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### CAMDEN, S. C., FRIDAY, NOVEMBEP 16, 1900.

TROUBLE WITH DARKIES

sprounded the white

The New Tug.

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SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.

Excellent Showing By a South Caro-

llea Company.

at the recent State fair was that of the

Dexter Broom and Mattress Company

of Pelzer. Through an error in - the

rush of the reporters' work this ex-

hibit was credited to a North Carolina

town instead of to the enterprising Pel-

zer concern. The mattresses shown at

purposes as is not infrequently the

cave with some exhibitors. The Dexter

mattress, made by an improved pro-

cess, is sold by those who have used

them to be always soft, springy and de-

lightful. The material used in their

manufacture comes from the great Pel-

zer cotton mills, just at their door, but

the raw material out of which the

broom product of the same company

Brown, the treasurer and manager of

the Dexter company, has just returned

from Indiana, where he was com-

pelled to go for his broom corn, al-

though aperial inducements have for

several years past been offered South

Carolina farmers who would grow this

grop Mr. Brown savs that \$100 gn

acre is not an unusual sum to realize

from broom corn and the cost of cul-

tivation and preparation is not greater

Unusual Case.

from Walhalla. The authorities in

Oconce think a principal witness in the

gia mainly to get him across the line

so that he can not be a witness in the

case. Governor McSweeney received

the following letter relative to the

case: Dear Sir: There is pending in

the court here for trial the case of the

State vs. Will Acker on indictment for

murder. The defendant is in jail await-

ing trial. The chief State witness

against him is one Warren Klipatrick.

who is under bond to appear as a wit-ness in the case. Recently Klipatrick

has been arrested and put in jail, for

for some small misdemeanor of long

standing in Georgia. I desire to sug-

gest that you should not honor the re-

quisition till the murder trial is over

A rumor is affoat that the Georgia case

is trumped up to get Kilpatrick out of

Yours truly

W. W. MOSS,

case against Acker is wanted in Geor-

A rather extraordinary care comes

is mad

than for cotton,

is not as accessible. Mr

One of the most creditable exhibits

## NO CHANGES IN CABINET. THE COMING LEGISLATURE. An Intelligent foreca t of What Will A Gentleman at Flo ence flas a light Be Done, President's Official Family All Asked to Remain. GIVES CABINET GREAT CREDIT PARIS SHOW ENDS. state at large. For the Achlevements of His Admin- The Great Exposition Closes With

### istration -- Cordial Relations Between the President and Ills Advis-Crs.

other hand, no definite declination.

warm appreciation to the compliment- rate of five for a sou. tary remarks of the President and his present position.

This is not the first time that the booths which earlier in the day had President has expressed to the members of the cabinet his pleasure at the support they had given him. He said as much in a general way at the last cabinet meeting, when the members, several of whom had been stattered by the political campaign, got together for the first time and congratulated him upon the outcome of the election. Tuesday the President evidently had pre-pared for the occasion and in his adlress reviewed the work of the administration in the past four years-four of the most exciting years the country has known in three decades. It was

## I rittlant Scenes. Paris, By Cable .-- The exposition

closed Monday with the evening illumination. Five tickets were charged for one admission. There were few Washington, D. C., Special -- Presi- visito, s in the daytime, tickets lacking dont McKinley has announced clean purchasers at a out each. The boom-ly and forcefully to the members during of a cannon from the first story of

his cabinet his desire that they should the Elffel tower announced that the all remain with him during the four exposition of 1900 had crased to exist. years of his coming administration. It ended in a blaze of illumination, the Ma wishes were hinde known in an final evening being celebrated by a mulade should at the radiust ment. light fete. The attendance, bewever, in the White House Tuesday, was small, visitors being kept away Responses were made by all the mein- by a cold, drizzling rainfall. Official bers present, approvale there was no clatistics show that the exposition was definite pledge from any of them that a gigantic success from the point of they would accept the portfolios thus view of attendance, which was double tendered afresh, there was, on the that of the exposition of 1889, when 25,121,975 passed the gates. When the

