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ELECTION FRAUDS.

Affidavits are Presented to the Solicitor With Request to Prosecute.

SPECIFIC INSTANCES GIVEN.

Citizens of Charleston Urge Solicitor Hildebrand to Prosecute Frauds in the Primary and Give Him the Facts.

The Charleston Post says the agitation made by the press of Charleston and by the good citizens generally for punishment of the frauds enacted in the late Democratic primaries has borne fruit and the next term of the Court of Sessions will bear on its calendar cases against some of the offenders against right and the purity of the ballot who were so conspicuous in their defiance of public sentiment and all standards of good citizenship in the recent political contests.

Affidavits, especially setting forth instances of fraud and making direct accusations of persons committing them, have been sent to Solicitor Hildebrand, enclosed in a letter from prominent citizens of this city, without any partisan or personal motive but merely in the general interest of good citizenship and with a desire to protect the ballot box against future defilement. The letter was mailed Thursday morning and its text is as follows:

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 28, 1902.

P. T. Hildebrand, Esq., Solicitor, First Judicial Circuit of South Carolina, Orangeburg, S. C.

Sir: The general impression of fraudulent practice in the recent Democratic primaries in Charleston county is so extensive and the report of it in the newspapers so detailed that a scandal of large proportions has fastened upon the community, which should not go without effort to remove. The press of the city is united in demanding that prompt and vigorous prosecution be made of the charges in which have been laid and it is stated in the public prints and by numbers of reputable citizens that evidence which will convict the preparations of the frauds can be put into your hands.

For the good name of the community and for the protection of the ballot in future elections, it is our opinion and earnest wish that prosecutions should be pressed against all offenders and we respectfully call upon you to take the matter vigorously in hand and have justice administered.

We would suggest that you make a public call for evidence, as we are assured that such a request would meet with a full response.

F. Q. O'Neill,
Jno. B. Adger,
Wm. Henry Parker, Jr.,
G. Walter McIver,
J. H. Thayer,
P. H. Gadsden,
Montague Triest,
O. E. Johnson,
F. H. McMaster,
Henry A. M. Smith,
Philip E. Chazal,
C. B. Northrop,
W. H. Welch,
Alex W. Marshall,
Chas. F. Middleton,
Henry Buist,
Julian A. Barrot,
Walter G. Green,
J. C. Simmons.

The affidavits which were enclosed leave nothing to be done but the arrest of the accused and their presentation to the grand jury. It is expected that Solicitor Hildebrand will come to Charleston at once and have warrants issued and that these will be executed immediately and the cases be presented to the grand jury at the coming term of court. The affidavits, it is understood, set forth all the circumstances in each case and name the witnesses who can testify to the offences. It is said that the cases are absolutely clear and convincing and true bills on them are almost certain to be returned by the grand jury. Solicitor Hildebrand has declared that he is prepared to move in the matter as soon as evidence is placed in his hands, and with the affidavits before him his course is clearly marked out.

It has been thought by some people that the agitation which was made by the newspapers immediately after the recent primaries and the general demand of citizens for prosecution of the frauds has subsided and that nothing would be done in the way of bringing the offenders to justice. Some of these offenders have even made sport of the whole matter and considered it all a good joke on those they regard as purists and supersensitive citizens. They are likely to take a different view of the situation when Solicitor Hilderbrand gets after them and will probably not show in the court the impudent front they presented at the polls.

The names of those accused in the affidavits were not given out by the citizens who had secured the evidence, it being thought best to leave Solicitor Hildebrand unhampered by any publication which might put the offenders on their guard or give them warning which would perhaps permit of their escape. It is expected that the first intimation the individual perpetrators of the frauds will have that they have been caught in the meshes of the law will be when the constables present warrants of arrest to them and haul them before the court. Aud this will probably be within a few days.

Served Him Right.

In New York the other day an automobile ran into a trolley car, knocked it off the track, turned it over and injured about twenty passengers. Three days later the automobilist was sentenced to the penitentiary for six months for reckless riding.

A Gas Explosion.

By a sudden rush of gas supposed to have been sulphurated hydrogen, four men were killed and three seriously affected near the twenty-fourth street heading of the big tunnel at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Friday night.

TAKES THE TOWN.

Carrie Nations Makes Speeches on the Streets in Columbia.

