God and Our Native Land."

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

NOW IN SESSION AT THE STATE CAPITAL.

Revised Roll of Delegates. Proceedings of the First Day Were of a Routine Nature.

At Columbia, on Tuesday morning the State, constitutional convention, the eighth ever held in the State, began its sessions and they promise to be lively. There are more prominent men in the body than in any body that has assembled in the State in years.

Senators Tillman and Irby, Gover-

nor Evans, Congressman Talbert, ex-Congressman George D. Tillman, ex-Governor L. C. Sheppard and scores of other men of the same public noto-riety are members of the convention. Evans was elected president of the convention. Congressman Talbert and Speaker Jones, the opposing candi-

dates, withdrawing from the race. The principal thing the convention hs before it is the regulation of the suffrage, so as to disfranchise as many negroes as possible, "without disfranchising a single white man, except for erime, and maintain white suprema-

This is the doctrine of the dominant element in the State, and it isproposed by them to adopt the Mississippi plan with modifications, leaving everything to the judgment of the supervisor of registration and managers of election.

Of the 160 delegates there are only 40 all told who are out-and-out opponents of the party in power. What will be done by the convention is purely a matter of conjecture.

Plenty of female suffragists, headed by Mrs. Viola Neblett, the vice president of the State Equal Rights Asso ciation, are camping in the capital lobbies, pushing their cause. Ex-Congressman Tillman, if he cannot get a property qualification for male suffrage, is going to champion a \$200 property qualification for males and fe males alike of both races.

As to what the convention will do that still remains doubtful. It looks now as if an effort is to be made to engraft the backbone of the dispensary many things on the programme, but the delegates, as a rule, are not of the talking kind. The prospectus is that the sessions of the convention will certainly continue for five weeks.

The convention accomplished very little on Tucsday. The officers were elected and a committee on credentials was appointed. Then the convention took a recess until night. It is thought that night sessions will be held from the very first so as to expedite the work of the convention as much as

The Western Union Telegraph Company provided for the speedy transmission of information from the convention hall. It has run a wire into the building and expert operator White, who was in the last State campaigu, has been sent from Richmond, Va., to manipulate the key. It will be a great convenience to the newspaper correspondents and the reading public generally.

The fight for the public printing of the convention is waxing warm. Tho battle between the Register and the Evening News has been pretty hot for some time. Now it is announced that the Bryan Printing Company has put in a bid and this makes the situation somewhat different. It is hard to tell who will get it. There has been a good deal of lobbying going on in regard to this matter. A great many are watching the fight with keen interest, but the man is not living who can tell what the convention will do in regard

Representative Talbert and Speaker Ira B. Jones were elected vice-presidents and N. H. Fansell was elected sergeant-at-arms.

A: H. Dagnall was elected reading clerk and the convention immediately began the work of preparing rules, committees, and filling other minor

As Governor Evans was escorted in

cational institutions; that all elections

be taken away from the Logislature

and placed in the hands of the people;

that the legislative charter curso be abolished and that all charters be granted under a general law; that the

udiciary be put on a high pinnacle;

that the judges be elevated and elect-

ed by the people; that county courts be provided for; that the suffrage must

be taken care of through an education-

al qualification; that all factions be disregarded in the work of the con-

vention; that the conventions must

make provisions to guard the people

against the encroachments of corpora-

The following is a revised roll of the

and the crop will be much larger than anticipated during the summer. to the hall a heavy storm arose, and as he began his address the thunder Turnips are receiving considerable attention; some fields have been rerolled loudly. Governor Evans, in taking the chair, made a brief address sown, others are doing nicely. outlining the objects of the convention. Late gardens are needing rain in His expressions are regarded as the the upper portions of the State, but outlines of the policy the majority elealong the coast winter vegetables ment in the convention will pursue. and green peas, beans, etc., are do-Governor Evans said that the Governing very well, except there has been or should have power to suspend of remove all officers for cause. He urged almost too much rain in those secthe proper support of the higher edu-

Lands being prepared for winter oats in Lexington County.

