Press Association. A CALL ON THE PRESIDENT.

Some of the Things They Saw in Washington and Some of the Things that Happened to Them on the Way.

matter was supposed to be. Sight-secing and pleasure-seeking can always be made enjoyable, especially so in a land where the people are the servants of the people. When pleasure is the sole object in view; when everything has been arranged beforehand: when a well assorted and congenial party is "on a trip," an epidemic of toothache could not successfully combat the purposes in

The recent excursion of the South Carolina State Press Association was an occasion wherein were met all of the above described conditions. Pleasant and congenial were the companions of this pleasant trip and a good time was what they had. They simply did as they pleased—the ladies especiallyand, as a rule, they pleased to do sensi ble things, the-especially! The members of the party were President E. H. Aull; vice-president, W. P. Jacobs: secretary, C. C. Langston; M. B. Me-Sweeney, F. Melchers, J. M. Knight, A. S. Hydrick, Jr., E. A. Jasque, G. R. Pettigrew, E. W. Nolley, T. C. Robinson, J. T. Bigham, E. C. Haynesworth, R. H. Sweeney, H. A. Richey, T. J. Drew, G. P. Brown, A. G. Kollock, Master Miles McSweeney, John Gasque and J. E. Norment. The lady members of the party-most pleasant, attractive and not so very hard to manage either-were Mesdames E. H. Auil. V. D. Young, R. H. Sweeney, E. W. Nolley, J. T. Bigham and T. C. Robinson and Misses Lucy R. Hoyt, Mary S. Newman, Minnie Montgomery. May Russell, — Dean. Olio Patton. Lucile Melchers. Nannie Montgomery. Etta Hydrick, May Russell and Leila Russell. The journey has already been only special details will here be men-Of course Washington was the most

ant place which we visited. Wherever that bloweth where it listeth seemed to have an especially patriotic tendency to wave the Stars and Stripes-America's own breezes waving America's own flag. Red, white and blue could not be lost sight of. These colors were seen on belts and the belts were worn where patriotic American eyes love to wander. They were seen on scarfs and cravats. waists, shirts, bills or fare, pencilseverywhere. I even saw a celestial's laundry sign which read "On Wah." and gave him credit for the prevailing spirit. Soldiers were numerous. "soldiers and sailors." too. Twenty-five thousand teachers were here, and they came from all sections of our country. They did not understand the art of combining business and pleasure. The Havana, while death and destruction were at Santiago, while consternation and anarchy almost reigned at Madrid, only the reverse of them were seen at our nation's Capital. WASHINGTON LANDMARKS-OLD AND

NEW.

interesting as well as the most import-

As one approaches Washington the same old land marks greet the eye of those to whom the scene is at all familiar. The massive and towering dome of the Capitol rises above the great gray granite walls of the Government buildings, all telling of our earlier growth. Then typical of a later day, the clear cut and heavenward reaching marble point of the Washington monument speaks again of enlarged growth and of a people's growing recognition of their own greatness. And now, amid these grand older landmarks which so well befitted their day and time. and which grow only more impressive with the years, is seen the grander growth of today. From afar the golden, glittering head of the library of Congress gives forth its rays of gleaming beauty and of splendor. Superbly magnificent in its conception. gorgeously beautiful in the finish of every detail. as delicately artistic as it is noble in its stately grandeur, it is at once the flower and the fruit of that from whence and for which it came, that which is of no greater promise in any country-the Gallery-the white marble palace dedicated to art alone. is as well worthy of spirit which it reveals. This building has that crowing grace of architecture. no truer votories of their calling than were those who planned this ideal structure, those who polished its corners, who sculptured and chiseled its delicate beauties and whose hand and brain gave such finish to such a pure, white marble home for art.

Our nation's Capital City peculiarly embodies and emphasizes the principles for which it stands, and, like American a "nameless longing and a vague uninstitutions generally, is truly all Ame- rest" filled other portion of the human rican. These institutions come from form than that which the poet went on the people, they stand for the people. to describe, it was not the fault of the the party in any emergency, and was Washington, in its own concentrative officers. They may have been responsipower, speaks of the strength of its ble to some extent, for just look at Hygeia ball. His handsome son, Miles, builders and makers: its growing granduer typifies the increasing and stately life of a nation which is surely destined for fame immortal; its independenceblood-stained from the beginning, but and of freedom-is emphasized more like all its other glories, comes back to sad Arlington, standing sentinel-like on the adjacent heights, it has all now to bind a people together. THE PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AND OTHER

of the public buildings were visited, so so pleasing to some. were Mount Vernon and Arlington. Washington monument and the navy yard, all points of interest, the church-

Kinley. As has been previously stated the circumstances were very gracious on the part of President McKinley, and the part of President McKinley and the

THE NATIONAL LIBRARY.

The splendor and magnificence of the Library of Congress are simply beyond | larly" cost over \$6,000,000. It covers eight destruction. acres of ground and is superbly magnifimagnificent work of man. Stately and grand it stands, perfectly comprehensidescribe this proud building. My wilderable and many voiced details, as perwhich any American could and should stairways, bronze and marble figures. memorial names and figures, precious outlined in the News and Courier, so stones and woods, crystal splendors, golden dome, its symbols, pavilions of arts, sciences and literature, its many galleries of treasures, its volumes, its purposes, its future-all are alike useful tribute to the American people.

