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ROUNDED UP A LOT OF ATLANTIC CITY GRAFTERS

DICTAGRAPH USED

The Boodlers Were Trapped Very

burg lawyer, into negotiati as to did not feel seriously the effects of er of Charleston, gave testimony un-appointed chief constable, and the have a notorious yeggman pardoned the attacks of the mosquitoes until der oath that he had been paying a boys would be around to see me. by Gov. Blease, is original in his a few days ago. Mr. Von Oven's "protection fund" of about \$60 a methods, very successful in his work, death is ascribed to a severe malarial month to Ben H. Stothart, the chief quiet with a manner which coavinces infection. one of his sincerity, and a personality

of William J. Burns, is spending a Von Oven and Fairchild spent the few days in Atlanta, the guest of Attorney Thomas B. Felder, in whose of Palms. The two men, together grilling cross-examination by the employ he was when he secured the with some ladies, had gone to the committee and after he had been evidence against Nichols. It was Detective Reed who exposed the At- hops at the pavilion. They made the contempt. The witness when placed lantic City grafters, eighty of whom trip in a launch, tying the vessel in on the stand refused to give testihave been convicted by the grand ju- one of the small creeks back of the ry, and it was he who traced Harvey island. a real dime novel.

kota following the Sioux Indian up- ten. rising. Since then he has handled The serious results of the bites did

grafters, which he completed a few quitoes. weeks ago. After opening offices on hotel in that city. Reed, posing as J.

experienced contractor.

was to be divided among them.

Hotel at Spartanburg and the New not live.
Williard Hotel in Washington, at both of which places he entrapped

by the grafters provided that Reed Explosion Kills Two White Men and was to receive 7 per cent. of the \$1.-500,000 to be expended on the con-

they would not accept the money at of Malia, who was one of the gang. must do this without creating suspicion, so he hit upon the idea of caped. sending a crew of linemen from New York to Atlantic City who were ostensibly in the employ of a local power company. These linemen, one of

ing of the assembly room some one heard the drilling and he was com-

Not to be outdone. Reed had the wires thrown out of a window, and a few minutes before the gang assembled he skillfully pinned the dictagraph behind a curtain. The operator working upstairs recorded all that transpired. Such a complete record was obtained that when confronted with the evidence the gangsters owned up and refunded practically all of the bribe money.

In speaking to an Atlanta reporter dynamite plot." he said. the legislators at Columbus. been a pretty loyal machine to the sell us Dentley's pardon. Of course with Mr. Stothart bimself. Burns detective agency, and it may the telegram telling me to come and do some more work to undo Blease, wind it up meant that the governor I'm not through with the case yet, had accepted \$5,000 for the pardon I'm going to be in Atlants for several and was ready to issue it. But the days waiting upon the call of the dictagraph may do still more clever

BITES PROVE FATAL

CHARLESTON MAN VICTIM OF MARSH MOSQUITOES.

Myriads of Mosquitoes Which Bit Him While in a Launch.

The two men spent the night in a

plans, but through seemingly acci-dental circumstances that Messrs. eral retail whiskey dealers.

Logan, the famous Montana train After the dance it was found that robber, to South America. A history the tide had ebbed, and left the boat O'Neill must answer all questions of him and his work would read like aground. It was impossible to get the craft off at that hour, under the circumstances, and the ladies spent Reed, then a boy of 16 years, pulled the night at the hotel, he men stayhis first big detective stunt. He had ing aboard to take care of the vessel, been assisting his father, who was and to get her afloat at the first posalso a detective, in running down sible opportunity. During the night some of the criminals who infected the mosquitoes attacked them in the Black Hills country in South Da- droves, and both men were badly bit-

many big cases, and has never failed not become apparent until a few days tions rather than take a jail sentence. to succeed in running down and ago, when the men became ill, and bringing to justice the criminals he were taken to the Riverside Infirmary for treatment. In spite of all The most recent and perhaps the that could by done for him Mr. Von most important piece of work ever Oven died. The cause of death is done by Detective Reed was the said to be a severe malarial infection, story of confession and outlined the done by Detective Reed was the said to be a severe malarial infection, rounding up of the Atlantic City received from the bites of these mos-

Wall Street, in New York, securing lief of the medical profession that business and informed him that he human system through the bite of for Charleston county. K. Harris, a millionaire contractor, mosquitoes of a certain species. The went to Atlantic City, ostensibly for mosquitoes probably came from the would be coming around to see me." Ascertaining that the city was getting along nicely, and it is thought

> INSANE FROM DRUGS. Kills Four People

Himself Killed. At Tampa, Fla., Bob Harris, a crazy negro, started out on a rampage, killed four persons, wounded

was insane from drugs. er house and fired on a woman with a

baby. The former was slain. On his way out he shot another negress. Virginia Simpkins, and a white po-He took refuge in the Simpkins nance. Seventy-five thousand dollars woman's house, where he lived, and barricaded the doors and windows. Being plentifully supplied with cartmen at bay, and was dislodged only

The house was then set on fire with Simpkins woman died later at a hospital, where she was carried after

SIX DIE IN A COAL MINE.