Good Times at Anderson. The busines prospect for the county and city of Anderson is decidedly better than it has heretofore been at any time in two or three years. The farmers have fine crops of corn, cotton, peas, cane, hay, and, in addition, many hogs have been raised. Much fruit has been canned. The merchants could not supply the demand for cause and fruit jars. The merchants are cheerful, and have bought large stocks, of goods to meet the trade which they confidently anticipate. The cotton receipts at Anderson for the year ending August \$1 were \$1,648.

tions; that provision must be made to counterest the influence of corporation upon municipal and other elections. The Liverpool weakly cotton statistics are as follows: Sales, total 69,000; sales American 56,000; trade takings 46,000; actual experts 5,000; import total 12,000; import 1 merican 6,000; shock total 1,195,000; stock, American 1,600,000; affect, total 25,000; affect, American 14,000; sales for speculation delogates:
Abbertile—Wm. C. McGowan, I. H. Mc-Onie, J. O. Ringh, R. B. Hemphill, Frank B. Gery, B. P. McConles.
Altern John Gary Evans, F. P. Woodwild R. I. Gunter D. B. Henderson, Andrewson—P. Glenn, L. D. Harrison, L. L. Hernes, D. H. Bussell, G. E. Prince,

Barnwell-Robt Aldrich, G. D. Bellinger, | LEGISLATORS ON LIQUOR.

C. M. Hires, W. U. Blants, James Wigg, Thos G. H. Bates. Beaufort.-Robt. Smails James Wigg, Thos Miller, Isaiah R. Beed, W. J. Whipper. Berkeleys-J. B. Morrison, J. B. Wiggins, E. J. Debnits. William Henderson, A. H. De-Hay, H. H. Murray, W. M. Breeland, R. C.

Hay, H. H. Murray, W. M. Breeland, R. C. McMakin.

Charleston—T. G. Batker, J. R. P. Bryan, J. N. Nathans, A. S. Farrow, Julian Mitchell, Sr., G. F. Yonkolnitz, Jr. W. M. Fitch, Jos. Oliver, W. St. Julien Jervey.

Chester—T. J. Candingham, J. Lyles Glenn, G. W. Gage, R. O. Atkinson.

Chesterfold—E. N. Hedfoarn, F. P. Taylor, F. F. Kennedy.

Chesterfield—E. N. Redfeard, F. P. Taylor, E. T. Kennedy
Claroudon—J. S. Sprott, J. S. Cantey, D. J. Bergham, J. W. Rednedy.
Colleton—M. P. Howell, C. W. Garris, D. H. Behre, M. R. Cooper, L. E. Parler.
Darlington—H. C. Buth, J. N. Parrott, J. O. Moore, A. T. Perritt.
Edgefield—B. R. Tillman, W. J. Talbert, G. D. Tillman, W. H. Timmerman, J. C. Sheppard, R. B. Watson.
Fairfield—R. A. Meares, W. L. Rosborough, G. W. Ragsdale, T. W. Brice,
Florence—B. B. McWhite, R. M. McCown, J. S. Hutchinson, J. O. Byrd, w. F. Clayton, Georgetown—J. H. Reed, E. F.) Matthews, R. B. Anderson, colored,
Greenville—J. W. Gray, J. T. Austin, Hugh Barton, H. B. Buist, H. J. Haynesworth, Capt. G. G. Wells,

Hampton W. J. Gooding, A. J. Harrison, J. C. Hutson

C. J. C. Hutson.
Horry J. P. Derham, J. A. McDermott,
Jeromiah Smith.

Kershaw-C, L. Winkler, J. W. Floyd, J. T. Hay. Lancaster-Ira B. Jonez, J. N. Estridge, J.

W. Hamel. Laurenc.—J. L. M. Irby, A. J. Smith, J. H.

Whatton, R. L. Henry.
Lexington—C. M. Effed, J. L. Shuler, Rev.
E. S. Lybrand.
Marion—W. J. Montgomery. E. B. Berry,

Marion—W. J. Montgomery, E. B. Berry, J. E. Ellerbe, J. D. Montgomery, Marlboro—W. D. Evans, T. E. Dudley, R. H. Hodges, T. I. Rogers, Newberry—J. A. Sligh, J. L. Keitt, G. S. Mower, George Johnstone, Oconee—J. C. Alexander, O. M. Doyle, W.