The day's proceedings set forth the Eates of the exposition of 1900 closed wishes of the President in the matter this evening, more than 50,000,000 perand relieves the members of the cabi- sons had pa sed through. The British net of the customary obligation of ten- and Belgians headed the list in 1889, in dering their resignations at the end of point of number, but this year the the terms, unless they have made an irrevokable decision that it will be improper for them to continue in office. second with the British far behind. It also sets at rest all speculation and Americans also formed a very notice Blate-making of the country's political able contingent. Indeed they were improphets, for it is understood gener- measurably more numerous than at the ally that there is but one doubtful fac- previous exposition. The record pay tor in the homogeneity of the present ing day this year brought out more cabinet. That  $f_{\perp}$  for is Atterney Gen- than 600,000 visitors, as compared with eral Griggs, as he holds his present a maximum of 335,377 in 1889. This position at a great financial sacrifice, evening tickets which had brought a Still Mr. Griggs replied in terms of sou in the afternoon, were so., at the A curious scene was withetsed at the

volced no intention of retiring from exposition gates shortly before 6 o'clock, when the authorized ticket

been selling tickets for two sous, reduced the price to one. The street hawkers, indignant at this, attached cards to their coats inscribed: you a ticket for nothing." The work of romoving the exhibits

can begin after midnigat. No vestige will be left of the great exposition but The prefect of the the art palaces. Scine submitted to the municipal council a scheme to demolish all the build-ings on the Champs de Mars and Trocadero. The centre of the grounds will rather a surprise even to the cabinet for the embelishment of the city.

at the Depot. Columbia, Special-Ahe General As-Florence, Special There embly when if mcet's here in Jun- have been serious trouble at the " mary will have no really serious pro- limite. Coast dime pamoltions to settle. While there is a Sunday night between the race reat deal of legislation left over from for the efforts of a polleeman, the efear to year the consensus of on alon fortive work of Mr. J. G. Erger s that there is abundant legislation [walking slick and the dly the accide on the statute books and that the tal discharge of a pictol within dieast done the heater it will be for the persed the crowd of negroes who see S have been to blame for the fareat The new General Assembly will be - , enel riet.

a larger proportion of new lawners There was a large crowd of n han has ever before been in stat a cating about the platform, a usa ody. The usual quota of re-elect d Funday evening occunembers is absent, and no doubt the person was escorting a coung and new members will think of the trains and his prohat their greatness depends upon the blocked by a lef of a number of bills offered and new and fixed to move. The lat lovel schemes proposed, starting with used Linguage ra amendments to the concealed weapon | Epperson broke on nonhead the mano tr aw and ending with amondments to, twice in the head with a highest visite he Constitution. each blow bringing blood and lot-la

Naturally the amendments recently a gagh, Several negroes are said oted upon will come up and consume | havo onsiderable time. Some will want to brandishing wathing conor. the causa Mr. Dipperson selzed, and a right abread with the necessary legslation, taking for granted that the crasking heads promissionsly purts will pass over the error made the stick broke. ourts will pass over the at 1 the near, and has one or two attempted to allots, while others will want to be add Mr. Piper on. Mr. Phillips rushed the question go before the people in but was knocked down at t pulled again. At all events mis will be one to one sile by some negroes. Mr. of the forenest quartions to conte up. There will be the usual legislation charged and the negroes readered. proposed as to new judicial and Con- Policeman Brunson did his utmost 14

Year after year bills are offered quell the disturbance. roposing the reorganization of the udicial circuits and that there be ten tead of eight circults. The scheme adopted by the last Gen-

ral Assembly of providing for ape- was here Sanday night. The vessel is ial terms of courts, on petition of a the most powerful tow boat on the majority of the members of the bar c. any county, seems to have worked very well, and a good deal of the congestion in Spartanburg, Cherokee and shipbuilding concern in the north, As other counties has been relieved, and the Minis proceeded up the harbor her if the lawyers would take advantage powerful search light revealed every of this statute and have their work object for several miles around, and there would not be so much, com- attention. When the tug was abreast for additional courts.