Four Negroes.

Williams, Matthew Butts, Henry Billsetting off of a "shot" or a charge of at the constable's office. blasting powder was the cause. None of the men working near enough to

Several Drowned by Cloudburst. At Barren Run, Pa., Thursday ight during a heavy storm John Raymond left his home and went to barn in a nearby ravine. Alarmed

by his continued absence, his wife, six children and two guests went in earch of him. As they entered the ravine a wall of water swept down and drowned them. Raymond, safe the barn, was helpless to aid when

rly, a farmer of Chesterfield county. with a wagon load of truck were killed by a Norfolk & Western train while attempting to cross the tracks

Swarms of Mosquito Hawks. Millions of Mosquito hawks flew over Luling, La., Thursday afternoon. soing in an easterly direction. They were so dense at times that the sky was obscured. The hawk resembles an insect known as the "darning

SAYS HE SLIPPED MONEY UNDER STOTHORT'S DOOR

whiskey constable in Charleston. It was not by previously made O'Neill made the direct charge that

en after he had been put through a Isle of Palms to attend one of the threatened with a jail sentence for mony on the ground that it might incriminate him. The members of the committee took the position that No, sir; I was in jobbing business. with reference to the Charleston sit-

his answer caused a general uproar among the spectators. He tried to evade practically every question propounded on the ground that it might incriminate him or other Charleston citizens. After a conference with his attorney, W. S. Nelson, O'Neill said that he was ready to answer all ques-Story of the Scheme.

After evading questions by the committee for more than one hour and after several conferences with following scheme. He said that about of Charleston came to his place of

collected from the retail whiskey well. envelope under the door of the office O'Neill? A. Fifteen dollars per of Ben H. Stothart in Society street. month.

velope contained the names of the re- ten dollars. tail dealers who had paid for protection. O'Neill declared that the "protection desired" was given to the re- A. About \$60. tail dealers.

most sensational that has been given before the legislative committee. In his testimony O'Neill declared that the collection of the "protection fund" had commenced about eighteen months ago or just after the appointment of Stothart by the governor of South Carolina.

At a recent meeting of the dispensary committee in Charleston several confessed "blind tigers" charged that they had been paying a protection fund to J. P. B. O'Neill, who was said to be a member of the Marion Stock company, alleged to be a wholesale whiskey company operating in the city of Charleston. The principal testimony on the "protection fund" given at the Charleston hearing was by others? A. No, sir. John J. Miller. O'Neill admitted before the committee that Miller had been employed as his agent and that he collected the "fund" from the retailers.

collect any money in the city of Charleston or elsewhere for the purpose immunity? A. I decline to answer money that you put under the door? on the ground that it would incrim- A. No, I don't know for a positive Mrs. Emerick at her needs. inate me.

Committee rules that witness will have to answer or be ruled for con-tempt. Upon reconsideration and judge so. answer.

has been testified by two people they placed in an envelope with names of guess that? A. Just guess they would and it is supposed that the premature parties paying it to me, and left it have rung me up. Q. What parties paid it to you? A.

> Q. Did you take it in person to the constable's office? A. Yes, sir. Q. With whom did you leave it? At his office.

> Q. Did you have your name on it in any way? A. Names of parties who paid the money and their place of business.

> Q. How did you know the constaoles would keep that money? A. Because I was to give the money to hem.

and constables? A. Yes, sir. Q. Did the retailers direct you how to do that? A. The retailers? Q. Yes, sir; who told you to put it under the door? A. Those people who dealt with me was to pay me espectively, daughters of John Ev- so much to keep from being raided by a warrant. All I had to do was to

place the amount in an envelope and names and to leave at the office. His Name. Question by Senator Clifton: What his name? A. B. H. Stothart. The all.

A. I arranged. hat? Q. With those fellows? A. What of protection? A. No. sir. ellows?

Q. Those in this business. Did you at all with him? A. No. have any conversation at any Q. You simply paid him money ever time about this method of "protecion"? Dian't you agree with the simply wrote him names of people constables that this matter should be and enclosed money.

Different times. under the door? A. Once every month.

A. Shortly after that. some time in the month of June.

came out in Common Sense? ? A Before that I think.

A. No. sir. Appearing before the committee of Q. Where were you when you at the executive mansion last Sunday the general assembly at Columbia on made that arrangement? A. At my afternoon.