THE "INNOCENTS" SEE MANY THINGS! The National Museum had its visitors from our party, those who had seen it before and those who had not. This building was also thronged with tiredooking teachers, who seemed to have forgotten pleasure entirely. The obects of interest here are familiar to all and need no further descripton. It may e well to add that in the cabinet containing the souvenirs of President Grant. his name is spelled with a small first letter on the card recounting the history of his Chattanooga sword.

special objects of interest claimed attention. Day or night, if one only sat stillfaces of many recalled the Frenchman's in a chair and looked and listened, he was listened to with marked attention. remark which I have previously refer- could see and hearthings that were usured to. And while starvation was at al elsewhere. Any sort of looking man interesting-"to the ladies especially. There were only two sorts of ladies visible to the casual observer-the tiredlooking and the fresh-looking. Collectively speaking, men know little about correct styes in dress and here you could He has secured every association in the or not they reached the shore is an see all sorts and descriptions of males. the apparel proclaiming the man. Collectively and constructively articulating nearly all women are adepts in the art of dressing and in a city this great difference between men and women distinctly

vissible. in Washington are not Congressmen, Senators and Cabinet officers. They are more apt to be head waiters at hotels and "waiters" of all kinds. Waiters for office in numbers, eagerness and anxiety head the list. Waiters for to-morrow are too numerous to count. These are ever building and spoiling and building | Line. .. again," and their countenances betray | G. Lewis, E. J. Chism and R. H. Panthem. Waiters for fortune are here. waiters for something new under the sun. waiters innumerable in the vast, moving | thanks for polite attentions. Especial throng for that one event which comes | mention must also be made of the gento all and which, at last, will not even uinely courteous attentions which were disappoint these oft dismayed, but never crushed and hopeless waiters for other Brantley a former Carolinian, now a

things which never come unto them. "OVER THE BOUNDLESS SEA. From Washington we went to Baltiintellectual life and development of a stay here was all too short, though powerful young nation. And still are | Druid Hill Park and other places of in- what they did. other landmarks becoming visible. The | terest were visited. Leaving this great new home of the famous Coreoran Art and growing city we boarded the Gallery—the white marble palace dedisteamer Atlanta, of the Baltimore, the treasures it holds as it is of the Company, and had a glorious trip on South Carolina journalism, could not go Chesapeake Bay. The day had been with us on this trip. cloudy, but in the afternoon the restperfect sympathy of proportions. And less waves changed from blue to green the artists whose treasures it holds were and then a gorgeous sunset, more welcome because so entirely unexpected. caught the waters in changing rainbow gratulated him on staying at home. hues of pink, yellow and crimson. The undone which would contribute to our comfort, and we are especially inabted to these gentlemen. We had a feeling to these gentlemen.

their regular bill of fare for dinner: Fish of almost any kind, especially including oysters served in every style. with choice selections of game. hot and cold beef, chicken, tongue, ham. I his feet and had a good time all the blood-stained in the cause of humanity | turkey, chops, liver and bacon, lambs' | time. fries, ham and eggs, pigs feet and crabs than ever today and this independence, in every style. Then every salad known | things quietly; they saw everything. to aquatic culiniary art—and these be | did not get "tired out" and their trip and radiates from American men and many and delicious-sauces, relishes, was a most pleasant one. women. It stands the national embod- slaws, croquettes, pickles, vegetables iment of the sentiment of, by and for and breads innumberable and such things also. Editor Robinson knows the people. And with the noble Poto- French and Vienna rolls were never seen how to have a good time, and he had mac on one side, with glorious Mount | before. Then followed fruits of many | it. Vernon and with equally glorious but varieties, jellies, ices, cakes, pastries. cheese, coffee, chocolate, cocoa, hot and his first trip with us. He says his "bricold tea and milk. Wine lists were dal trip shall not differ much from what of the waters. Hayana cigars and strolls THINGS.

There was much to be seen at Wash
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> EDITORS IN CLOVER! Ocean breezes, splendid fare and commanding the "old 9th army corps," every comfort and attention awaited to was a genial companion and added to his