The census does not intracte that Boy was just parsing the Coosaw onth Carolina will get an additional works, a mile further up the harlor, South Carolina will get an additional Congressman. Some who have figu: ed on the relative increase say that there seems to be no chance for an additional Congressman from this the shore as clearly as the light of the voted upon. sun would have done, the steamer's state. The usual propositions to redistrict the State will be made, and the usual fight against any change in the districts, if the State is not to get another Congressman. The fight Tow Beat company may well feel taxable property, was purported to be against any change has here effore to proud of this are and file acquisition amended, that article X, section 5, a large extent come from the Con- to their fleet. The scinis is over 151, which also purports to limit the bondgressmen in office or those who have fect long, and is equipped with the ed indebtedness of any numberial cormade the races in the districts as latest type of quadruple expansion en poration to 8 per cent, of the assessed be maintained in the form of gardens they have been standing. The house gines, and also with steam strering value was referred to in the act passel as will be remembered, pas ed the gear. The versel's hull, constructed by the legislature. There is no doubt while the wide border will be sold for Patton redistricting bill, but the Sea. of steel, is a fine specimen of marine that this section was intended to be

## THE AMINDMENT MUDDLE.

#### A Clerk's Blunder Sets Aside the Will of the People.

The assistant attorney general, Mr lunter, in talking about the bond amendment matter, said:

"It has been called to the attention of the public that the tickets voted in the general election on the constitutonal amendment in reference to the lowes of Columbia, Rock Hill, Charles m, Florence and Corgetown allow ing them exemption from certain sec tions of the constitution, were inactu rate masmuch as the proposed amend nent purports to amend a section the constitution that in no whee affect the subject. The proposed amendment contains the folloing: 'He it enacte by the general assembly of the State of outh Carelina, that the following quondment to section 7 of article VIII of the constitution be agreed to: at the end thereof the following words Provided that the limitation imposby section 5, article 1V of this con the on shall net app'y to bond d in debtedness incurred by the cities of Columbia, etc. As will be seen the amendment proposes an amendment to section 5, article IV of the constitution which has no bearing on the subject

amendment reading: 'A Heutenant encourse shall be chosen at the same time, in the same manner, continue it office for the same period and be posearch of the same qualifications. Of course the proposed amendment wa to allow the citics of Columbia. Ro-Hill, Charleston, Florence and Georg town certain exemptions under restri tions offered by section 7, article VII of the constitution, the main featur of which section was to limit the bonded debt of all cities to 8 per conper agnum of the assessed value of all taxable property thereof. "The proposed amendment as voted Beaufort, Special .-- The new steam

of the proposed amendment. That

tug Abram Minus, of Savannah, Ga. upon was an amendment to this setion the support of which was to allow these cities to exceed the 8 pe cont. limitation as well as to allow south Atlantic coast, and was only ver them the privilege of establishing a recently completed by a prominent sewer system, etc.

"In the bill as passed the general as sembly the said section 7, article VIII special services. was properly referred to as well as Gov. McSwee

was soution 5, article IV above referred to (which had no bearing on the mat ready for the court when it assembles the spectrale attracted very general to (which had no bearing on the matonly to propose an amendment to ar plaint and such a perennial demand of the plant of the Virginia-Carolina ticle VIII, section 7, but also to article Chemical company, the steamer Pilet X, section 5, inasmuch as that section also limited the bonded debt in any municipal corporation to 8 per cent. of on her way down to Land's End. The, the assessed value of the taxable propsearch, light was turned on the Pilot erty therein. But for some reason this Boy and revealed her to people along section was not referred to and not