The "Boys". Q. Whom did he mean by boys?

A. Men under him. gest to prevent anything unpleasant, left it at the office.

sation did he tell you he would do that? A Didn't specify anything. Said only the boys would be around. Q. Said something besides that? A. Q. You think Mr. Stothart, when

sir; the names were there; my name was on it. Q. Then Mr. O'Neill, the under-

were paid the searches would not go His excellency said that the two so far as search warrants? A. I did Greenville men used indecent Ian- from his head and, trotting up to the

your customers after that? A. I house in the same condition that they street was crowded, but the cries of don't know. Q. Did you ever give them credit

for goods? A. No, sir. Q. About how many customers did have a pardon ready for him. you have? A. Not many, very few.

Q. About how many? Any time Mr. Watson might he members of the ir. carriages and small children at elaborate apartments at the Waldorf malaria can only be taken into the had been appointed as chief constable during the last 18 months. How many Order of Red Men now, but after men have paid you that money? A. three more meetings they would not Only six.

> Windham, myself, and W. J. Cant- a newspaper and added, "If they are Q. How much did you pay, Mr.

He declared that the money was Q. How much did you pay for each left during the night and that the en-

Q. Your total payments for the month aggregated about how much?

Q. What time would you pay it? A. Just shove it under the door. Q. Ever hand it to them personally? A. No, sir. Q. If they were in there you would

put in under the door? A. No, sir; if they were in there I would not leave it. Never Got Back Money.

ey back? A. No, sir. Q. Mr. O'Neill, you say you were a jobber? A. Yes, sir. Q. About how much stock did you carry? A. Didn't do much business. Not more than ten customers. Q. Didn't you pay for some of the

Q. Why did you discriminate? A. don't know. Q. Did those men you spoke of buy

judge so.

heard one of them say. you ever have any way of knowing ick, imprisoning her within the thirof paying it over to Mr. Stothart or whether these constables or the chief ty-foot leading rope. Then the cow or paying it over to Mr. Stothart or of the constables actually got this dashed madly across the pasture,

fact.

sure that they did get it? A. Oh, I Q. From what did you judge? A.

phone message if there wasn't something doing. Q. By Mr. Carlisle: Why do you

Q. Didn't they do it? A. I never gave them time. I always sent it in. Q. Did you know a man named Howe? A. Sam Howe?

O. Yes. constable there: during the State dispensary, I think. Q. Ever know of his receiving any

was a new beginner. Q. Did you ever hear of any one who did make arrangement with him? A. No. sir. O. By Mr. Evans: Any arrange

ment made in your behalf? A. Not that I know Q. Ever have any protection at all then? A. No.

Q. By Mr. Carlisle: From whom were you to be protected? A. The only one I got any protection from was Mr. Stothart. Q. Do you know, Mr. O'Neill, any-

thing about what became of that money when it went into the hands of the constables? A. No, sir. Q. Ever hear them say? A. No. sir: never discussed it with them at

Q. Mr. O'Neill, as a matter of fact in your first conversation with Mr. made that arrangement for you to go Stothart, did you not make some agreement with him as to some kind Q. You never discussed this matter

without any understanding? A. I ing council men at Atlantic City and ols was coming along nicely in his done in this way? A. That I could Q. How did you know he would per, in the same pocket and chewed It's regotiations with the governor to collect it. I made that agreement take it? A. I didn't know. Just a torpedo by mistake. sent it to him.

Q. How long after that first conrepresent in this proposition? A. versation was it you first sent it to him? A. About a month afterwards.

BLEASE WILL PARDON

LIKE KING AND WATSON.

Any One Who Slays Men for Using Some Alleged Indecent Language Gets a Pardon.

Speaking Friday night from the Q. I would like if you could give steps of the State House in Columbia Dashes Through the Streets, Bellowus the exact date of your going out to a crowd of 1,500 people Gov. Dealer, Says He Collected "Pro- of business? A. I can not state pos- Blease said he would have a pardon ready for any man who killed J. N. King and O. M. Watson of Greenville, er jobbers had this same plan? A. if they came to any man's home in the same drunken condition and used Q. Mr. Stothart didn't tell you? the same indecent language that that they were guilty of when they called

Mr. King and Mr. Watson gave out signed statement that they had been day night from a cattle boat at the insulted by the chief executive last foot of East Forty-fourth street. Sunday afternoon when they went to see him about getting a reprieve for Stake Norris, a Greenville negro, sentenced to the electric chair.