The Columbia State, in speaking of the visit of Mrs Carrie Nation to that city, says one of the features of the early morning was a talk made by the justly celebrated Mrs. Carrie Nation to the Clemson cadets outside their quarters at the old Agricultural hall. Mrs. Nation was hoisted into a window and from this vantage point exhorted for some little time the boys and many others who gathered near, her every sentence being punctuated with vociferous applause and peals of laughter.

"Do you know," said she afterwards, in the most artless way imaginable, "wherever I go or whatever I say everybody laughs?" There was nothing original in her little speech to the Clemson boys, but she speaks clearly and directly and her English is very good indeed. She appears to have the Bible at her finger tips and to be thorougly imbued with the idea that hers is a divinely appointed mission. It may be as they say that she acts as she does solely for the sake of the money and notoriety thus to be obtained, but those who hear her are apt in most instances to carry away the impression that she herself is thoroughly sincere if rather misguided.

After she had concluded her speech Mrs. Nation opened up a satchel she carried and for some time did a rushing business selling tiny souvenier hatchets, the proceeds of the sale to go, she stated, to the building of a home in Kansas for drunkards' wives. During the day Mrs. Nation made several speeches on Main street and she never failed to draw a crowd, though the over-zealous appreciation of the audence interfered somewhat with the success of her orations.

Friday afternoon the chief feature on Main street was the excitement created by Carrie Nation, who mounted convenient doorsteps and addressed hundreds of amused citizens. She was chaperoned by Col. Jim Harris, proprietor of the White Stone Lithia springs and one of the jolliest fellows in South Carolina. Nobody seemed to take Carrie seriously, but it was all the same to her, as she found purchasers for hundreds of her souvenier hatchets.

The crowd whooped when Carrie caught a young fellow mimicking her. She boxed his jaws good naturedly and the joke was on her tormenter. It is supposed that Mrs. Nation endorses Col. Harris and his mineral spring. Col. Harris does say his spring is full —of good properties.

Burned to Death.

A little girl, daughter of Mr. J. H. Kirby, of Woodruff, was burned to death on last Thursday. The child had been out of doors for some little time, and as the day was decidedly cool, she came into the house and went to a room where there was a fire in the hearth. She stood too near the fire, and suddenly her clothing was enveloped in a sheet of flames. She screamed and her mother hastened to the spot. Before the parent could reach her child and render aid, the unfortunate young girl ran screaming out in the yard, and it was there that her mother caught her and extinguished the fire, which had spread over her body. The child lingered in acute agony until Friday morning at 3 o'clock, when she died. The parents have the sympathy of many friends in the city and county in this sore bereavement.

Assaulted a Policeman.

A dispatch to The State from Fort Mill says Chief of Police Nivens is suffering from a cut and bruised face. A few months ago Mr. Nivens locked up Messrs. Kirby and Ashley, two employes of the Catawba Power Company, for being drunk and disorderly. They threatened to be revenged and Thursday when Mr. Nivens went to the dam looking for a negro, Kirby ordered him off, and on being joined by some friends the crowd started for Nivens, who drew his gun, but he was too late. Kirby got in a lick with a pair of brass knucks. When he awoke he was bound and on his way to the guard house in Rock Hill, where he was lodged on a charge of assault and battery.

Gets Eight Thousand.

The case of L. A. Riser against the Southern Railway was concluded at Newberry on Thursday. After remaining out several hours the jury returned a verdict of $8,000 for Mr. Riser. Messrs. Cothran & Schumpert, attorneys for the Southern, had left the city before the verdict was rendered and it is not known what action will be taken by them. Mr. Riser was injured in a wreck at Camp Fornance last September and has never regained his usual good health.

Good for Wofford.

A dispatch from Sapatanburg to The State says Friday John B. Cleveland announced that he will build a science hall on Wofford college campus. The plans, which are already drawn, call for the building which will cost between $12,000 and $16,000. Mr. Cleveland authorizes the construction of the building at his expense. Mr. Cleveland is a graduate of Wofford, and while not a Methodist, is one of the best friends the college has.

A Law Breaker Killed.

In an attempt to liberate his friend, S. O. B. Jones, from the county jail at Mount Olive, Miss., Thursday night, John Mills, a white man, was shot and instantly killed by Deputy Sheriff Walker. Mills approached the jail, armed with two six shooters and an axe, and when ordered to halt attempted to draw his guns, whereupon Officer Walker fired, killing Mills instantly.

A Sheriff Robbed.