> "It will be noticed therefore that high, white hull and puldle boxes while article VIII, section 7, which standing out in bold relief against the limits the bonded indebtedness to 8 background of night. The Savannah per cent, of the assessed value of the

when the foundation upon which it este is taken away. We announce that the true rule is, that when an t has been duly signed by the pa bline officers of the concral sublid

n open seasion in the senate hous upcoved by the governor of the S nd duly deposited in the office of th scretury of State, it is sufficient or ence, nothing to the contrary appear ng upon its face, that it passed the general assembly, and that it is not ompetent either by the journals of he two houses, or either of them, or by any other evidence to impeach such | the fair were taken directly from the an act, and this being so it follows , stock of the Columbia dealer and were that the court is not at liberty to in- not specially prepared for exhibition quire into what the journals of the two iouses may show as to the successive ops which may have I on taken in the passage of the original bill. will be observed that take conclusion by no means negatives the powers of the court to inculze into those prerequisites fixed by the constitution, and of which prerequisites the journals of the two houses are required to formuch

the evidence-such. for instance, as the organization of the two bonse the presence of a quorum, the vecetwo-thirds of the members by ayer and noes to be entered on the journals in certain cases.

## SHUULD DE TRANNIULA

#### flovernor flcSweeney Issues The U ual Proclamation.

The regulation Thank-giving Day proclamation has been issued. Gov. McEwcency has issued the customary spoclamation, in which this year there s much more of fact than usual. The people generally pay but little attention to these Thanksziving Day proclamation and they are gotten out year by year to keep the idea before the officens and to exchange with

other States. The banks and public offices close for the day and a few churches have

McSweeney's proclamation reads as follows:

FROCLAMATION. In the Providence of Ged we have been spurch as a resple and a State for another year. Peace and prosperity, health and happiness have been youchsafed to us. We have not been visited by plague or postilence. The labor of our hands has been attended with success and the State has grown In material wealth. New manufacturing enterprises have sprung up and we are fast becoming a great manufacturing people. The husbandman has been permitted to plant and to reap, and enjoys the fruits of his labor. There i good feeling among all our prople and progress in all gold and worthy devi

Sheriff Oconee. J L BOGGS. Coroner County. Set Free to Die. Wm. Lowry, of Chesterfield county, s evidenced on overy hand. Education was pardoned so that he might leave and Christianity go hand in hand; our the chain gang and die in peace. Statecolleges and schools are filled and the cultivation of the head and the heart is keeping pace with the material de-

the way as a witness.

ments are made Gefernor' McSweeney that Lowery was in a dying condition. County Supervisor R. P. Adair wrote

curately the President had fixed in his how calmly he relinquished the personal credit for successful strokes of future expositions. policy or prudence and attributed the honor to the member of his official

He said that if the result of the recent election was an endorsement of his administration, it was no less an

endorsement of the men who had stood by him in the time of strees and ne-The credit for success, he cessity. said, lay with the heads of his various entering upon another four years of present official household. He said he knew that in asking them to remain with him there was scarcely one who either in money, leisure or personal inclination. At the same time he said he should feel happ'er if all of them could gratify his wish.

Secretary Hay was the first to respond. He said that for his part he deeply appreciated the complimentary references made by his chief and that he thought there was not a member of the cabinet who yould sever such pleasant official relations without regret, and even then only in case of the from the building. The fire originated most urgent reasons for retirement. Secretaries Gage, Long, Hitchcock. Wilson, Attorney General Griggs and Postmaser General Smith each spoke were in the neighborhood of fortyin turn and in much the same vein.

#### Engineers flay Win S'rike.

Terre Haute, MInd., Special.-The styke of the hoisting engineers in the -indiana coal fields, which was declared Monday, may be settled by the end of the week. Ten of the Indiana operators signed the Illinais scale and will pay the wages demanded by the engineers for one year. The signing of the ocale means an eight-hour day and a 20 per cent, increase in wages for the strikers.

#### 25 Imigrants Barred,

Philadelphia, Special.-Twenty-five immigrants, who came here as saloon passengers on the American tin steamer Sweasland, were denied admission to this country by a board of inquiry of the United States immigration commissioners, on the ground that they had violated the contract labor law. It was proved that a first class passage had been paid for them by John Alexander ad Zion, near Waukegan, Ill., where he intends to establish a lace-producing plant.