and sincerely appreciated the considera-tion which had been given us. Presidence proposition appointments. Dinds so long, and whose work is of such value dent McKinley's manner was that of the natural, perfect gentleman, and his fine face easily showed signs of severe mental strains. Mrs. Virginia DuRant V may the telegral and the sea, and mosquitoes molest your mental strains. Young, the talented author, was a mem-slumbers: Electric car lines take you faithful brother sets us good examples ber of our party, of course, and she had an interesting looking little package at this reception, which naturally attracted attention. When she was presented to President Mckinley she handed him this package at the president Mckinley she handed him the package at the package this package, requesting that it begives to Mrs. McKinley, with her compliments. The President courteously bowed and thanked Mrs. Young as he and presuming upon the educational gentleman who stepped forward to meet the Americans did not make their ser- took the package. Interest then center- value of newspapers and not straining us, that we were wandering South the Americans and not make then set values for ed—"among the ladies especially— our consciences, we passed in with the Carolina newspaper men, who wanted vants attend to their pleasures for the pleasures for them, was probably blind in both eyes and had a vacant spot where his gray are larger than the probably blind in both eyes and had a vacant spot where his gray the package. No one could learn; the probably blind in both eyes are larger than the probably blind in b terrous package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learn; by we comed and saw strange and interpote the first package. As one come learns, and the first package is a supplier to the first package. As one come learns, and the first package is a supplier to the first package. As one come learns, and the first package is a supplier to the first package. As one come learns, and the first package is a supplier to the first package. As one come learns, and the first package is a supplier to the first package. As one come learns package is a supplier to the first package is a supplier to volumes, embodying her highest what might now be termed Spain's more of the News and Courier than he thoughts, to the highest lady in the "submarine" fleets. The Kearsarge, does of any paper which comes to our euriosity of many— the ladies particu- from." I introduced myself to this description. We were fortunate in seeing the description ing this brilliantly lighted at night, ty secured steam launches, sailed out crimination, took what he gave me. when 14,000 visitors did not make too to the Minneapolis, were allowed to get started for my boat and for home. much of a crowd. The building has no abourd and were most politely and peacesuperior of its kind in this world and fully shown the engines of death and

cent. There is no dazzling glare and Church, its 242 years making it, so I dindness, no sense of confusion and was informed, about the third oldest Of Trials and Tribulations of Amershapeless immensity. A thinking per- church in America. Here also is the son is awed and silenced by this nobly | Soldiers' Home, with about 3,000 occupants, while the adjacent centery has little white head pieces telling where ble in all of its costly finish and parts. 20,000 more are sleeping. On one cor-Every detail a perfect "part of one stu- ner, where two streets meet, you can pendous whole," and yet words cannot stand and count forty-one bar rooms here, and this fact is explained by ad est boyish dreams of the wonders and ding that \$90,000 pension money is paid beauties of Alladin's fairy palace did not | quarterly to the occupants of the Soldi approach what I here saw with mine ers' Home. This money is greedily eyes. Grand and massive in design waited for by these whiskey sellers, but and proportion, exquisite in its innum- let us hope that most of it goes elsewhere. At Fortress Monroe some of feet in finish and taste as it is in de- us saw, for the first time, one of the sign and workmanship, it is a golden, saddest sights that can anywhere be glittering, magnificent structure of | seen. This was the landing of hundreds of our brave soldier boys who were be proud. Its bronze doors, stuccoed wounded while fighting for their counceilings, mosaic floor, with pictures in try. Here our pleasant party separated. mosaic on floor, ceiling and walls, paint- some going to Norfolk, Richmond, Virings, marble floors, pillars, columns, ginia Beach, back to Washington and some were homeward bound. SPECIAL MENTION.

President Aull and Secretary Langston are capital workers, and they need no thanks here, because these were and delicately sculptured beauties, its | tendered in person by every member of the Association. All of the officers were re-elected at Greenville, and this we went flags were waving. The wind and beautiful, and the unity of the is President Aull's fifth successive oc great and perfect whole is truly a grand | cupancy of this office. At Paris Mountain he and Secretary Langston were again presented with testimonials showing the esteem in which they are held by their brethren.

A feature of the meeting which has not received proper attention was the remarkable fine address of President Geo. B. Cromer, of Newberry College. Mr. Cromer's subject was "The Personal Pronoun, First Person Singular," and his remarks were of the highest order of excellence. The speaker is a man of scholarly thought and of graceful and forcible expression; his style is cultivated and finished, and best of all, he is Wherever you went in Washington manly and strong and pure. We are indebted to him for an address which I have seldom heard equalled, and which | ca: for one of the schoners put out a

requested by my brethren to make, in | you Spaniards?" As one of the men the many courtesies shown the Association by "Harris, of Harris's Lithia Springs. He showed us more attention that any other one individual, and this was done cordially and pleasantly. State to meet at his springs-medical. dental, educational-all, and by urgent invitation the South Carolina State Press Association is added to this number for next year.

The railroads were most obliging, the Southern Railway particularly. The most distinguished looking men left Greenville on the famous Southa special Pullman car.

Returning we were on their "limited" again, with our own special Pullman car. The Baltimore and Ohio Road gave us transportation on their famous Cannon Ball Express, of the Royal Blue Messrs. S. H. Hardwick, A. nill, of the various railroads and steamship lines, will accept again our sincere bestowed on our party by Mr. A. A. resident of Washington. Messrs. J. A. Hoyt, A. J. S. Thomas, J. F. Richardson, A. G. Furman and H. J. Havnesmore and saw some of the sights. Our worth, of Greenville, were most attentive to us and gave us much pleasure by

"EDITORIAL BREVITIES. We were all sorry that our good friend Major J. T. Bacon, of the Edgefield Chesapeake and Riehmond Steamboat | Chroniele. the Chevalier Bayard of

Vice President Osteen remained at home also, but had such a happy smile. in anticipation of the rapidly approaching "28th of July," that we even con-

Miss Mary Hemphill, who read such officers of this splendid line left nothing | a bright and clear paper at this meeting. disappointed many by not going with us. President Aull and his better half are such good "managers" that it was of perfect security on their boat, and if secretly whispered that they should be during the stormy night which followed. | put in charge permanently of these oc-

> Lieutenant Governor McSweenev assisted in upholding the reputation of from Baltimore for New Orleans, with one of the most graceful dancers at the cornered him on the subject of walking and set them straight, weary canes however.