Sheriff R. E. Ellison of Winnsboro was relieved of his pocket book Friday by a crook on the capitol ground in Columbia. The sheriff lost $220 in cash, a check for $100 signed by W. F. Martin, and another check for $15, signed by Col. T. W. Holloway. The police were immediately notified but up to a late hour Friday night nothing had been heard of the lost purse.

A DOUBLE CRIME.

A Terrible Sight Met the Gaze of Visitors to a Ranch.

A special from Bearmouth, Mont., gives the following details of the discovery of the double crime at the Conn ranch on Willow Creek, which was at first believed to have been committed by the bandit who robbed the Northern Pacific train last week:

A member of a threshing crew on an adjoining ranch had occasion to visit the Conn ranch and when he entered the farm house a terrible sight presented itself. On the floor, with the brains oozing from his head, lay James Conn dead, with a ragged bullet hole through his temple. Near him lay his mother, her head crushed in with a blunt instrument, presumably the butt of a revolver.

At the time of the holdup of the Northern Pacific train bloodhounds were put upon the trail of the robber and the dogs followed it for several miles in the direction of Willow Creek territory, but lost the scent. Those familiar with the country decided at the time of the robbery that in all probability the outlaw would attempt to escape that way, as the country is such as to afford an excellent opportunity to evade capture, being heavily timbered.

The discovery of the crime was made at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and officers are now at the scene. Near the stable the threshing men met a demented woman who had dwelt with the Conn family for some time. This woman killed her husband about 20 years ago, and it is suggested that she may have knowledge of the tragedy. The scene of crime is about 30 miles from Bearmouth, and details are meager.

A Fatal Fall.

A dispatch from Spartanburg to The State says Capt. John H. Montgomery died Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock in Gainsville, Ga. He went to Gainesville Thursday on business connected with the mills there, of which enterprise he is president and treasurer. Friday morning he was standing on a scaffolding, a distance of about 16 feet from the ground, inspecting some work on the new mill of the Pacolet Manufacturing Company in that town, when by some means he lost his balance and fell. His skull was fractured by the fall, and he was rendered unconscious. The physicians gave no hope of his recovery from the first examination, and he lingered until late this afternoon, and died. His wife and children here left for Gainesville on the morning train. His remains will be brought to Spartanburg for interment Sunday. John H. Montgomery was 69 years of age, having been born in Spartanburg County Dec. 3, 1833.

Physicians Jailed.

As a result of the twenty-five indictments returned on Saturday by the grand jury at Indianapolis four physicians of prominence have been arrested charged with grave robbery. This is only a preliminary as the investigation still proceeding. The following physicians are now under arrest: Dr. Joseph C. Alexander, demonstrator of anatomy in the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons; Dr. William Molt, demonstrator of the Physico-Medical College; Dr. Frank M. Wright secretary and treasurer of the Eclectic Medical College, and Dr. John Wilson an interne of the Central College of Physicians and Surgeons. One of the doctors, a country practitioner, against whom an indictment was found, has not yet been arrested. The physicians are charged with taking, concealing and buying corpse. The arrest of these four make twenty-four who are now under bond or in jail charged with grave robbery and complicity in the crime.

A Fighting Mayor.

A sensational street scene occurred during a political meeting in the public square at Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, in which Mayor Tom L. Johnson struck William Mylecraine, a Republican tax board official, in the face with his fist. It seems, according to the statement of the bystanders, that the mayor overheard Mylecraine assert that he (Johnson) was a liar. A few hot words followed and the mayor struck Mylecraine in the face. Mylecraine left the square, declaring that he would secure a warrant for the mayor's arrest.

Killed Himself.

John A. Horgan, a leader of the "Straightout Democratic Party" in Norfolk County, Va., which faction has been fighting the organization of fusionists for several years, blew his brains out at his residence Wednesday morning. He was found by a servant in his room in Berkley. On a table was a note which stated that it had been said that his death would smooth the waters of the county politics, and if such was the case, it could be shown now. His wife was visiting her daughter in New York when the affair occurred.

All for Love.

Miss Kate Hayes, the 15-year-old daughter of George W. Hayes, formerly town marshall of Powder Springs, Ga., shot herself with suicidal intent Thursday morning about 9 o'clock. She placed the pistol against her left breast just to the left of the nipple. The ball went entirely through her body and buried itself in the wall nearby. She cannot live more than a few hours. It is thought the act was caused by despondency over a quarrel with her lover.

Suffocated.

Allen Ore and Will Weedon, white men, while working on a grade for the Eastern Railway of Alabama, were killed as a result of a premature explosion of dynamite near Anniston. The explosion unloosened a quantity of dirt which entombed the two men, thereby causing suffocation.