Gov. Blease defended his pardon recond and declared that J. M. Grawhat did you suggest he could do for ham, has the hosiery mill contract, you? A. Didn't suggest anything. I had been "cleaning up" since he got just collected the money during the in behind him. He told the crowd month and put it in an envelope and that he wanted all his friends in Richland county to vote for George R. Rembert, when he ran for the House of Representatives this summer, because he was his friend.

knew what they were for? A. Yes, last Sunday to see the governor about them. granting a reprieve to Stake Norris, standing was that those payments Friday night that Mr. King and Mr. were made monthly there would be Watson were drunk when they came no search warrant? A. He was not to his home and that one of them

guage He declared that if Mr. King Q. Wasn't search warrants on and Mr. Watson came to any man's street toward First avenue. The were in when they came to the man-sion and used the same language, if that man killed them then he would

be as he intended to have them turn-Q. Give us names? A. Milton is ed out of their tribe. The governor said that Mr. Watson and Mr. King Q. The others? A. Strickland, had been referred to as gentlemen in gentlemen, then God pity the noboes.

FRIEND OF KING AND WATSON.

Kick Them Out. Friday night H. T. Mills of Greenville, sent the following telegram to

The State:

is another case of Blease sticking to his friends. H. T. Mills." heart. The governor is offered an easy way to make \$500, but he will hardly

take it up. WOMAN DRAGGED TO DEATH.

Got Entagled in Rope Hied to a Cow Which Ran Away.

of E. J. Emerick, a wealthy oil operator, who, with her children, was spending the heated term on a large A bee stung the cow and the animal dragging Mrs. Emerick at her heels. and battered, and died a short time after being rescued.

Several Die in Cloudburst.

Twenty lives were reported lost ed out the small town of Seven have no trouble. Troughs, Nev. From Louvelock, nea Seven Troughs, came word that seven persons are known to be dead. Five one mile and a quarter. persons are known to be dead in a cloudbhrst at Mazuma. The Mazuma ers? A. No. hotel was turned over in the rush of

Loose in New Orleans. An alligator six feet in length was way? A. Yes, sir.

captured in Carrollton avenue, a fashionable section of New Orleans, sir. by the crew of a street car early Frimotorman were helpless until rein- Yes, sir; he was my collector. He forced by the crew of another car. They combined forces and the alligator was finally hauled to the car and paid it to you and they put you barns.

Swears to the Record. Sigmund N. Teitlebaum, of Atlanta, he stenographer who took the conversation between Detective E. S. Reed and Samuel J. Nichols, of Spar-

made affidavit at Atlanta Friday that Yes, sir. his notes were "accurate and complete and not faked in any way." Blease Did oNt Specify. Governor Blease did not make good his announcement that he would the Burns detectives to be false at you I sent it to him in an envelope. whose sensational charges that the

Bites Torpedo for Candy. Andrew Hoffman, of Appleton, both wrapped in read and white pa-

Suspended by Wedding Ring. Mrs. David Swanson, living near

WILD TEXAS STEER

OF NEW YORK CITY

hundred long-horned steers, just ar-

lains, were being unloaded Wednes-

er, swimming with the tide.

the brute. The steer was lunging

forward with his sharp horns when

Walter McGirr of No. 311 East Fifty-

first street ran forward and covered

the boy was drawn to a safe place.

he steer's eyes with his coat. Then

Quickly the steer shook the coat

street level, loped up Forty-ninth

At First avenue the steer swung

about and headed toward the river.

On the long pier at the foot of the

who then sought their own safety.

aside and as the steer swept p

their skirts.

MURDERER OF MEN WHO ACT ON A RAMPAGE IN THE STREETS

A large part of the chief execu-

tive's speech was devoted to J. N. King, a contractor, and O. M. Watson, a metal worker, both citizens of time he gained a footing in the shal-Greenville, who came to Columbia low water and with a bellow charged son had told him that he had Rilled a Greenville negro, sentenced to the electric chair. Gov. Blease declared dropped into the first chair he came

"After reading the reports that N. Kiking and O. M. Watson out of his mansion, I am willing to offer a reward of \$500 for the growth of the steer's side. reward of \$500 for the governor of he came so fast Deleah was in danger Judge Jones. the State if he will even attempt that job. These gentlemen have been his shot. The brute sank to his knees the State if he will even attempt that leading supporters in this county and have a large number of friends. This

with a bullet in the centre of his

Mrs. Ida Emerick, the young wife make perfectly good beef it was prepared for market. cept it or not? A. Yes, sir. anyone? A. Yes, sir.

else? A. No.

