recent election

that they would not have the free coinage of silver alone, and that if the free silver substitute were voted down not the Senate could go on and act on the raid. Dingley bill proper. He asked whether Mr. Allen would give his vote for the bill without the free silver amendment. Would he help to remove the obstruction to the passage of the bill? Mr. Allen denied having said that

he would help to remove any obstruction to the passage of the Dingley bill He had said that so far as he was concerned no obstruction should be placed in its way. He did not regard the question of free silver as having been settled at the last election. It was a very important question and had had 6,000,000 votes in its favor. He did not believe that the country could re-

ceive relief from any kind of a tariff act. Prosperity could not be brought to the country by increasing the burdens of taxation on articles which the people consumed. He was so thoroughly convinced of that fact that he wanted to see his Republican friends get into the saddle as soon as possible. But he did not believe that they want-

silver off this bill "I will co-operate with the senator and his party," Mr. Allen rejoined, "in my own way. It is not necessary for me to bow my head and wear a Republican yoke and follow the dictation of the Republican party, and I will not do it. I will say, however, that no obstruction in the nature of

dilatory tactics, so far as I am concerned, will be put in the way of taking up and considering a tariff measure at an early day.' "We can pass this bill in 15 minutes," said Mr. Aldrich, "if the sena-

tor and his friends will allow us to do "Will you present to the Senate and the country," Mr. Allen asked, "a tariff bill that you will consent to be bound by for the next four years-at this session of congress?

This inquiry elicited laughter among Republican senators and shouts of

No. "My question," Mr. Allen resumed provokes almost universal laughter on that side of the chamber. You said to the country this fall, that you would, at the first moment, take up the tariff question and settle it, and now you laugh when your attention tariff question that would require conan extraordinary session to consider it? Why not introduce the McKinley bill, the panacea for all evils, and have

it reported here within the next 10 days and passed within the next 60 days? Do you want to threater the country with an extraordinary session of congress? Do you want to sit here 00 days practically idle, and let the country suffer when you have it within your power to put a tariff bill on ts passage and have it discussed intel-

igently! "Let me ask the senator," Mr. Al lrich broke in, "whether he will vote for this bill as it came from the house of representatives or for the McKinley or for any other bill that may be presented by the Republicans, now, or

at any other time?" 'No," said Mr. Allen, "I will not vote for this bill in its present shape. You can, however, put it in such shape that I can vote for it. and that other senators can vote for it who are not members of your party. said Mr. "Does the senator see,"

Hale, Rep., of Maine, now breaking

into the colloquy, "that it is an entirely different thing to ask the Republican party, which is in a minority here—as it clearly is—to take up and consider and perfect a general bill. when the conditions are expected to be entirely changed in congress? The Republican party expects to have an absolute majority in the senate ther. "Where will you get your majority from?" Mr. Allen queried.

the Republican party expects to have a Republican majority in the senate next congress. 'Expects!" Mr. Allen echoed with a

"I say," repeated Mr. Hale,

now is the passage of the Dingley bill, which is a temporary measure, a measure that was intended to endow a Derevenue to pay the housekeeping bills free coinage of silver substitute had. If that were voted in the bill would go to conference, and it would be seen

"Why is not the senator ready to agree to that?" he asked. "Does he not see that the Republican party in this senate is not, as it hopes to be in the

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next congress, able to report a general tariff revision bill?" "I believe," was Mr. Allen's comment on this point, "that the Republican party is in better shape than it will be in the next congress. (Laugh ter.) Continuing Mr. Hale expressed his belief that in the next congress

Republican senators would be able to report a general tariff bill which they could not do now. But they were ready to come to a vote at once on the Dingley bill-first on the proposition for free coinage of silver; and if that were voted down, on the house bill. While the discussion was still in progress the morning hour expired and the whole matter went over without action. It does not come up again tomorrow under any rule of the senate, but the motion to take up the bill and proceed to its consideration may be made at any time.

TERRORIZED BY TRAMPS.

Hobocs Hold Up a Town in True Western Style.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 .- All New Rochelle, so to speak, stood at its guns the speed, the propelling power, the last night. Monday night a gang of tramps held up the town in true well as with them, and the power to Western style, and as a result there dart from side to side and forward, was not a man in the town yesterday who didn't admit that he was afraid there would be a repetition of the raid

last night. New Rochelle has long been a favor ite stopping place for tramps bound for New England. The town force of plue-coats is only six strong, so it is easy prey for the hoboes.