Orangeburg - J. W. Stokes, J. W. Bowman, S. Connor, E. H. Houser, A. K. Smoak,

O. R. Lowman, Pickens - W. T. Field, W. T. Bowen, R. F.

Richiand J. T. Sloan, H. C. Patton, J. J. McMaban, Willie Jones, J. B. Dent. Sunter—R. D. Lee, J. A. Scarborough, T. B. Fraser, G. P. McKagen, Shepherd Nash,

B. Frasor, G. P. McKagen, Shopherd Nash,
R. P. Starkhouse,
Spartanburg—Stanyarne Wilson, C. A.
Barry, W. T. Bobe, W. O. Rowland, A. B.
Waters, T. E. Johnson, W. E. Carver,
Union—G. T. Douglass, W. A. Nicholson,
C. H. Peak, J. C. Otts,
Williamsburg—T. M. Gilland, S. W. Gamble, W. R. Singletary, D. J. Graham,
York—A. H. White, J. S. Brice, J. F. Ashe,
W. B. Wilson, S. E. White,

WEATHER-CROP BULLETIN

Of the South Carolina Weather and

Crop Service.

Weather-Crop Bulletin for the past

Observer Bauer issued the following

The weather conditions, were, on

the whole, very favorable for outdoor.

seasonable work and for maturing

Cotton continues to be unfavorably

reported from all portions of the State and rust with shedding is mentioned

in every report received; its growth

places the plant has matured and is

of weed, and boll worms have ap-

peared on rich lands in Orangeburg

county; bolls are opening rapidly and

picking is general, except in the ex-

treme western and northern portions

of the State, where it is about to begin.

The weather was favorable for picking

during the greater portion of the

week. The hot sun wilted cotton

In the extreme southwestern por-

tions corn is being housed, and in the

northwestern fodder-pulling is just

ending. It has been too dry for late

corn in the northern tier of counties

from Ghesterfield westward, but gen-

erally late corn is filling out very well.

augar cane was the work of the week

over considerable portions of the State

and the sicid is reported to be of good

quality and very satisfactory in

of the State interfered with the rice

harvest which is progressing slowly.

There is complaint that upland rice

is not heading satisfactory in some of

the more southern counties, but gen-

erally it is doing well. No upland rice

Peanute are being gathered and the

Peas are being gathered, some state

few correspondents naming this crop

that the vines are shedding their leaves

where planted with corn, but the crop

generally has done well. Is needing

Sweet potatoes are improving very

much with the prevailing hot weather,

agree that it is yielding well.

rain in a fow places.

The showers in the eastern portion

Boiling molasses from sorghum and

badly.

quantity.

harvested yet.

dying; a few report too rank growth

has practically stopped, and in ma

EXAMINING COMMITTEE'S RE-PORT OF THE DISPENSARY.

How they Figure Out the Status of the Business at the Present Time. Their Report Just Issued.

The special legislative committee in charge of the examination of the books and accounts and management of the State dispensary, composed of Senator Efird and Representatives Carroll and Thomas, on Saturday issued their re-port "of the condition of the State dispensary for the quarter ending July 31. 1895," addressed to Governor Evans.

The report says:
"We herewith submit our report of
our examination of the books and the financial transactions of the State disensary for the quarter ending July 1, 1895, and request that you transmit the same, together with our previous reports, to the General Assembly at its next session, as required by law.
"Mr. R. M. Carroll, of the commit-

tee, was present at the taking of stock on the first of August, and personally supervised the same.

'On account of various important private and public matters intervening, the committee could not commence the examination of the books until the 22d instant.

"We have carefully checked and examined every transaction of the business, commencing with the purchase of the whiskeys, wines and beers through their preparation of the business and sale to the county dispensers, and then followed the proceeds into the hands of the State Treasurer. "We find the assets and liabilities as

follows:" b
The assets and liabilities are then given as published yesterday. The reort continues;

"Personal accounts due State in assets means unliquidated dispensers' accounts, secured by bonds, and a few minor matters in course of settlement. "The State appropriation of \$50,000 has been paid to the State since the end of this quarter.'