A. I just s to him. There was who will act boldly in the expectation Nichols dubbed the dictagraph refhave heard.

Q. by Mr. Cary: Did you first think up this scheme that it would be a good one to keep your customers protected? A. I thought it a good idea for those fellows, they would not

Q. by Mr. Clifton: How far is your place from Hasselmeyer? A. full in the face in a sort of "swat the Q. Wasn't he one of your custom-

Sold Whiskey. Q. What do you sell? A. Whis-Q. You were in business in a small

Q. Do you know Miller? A. Yes. Q. Did you hear him say he colday morning. The conductor and lected money in the same way? A.

between Miller and Stothart? Is

Q. He collected from the people

Q. You mean to tell this commit-released when the coroner's jury rentee that you paid money to consta- dered a verdict of justifiable homibles without any agreement? A. Mr. cide. Stothart came into my place and said he was appointed chief constables. O. So you sent him that money in

ed in front of the Hotel Metropole by Q. He didn't know Stothart was five men in an automobile.

Q. He knew not to raid these pao-ple with warrants? A. To be raided Mr. Stothart without the money? A. Sterling. Ill., was badly injured when all right, but that he would notify us. No.

THE WAGES OF SIN

MAN WHO MURDERED LITTLE GIRL KILLS HIMSELF.

His Father Told Him, After He Confessed to the Murder, Suicide Was Only Thing Left.

The body of Nathan Swartz, whose father informed the police that his son was the slayer of fourteen-yearold Julia Connors, at New York, was ing and Charging Group of Folks found early Thursday on the fourth on the Sidewalks, and is Finally floor of a tenement house on Christie street, that city. Swartz had com-mitted suicide by inhaling gas. The Killed by a Bullet from the Pistol body was identified by Detective Joseph Brennan.

Swartz had engaged the room eight The New York World says one days ago under the name of Max Hirskowitz from Max Kaplan. Earived in New York from the Texas ly Thursday Kaplan smelled gas. On investigation he found Swartz in bed with the end of a gas tube tied to his mouth. Examination by a physician Suddenly one of them-a big red fellow—gave an angry bellow, plung-ed against the fence about the pier, Written in lead pencil

Written in lead pencil on his col-lar were the words: "I am guilty broke it and leaped into the East and insane. Caused by the beautiful make-up of women, which has made River. The steer started up the rivme passionate." There were several Many persons swimming off the pieces of newspaper lying around, piers passed by the longhorn hurried to shore. At the foot of Forty-ninth and one of these was written the sentence: "I was sorry the minute after street there is a pier that extends I did it. So don't cry for me." far out into the river. The steer A letter was found addressed to

rounded it and then turned toward Swartz's mother, in which he confessthe shore, where between 300 and ed his guilt and telling her not to cry 400 men and women were bathing. The first the bathers knew of the identified the dead man as his brothsteer having got loose was when they er. Only a few days ago Swartz's saw him approaching. At the same father informed the police that his the Connors girl, to which the father responded that there was nothing left A small boy, trying to clamber up but for the son to commit suicide. the jagged rocks, was overtaken by

have been turned out of his room and simply talking big if he did. Thursday morning for failure to pay his rent and the police thought that. fearful of the ordeal of finding another place of shelter and subjecting imself to the gaze of strangers, Swartz finally brought himself to entertain the idea of suicide suggested to him by his father.

MAKES SERIOUS CHARGE. Man Says He Paid Lawyer Five Hundred Dollars for Pardon.

The police were called. Again the sembly, advanced to the front of the to fight. steer turned and started in a gal- stage, from his seat at the rear, on The whole testimony tended to lop, with lowered head, toward First hearing his name mentioned by Judge show that when "Porter" approached avenue. A passing trolley car brought | Jones, and asked that the statement | Nichols, he first made him so drunk | about him be repeated. Judge Jones | that Nichols didn't know anything

Patrolman Andrew Deleah of the read: "He (Blease) pardoned Glenn, who was in this alleged irresponsible con-East Fifty-first street station attempted to head off the steer and was killed Rhoden in Batesburg. Glenn dition during the three conferences charged. The patrolman sprang says he paid Mr. Rembert \$500. Rem-with "Porter", when the conversafloor leader in the Blease's he sent a bullet into the animal's house. Did that \$500 pay Mr. Rem- burg, Washington, and in Baltimore. shoulder. This only angered the bert to explain how Glenn was inbrute the more. He turned and nocent, or did it pay for Mr. Rem- had any idea of any wrong-doing in again charged. Deleah had to show bert's influence on Gov. Blease to this transaction and also said that he the agility of a toreador as he leap-liberate a criminal?"

"Any one who says Glenn gave me matter to Governor Blease after he upon demand I will produce proof papers Sunday morning. that he said it.'

mand the proof? BURNS DETECTIVES ABSENT. Afraid They Would be Assassinated the matter.

if They Came.

An interesting turn has come about the Burns detectives. Sam Nichols ever made. "I knew the Governor had requested that when he testified would not contenance any wrong-do-Thursday E. S. Reed, Burns' lieuten- ing," said Mr. Nichols. ant, appear and hear his testimony. Q. By Mr. Evans: Why is it you they are afraid that they will be as- were granted, one of which was a taxed yourself heavier than others? sassinated by friends of the Governor commutation.

city in a nearby State.