Editor Λ. G. Kollock did not say Then very much. He smoked eigars, shook any of the crew had ever experienced.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Robinson enjoyed

Brother A. S. Hydrick, Jr., was on ble, mint juleps were on the face this was.

Dr. E. A. Gasque knows as much

ington and our party saw much. All add slumbers light -very light and not still thinking of the things which he so August 10. much enjoyed. The Knight, (J. M.,) of Sumter,

every member of the party thoroughly is good, indeed. This is a high-class separable. We are all always glad to

Kentucky and Ilinois, all were here in office, and he always takes it home to various stages of completion, and the read carefully, and to get elippings -was gratified by inspecting polite and well-informed young man,

destruction. At Hampton was old St. John's A THRILLING STORY

ican Seamen

ON TWO CAPTURED BOATS.

Adrift at Sea Without Water or a Chart, and Beset by Storms. They Finally Reached Key West, Florida.

The schooner Three Bells and the sloop Pilgrim, captured by the gunboat Dixie. near Manzanillo on July 6 arrived at Key West. Florida Wednesday under prize crews, consisting of Lieut, S. M. Blount and Gunnersmate J. E. Hatton, with four marines each. Marryat never imagined a more grotesque tale of marine misadventure than was experienced by those men in bringing their spoils to port.

Both prizes were under the British

flag, bound from Kingston, Ja., for Manzanillo, with food supplies. On the Three Bells was Captain E. J. Harding, an Englishman and a crew of five and three Jamaica negroes. The Pilgrim carried a Dutch captain and tour seamen of the same class.

Capt. Harding was much depressed over the capture and drank heavily until Lieut. Blount stopped his liquor. On the evening of July 9 Capt. Harding suddenly leaped overboard astern. The Pilgrim put out a small boat and caught him, but he struggled desperately and capsized the boat. One of the marines held up on the overturned boat and was taken on board the Pilgrim but he was dead when they reached the deek. It is thought he took a dose of laudanum before jumping in to the sea.

Two smaller schooners were sighted near Key Romano. Neither of the prizes was flying a flag, but both were evidently recognized by the strangers as expected blockade runners from Jamaismall boat to pilot them. As it ap-I have been frequently and urgently | proached Lieut. Blount shouted "are Espagnoi" the Stars and Stripes broke from the fore of Three Bells, whereupon both occupants of the small boat eried in dismay "Americanos, Caramba," and plunged into the sea, whether open question.

Lieut. Blount and his men went on in and captured the nearest schooner, which proved to be the Conception. The other ran off into shoal water and escaped. The Conception was well loaded with fish, wine and other provisions. They took her in tow, and then began a chapter of misfortunes. Violent tropical squalls burst upon them the same day and continued almost incessantly until last night. They had no charts aboard, and only a map of the world torn from a 25 cent guide book to help them as they floundered about in the seas-three little vessels. none much bigger than a cat boat. They were compelled finally to abandon

the Conception. The little boats staggered along until Wednesday, when a storm of unusual violence fell on them off Cape Antonio. Unable to make any progress, and expecting almost momentarily to founder, they lay there all day. But this was trival to what followed. Late in the afternoon, as they bumped helplessly about the sea, a body of Spanish riflemen on shore opened fire. Just before nightfall 15 of the Spanish riflemen pushed off in a small boat toward the Three Bells, and drew as close as 300 or 400 yards, pouring a vicious fire at the schooner's men. The bullets whistled all around, riddling the sails. and some going clear through the schooner and sloop. One bullet passed through the cabin within two feet of Lieut. Blount.

Fortunately for the storm-bound men, night drove the Spaniards back to the shore, and early next morning the wind changed and carried the two prizes on. Taking chances on their course being the right one, they sailed when, as a final blow, their water gave out off Rebecca shoal. The sight of a strange schooner flying an American flag restored their lost courage. She was the four-masted R. M. Hopkins. coal, and had been delayed by head winds. She gave the prize crews a barrel of water, some tobacco and a chart, and weather worn they drew into Ke West harbor after the worst fortnight

To Transport Toral's Army.

Arrangements are practically conluded by the government for the transportation of the Spanish prisoners at Santiago from Cuba to Spain. contract was awarded to the Spanish Trans-Atlantique Company, represented by J. M. Ceballos & Co., of New York. The company agrees to carry the prisoners from Cuban ports to Spain at the rate of \$20 for each enlisted man and \$55 for each commissioned officer. subsistence to be furnished by the company on the army ration basis, as provided for in the government's advertise-ment for bids. The award provides that

They Fear Watson.