The profit and loss account is given as published yesterday. Again the report proceeds:

"In : r last report we give the total amount of net profits, from beginning or operations to April 30th, 1895, as \$160,287.48. If you take from this \$1,400.79, being the amount found to be incorrectly charged by Traxler to county dispensers, and then add the net accrued profit for this quarter, \$31,066.65, we have \$189,953.35 as the total net accrued profit from beginning of operations to the end of the present quarter-July 31st, 1895." The cash transactions for the quar-

ter then gives as on yesterday. Then the report concludes thus: "The State Treasurer reports cash in hand on July 31st, 1895, \$68,776.48, to which must be added amount in bank not turned over to State Treasurer, \$12,933.52, making a total of \$81,710. From this must be deducted the outstanding warrants drawn by State commissioner, but not yet presented at State Treasurer's office, \$2,752.29, which leaves a balance of

\$78,957.41. "From the amount reported by us as cash on hand must be taken warrant 862, for \$1,460.04, which had been issued by State commissioner to pay for revenue on whiskeys bought, and which had been paid by State Treasurer, but was not entered on credit side of cash account because no voucher had been sent in by the revenue collector. This would still leave a discrepancy between the State Treasurer and the State commissioner of \$35.17. From this must be deducted a mistake in warrent No. 627, which was properly drawn for \$6 less than the stub indicated, bringing the dis-

crepancy down to \$31.17. "Taking into consideration the discrepancy between Mr. Traxler and the State Treasurer of \$105.21 reported previously, the State Treasurer would have in hand \$74.04 more than the commissioner's books call for. We deemed it unnecessary to inquire further after finding enough in hand to cover the amount claimed by the State commissioner.

"We have found the books of the commissioner in first class condition, and think nothing more can be added to the present system."

The New Orleans Cotton Exchange

Statement. The New Orleans Cotton Exchange statement is as follows: Weekly crop statement from September 1st to September 6th, inclusive: Port receipts 13,620 bales, against 23,519 last year, 19,179 year before last and 27,786 for the same time in 1892; overland to mills and Canada 1,237 bales, against 4,642 last year, 726 year before last and 5,035 for the same time in 1892; futerior stocks in excess of Reptember 1st, 2,619 bales, against 1,477 last year, 1,466 year before last and 3,651 for the same time in 1892; Southern mill takings, 16,020 bales, against 14,424 last 19ear, 12,228 year before last and 12,228 for the same time in 1892; amount of crop brought in sight for the first six days in September, 33,532 bales, against 54,108 last year, 32,589 year before last and 50,680 for the same time in 1892. from September 1st to September 6th, in-

The Oldest Engineer Dead. At Bethlebem, Pa., Peter Styers, said to be the oldest engineer in the country, who has been frequently honered by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, died, aged 73
years. He ran engines on the Lehigh Valley,
the Reading and Jersey Central lines for
forty-six years and never had an accident.
Railroaders have computed that he ran locomotives a distance equivalent to forty
times around the globs.

DISPENSARY

MIXSON'S EXHIBIT FOR THE SEC-ONE QUARTER OF 1895.

Running our a Cash Basis With the State Loan Repaid, and Apparently Paying Good Profits.

State Liquor Commissioner Mixson has given to the press his quarterly report for the second quarter, ending July 31, 1895. The report of the legislative committee, which is referred to by the commissioner, verifies the tabulated figures given below. So far as money results are concerned, the dispensary, to use the language of the commissioner, seems to be "moving smoothly," and so far as matters o office routine work are concerned shows the improvements that come with experience.

The report and its accompanying array of figures will be an interesting study for both the friends and enemies of the institution. It is as follows: Columbia, S. C., July 31, 1895.

To His Excellency, John Gary Evans, and Hon. D. H. Tompkins and Hon. James Norton, State Board of Con-

Gentlemen: Herewith I have the honor to present to your honorable board my second quarterly report of the State dispensary for the quarter ending July 31, 1895.

In my last quarterly report I brought down Mr. Traxler's net profit from \$151,295.51 to \$111,959.82. A still further reduction of \$1,400.78 has since been made, from the fact that he turned over sundry accounts as assets which, upon investigation, were found to be overcharges; on the other hand, out-standing liabilities, of which his books contained no record, were found to be due by the State, and the amounts of these discrepancies aggregate \$1,400.78, which leaves his net profit to date \$110,559.04.

I am pleased to say that the dispensary is now operating on a strictly cash basis. There is now in the State treasury and in the banks cash sufficient to refund to the State the \$50,-000 appropriation as a loan to the dispensary, to pay every dollar of outstanding indebtedness, and a balance remaining sufficiently large to pay "spot" cash for all future purchases.