Better Than a Pistol. Miss Marian Merry, when held up Governor." near her home in Chicago, Ill., stabry pie. He escaped but she recover- that the only one he sent was from bed the bandit with a juicy strawberec her purse. Miss Merry struck him Blackville, as follows: fly" motion. The pie spattered over now. Come to Spartanburg." the bandit, blinded him and in his

Cat Adopted Little Rats.

The pie was badly damaged.

actuary of the Ohio State liability ols said he preferred to testify in board declares he has discovered a South Carolina, where witnesses cat at the Goodman plant in Hamil- would be punished for perjury and ton that has adopted a nest did not believe in going to Georgia. of eight young rats. The mother rat had been killed by employees of the a high recommendation and answered plant. The report says the cat is the general charges made against mothering the rats just as if they if he said what it said he did, he was were her own offspring.

Shoots and Kills His Father. Walter Nichols was shot ans killwook, Fla., after the father had attempted to kill his wife, the boy's

Witness Shot and Killed. At New York Herman Rosenthal, answer to an agreement? A. I told the proprietor of a gambling house, Q. He knew about your agree- police are guilty of grafting, oppres-

told you? Didn't you then agree this first trip of Mr. Stothart's to had some caramels and torpedoes. people you could and they would not rames of these retail liquor dealers four other members of the family both wrapped in read and white particles are retailed by readers. be raided by warrant? A. I put mon- and show it to Mr. Stothart with were injured, two fatally, when a tea ey in envelope and put it under door, amounts opposite their names? A. pot of gasoline exploded. By mistake Q. He knew what it was for? A. No, sir: I guess it was a month afterwards when I sent it to him.

Q. by Mr. Carlisle: You didny

ONLY LIQUOR TALK

DECLARES SAM J. NICHOLLS TO THE COMMITTEE

ABOUT RECORDS Young Attorney States to the Dispen-

sary Probers That He Had No In-

tention of Doing Wrong in Connec-

tion With Efforts to Secure Pardon for Yeggman, Young Attorney

States to the Dispensary Probers. That it was "liquor talk" and that he was drunk at the time when he was dictagraphed and, therefore, only talking wild, was the statement. in substance, of Samuel J. Nichols Thursday morning, when he took the stand before the dispensary investigating committee at Columbia, and made answer to the charge contained

in the testimony of Detective Reed.

that he had employed Nichols to buy a pardon for James Johnson, the notorious yeggman. Nichols admitted that "Henry N. Porter" came to see him in Spartanburg about securing a pardon for Johnson, representing that Johnson was heir to a \$600,000 estate in Chicher eyes out. Later Philip Swartz ago and that it was necessary to get a pardon for him before he could come in under the terms of the will Saying that "Porter" made him dead drunk after he called on him at the Hotel Finch, in Spartanburg, Nichols said what the dictagraph

made him say might have been as re-Swartz, his landlord said, would ported, but that he was "wild drunk" That Nichols was drunk when he started to Baltimore with "Porter" after their conference in the Hotel Finch, was testified to by Judge Geo. W. Nichols, his father, who saw him when on his way to the depot. An affidavit from C. P. Calvert, the editor of the Spartanburg Journal, who accompanied Nichols to Baltimore, was submitted, stating that Nichols was "wildly drunk", and one to the same effect by R. S. Pasly, city re-

corder, of Spartanburg, who was also with Sam Nichols on his trip. Nichols said one of his characteris-At the campaign meeting in Colum- tics was when he got drunk that he their skirts.

The steer made straight for the the Columbia bar, who had been floor to by Mr. C. P. Sims, who said that pier, and the women and children leader of the Blease forces in the when sober, Sam Nichols was a quiet. were pushed upon a barge by men. House of Representatives during the courteous fellow, but that when he past two sessions of the general as- was drunk, he was rowdy and wanted

> about what was going on and that he tions were dictagraphed Nichois denied having at any time

\$500," said Mr. Rembert, "is a liar." joined the campaign party in Barn-"I have not said so," rejoined well; that his first knowledge of any "Glenn said so, and crookedness was when he read the Attorneys C. P. Sims and Ralph Mr. Rember said no more, but re- Carson testified that there was nothforehead. Before he could get to his tired to his seat. Why did he not de- ing unprofessional in presenting the petition for the pardon of Johnson,