#### Whateback Boats a Success.

Now Orleans, Special .- The whalemek low boat McDougall and barges reived from St. Louis without a. sinis mishap or delay. The success of as experiment is expected to revoluriation, especially river transport is grain and furnish keeper competito the railroads. The barges are make 30 milles

lycs to note tow acbuilding lots for the erection of manmemory the sequence of events and sions and hotels. The Etate is asked to abandon its right to use the site for The closing days of the exposition

have been marked by wholesale bailiff family in whose immediate depart-ment the matter in question had arisen. her of concession holders, chiefly restaurant-keepers and proprietors of side shows, who have failed to meet their financial obligations.

Fatal Fire,

Popular Bluff, Mo., Special .- Fire, departments and he should shrink from accompanied by a terrible fatality occurred Monday morning, resulting in office without the men who formed his the total destruction of the Gifford house, a large three-story frame building. The known dead are as follows: could do so without some sacrifice Heck Clark, Rebecca Owens, Helby Dehart, Curly Berry. Fatally injured: Etta Hargrove, Winslow Stowe. Missing! Eugene Dalton. Injured: T. A. Smith, Barney Pernaud, Charles Stradley, Mrs. Benjamin Shelby, Pink Berry, Elmer Freshear and James Upchurch. An unknown woman is also thought to be fatally injured, and about a dozen more are slightly burned or received bruises in escaping at 12:30 in the morning in the rear of the hotel and in a few minutes the building was a mass of flames. There five guests in the building.

#### Death of Marcus Da'y.

New York, Special.-Marcus Daly d Montana, one of the wealthiest mine owners of the world and the man who put up such a bitter fight against W. A. Clark when the lattor ran for the United States Senate, died at the Hotel Netherlands. Bright's disease complicated with heart weakness was the cause of death. His wife and children were at his bedside, and the end

Alaskan Report. The report of Gen. Randall, of the

department of Alaska, conveys confirmation of the reports which have come from that region, from time to time, concerning the decimation of the Indian and Eskimo inhabitants. Gen. Randall makes it clear the advent of the white man from the States is responsible for the difficulties of the aborigines and appeals for prompt succor. The gold hunter has taken Dowle, the "Divine Healer of Chica- from the Indian his means of subsisgo," who is about to found a city call- tence and communicated to the Eskimo his diseases without giving to the one new resources, or to the other the knowledge and remedies necessary toombat the imported ailments.

#### The Salt Trust.

Chicago, Special.-The Chronicle says: "The National Salt Company has put up the price of common salt of a fair quality to \$2.50 per 100 pounds. The price before was \$1.10 per 100 for the same grade. The National Salt Company controls directly 95 per cont. of the sait output of the country, and is able indirectly to domate the remaining five per cent. of

ate killed it. It makes ference to the average citizen how th districts are arranged, but it really does seem nonsensical to have show string districts in this day and time and have part of one township in one district and the remainder of a county in another district, and divide u counties so as to completely nullif their influence. The domand has been for some time for the districting of self.

the State upon county lines, and makes but little differences how the counties are divided as to district but there is no longer any use to cut

up the counties and put part of

county in one district and part of th same county in another district. One question that will come up. fact it has been coming up for several years, is the sale of the state farms Some of the members of the General Assembly think that because the State makes two three bundre bales of cotton and somethy wheat the ent wheat and corn with which ton

viets the State ought farming at all, and matter at what prior farms that it owns. The valuable has been discussion of the question during the recent campaign and abundant promises that the question would be brought up. Thinking that it wou's be a popular cry the sale of the proerties has been demanded on the