The dispensary is now running smoothly, and I respectfully call your attention to my quarterly statements, which are hereto attached, and to the report of the legislative committee, which is also incorporated in this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. M. Mixson, Commissioner. N. B. -Since the close of this quarter the \$50,000.00 has been refunded to the State, all incurred indebtedness has been paid, and the dispensary is now paying cash for all purchases.

F. M. Mixson, Commissioner. Quarterly Statement of the State Dispensary. Quarter Ending July 31,

1895.		92 65
ASSETS.	14	4.
Cash in State Treasury and		
in bank	80,452	92
Ceams and wagons	781	65
Merchardise on hand at		0
State Dispensary (inven-		
orv)	65,500	.00
Machinery and office fix-		
tures (inventory)	2,656	47 1
applies bottles, corks, la-	/	7
bels, boxes, etc. (inven-		1
	11,787	47 3 04 8
Unexpired insurance	371	98
internal revenue licenses	7577504	n
(purchased for county		15
dispensaries and to be		10
charged to same)	2,175	00
Personal accounts due the	37.13 8 30.00	1,11
State	8,204	00 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Merchandise on hand at		2
county dispensaries		11
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\$260,611 07 . Warrant No. 862 was issued for \$1,460.04 on July 5th, in payment of forfeited spirits bought of the internal revenue collector. And as the bookkeeper requires a properly vouched for invoice for all cash credits, this amount was counted as cash on hand July 31st, the invoice not reaching this office before August 3rd.

State's profit added.. . . 26,619 31

dispensers (at cost price) 88,731 02

Value of shove merchan-

dise in hands of county

LIABILITIES. State appropriation \$ 50,000.00 Personal accounts due by State on merchandise 20,657.72

purchased Traxler's net profit from beginning of operations to close of his term Jan. 81 \$110,559 04 Net accrued profit from February 1st

to July 31st (six 79,89481 months Net secrued profit from beginning of operations to close of present quarter-

Statement of Loss and Gain Account Quarter Ending July 31st, 1895: GAINS

Gross gains on merchandiss sold during present quar-\$49,487 13

Discounts..... 2,825 84 Total gross gains \$58,100,10

Freight and express...... 6,422-24 Suspended personal accounts past due and worthless Expense-stationary, printing

postage, salaries, etc..... 3,962 80 Total expenses.....\$35,345-12 Net gain on sales for present quarter..... 22,751 97

STATEMENT OF UNEARNED PROFIT. Uncarned profit on Apr 30. \$ 34,930 08 Amount of above uncarned profit which has since accrued (net accrued profit for present quarter).... 31,0316

Balance still unearned from last quarter \$
Net gains on sales for this quarter (unearned)..... 22,751 9 Unearned profit on goods in

hands of county dispensers end of the quarter. . \$ 26,619 31 Cash Statement for Quarter Ending July 31st, 1895.

MECHILLE.		
Balance in State Treasury		
May 1st 8	75,523	75
May deposit	44,813	68
June deposit	39,613	17
July deposit	50,627	63
Total cash for quarter \$	210,578	23
Add overcredit in Comp-		
troller General's war-		

rants for quarter ending April 30th.... Total cash to account for quarter.....\$210,642 12

May disbursements...... \$ 64,019 10 June disbursements..... 43,313 61 July disbursements...... 22,856 49

Balance on hand July 31st, 1895..... 80,452 92 \$210,642 12

STATEMENT OF CONTEABAND ACCOUNT, Seizures for this quarter .. \$ 592 49 Contraband account is never credit ed with the amount of seized goods until they have been appraised and merged into the general merchandise secount. The bulk of seizures for this quarter has not been appraised, hence does not appear in the contraband account for this quarter.

Progress of the South.

Among the good things that come along with commendable regularity at the time of the harvest moon are the annual trade reviews in various enterprising Southern newspapers. One of the most accurate and comprehensive of these reviews is that of the New Orleans Times-Democrat, which includes returns from that city and Lousiana, and the thirteen Southern States. Delaware, Maryland, and Missouri, are not included, they being re-garded as more Northern than Southern. when an arbitrary distinction must be drawn.