A dispatch from Madrid says the fear

CROP CONDITIONS.

Regular Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin Issued.

WHAT CROPS ARE DOING.

met pursuant to the act of the general assembly for the purpose of examining What the Observers all Over the the accounts. books, vouchers, etc., of State Report to Headquarters. the State dispensary for the quarter ending June 30th. The stock of liquors The Information Consoliand supplies on hand was taken by Messrs, Douthit and Miles, representdated. The Crops in ing the State board of control, and Mr. Good Fix.

The following is the weekly bulletin of the condition of the weather and crops of the State, issued last week by Observer Bauer:

There was a fine temperature range during the past week, which began with unusually low temperatures for the secand decade of July, with minimum temperatures ranging from 56 to 60 degrees on the mornings of the 12th and 13th over a large portion of the State. The cool weather lasted but little longer than one day and by the end of the week extremely hot weather again prevailed with a maximum of 100 degrees on the 16th at Travis.

The mean tumperature for the week was 76, and the normal for the same period is about \$2 degrees. RAINFALL.

There was a continuation of the rainy weather of the previous week, lasting until Thursday, the 14th, after which only a few scattered, light showers occurred. The rainfall for the week was heaviest over the southeastern and extreme western counties, with limited localities in other portions of the State where the rainfall was also excessive.

The following heavy measurements in inches and hundredths were reported: Charleston 3.98. St. Georges 3.00, Spencer 6.50, Loopers 5.90, Govan 4.68 Poverty Hill 4.75, Salters 3.25, Alcolu 5.00, Jeffries Creek, 4.35. White Hall 4.50. Longshore 4.41. Beaufort 4.25. Sandy Flat 4.25, Gillisonville 3.84,

The week's average rainfall for the State was 3.00 inches, while the normal for the same period is approximately CLOUDINESS, WIND.

Generally cloudy weather prevailed with some sunshine during the latter portion. The estimated percentage of bright sunshine for the State was 37 per cent. of the possible, which is unusually low for the season.

A few violent wind storms occurred but they were local in their character. and did but little damage over the limited areas where they occurred. CONDITION OF CROPS.

Over a large portion of the State, erop conditions made marked improvement dring the week under the influence of the copious rainfall of this and the previous week, and the generally favorable temperature.

The cool weather had no appreciable influence except to slightly check the rapid growth of vegetation. It undoubtedly largely prevented scalding. Corn and provision crops of all kinds were favorably affected, except on bottoms that were overflowed, or flooded low lands. Crops suffered on sandy After Capturing the Island We Will soils from an excess of moisture; and it is from sections where light sandy soil predominates, that most of the adverse

reports were received. Crops were injured to some extent by the rains washing lands in Newberry. Chesterfield, Pickens and Charleston of this country as a prize of war. counties, and by too much water on subjoined is practically the official state-Hampton and Orangeburg counties, while in Kershaw, York, and to a less extent in other counties, some of the smaller streams overflowed their banks.

doing slight damage.

Field work was practically suspended owing to the wet, soggy condition of the | been any other thought. Its possession soil, in some counties, but elsewhere | will go toward making up the heavy exlaying by made rapid progress and is

nearly finished. While some fields of corn are grassy. and were laid by in that condition, and others were too nearly ripe to be much | future of the Philippines is a matter benefitted by the recent favorable weather, the crop as a whole is now | there is no certain policy finally adopted fairly promising, and in some counties is an extra fine one. Upland corn has ject to the developments in the war generally improved during the week. but bottoms were too wet and corn on mated, however though not definitely many such lands is turning yellow and asserted, that the Ladrone Islands is, in places, "firing."

Fodder stripping has begun in a small

Laving by is practically completed.

June planting doing well. Cotton made rapid growth during the week, and put on "weed" very fast. It is reported growing too much to weed in places and not fruiting proportionate-As a rule, the plants are well fruit although recently shedding foo free-Many reports were received, noting jury from excess of rain. This is more ·particularly true on sandy soils. where also rust has developed to a considerable extent.

For nearly two weeks the ground has General Toral. He is also incensed at been too wet to plough or hoe and over the fact that he was not invited to be the entire State fields are becoming grassy, to the injury of the crop, as it will require cultivation deep enough to injure the roots of cotton, to remove | Shafter in retaining the Spanish civil the grass.

In Barnwell county, on fields recently infested with lice, plants are dying to some extent. Sea Island cotton continues to make rapid and seasonable development.

Tobacco curing is now general, and will be pushed as soon as the weather becomes more favorable for this work: all except a few of the reports on tobacco continue to indicate a fine crop both as to quality and size.

Rice made rapid growth during the week, and both upland and marsh rice were greatly benefitted by the copious rainfall over the rice districts. The rivers are now "fresh" along the rice fields, where but recently they were brackish, and water in abundance is available for flooding the fields. Sweet potato slips have all been set

and are making rapid growth. Cane of various kinds, peanuts, chufas, and like crops are in excellent growing condition. Field pease are coming up to excel- of age. lent stands and doing well every-

Melons are becoming quite plentiful wants to take a nice trip on the Pacific ocean at Uncle Sam's expense he had and heavy shipments are being made. Apples are reported in poor condition: many are wormy and excessive chance. One of the field officers of the dropping is reported from all sections. regiment said Wednesday that he had While grapes are reported plentiful. received information from Washington. there is much complaint of rotting. which he considered trustworthy, that Peaches are quite plentiful, and excellent quality.