Dogs vs Hens.

Some man whose mind runs on figures, has found that it costs as much to keep a dog as sixty hens, capable of laying six hundred dozen eggs. Men will continue, however, to prefer the dog until the superior ability of the hens to set birds is demonstrated.

MURDERS HIS WIFE.

Then Sends Bullet Through His Own Brain.

AWFUL TRAGEDY IN AUGUSTA.

Married Only Fourteen Months, and the Young Wife Had Began Suit for Divorce Because of Cruel Treatment.

A terrible tragedy was enacted in Augusta, Ga., last Saturday morning when Policeman Chas. H. Walker murdered his wife in cold blood, and then blew out his own brains. The couple had only been married fourteen months. He was thirty-two years old and the wife only nineteen. Last August one year ago the murdered wife, who was before her marriage, Miss Stella Speers, ran away and married the man who murdered her on Saturday. She come from one of the best families in Augusta.

On Saturday morning at the usual hour of relief, at the police barracks, Charlie Walker assumed his duties with his fellow officers, and went out to his beat known as the upperterritory, including that portion of the city in which his mother's residence is located, and where he and his young wife had lived, until about three months ago, when, on account of some domestic differences, they left and went to board. His intimate friends knew that there was unevenness in the course of his married life, of recent development, but none expected the serious turn affairs have taken. Saturday morning, as he went out on his beat, he took the same car with Lieutenant Collins, who was going home, and talked with him of the family troubles he was experiencing. When they reached the gate of the lieutenant's home, young Walker stopped and talked further. He asked the lieutenant:

"Did you see that piece in the morning paper?"

The lieutenant replied that he had, and Walker asked his superior officer is he thought that would bring the matter before the board of police commissioners. Lieut. Collins replied:

"I do not think so. That is a family affair, and I don't see why the board would take it up."

Walker then said he hoped it would not that he did not want to go before the board. He explained to the lieutenant that his intentions had been to go ahead with his work and arrange for the alimony, but that he regretted exceedingly the publication, the filing of the divorce proceedings by his wife. The story published Saturday morning and referred to by Walker is as follows:

"A sensational libel for divorce and petition for alimony filed in the superior court yesterday, reads Mrs. Stella S. Walker vs. Charles H. Walker.

"Although married but little over a year, Mrs. Walker alleges that her husband, an officer of the police force, cruelly and inhumanity beat her repeatedly and finally deserted her. She alleged that as late as the 22d of this month he choked her into speechlessness, and, gathering up his personal effects, left her home, declaring he would never return.

"The petitioner further asks the custody of her child, costs of court, attorney's fees and temporary alimony pending the final disposition of the case.

"Judge Brinson has set Dec. 5 as the date for hearing the petition for temporary alimony."

This conversation took place between the two policemen shortly after 7 o'clock, and, as the lieutenant turned to go into his house, Walker walked off in the direction of the car line.

Charlie H. Walker and Miss Stella S. Speer, a niece of Dr Speer, were married about 14 months ago, and of this union a boy was born four months and three days ago today.

When the young couple left the home of his mother, three months ago, they went to board, at 1240 Broad street, where they have boarded together since, until a day or two ago, when, some of his friends state, he left there, though this is not substantiated by any of the family.

About 10.30 Saturday morning, Mrs. Walker, neatly attired in a black tailor suit, boarded the Summerville car, in front of 1240 Broad street, and rode to Chafee avenue, where she left the car, and proceeded to the house where she shortly after met her death.

Her husband must have known of her presence at his mother's home, for shortly after he came rolling by on his wheel and his wife went to the gate and began a conversation with him, still wearing her hat.

About the gate is an arbor of vines, and on the left side of this stood Mrs. Walker, just to the side of the walk inside the fence. Her husband stood facing her on the outside of the fence. What was said no one knows, for there was no one near enough to see or hear what was going on. Mrs. Walker, however, had been talking with her husband but a few seconds when her sister started out of the house toward the gate. Just as she emerged, Mr. Walker drew his revolver and commenced firing. Four shots he fired at his wife and then putting his revolver to the back of his head about two inches behind the left ear he pulled the trigger on the last cartridge in the chamber, and fell backward on the sidewalk, Mrs. Walker having dropped down beside the base of the arbor. As soon as Mrs. Walker's sister heard the first shot fired, she fell in a faint on the floor of the porch and remained there until taken up and carried into the house.