> have signed such a petition. Mr. Sims was associated with Nichols in Another important statement of Nichols was that he was to receive a \$10,000 fee for this pardon, but in the investigation in the absence of that no mention of the Governor was

and Mr. Carson said that he would

The committee had requested Reed for getting Governor Blease to sign to appear, but announcement has the charter to the Pieamont and Norbeen made that neither the Burns de- thern Railroad, and said that outside Q. Without any suggestion from tectives nor Thomas B. Felder, who of the Johnson pardon he hadn't gothas been backing the detectives' in- ten over \$1,000 for all the other peti-Q. Ever pay protection to anybody vestigation, will appear before the tions he had represented, that the committee in this State. They say four he was personally interested in

of a pardon from the chief executive erence to him running for the Gover-A. I didn't know, just sent it. If in case of conviction. They consent norship two years from now, and it wasn't satisfactory I guess I would to appear before the probers in any Blease for the Senate as another evidence that he was drunk, for said he: "I would only be twenty-nine and too young to qualify, even if elected

> Nichols denied having sent any "O. K." telegram to "Porter", and said "Things do not look good to me

He exhibited the original of this to fright he dropped the purse and ran. the committee, told of having tried to get from Felder a copy of the alleged "O. K." telegram, which Reed is said to have declared he received, An official report of the assistant and defied Felder to print it. Nich-Mr. Nichols gave Governor Blease

drunk and not responsible for his statements, and that there was noth ing in it. He said that he was to have gotten a fee of \$10,000 if the Johnson pardon was secured, but that he never mentioned the matter to Governor Blease and was going to tell "Porself up to the sheriff and was later ter" so if the latter should have come

to Spartanburg. Five Texas Feudists Poisoned. County Commissioner M. G. Diaz. his nurse, and three other county officials who drank from the same barrel of water in San Diego, Tex., are dead as the result of a feud in which a number of outlaws had been previously killed. The water was shown

to contain strychnine. Gasoline Tea Kills Girl. Miss Florence Trout, of Musca-

tine, Ia., was burned to death and

Twenty Drown in Rhine.

At Cologue, Germany, twenty were drowned in the Rhine during two The committee then adjourned days bathing. The death are attributed to extreme heat.

Much in the Same Way That Reed, Posing as Henry N. Porter, a Chicago Lawyer, Claims to Hate Trap-

Mr. Reed, who is the right bower

it would be cheaper and more satisfactory. He studiously avoided the city officials, and his interest appeared to be that of a disinterested but The concrete walk suggestion at-

One by one the other councilmen

crete walk for engineering services. 7 per cent, for his own personal su- were killed in an explosion in the So skittish were the grafters that

whom was an expert dictagraph secured quarters in Malia's hotel and was seen about the streets and working at the top of poles for days. The dictagraph man spent the entire night preceding the day when the money was to be paid over in drilling a concrete floor over the gang's assembly room, and before he completed the job so that the dicta-

Reed exhibited the dictagraph that recorded his conversation with Nich-"That's the same little machine that trapped the McNamaras in the "It's the same one I used to convict the graft- committee was in session that Nich-

ped Nichols. E. S. Reed, the detective who dition is said not to be serious. Chicago lawyer, claims to have en- launch near the Isle of Palms two Thursday, J. P. B. O'Neill, a confess- place of business. Mr. Stothart came trapped Sam J. Nichols, a Spartan- weeks, or more ago, it is said, but ed wholesale and retail whiskey deal- there. He notified me he had been

which is magnetic and engag ug.

It was back in 1889 when Mr.

recreation. He took a suite of rooms fresh water swamps in the interior of said O'Neill. O'Neill then said that one. He paid for two places. in the Marlborough-Blenheim, which the marshes themselves. At last re- about one month afterwards he plache connected up with dictagraphs. ports, Mr. Fairchild was stated to be ed the "protection fund" that he had spending \$40,000 a year for repairs he will be out again in the near fu- dealears in an envelope and put the to the famous board walk, of which ture. \$30,000 was divided in graft to city officials and bosses. Reed gave out an interview suggesting that the old old board walk should be replaced with a concrete walk, that in the end

tracted attention immediately, and tions invited him to address them upon the project. After he had created an almost universal demand for the council called on him at his hotel and adroitly negotiated a dear whereby thirteen members of the council, the city attorney and other officials were to be paid certain sums for put- liceman named Riggs. ting through the concrete walk ordi-

were drawn into the negotiations and ridges, he kept a large force of policeconversations were had with the various officials at the Marlborough-Blenheim, the Waldorf, in New York, The house was then set on fire with and the Continental hotel, in New- gasoline. When he made a dash for ark. Each of these conversations liberty he was shot and killed. The was recorded by the dictagraph, which Reed had previously arranged, the same as he had done at the Finch being wounded. The fifth victim can-

pervision, and \$80,000 for his plans. etc. This last mentioned sum was under the agreement to be divided Wednesday afternoon. The white among the grafters. any of the hotels, but insisted that it ups and Norman Cade. Three nebe paid over in a back room of Ma- groes were injured. The men were paid me money and this money I lia's combination saloon and hotel, a at work when the explosion occurred. dive run by an alderman by the name It was necessary for Reed to install his dictagraph in this dive. He

graph could be installed in the ceil-

Succumbs to Illness Brought on by

The News and Courier says as a re sult of numerous mosquito bites, which he received in the marshes behind the Isle of Palms about two weeks ago, Mr. John Von Oven, the King street grocer, died at the Riverside Infirmary. Mr. Clarence Fairchild, who was with Mr. Von Oven, was also badly bitten, and is ill at the