#### etump. It ought to be realized that only the man. long-term convicts are now sent t

the penitentiary from practically all the counties, except Charlesto: The counties have their own chai gangs, except Charleston, and prison ers sent to the Penitentiary and the State farms are such as have long terms and are not wanted on the county chain gangs, and some way cl working the convicts has to be found and the only question seems to be whether the convicts are to make

their own livelihood-their flour, meat and clothing-or whether others are to do so for them. The only other plan suggested is to lease the convicts out and that is even more sectously objected to. Of course the dispensary law will

ome up this year, as usual, for patching. There never has been a year when suggestions have not been made looking to improving the system. Suggestions will be made this year, but whether any changes will be made or not 's doubtful. The suggestions fong the lie of purchasing the supplies and the county boards of control will come up, and no doubt demand much of the attentiop of the fawmakers. There is plenty to do as to the dispensary system, from the purchasing to the division of the profits, many think, but whether it will be done or not is an

other question. The General Assembly will be called upon to take notice of the Charleston exposition, and whatever is within reason, and no more will be asked, is most likely to be done. Governor tecacy will give his bearty sup port to any request soming from the exposition management.

exposition management. The code will come up for adoption at this consider of the General As-regulary. The State printer is now get-ting out the work, and it will be ready for the consideration of the members of the General Assumpty. of the General Accombly.

team vacht with far greater strength than is ever found in vessels of that governor was referred to. This is made type. The search light is an adjunct manifest by the fact that the original eldem, if ever, seen on tuge outside the government service in these board the no-turnal visitor -airracted upon, but that the bPl as intro in ad waters, and the display of the one on perhaps greater attention to her than bers. would otherwise have manifested It-

#### Killing at Eastover.

Eastover, Special .- Mr. W. S. Hodge bill as amended it was evidently diff. who lives about one and one-hall cult to determine whether the article miles from Eastover, was found dead Monday morning in the road about half a mile from Eastover. From evidence it appears that Mr. Hodge and Mr. Houston Joyner, who lived near been stated, from an inspection of the each other and are brothers-in-law. had had some old feud existing be- was intended. Upon inspection of the tween them for some time, and they original papers it appears that the inmet this morning and got into a fight and Mr. Hodge in the fight was killed by Mr. Joyner. The verdict of the jury of inquest was "that Mr. W S. Hodge came to his death by a gunshot wound and a blow inflicted at the hands of Mr. Houston Joyner." Mr Joyner after the killing of Mr. Hodge came to the station and boarded a train as coolly and quiet as if poth ing had happened. He went to Columbla and surrendered to the sheriff. Mr. loyner is a very quict and peaceable

#### Killed at Clifton.

#### Clifton, Special .- Immediately after was had. religious services at the hall at Converse (Clifton No. 3) Sunday night, Thos. Gibson and Pasco Bradley became engaged in a difficulty which resulted in Gibson shooting and instantly killing Bradley. The former, however, is dangerously cut and little hope is entertained for his recovery. Both are young men not over 21 years of age and of respectable families.

#### Annual Inspection.

The railroad commissioners are now arranging to start out at once upon their annual inspection tours of the

various railroads in the State. This year the commissioners will divide up the work one taking one road while each of the others take two others. In1 this way the work will be much facilitated. Careful inspections will be made of all lines, particular attention being given to bridges and trestles. This year's report will show consider. able addition to the mileage of the State. Secretary Duncan' is already arranging much of the material for theforthcoming annual report.

#### Charitable Institutions.

Dr. A. A. Moore, of Camden, who is the inspector for the State Board of Health of the penal and charitable institutions in the State, is now on his annual tour of inspection preliminary to the annual report of the board. He arrived here yesterday and is first making a thorough inspection of con-ditions at the State Hospital for the Insane. He will before he leavesmake a careful faspection of the other in-

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relearment of the State. ence to the tenure of the Heutenant To the end, therefore, that we may with thankful hearts snow our appreciation of the many blessings which we enjoy and the lender care of our bill as certified to contains the same reference to sections and unmbers of Heavenly Father, I. M. B. McSweiney, governor of the State of South Carothe constitution as the ticket voted lina, in conformity with the proclamation of the president of the United The bill as introduced and States, do hereby appoint and set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November. amended referred to article X, section 5, wheras in the engressing de 1900, as a day of thanksgiving and partment it was changed to article IV prayer, to be kept and observed by all ection 5. Upon an inspection of the the people of this State.