Pastures have made rapid growth the Second South Carolina regiment, which is now being formed would be

and afford rank grazing. Tomatoes are scarce in some localities. Some fall turnips have been C. Butler's forces.

British Steamer Captured. A special dispatch from St. Thomas yard, all points of interest, the churches, and the ladies were perfectly satisged when the delights of shopping were also added.

On Saturday afternoon we were accorded the honer of a private reception at the White House by President West and the best of a private reception at the White House by President West and the best of purchase of the coast dispatch from St. Thomas at Old Point Comfort. We were here days at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. Miss Minnie Montgomery, editor of the best of the Marion Star. The British steamer Vew Foundland. Many reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. Marion Star. The British steamer Vew Foundland. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto Rico, Sunday, reports that a serious riot occurred at the famous Hygeia Ho.el. May guess, Porto R

WAR STAMP SCHEDULE. DISPENSARY FIGURES.

A. K. Sanders, representing our com-

mittee. Hereto attached you will find

a statement of the assets and liabilities

shown by the inventories taken also a

statement of cash and profit and loss

We checked up the balance sheet and

have examined the vouchers for these

statements and also the eash statement

of this officer with that of the State

treasurer, which agrees. We find the

very small, only amounting to \$171.19.

March 31st last. We are gratified to

facilitate the handling of goods and de-

crease expenses. We find the books

and records of this institution neatly

and correctly kept. All of which is re-

The report shows that \$43,771.90 in

cash was in the State treasury on June

30th. The total assets up to the ren-

dition of the report being \$391,363.63.

The liabilities are placed as follows:

School fund. \$351.671.78; personal ac-

counts due by State, \$39.671.85; total,

The aggregate amount of profits made

by the institution for quarter was \$88,-

970.88. Of this amount, \$74,404.32

was made from "gross profits on mer-

chandise sold during quarter," this dis-

count on whiskey purchases being

\$4.581.49. Contraband seizures amoun-

ted to \$2.875.58, and the profits from

beer and hotel dispensaries was \$7,-

Under the caption of "losses," the

was used for the purchase of supplies-

bottles, corks, labels, boxes, etc., con-

stabulary, \$7,411.54; breakage and leak-

age, \$216.41; freight and express

charges, \$13,999.16; and various items

run the amount up to \$53,603.15. The

net profit on sales for quarter were

The eash statement shows a balance

\$67,869.22; May, \$80,093.54; June.

\$80,413.60; total receipts, \$228,376.37;

grand total, \$226,671.04. The dis-

PORTO RICO TO BE OURS.

Not Give it Up.

"Porto Rico will be kept by the

it has been plain from the first. Once

taken, the island will never be returned.

pense of the war to the United States.

The same authority says that the

for future development, and that so far

regarding those islands. They are sub-

situation in the Pacific. It is inti-

might follow the fate of Porto Rico and

Garcia is Mad.

to General Shafter in which he de-

clares that he is disgusted at his treat-

ment at the hands of the Americans

and will consequently withdraw his

own forces to the hills, being no longer

willing to submit to the indignities to

which he has been subjected. Among

other things. Gen. Garcia complains of

is the failure of the American com-

mander to officially notify him of the

surrender of the Spanish forces under

present at the ceremony attending the

formal capitulation of Santiago. An-

other grievance is the action of Gen.

authorities in the administration of

Santiago. For these reasons he declares

he will no longer co-operate with the

American forces, but will act inde-

pendently as he did before the Ameri-

A white tramp died near Dillon last

week. It seems that he was seen there

on Wednesday by the section foreman,

but thinking he was only waiting for a

train gave him no thought or attention.

On Saturday it was discovered that he

was dead, and the coroner was at once

notified and repaired to the scene.

where a jury was empaneled, and upon

investigation it was decided that he

came to his death from natural causes.

There was on his person more than a

dollar in eash and a good revelver, but

no letter, eard or token by which to

identify him. And he lies buried in

the edge of Pee Dee unknown to this

community. He was about thirty years

as soon as it is completed, sent to the

Hawaiian islands as a part of Gen. M.

can troops landed in Cuba.

General Garcia has written a letter

become our permanent possession.

over the island permanently.

amount to \$22,899.14.

\$391,363,63.

A. K. Sanders.

D. F. Efird.

Members of the House.

spectfully submitted.
Wm. H. Mauldin, Senator.

Legislative Committee Makes Its Re-Cut it Out and Paste It Up For Handy port to the Governor. Reference. His Excellency, Wm. H. Ellerbe, Gov.

The following is the stamp schedule of the new Revenue Law which went Sir: We, the undersigned joint committee from the senate and house, have

into effect on July 1: Bonds dehentures and stock certificates. 5 cents for each \$100.