An average of twenty tramps are height of the tramp traveling season that he will carry out his idea and this autumn sixty were put in the soon have a ship constructed to demonlockup in two days. Things have strate all that he claims for it. been rather quiet of late and the peacenot expect anything like a concerted

Those tramps were nothing if not bold. They reached town at dusk and began their work at once, not in he has undertaken. When a man quiet by streets, but in Main street, the heart of the business quarter.

"Gimme an overcoat, an' be blame quick about it!" yelled a frowsy, tattered individual, bursting into the clothing store of Samuel Cohen at No. 327 Main street. "If you don't I'll smash the whole place up!

Cohen yelled; his wife screamed. Ipstairs lives a policeman, and the shop keeper lost no time in leaving his wife to face the tramp while he summoned help. The tramp didn't wait for his coat but disappeared down the street, while two other hoboes who nad kept guard outside made off too. Smash, crash, bang! It was a stone ipping through the window of the nome of Mr. Wells in Home Park. A second later in piled a grimy tramp, who knocked over table and chairs, yelling for money. The family was sitting in the next room. He didn't Carolina? It can do it—it will do it if frighten them for a cent, and when the matter is rushed. The inventor came in.

Robbery was holding high carnival lown on Main street all this time. William Weinstein had a case of rubbers stolen from under his nose. Two silk waists were taken from the counter of a dry goods store. Butchers and grocers were streaming into the police station and telling of sudden onslaughts by hoboes, who made off with whatever they could lay their hands on. Other people were complaining that the hoboes had been nolding up passers-by and demanding money. Altogether the town was de-

moralized. "Catch him! He's run off with a coat!" cried a small boy, running into the clothing store of another Cohen at No. 243 Main street. "I'd have told before but he said he'd kill me!"

Sure enough, there was a tramp making off with one of Cohen's \$20 overcoats. He couldn't be caught. Then the other Cohen up the street had another visit from tramps. They demanded hats all arround on pain of demolishing the place, but they were rightened off. At 11 p. m. a strapping big fellow

walked into Meyer S. Nathan's hotel No. 145 Huguenot street, woke Mr. Nathan, who was dozing in a chair, and roared "Gimme a drink; I'll hock my shoes for it!" Nathan was thoroughly terrorized

and handed out a glass of beer. Then the fellow began to curse everybody and started to clean out the place Nathan got back his courage, and with the aid of his waiter threw out the invader, who put up a stiff fight The next minute a stone came crash ing through his \$125 plate-glass win-

"Help!" yelled Nathan, and the tramp was arrested and locked up after half the force bound him hand and foot.

He was James Gordon, twenty eight years old leader of the gang. He said nat he was from Albany, and that The pohe' been drinking acohol. lice got Fritz Miller, Mount Vernon; James Bybee, of Cincinnati, and John Kenney, of No. 3 Laight street, New York City.

Gordon was identified as the man who had broken into Mrs. Welles's house, and yesterday Justice Lambden fined him \$50 and sent him to jail refused on the ground that by the for six months. The others got fiftynine days apiece in the Westchester County jail at White Plains.

All day long the tradespeople talked of their adventures. Then they polished up their old guns and pistols. prepared to stand any sort of a raid.-Yew York World.

Our Congressmen. Washington, D. C. Dec. 9.—The members of the South Carolina dele-

gation responded to their names when Congress assembled yesterday, except "that Senator Irby and Representatives Strait and Murray. Dr. Strait is confined to his home by sickness, and Senator Irby and Murray are expected here daily. One of the incidents of the day in the House was the swearing take up a general tariff bill; and I have in of Dr. Stokes. It is unusual for gles across the river near warwick one man to be sworn in twice during the across the river near warwick new in the near that we ask the Same Congress, but it will be remembered that at the last session the House decided that there was no elecmocratic administration with enough tion in Dr. Stoke's district, so a new election was ordered and the result of the government. If the senator and was in favor of Dr. Stokes. Repre-ORANGEBURG, S. C., Dec. 9.—The his friends were in favor of it a vote sentative Latimer called the attention effort to establish a new county to be could be had at once, without further of the House to the fact that Dr. known as Calhoun out portions of discussion. The senator from Rhode Stokes had been duly elected, so he imer the Doctor advanced to the Speaker's desk and held up his hand while Speaker Reed administered the

A CHERAW AIR SHIP.

REMARKABLE INVENTION OF A SOUTH CAROLINA GENIUS.