Lieut. Collins, probably the last person, except his wife, to whom Walker had talked of his family trouble, arrived on the scene and made a search of his body. Just under the edge of his cap, he found the bullet lodged on the outside of the skin. Except for his belt badge and pistol the only thing found was a scrap of yellow paper, torn from a note book on which, in Walker's handwriting were the words:

"At the mercy of Tiberius."

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Thursday, November 27, Named as a Day of General Thanksgiving.

President Roosevelt Wednesday issued his proclamation designating Thursday, Nov. 27, as a day of Thanksgiving. The proclamation is as follows:

According to the yearly custom of our people, it falls upon the president at this season to appoint a day of festival and thanksgiving to God.

"Over a century and a quarter has passed since this country took its place among the nations of the earth and during that time we have had on the whole more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people. Generation after generation has grown to manhood and passed away. Each has had to bear its peculiar burdens, each to face its special crisises, and each has known years of grim trial, when the country was menaced by malice, domestic or foreign levy, when the hand of the Lord was heavy upon it in drought or flood or pestilence, when in bodily distress and anguish of soul it paid the penalty of folly and a forward heart.

"Nevertheless, decade by decade, we have struggled onward and upward; we now abundantly enjoy material well being, and under the favor of the Most High we are striving earnestly to achive moral and spiritual uplifting. The year that has just closed has been once of peace and overflowing plenty. Barely has any people enjoyed greater prosperity than we are now enjoying. For this we render heartfelt and solemn thanks to the Giver of Good; and we seek to praise Him not by words only but by deeds, by the way in which we do our duty to ourselves and to our fellow men.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general thanksgiving, Thursday, the 27th of November, and do recommend that throughout the land the people cease from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks unto Almighty God for the manifold blessings of the past year."

Says Negro Will Die Out.

A sensation was created at Muscatine, Iowa, by Rev. J. L. Murphy, of the English Lutheran Church, who said in a lecture on the race problem that the study of the sociological condition of the Negro today proves that he is deteriorating in this country, will later lapse into barbarism and finally become extinct. He points out that before the war the Negro was trustworthy and the honor of any woman in the South was safe without the protection of white men. Today, however, a white woman scarcely dares venture forth alone. Mr. Murphy says that not only is the black man becoming degraded morally in the South, but also physically. Physicians testify that he is more susceptible to disease than a few years ago, and especially in pulmonary troubles. Pneumonia is almost always fatal. The position taken by Mr. Murphy is that in time the progressive class of blacks will tire of the conditions in this country and return to their former African home to teach their fellow-blacks while those left in this country will then rapidly become extinct.

Mrs. Nation in Columbia.

The State says Mrs. Nation arrived in Columbia on Thursday afternoon. She created quite a stir in Col. Holloway's office about 3:30 o'clock when she was introduced to the fair officials and to a number of other people. She talked fast and interestingly for awhile and seemed to be thoroughly business-like. When introduced to a representative of The State she noticed a cigarette in his hand and as she stepped back she raised her hands, cried "Oh, horrors!" and instantly slapped the cigarette from his hand, stamping on it as it fell. She explained that she did not propose to allow any one to commit suicide right under her very eyes. Mrs. Nation is a woman of more than middle age, stout and not uncomely. She has a flashing eye and is full of vigor and energy. After a brief chat with those in Col. Holloway's office she found out where the place for her lecture was, took her two valises and left to keep her engagement by the first car.

Texas Fever.

A special dispatch to The State says considerable uneasiness and anxiety has been caused at Williamston within the last few days on account of the death of a number of fine cows from what appeared to be a very mysterious cause and in order to give the case a thorough investigation. Dr. J. R. Foster, the States assistant veterinarian from Clemson was summoned, and came down this morning. After a postmortem examination he pronounced the disease "Texas fever," which he says is incurable, the best remedy being to separate all cattle which are infested from the others. He says the disease is communicated by what is commonly known as the "tick," and after a cow comes in contact with the disease through this medium, and is taken sick, nothing can save her from death, which follows within a few hours.

Wanted Them Watched.

The following from the Newberry Observer is a good one on the preachers: "Whenever a circus comes to town or there is a very large crowd expected for any other reason it is customary for the city council to put a few extra men on the police force to ensure the preservation of peace and good order. A few days ago while Policeman Franklin was on duty a young man walked up to him and asked him how many preachers there would be in Newberry during the conference. Mr. Franklin told him there would be about three hundred. Don't you think," asked the young man "that you could get places on the force for me and two of my friends while they are here?"