Stock sales, 2 cents for each \$100 par Sales of produce or merchandise on exchange. I cent per \$100 of value. Bank checks, drafts or orders for payment of money at sight or on demand,

2 cents for each \$100 or fractional part xchange, drafts or certificates of deposit drawing interest, P.O. money orlers, 2 cents per \$100 or fraction there-

Foreign bills of exchange, letters of credit, telegraph or express money orders, 4 cents per \$100 or fraction Bills of lading or receipts for goods

suspended accounts for this quarter for export, 10 cents. Express company receipts, 1 cent. We also find that the net profits for Surety bonds or bonds of indemity.

this amount to \$35,367.73, against 50 cents. \$17,423,20 for the quarter ending Certificate of profits or interest in

the property or accumulations of any know that within the next ten days the corporation or association 2 cents per State dispensary will occupy its new quarter on Gervais street, which will Port warden certificates, 25 cents.

All other certificates any description. 10 cents. Tonnage tax, under 300 tons, \$3:

over 300 and under 600, \$5; over 600, Contracts or mem. of sale of real estate or other property than brokers. stock sales and on exchange. 10 cents. Deeds, etc., 50 cents per \$100 of ex-

pressed consideration. Telegraph dispatches, one cent each. Warehouse or customhouse entry, under \$100 of value, 25 cents; over

\$100 and under \$500, 50 cents; over \$500, \$1. Entry for withdrawal of goods from

warehouse, 50 cents. Life insurance policies, 8 cents for each \$100 or fraction thereof. On industrial weekly payment plan, 40 per only remained to train her guns and cent. of first weekly premium.

Fire, inland and marine insurance, casualty, fidelity and guarantee insur- tively feeble battery of 6-pounders, ance, including accident, burglary, employer's liability, elevator, steam boiler, plate glass; guarantee of real estates titles or similar obligations, a of 1 per ate attempt to get into the narrow report shows that the sum of \$20,202.78 | cent. on each dollar of insurance or guaranty.

Leases of real estate. not exceeding one year, 25 cents; over one year or not exceeding three years, 50 cents: over three years, \$1. Manifest for customhouse entry or clearance of cargo for foreign port, under 300 tons registered tonnage, \$1;

over 300 and under 600. \$3; over 690,

in the State treasury on March 31st. 1898, of \$38,294.67; April receipts. Mortgages, real estate or chattel, or conditional conveyances, under \$1,500, 25 cents; on each \$500 above \$1,500. 25 cents. Same rate on assignments or bursement for April. May and June transfes of original pledge.

Passage tickets to foreign ports, costing \$30 or under, \$1; over \$30 and under \$60, \$3; over \$60, \$5. Power of attorney or proxy to vote stock. 10 cents.

Power of attorney to sell real estate. llect rents, dividends, etc., 25 cents. A dispatch from Washington says Notice of protest by notary, 25 cents. the authoritative dispatch was made Thursday that the island of Porto Rico will be held as a permanent possession

ons, perfumery, cosmetics, paste, etc., as an auxiliary cruiser. in packets, bottles, boxes or other inclosure, retailing at 5 cents or under, United States. That is settled, and 1-S of 1 cent; over 5-cents and not over 10 cents, 1-4 of 1 cent; over 10 cents but of course being a regular Spanish and not exceeding 15 cents, 3-8 of 1 liner, the mention of New York in her It will pass forever into the possession of the United States. There has never of 1 cent. For each additional 25 cts. | intention having been to gain some

of value, 5-S of 1 cent. Chewing gum, for each box or package containing not more than \$1 of re-Our flag once run up there, it will float tail value, 4 cents; for each additional

dollar of value. 4 cents. 2 cents. Seats or berths in palace or sleeping

cars, 1 cent each. All revenue stamps should be canceled by the user by writing his initials and e date across the face of the stamp.

FINAL CALL FOR ROLLS.

The State Historian Wants Certain Confederate Army Records. We publish the following with pleas-

ure and hope the records will soon be forthcoming: I ask the use of your columns to make a final call for the following Confederate rolls, not yet reported to this office:

FIELD AND STAFF. First regiment, regulars, and Ninth and Twenty-third regiments infantry, First regiment cavalry. COMPANY ROLLS, INFANTRY

Co. A. Fourth regiment. Cos. B and C. Eleventh regiment. Co. K. Fourteenth regiment. Co. H. Fourteenth regiment. Cos. D. C and G. Twentieth regi-

ment. Co. G. Twenty-fourth regiment. Cos. E. H. and K. Twenty-seventh regiment.

COMPANY ROLLS, CAVALRY Co. II. First regiment. Co. K. Second regiment. Cos. Dand E. Sixth regiment.

COMPANY ROLLS, ARTHLERY. Co. B. First regiment regulars. Cos. A. B and G. Second regiment colunteers.

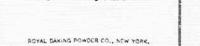
There are now about 500 rolls in all that I have succeeded in gathering up. Since October last, when I assumed charge of this business. I have used every means at my command to complete this work. It is my desire to reland night. port to the next general assembly that not one Confederate roll is missing. This full record is due to the gallant men who served in the armies of the Confederacy from South Carolina. The undersigned calls urgently for the missing rolls.