The development of manufacturers is, of course the topic of leading interest in a bus-iness view of the South. Exact figures can-tot be given, but the estimates of the Times-Democrat are as nearly accurate as un-micial figures can be. The comparison it makes is between 1880 and 1895, a period of fifteen years. In that time the number of manufacturing establishments in the South moreased from 84,565 to 59,176, and the sapital invested increased from \$179,336,240 o \$559,467,500. In 1880 the hands employed in the mills of the South numbered 215,415, while in 1895 they had grown to 568,400, or sonsiderably more than doubled, and the wages paid increased from \$62,118,872 to 204,975,500 or more than trebled.

The amount of cultivated land has in

The amount of cultivated land has increased in about the same proportion as the volume and value of the crops. Fifteen years ago there were 54,679,145 acres of land under the plow, while in 1895 there are 89,463,672 cultivated acres, or an increase, of \$4,783,527 acres in a decade and a faul. The total value of all farm products was estimated at \$611,699,145 in 1880, while this year it is placed at \$976,463,500, an increase of a little more than one-half, or nearly the same as the increase in the amount of cultivated and. One of the most encouraging exhibits s the comparison of the number of farms in 1880 and 1895. In the first year there were 1728,480, while in the second year there are 2,402,672. The old plantations are disappear-ing, never to return. Cut up into small farms, they are worked to better advantage. and contribute more largely to the general prosperity.

The coal-mines and forests of the South

are one of the great sources of wealth, present and prospective. It is estimated that there are 375,185,840 acres of woodland in the United States to day, and that 197,116, 620 acres, or more than half, are in the South—a quantity sufficient to supply the whole country for many years. Of coal, nine Southern States produced in 1894 about 24,000,000 tons, of which almost exactly half came from the mines of West Virginia. In 1880 only 2,593,736 tons of coal were mined in the whole South. No statistics as to the number of tons of fron ore are given, but the increase must have been great, as the production of pig-fron has grown from 50,525 tons in 1883 to 1,262,825 tons in 1894, and it was all produced from ore mined at home.

We have space for only a few items from the Times Democrat's presentation of great the Times-Democrat's presentation of great facts, but they suffice to show a wonderful progress. And yet the work of development has searcely begun. Enterprise and capital will find great opportunities in the Southern States for many years to come, and the annual trade reviews will long continue to give cheering reports of substantial gain in wealth, and all other elements of strength and prosperity.—Washington Post.

Tremendous Rain in Baltimore. Baltimbre was visited on Friday by the heaviest downpour of rain in twenty-ave years. Starting at 2 o'clock in the morning, years. Starting at 20 clock in the morning, there was little consistent until 6 o'clock at night, and 4 76 inches is the record of the precipitation. The sewers were incapable of carrying off the vast quantity of water that poured into them, and in several places wash-outs and cave-ins resulted.

One death, the result of the storm, was reported. Mrs. Annie O. Smith and her son were washed off the foot bridge that spans Jones Falls at Mount Washington. The young man succeeded in reaching the shore, but his mother was drowned in the stream.

Twenty Women Widows. Iwenty women are widows and fifty sildren fatheriess by a dissetrous fire in the Oscools mine at Houghton, Mich. Mort pitiful scenes are being hourly witnessed in the vicinity of the biasts that have not yet been searched, bereaved women and children clinging to the spot in the desperate hope that some loved form may yet energy from the continuous statements.

PALMETTO PENCILLINGS.

OCCURRENCES WORTH NOTING. FROM ALL OVER THE STATE.

The Tobacco and Cotton of Florence. Sales are held daily at both the Florence and the Farmers' tobacco ware houses and the prices, it seems, are moving up nicely. The quality of tobacco that is now being brought to Florence is far superior to what was brought there for the opening break. For instance, Mr. Fred Stackley sold a 600 pound lot of tobacco last week at an average of over 25 cents per pound. On Friday an old negro from the Timmonsville section sold a lot of the weed at an average of 16 cents. Such sales as these are recorded every day.

The cotton fields all over the county are beginning to get white with the fleecy staple, and cotton ricking has set in in full blast. The fields are filled with hands. Labor is plentiful and the farmers are certainly blessed so far this year with good weather. If the weather continues as it is now for two or three weeks and labor as plentiful as it is and the crop continues to ripen as it has for the past week it will not be very long before the heavier part of the crop can be gathered.

The corn crop will be exceedingly good, while there was a tremendous crop of forage and small grain made. Potatoes and peas are plentiful. The tobacco this year is A 1.