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Col. Averill Tells the People About the Big Show.

GREAT CHANCE FOR THE SOUTH.

Particularly is This True as far as South Carolina is Concerned. He Gives Some Facts.

Col. J. H. Averill, formerly director general of the Charleston exposition, was in Columbia on Wednesday. Col. Averill is temporarily acting as special commissioner for the St. Louis fair to present to the people of South and North Carolina the advantages to accrue to them from representation at the big show to be held in St. Louis in 1904.

To a representative of The State Col. Averill gave the following interview and facts preliminary to the exposition:

"It will be the largest exposition ever held in any country, the total ground area being 1,180 acres, the total funds to date being $20,000,000.

"The principal main exhibit buildings are manufactures, 525x1,200 feet, with tower 400 feet in height.

"Textile, 525x750, costing $460,000.

"Mines, 525x750, costing $500,000.

"Varied industries, 525x1,200, costing $604,000.

"Machinery, 525x1,000, costing $496,597.

"Transportation, 525x1,000, costing $7,000."

"Art palace, 450x830, costing $1,000,000.

"Agriculture, 500x1,600, costing $800,000.

"Horticulture, 306x1,000, costing $200,000.

Forestry, 400x600, costing $350,000.

"Live stock, pavilions covering 25 acres and costing $100,000.

"The general government will erect a building at a cost of $450,000, being $250,000 in excess of any amount heretofore appropriated for any exposition building by congress, and $800,000 has been appropriated for the government exhibit, being eight times in excess of the largest amount heretofore made for Chicago or Buffalo. These few facts indicate the scope of the exposition.

"The management have their commissioners in every civilized portion of the old world, in Mexico, Central and South America, and the West Indies and have already received assurances from a large majority of the countries that they will be in evidence with exhibits and many of them will erect buildings.

"As the exposition is projected to celebrate the purchase of the territory west of the Mississippi, as would naturally be expected the States formed from that section will be largely represented at the fair, and the legislatures of all them have made large appropriations for the erection of State buildings and exhibits—the States east of the river will also be in evidence, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Maryland and others having already signified their intention of being in the picture, and it is a picture wherein the southern States should hold a prominent place.

"They can there show the unprecedented progress they have made in the last quarter of a century. They can there show to the world that the south has enterprise, and that the promises of the future for the southland are practically unbounded, and that it can offer as fair a field as any section of our vast country for capital, and as attractive inducements for home seekers.

"There are other reasons why the south should be fully represented at St. Louis. One should suffice: The Latin-American republics and the West Indies are enjoying much the same prosperity in every line, as the southern States. They are large exporters and importers. Much of this trade could and should be handled through southern commercial centres. Those countries will be represented with their industries and resources. Place those of the south on exhibition where their people can see them, have the southern representatives at St. Louis to tell the visitors from the far south what inducements can be offered them to trade with the south, and much good will be sure to follow.

"As to South Carolina's place in the picture, the showing made by the State and continues at the recent exposition in Charleston was a revelation to every visitor, and has been commented on in most favorable terms by the press of the entire country, and the work done there is already bringing forth good results in many portions of the State. Shall it stop with what has been done? Some will say yes: the State cannot afford to continue the work of giving publicity to its industries, resources and possibilities. It can be said in opposition to this sentiment, no surer means of continuing to build up the prosperity of the State than by means of an exposition. "They are the timekeepers of progress.' The State needs capital, increased population and diversified industries. If a comprehensive exhibit of its industries and resources is made at St. Louis they will not fail to attract and bring to the State what is alone needed to place South Carolina much higher in the list of southern States, in the march of prosperity."

Presidential Advisor.

It has developed that ex-Governor Jones, of Alabama, was appointed United States District Judge upon the advice of Booker Washington. A letter from Washington to Roosevelt has just come to light in which Washington strongly recommends Jones, and adds: "I will give you more detailed information regarding other Southern appointments when I see you, which I hope will be within a few days." So Booker appears to be the power behind the throne in the matter of Southern appointments.

HE WAS TOO QUICK.

A Preacher Dangerously Stabs a Man at Paducah, Ky.

Through an unfortunate misunderstanding Rev. George Waverly Briggs, D. D., pastor of the Broadway Methodist church of Paducah, Ky, the largest church in the West Kentucky, Wednesday night stabbed T. J. Garr, proprietor of The Inn, a fashionable boarding house. The weapon used was a small pocket knife. The blade entered the small of the back, on the left side, inflicting a serious, but not fatal wound. The affair occurred about 7 o'clock, at the Inn, where Briggs' family is living.