A Flying Machine With the Power to go With or Against Air Currents, Upward

CHERAW, S. C., Dec. 9.—The publicity given by the New York World's account of the mysterious air ship, exciting so much attention on the Paci fic coast causes your correspondent to report the work of a Cheraw man in this direction. As yet he has men tioned the fact of his discovery to but few, and this article will be as great a surprise to citizens of this place as it will elsewhere. The inventor or discoverer or perfector of this strange mode of navigation of the air has giv en considerable time to the study and has shown his drawings to the writer. and from his limited knowledge of such things he is constrained to say that the thing is a success, particular ly since he has read the description of the capabilities of the California ship. Everything claimed by Attorney General Hart for the western ship-

the moving against currents of air as downward or upward, are all possessed by the Cheraw ship. The inventor asserts that he would not hesitate to take his family up in his ship and that it can be controlled

by a child, so simple are the devices for increasing or lessening the speed A comparison with the claims made with the rival shows that the carrying capacity of the Cheraw ship is greater rounded up every week even by this and capable of much larger freight meagre force, and once during the and passenger carriage. It is hoped

For reasons satisfactory to your ful suberbanites and commoutors did correspondent and the inventor his name is for the present withheld from the public, but will be furnished interested parties who might be of assistance to him in the completion of the work sees a thing with his own eyes he knows it and the writer has critically examined the Cheraw ship and if there is a weak point about it he failed to discover it, nor does he believe

that such exists. The Cheraw genius has confidence n it, those who have seen it likewise and a little more time and encouragement only are needed to surprise the world. That the air will be navigated

ere long all admit. Attorney General Hart says: "I am of the opinion that his air ship will be a success, and its success is far more probable at this time than Morse's telegraphy was at the time Morse first offered the same to the public." So the writer believes about

the one here.

Why not South Carolina lead in this? Why not Cheraw lead South ecuniary standpoint; he is possesse of an inventive mind and has spent much time gratifying it, and today is about ready to astonish the world with the production of a great human need one that is a reality and not an idle dream of one vainly speculating on an

impossibility.-News and Courier. Hoke Smith's Hug.

ATLANTA, Dec. 11.-Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith appeared in Magistrate Foute's court today as counsel for Mrs. M. L. Henson, who was charged by Dr. F. T. Powell with robbing him of his pocket book. The doctor states that Mrs. Henson had visited his office to get a prescription. As she was leaving, he asked her if she would not kiss him. He declared that she did kiss him and at the same time picked his pockets, getting a purse containing \$45. The defendant denied the statement and declared that she ran out of the office when the doctor became amorous. Mr. Smith invited the doctor, who weighs 225 pounds, to hug him and show the justice how the woman picked his pockets. The doctor accepted the invitation, threw his arms around the ex secretary and they hugged each other tightly, but the doctor could not reach Mr. Smith's hip pocket, for he is too stout. Nor could Mr. Smith reach the doctor's gun pocket and the magistrate decided that it was impossible for Mrs. Henson to have robbed the physician even if she had hugged him, and dis-

Suicide Does Not Vitiste.

missed her.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 11.-In the superior court Judge Austin has rendered a decision in favor of the plaintiff in the case of Bertha Buggaber against the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World. This case was made a test case in the settlement of nearly one hundred similar cases pending in all parts of the United States, from Maine to Mexico, and on the Pacific slope. The amount involved is estimated to be upward of \$100,000 in sums of from \$100 to \$500 each. In the present case suit was brought to recover \$1,000 insurance on the life of the plaintiff's husband who committed suicide in November 1893, while laboring under an attack of insanity. Payment of the claim was terms of the by-laws adopted by the board of control of the Endowment Rank of the Knights of Pythias it was provided that if a member committed suicide, whether he be sane or insane, or the act be voluntary or involuntary, he shall forfeit all his right under his certificate of membership.

A Gruesome Find. SAVANNAH, Dec. 10.—A special from

Albany to the Morning News, says: A ferry flat containing the corpses of hree negro men and two others neardead from cold and exposure was iscovered this morning on the bank of the Flint river, about 10 miles above Albany. John W. Burke, a lumber man, and 15 negroes were conveying guide rope of the flat was drawn too tight, causing the flat to dip water and break the guide ropes, Mr. Burke and six of the negroes clung to the ferry and reached the shoe. The flat and eight negroes drifted down the river. Three of the negroes jumped overboard. Only two of shore, while the third went under. The two surviving negroes state that the negroes fund dead on the flat this morning froze to death after surviving until sunrise this morning. The flat had drifted down the river about 35