The duty resting upon the surviving officers and men of making up the rec-If any young man in South Caroliza ord called for is too plain for appealing words. No argument is necessary. October 1st is the period fixed for better enlist in the Second regiment at | the closing of this work, which has once, and then he'll probably have the been so long pending.

John P. Thomas. Seperate Coach Law.

The Columbia State of Monday says the separate each bill, or as it is known in general parlance, the "Jim ('row car" act, passed at the last session of the legislature is to become effeetive on Sept. I. and the railroads of the State are preparing and getting ready for it. The railroads are getting ready for the change.

top." which leads the Youngstown Vin-



The Royal is the highest grade baking powde

known. Actual tests show it goes one

third further than any other brand,

AYCA

How the Eagle Pluckily Destroyed the Big Spanish.

A STEAMER BURNED.

A FINE AUXILIARY CRUISER. Lost Vessel Carried Big Guns, but

Did Not Attempt to Use Them. People Aboard Were All Saved by a River Steamer. The Spanish Trans-Atlantic San Do-

mingo, of 5,500 tons, was totally destroyed by the little auxiliary gunboat Eagle on July 12, off Cape Francis. This intelligence was brought to Key West Wedndesday by the Nashville, which came up after the attack and found the Spanish ship burned and smashed on the reefs. The affair offers a striking comment-

ary on the difference between Americanand Spanish spirit. The San Domingo had two 5-inch guns mounted and loaded, her magazines were open and it fire them to blow the Eagle out of the sea. But the latter, with her comparasteamed to within two miles of the enemy and pounded shot after shot into her until she turned and, in a desperchannel, grounded on the reef without having tried to return the American

Seventy shots were fired by the Eagle and nearly all took effect. When the Spanish ship went ashore a river steamer came out and took off her officers and crew. Then the Eagle sent a crew to board her, and there were shouts of surprise when the big guns were discove ed. She also carried in her hold two 12-inch guns.

The cargo was largely of grain and food supplies. Fifty head of cattle were penned on the decks. She had been drawing 24 feet of water and went aground in 20. The Eagle's men decided that she was too far gone to be floated and, after shooting the cattle, they set fire to her and watched her destruction.

The same steamer again ran out to try to get off some of the cargo, but was baffled by the flames. The San Warehouse receipts for goods held in Domingo burned for three days and public or private warehouse or yard, 25 | was left a charred and mishappen wreck. She was one of the best stea-Proprietary medicinces and prepara- mers of the enemy and had been used

According to the San Domingo's papers she was bound from Vera Cruz, Mexico, for New York via Savannah cent; over 15 and not over 25 cents, 5-8 | manifest is a palpable sufterfuge, the Cuban port and to put the guns and provisions in the hands of the beleauguered Spaniards. With the Montevideo she slipped out of Habana harbor and got away about a month ago when Sparkling or other bottled wines, the blockade had been weakened by pints or less, I cent. More than pint, utilizing the ships of the station as convoys for troopships to Santiago. Notice to watch for her had been sent to all ships of the squadron and no vessel could have escaped the fate which

Base Ingratitude.

befell her.

The people of this country will learn with surprise and disgust that only one newspaper in Venezuela favors the United States against Spain. That one paper is edited by an Englishman, a man who comes from a country against which we took the part of Venezuela less than three years ago. The general tenor of the Venezuelan press is exemplified in assertion of the leading newspaper of Caracas, that after this war is over "the naval policy of Washington will be felt in its utmost rigor in the whole of Latin America, and especially in those republics that coast the Carribbean sea. The Americans are engaged in a war of foreign cupidity and we do not hesitate to declare that all our opinions, convictions and good wishes are on the side of Spain." there ever a more disgraceful exhibition of national ingratitude.

Died for His Gold.

When Yousouf. 'The Terrible Turk,' was drowned in the wreck of La Bourgogne, he had strapped about his waist belt containing \$9,000 in gold coin. Yousouf was a slave to money, and it was this vice that cost him his life. He was a strong swimmer, and without the handicap of forty pounds of gold to weight him down could have reautly escaped from the wreck. But he was afraid somebody would rob him of some of the wealth he had earned by defeating American wrestlers, and insisted upon carrying it about with him day

THE Springfield Republican has a very elaborate review of the wheat market, and comes to the conclusion that low prices are inevitable. We have a tremendous crop in this country but, in every other respect, the conditions of last season are reversed. The wheat production of Europe is most promising, and it is supposed that the some fact obtains in India and South America.

Before McKinley came as president to bless this country binding twine could be bought at from 6 to 8 centsper pound. Now it is 14 cents and may be still higher. The trusts robbers blame it on the war in the Phillippines. where the twine fiber grows. But this is a trust lie, as the fiber now a part of the twine of 1898 was gathered and shipped last year.

A good many of our soldiers were shot at Santiago by Spaniards ficing A writer says that Spain is "dead on from treetops. It is telegraphed now that four of the packers carrying supdicator to add that the man who invests plies to the soldiers were hit. The wounded too, and those carrying the badly wounded from the field were