Mr. Garr had been skylarking with the minister's little 9-year-old son, Waverly, and lifted the lad from the floor, intending to swing him upon his shoulder. The boy's head struck a banister rail of the staircase, badly brising his face and cutting the scalp. The lad's screams brought his father. Sobbingingly the victim of the mishap said Mr. Garr had struck him. Believing in his excitement that the boy meant Garr had assaulted him, Dr. Brigg's put the question:

"Did you hit him?"

He understood Mr. Garr to say that he had. Garr says he answered no twice.

Fired by anger, the clergyman dealt the boarding house proprietor a blow. Mr. Garr returned the blow. A rapid exchange of rights and lefts followed. In the heat of the struggle Dr. Briggs drew and used his kinfe, although he has no recollection of stabbing Mr. Garr. A physician was called and the injured man's wound was dressed. He is resting easy at midnight. The affair, which created a sensation, is deeply regretted by both gentlemen.

Subject for an Asylum.

A dispatch from Ottawa says inquiry in official quarters in regard to the reports from the west about the Doukhobors elicits the information that there are a number of them, probably a thousand in all, affected with the religious mania. They are going from village to village among their own people and it is said they are likely to arrange to meet in some central place, probably at Yoakton, to decide upon what they are going to do. The Doukhobors believe it to be a sin to hold domestic animals in restraint, and they have therefore turned their cattle and horses loose upon the prairie. They will not wear leather shoes or any clothing produced from animals and the men and women have been yoking themselves to the plow and wagon. A large number of the horses and cattle have been seized by the government and sold at public auction—the ammount realized, about $20,000, will be used to take care of the fanatics when the winter sets in.

A Bold Robbery.

The boldest bank robbery of recent years in Iowa occurred at Prairie City early Tuesday. The robbers dynamited the safe of the Iowa State bank and secured an amount approximating $4,000. They exchanged a fusillade of shots with local officers and escaped. Night Watchman Erskine discovered four men approaching the bank at 1 o'clock. One of the men cornered him and kept him covered with a rifle for three hours while another broke open the bank door and worked on the safe. The other two men patrolled the street and by a system of signals were able to hold at bay the citizens who were attracted to the scene. Five dynamite shots were fired by the man in the bank before he succeeded in getting to the cash box. The sum secured was mostly silver. At 4 o'clock the four men left the bank and disappeared.

A Mysterious Affair.

A special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun from Parkersburg, W. Va., under date of Oct. 26, gives the following story of the shooting of a man who is well known all over South Carolina: "Lying on his bed, with the knowledge that he is about to die, W. Brooks Harley, the proprietor of the Manhattan club, who was shot in the breast Tuesday morning, bravely takes upon himself the blame for the fatal shot, which he declared was fired at him by his wife. The cause of the shooting is a mystery. Harley arrived home from his club at 4 a. m. and in a few minutes thereafter the police were summoned. Upon their arrival Harley declared that his wife had shot him, but afterward he denied this, and has since stoutly maintained along with the other members of the family, that he shot himself and that it was purely accidental. As there was no witness outside the family, it will never be known unless the family should tell what occurred.

Marion Has a Fire.

A destructive fire took place in Marion at about half past 12 o'clock Friday morning. The entire Holliday block, consisting of the Planters' hotel, the livery stables of C. W. Holliday & Son and four other buildings, was completely destroyed. The fire started in the kitchen of the hotel and is supposed to have been caused by a defective flue. It was not discovered until it was pretty well under way and the building being an old frame structure was an easy prey to the flames. From the hotel the conflagration spread to the livery stables and made quick work of them. Two small buildings belonging to Mrs. M. E. Matthews, a small unoccupied building owned by Mr. L. Wyatt Oliver, and the blacksmith shop of Mr. W. Frank Williams were also reduced to ashes.

A Tragedy.

A tragedy occurred at Dayton, Tenn., Friday night, resulting in the killing of N. J. Cooley and his son-in-law, Will Whitfield, by Manuel Thurman. Whitfield was shot three times and died instantly. Cooley lingered a few hours and made a dying statement to the effect that Cooley and Whitfield were at Cooley's home when Thurman entered a room occupied by Cooley's daughter. Whitfield heard a noise and entered the room when Thurman grappled with him. Cooley then entered and Thurman opened fire. Thurman surrendered.