HOMICIDE IN LAURENS.

A White Man Kills a Negro and is Justified by the Coroner's Jury.

On Saturday last in Laurens county . W. Spinks shot and killed Jerry Parks, colored, with a Winchester riffe, and the jury of inquest justified the shooting. It appears that Parks had threatened the life of Spinks, who believed the threat was about being carried out. Judge Pope allowed bail in the sum of \$1,500, which has been

More First Bales.

The first bale of new cotton was sold at North for 8 cents, and bought by Mr. John F. Brown for R. J. McCarley & Co., of Columbia.

At Lexington the first bale of this season's cotton was sold by H. Walter Hendrix to W. P. Roof. The bale was classed in good middling, and brought 8 cents.

At Laurens the first bale of the new crop was sold Wednesday, weighing 476, and classed as middling. It brought 9 cents, Mr. T. D. Lake being the purchaser. The first bale in 1894 was sold on the 7th of September.

Mr. W. W. Bethea, of Classen's, brought in the first cotton to Florence on Friday last. 2 bales were sold to R. C Commander, for 64 cents. Mr. R. C. McCown brought in a bale on same day also.

Pitiable Death of a Convict. Last Friday morning one of the convicts belonging to the newly instituted chain-gang dropped dead while at work on the roadside, near Elmwood, Edgefield county. Some said he died from the intense heat, and drinking too much water. Otherssaid he was already sick and begged not to be forced to work. The overseer, thinking he was playing 'possum, beat him severely, and it was then that he dropped dead. The body of the dead man was disinterred on Sunday. and a jury of inquest was present, but the physician pronounced that the remains were too decomposed for examination. In the future Supervisor Whittle will reduce the weight of the shackles worn by the convicts, and keep his eyes open as to the treatment

Executive Clemency. Governor Evans has commuted to date the sentence of General Thompson, who was convicted in February last of manslaughter in Anderson county and sentenced to life imprisonment. It appears now that the killing

from their overseers.

was more accidental than intentional. The Governor has granted a pardon Moses Peters, sentenced from Florence county last May by Judge Gary to t velve months in the penitentiary or to work on the county road. Peters was convicted of larceny of live stock.

The tendency of farmers this season is to sell cotton as fast as they can get it ready for market. They believe that 7 1-2 to 8 cents cents is as much as they will get by holding. The first bales are going into the different markets. The Spartan Cotton Mill bought the first bale that came to Spartanburg, paying 7 3-4 cents. Amozi Gaston raised it.

Cotton picking in Abbeville county is now begun in earnest, as the staple is now opening right along. The first bales brought in were by Mr. A. M. Hill and W. H. Parker. As yet they have not been placed upon the market.

Judge Simonton made a decree ordering the sale of the Carolina, Knoxville and Western Railway on the 21st of November. The tea plants have been set out and

are thriving.

His Back Split Wide Open An accident occurred at Lukens's Inmber mill, Sumtern which may result in the death of Boxies Robertson, a calored labores. Long timber was being out and in some way Robertson and an accident a sylinging and and the state of the second state of the second secon got up against a swinging as and his back was split open. He are seens to know how tith negro happened to get against the saw. He back was split wide open and the truthest may remain

GLEANINGS FROM MANY POINTS.

Important Happenings, Both Home and Foreign, Briefly Told.

The Exposition.

Two hundred cases of Chinese goods, which were shipped from Hong Kong, several weeks ago, have arrived in Atlanta, and are now at the grounds of the Cotton States and International Exposition, in charge of the custom house officials.

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The Woman's Building of the Cotton States and International Exposition will be formatly opened on September 19th. The leading feature of the opening exercises will be the address by Mrs. Jos. Thompson, President of the Woman's Board. The Chairman of the Committees will make short addresses on the work of their respective departments. An orchestra composed of twenty-five young ladies from the Southern Baptist College will furnish the music for the occasion and the program will be an attractive one.

Newsy Southern Notes. There is not an idle mill in North Carolina save two recently purchased to be equipped. There are 175,000 strangers in Louisville, Ky., it is said, attending the G. A. B. ex-campment, and 50,000 more are looked for.

A wheat convention is in progress at Nashville, Tenn., to see to the betterment of the cultivation and the marketing of this product. Many prominent men are present. At Little Rock, Ark., the State editors' convention organized the Demogratic Bi-Metallic League of Arkansas, favorable to free silver at 16 to 1.

