

## AN UNUSUAL EVENT.

Total Eclipse of the Sun on Next Monday Morning.

IT OCCURS AT 8 O'CLOCK

And Lasts About Two and a Half

Hours The Beautiful

Crown of the Fiery

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On next Monday morning we shall

have an opportunity to see an uncom-

mon astronomical occurrence. The sun

will be totally eclipsed, and the event

will be visible in parts of the United

States. Occasionally, as we know, the

moon passes between us and the sun,

cutting off the latter's light completely.

This we call a solar eclipse. Lunar

eclipses, on the other hand, are caused

by the moon's reaching such a position

that the earth is directly between it

and the sun. The moon has no in-

herent brilliancy like the sun; it shines

only by reflecting solar light; and when

that light is cut off, the moon simply

"goes out." But the sun is self-lumi-

nous, and is in reality shining just the

same when under eclipse as at any other

time. Thus we arrive at this funda-

mental difference between lunar and

solar eclipses. In the former, the moon

having suddenly ceased to receive or

reflect light, the eclipse is observable

whenever the moon, if unobscured,

would be visible. But at any given

moment we can usually see the moon

from one-half of the earth's surface.

Consequently, if a lunar eclipse takes

place, a majority of the earth's in-

habitants have an opportunity to observe it,

and thus a lunar eclipse is something

that almost any person can remember

to have seen. But it is very different

with the sun. As we have said, he

continues to give light when eclipsed,

so that it is only in places where the

sun is actually covered by the moon

that he will seem to be eclipsed. The

moon under eclipse is like a candle

extinguished; it is dark from whatever

side we look at it. But the eclipsed

sun is like a burning candle, which will

be invisible to him only whose view is

obscured by the interposition of some

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A HARMONIOUS GATHERING.

Col L. W. Youman's Effort of

Stir Up Strife Severely Re-

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State House, and was called to order

by Col. Willie Jones, State Chairman at

12 o'clock.

The convention was opened with

prayer by Dr. W. E. Evans, rector of

Trinity church, just as the city bell

struck 12. The convention stood dur-

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vention in this State new issues and

problems had arisen and many events

had transpired in the political world.

Almost throughout the world there had

been uprisings of the people in behalf

of liberty. The United States had paid

no important part in this movement.

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But now the United States was

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## THE PLATFORM

Adopted by the Democratic State

Convention Last Week.

A CLEAR CUT DOCUMENT.

Chicago Platform Endorsed and

its Reaffirmation Demanded.

Trusts and Imperialism

Denounced.

The following is the platform adopted

by the Democratic State Convention in

Columbia last week. The platform was

presented to the convention by Senator

Tillman, Chairman of the committee

on platform and resolutions:

Resolved, by the Democracy of South

Carolina in convention assembled:

First—That we reaffirm our allegi-

ance to the Democratic party of the

United States and declare again our

belief in the principles upon which the

party was founded by Thomas Jefferson.

Second—That we endorse in full and

in particular the platform adopted by

the Democratic convention at Chicago

in 1896 and that we adhere to the

principles therein enunciated without

qualification or amendment and demand

their reaffirmation by the convention

which will meet in Kansas city on

July the 4th next.

Third—That we condemn as injurious

to the best interests of this country the

financial legislation of the Republican

majority in congress. Its policy proves

the subversion of that party to the

trusts and national bank interests.

Fourth—That we view with alarm

the power which the trusts, through

over legislation and national policies

and their ability to control the prices

of the necessities of life without re-

spect to the law of supply and demand.

We condemn the hypocritical attitude

of the Republican leaders who abuse

trusts and combines, while they use

the money obtained from them and

stolen from the people to defame the

ignominious voters of the country.

Fifth—That we denounce the imperi-

alist policy of the present adminis-

tration under President McKinley.

William McKinley, who was the first

## MURDER ON SHIPBOARD.

One Man Starts Out to Kill Every One

On a Steamer.

A dispatch from Koping, Sweden,

reports that as the steamer Kaping last

night was passing the Prinz Carl a

man sprung upon the deck of the latter

vessel and shouted: "If any one comes

near I will shoot," at the same moment

a woman was seen hanging over the

ship's side shrieking for help. The man

escaped in a boat. When the Prinz

Carl was boarded it was found that 12

men on board had been shot, six of

whom, including the captain, were

dead. The rest were found locked in

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