A BAD FAILURE.

The Atlantic Coast Lumber Company in Hands of Receivers.

UNABLE TO PAY ITS INTEREST.

The Action Was Brought by Its Trustees, the Colonial Trust Company, of New York, to be Reorganized.

In the United States Circuit Court in New York City on Wednesday Freeman Farr and Edward J. Hathorne were appointed temporary receivers of the property of the Atlantic Coast Lumber Company, within the Southern department of New York. The same temporary receivers were appointed previously by the United States district court for the Eastern district of Virginia. Mr. Farr was the former president of the company.

The appointment of the receivers was due to an action brought against the company by its trustees, the Colonial Trust company of New York, the lumber company being unable to meet the interest payments due the trust company. A statement issued Wednesday by those interested in the two lumber companies says the various receivers were appointed in connection with the reorganization and contemplated consolidation of the principal lumber companies owning and handling what is known as North Carolina pine. The statement claims that even in the case of liquidation the assets of the two companies will be in excess of all liabilities.

Plans are already in process of formation for the reorganization of the company and the consolidation of the Southern Pine Lumber interests. Waterman A. Taft, Edward J. Hathorne and Ben L. Fairchield were appointed in the Supreme Court Wednesday temporary receivers of the Export Lumber Company on the application of the majority of the company's directors asking for a voluntary dissolution of the corporation. The petition says that thesum of $50,000 liabilities due and about to mature cannot be met.

The total liabilities amount to $2,358,538 and nominal assets $3,598,920. The company was incorporated in 1878 and has a capital stock of half a million dollars. The property to come into the bands of the receivers in this State will not exceed that amount. The principal stockholders are Chas. F. Flint, Alsden Swan and John D. Carberry. The company has branches at Boston, Georgetown, S. C., and in Canada.

Coffee Zone Destroyed.

A dispatch from San Francisco says the entire coffee zone of Guatemala has been destroyed by flames and smoke from the volcano of Santa Maria. Eruptions threaten the destruction of every living thing within reach of the fumes and fire that pour from the burning mountain, according to a cable to Castle Bros., importers of that city, received from their coffee plantation in Guatemala. Only meagre details are given.

"Last Monday," said Louis Hirsch, of Castle Bros., "I wired to our representative there, asking for news of the eruption of Santa Maria, and last Thursday night, I received in reply this cablegram:

"'It is true. Enormous losses; probable volcanic eruption. Coffee zone destroyed. Our lives are in danger. Further reports will follow.'

"The coffee districts referred to," said Mr. Hirsch, "are the Costa Cusa and Costa Grande. They are the finest plantations in the country. If the coffee district is destroyed as the cable seems to indicate, one-third of the crop is most likely involved.

"That volcano of Santa Maria is located between Retalhulen and Quezaltenango. The towns in the neighborhood to be most likely destroyed are San Felipe, Mazatenango and Quezaltenango. The volcano has been quiet for years.

Fatal Rioting.

Political rioting at Ponce Porto Rico, was renewed Thursday evening. From 9 to 11 o'clock the city was in the hands of a Republican mob, alleged to have been aided by municipal police. The Federal club was fired on. One man was killed and several were wounded, but not fatally. The rioting was renewed. Business at Ponce is suspended. Another man was killed during Thursday's attacks of the Republicans, and a number of men were severely wounded. The rioters announced that they intended to attack the Federation of Labor club and another club during the day, which caused the closing of all the stores in Ponce. A Spanish dramatic company which had been playing at Ponce applied to the Spanish consul for protection, and, it is reported, that the consul communicated with the Spanish minister at Washington. Shooting and rioting occurred inside the theatre Wednesday night and since that day the company has been unable to perform.

Charged With Bigamy.

Friday a man named Rhodes who had been living for some time near Seneca, was lodged in jail at Walhalla, charged with bigamy. A few days ago he eloped with the daughter of Dr. Browning, who lives near Seneca, and the doctor at once began a most desperate search for the couple, offering a reward of $50 for the capture of Rhodes. After a most exciting chase across the country Rhodes was captured in Rabun county, Georgia, by A. L. Dillard and Sam Dickson of Westminster. Rhodes is said to have a wife and several children elsewhere. Dr. Browning proposed to prosecute the offender vigorously.

THE problem of popular education is one that presses most heavily upon us. There is no measure that we now think of that would more directly and sensibly benefit the South than this one, and we hope it will be pressed in season and out of season until it is realized in law and in fact.