Riverside Infirmary, though his con-

It is now a generally accepted be-

two others, one of whom was white, and himself was slain by policemen after a siege, in which gasoline was the trade bodies and civic associa- used to burn him out of a house. He He first went to the house of a woman and killed her and a man he new walk, one of the leaders in the found there. He then went to anoth-

Two white men and four negroes mines of the Gayton Coar company, fifteen miles from Richmond Va., men were William Donnelly and Geo. Polisho, and the negroes were Thos.

he explosion to know its cause, es-

he victims screamed. Girls Killed by Train. The Misses Blanche and Ruth Evrly, fourteen and eleven years old, a., en route Thursday to market

about one mile north of Petersburg. ncedle" and thrives on mosquito diet.

work in this case if it's needed any month. "We had proof even while the more." ____

gin? A. About 18 months ago. Q. Commenced soon after Mr. thart went into hydrocare. Q. Commenced soon after Mr. Stothart went into business as consta-A. About the time I went into

the jobbing business. About March of last year. Q. Soon after the inauguration of

IT WENT ON FOR MONTHS

O'Neill, Former Charleston Liquor tection Fund" From Other "Tig-

it at Office of Chief Constable.

The testimony by O'Neill was giv

uation or to be held in contempt. The testimony of the witness and

eighteen months ago Ben H. Stothart "Stothart told me that the boys

The testimony of O'Neill was the A. Society Street.

O'Neill's Testimony. The following is J. B. P. O'Neill's confession as taken from the official stenographer's notes: Mr. Carlisle: Mr. O'Neill, did you

consultation Mr. O'Neill consents to A. I can not tell you exactly. It

Milton is one. He paid it for two places. \$15 .

Q. Acting agent between reailers

constable's office. Question by Senator Carlisle: Who

Q. How many retailers did you

Gov. Blease? I want to get after the date of Mr. Stothart's appointment. O. And continued up to what? A.

Un to when I went out of business, Q. Just about the time that article

itively. Q. Do you know whether any others". Put it in Envelope and Left Don't know anything about others.

Q. What arrangement did he sug-Q. At the time of the first conver-

he found those envelopes of money

particular about it. Q. The understanding was if they to". not do that.

Q. Where is that office located?

Q. You never got any of that mon-

mostly from you? A. No, sir. O. But from others, too? A. I Q. Do you know whether any other country estate near Washington, Pa., jobbers had the same privilege or attempted to lead from the pasture a agreement? A. Don't know. Never cow to which she had taken a fancy. Q. By Mr. Cary: Mr. O'Neill, did ran around and around Mrs. Emer-

Q. Have you any reason to feel guessed I would have got a tele- Priday night in a cloudburst that wip-

A. He used to be chief money directly or indirectly? A. I

Protected by Stothart. tanburg, in a Spartanburg hotel,

Friday. Netiher did he mention the matter of his own meeting.

Q. How many times did you leave Might have been longer than a her wedding ring caught on a nail in Q. That was the agreement? A. Q. You did that without any for two hours and she was almost just understood. Q. When did that arrangement be knowledge of whether he would ac- dead when rescued.

feet Deleah had shot him in the The steer was consigned to the United Dressed Beef Company, which has an abattoir at Forty-fourth street and First avenue. It was hardly dead before employees of the com pany came running up armed with clubs and carrying ropes. The steer was loaded on a wagon and hauled to the abettoir. After a government inspector had said the animal would

no price on ..ny.

key, mostly.

worked for me.

that correct? A. He paid money over to me and Stothart. Q. You were to stand between Milier and Stothart? A. Miller was ed by his son, Earl Nichols, at Dellworking for me. Q. When he collected for the goods he also would collect the graft? A. mother. Young Nichols gave him-

ment? A. He knew about names in sion and protecting gamblers, were the campaign meeting at Columbia envelopes. He didn't suggest that I to be investigated was shot and killput money under door. appointed chief constable until he

a hay-mow. It held her suspended There was no agreement. That was collect in advance? A. No. sir. Q. by Mr. Cary: Mr. O'Neill, an ganiec, to the call of the chairman.