Thomas Westmoreland, sentenced to be hanged at Paris, Tex., September 18th, for the murder of Robert Green, July 15, 1893, was respited by President Cleveland until October 18th.

The National flag was raised Sunday with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of several thousand people at Camp Daniel B. Lamont, Chickamauga Chattanooga Nation-The disastrous effect of the freeze in Florida last winter is shown by an estimate of the State's orange crop, which is placed at 100,000 boxes, against 5,000,000 boxes the

Wilson Lavender, aged 45, a blacksmith of Peerless W. Va., was run over near Brownstown, W. Va., by a Chespeake and Ohlo train. His head, one arm, and one leg were severed and he was otherwise horribly mangled. He leaves a widow and three children.

In the case of the prize fighters, who were arrested at Dallas, Texas, Saturday, Chief Justice J. M. Hurt, of the Court of Appeals, has granted a writ of habeas corpus returnable on the 18th inst. These cases will determine the validity of the law licensing prize lighting in Texas.

Disasters, Accidents, Fatalities. The little town of Gridley, Kas., is a wrook with not a single uninjured nouse in its continued. Most of the buildings and all of the stocks of goods of every description are entirely ruined. A wind and rain storm did the work. No one was initiad.

Five persons were blown to instant death and three injured by an explosion of dynamite at Specht's Ferry near Dubuque, Ia. The dead are: Elward Latshaw, Mrs. Edward Latshaw, his wife; Ray Latshaw, aged 12, their sou; Matt Latshaw, aged 6, their son; Hus Bjornstad. A boy firing at a target near the shanty caused the explosion.

Labor. At Wilmington, Del., 100 women and girls, employees of the Diamond Match Co., struck on Monday for an increase in wages. The factory was forced to suspend operations.

Westminster church, Minneapolis, was gut-ted by an incendiary fire; loss \$150,006. The congregation is the wealthirst and largest of the Presbyterian denomination in the State.

Washington.

The President has issued an order placing book binders in all branches of the Government Printing Office—notably the Treasury—under the civil service on the same footing with those in the main office. Secretary Lamont has ordered the light battery of actilibry stationed at Port Rila-Kan., to Chickmanuga to participate in the dedication of the battlefield. This will be the only battery detailed from the west to take part in the dedication, the other troops all coming from the department of the east.

At Washington, D. C., Braismin F. Kyers, twenty years old, was simost initiantly allied Monday in a ball game. He was sliding to second base in an ameteur match when the baseman sprang into the nir to catch a larow ball. He dropped on Myers, his body failing on the young man's neck and dislocating his spine.

Foreign. The Trades Union Congress at Cardin passed a resolution protesting against Emperor William's interference with the liberty iff the press.

The Viadiovestock, correspondent of the Novoe Vremya says that cholers is raging in China and there are daily 2,000 deaths from the disease in Pekin.

Crime.

At Grand Haven, Mich., Mary L Pierce, aged 13, who has been on trial for the murder of her mother, this morning was found guilty of manslaughter. She was sentenced to the Industrial School for Girls at Adrian until she is 21 years old. This is the murder for which George Chesbro, the girl's nephew, was sentenced to life imprisonment at Jackson a month, ago. Chesbro's brother testified against the girl.

Miscellaneous. At Felona, Mont., an earthquain shock was experienced at 12.25 Friday morning. It lasted about three seconds and was distinctly felt all over the city. No report of damage so far received.

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At Old Forge, N. Y., Saturday, Benjamin Harrison McKee held his little county. Benjamin Harrison McKee held his little county. Benjamin Harrison is daughter, who fell two heads and leaves the sell Harrison's daughter, who fell two heads dock, above water till his g andisther, the ex-President, came and reconst her.

In the Wimbledon cup rife contest at Sea Giri, Saturday, S. T. Scott of the Engineer Corps of the District of Columbia, with the high score of 115 made last year by Peter Finegan, of the Sixty-ninth Regiment.

The attendance at Sheepshead Bay Bace Track on Tucaday was small, owing to the great counter attraction, the years ruse. The card had but one designed the Tratombashas of the cent value of 45 cus, and they were won bandily by the favorite, Reguliel.