I advise that all public offices be losed and all private business and referred to was article X or article labor of every kind cease, and that which was probably due to the hurried our people assemble in their respeclegislation. It is thus evident that the tive places of worship and give thanks error is due to a clerk in construing X to Him who is the giver of every good into the figure 4, and, as has a ready and perfect gift, for the seed time and the harvest, and that they beseech original pers, it is hard to tell which Him in fumility to continue His goolness and gracious forbearance. Thet they also remember the poor and the sertion of the phrase section 5, article fatherless, for we are told that it is was an amendment to the original more blessed to give than to receive. bill and was of course, in the handwritand every gift to these will go to our ing of the lieutenant-governor. The credit in the great book of rememtickets as sent out by the Democratic executive committee, who, without any brance.

In testimony whereof I lhave here obligation sent them out did so after a unto set my hand and caused the careful examination of the original act great seal of the State of South Caroand the printed act. This was their lina to be affixed. Dene at the capiduty and having done so the question tol, in the city of Columbia, this 16th as to the constitutionality must be determined by the ourts." There has been much interest in the day of November, A. D., 1900. By the Governor:

M. B. MCSWEENEY. blunder that occurred in the enrolling M. R. COOPER. of the joint resolution under which the Secretary of State. voting on the constitutional amend-

ment as to municipal indebtedness The New York World wanted Gov. McSweeney to say in one sentence The supreme court of South Carolina what was the greatest cause for n two early cases decided that it rethanksgiving this year. He replied: "Peace, prosperity and general good

feeling between the people of the country." He took this to be the sentiment among the people of the States, and, particularly, among South Carolinians.

Superintendent /l'Mahan's Report. Superintendent McMahan is expectng to make in his annual report a full report of the colleges in the State. He has just prepared and sent out blanks to all the colleges for information to be embodied in the report. One cry-ing need of the county seperinten-dents of education, county boards and teachers has been a list of the coneges in the State whose diplomas entitle to teachers' certificates. Superintendent McMahan hopes to have this list complete. Last year blanks were sent to the various colleges, but some of them were never returned; hence his list in the last annual report was incomplete. it may be that some colleges have been omitted in sending out the blanks Pcently, as the names of some of the maller colleges are not readily evall-

#### Invited to Little Rock.

The Arkansas State board of trade has extended a cordial and pressing Invitation to Governor MoSweeney to the laying of ttend the ceremon the corner-stone of the tollar Onpitel at Little Ho

Governor McSweeney suggesting that The commute the fine of Hill Miller from \$150 to \$100. Miller was convicted of violating the dispensary law and sentenced to serve one year on the chaingang or pay a fine of \$150. Mr. Adala wrote to say that the \$100 would be more acceptable to Laurens county than twelve months of Miller's services expectally now that the cold weather is coming on. Miller has friends who will pay the \$100 fine.

#### A Constable's Desperate Fight.

Florence, Special .-- Thursday morning at Jeffrey's Creek pump house, one mile from Florence, Constable Thos. E. Dennil had a fierce and very bloody fight with a big negro whom he attempted to arrest as the probable murderer of Mr. Carter, a chainging guard. which occurred in Marlboro Co. some time ago. Blood flowed freely on both sides. The negro was shot in the thigh and other ise bruised during the fight. Mr. Dennis was terribly cut in the head, the negro belaboring him with handcuffs. The negro escaped from Mr. Dennis, but as captured later by a posse after he had been shot with s Winchester rifle and peppared with buckshot from a double-barreled shotgun. The negro is in jail and has received medical attention. Although a pistol ball went through his thigh and a Winchester ball is lodged in his neck,

the negro seems to be all right.

#### The Charter Secured.

The South Carolina Telephone company got its charter, from the secretary of State. The half million capital was easily arranged for. The officers elected are Samuel L. Miller, president and treaturer; John H. Schofield, of New York, secretary and Wm. D. Meiton, attorney. The purpose of this compa-

ny to connect all portions of South Carolina with independent telephone lines has already been detailed.

#### Killed By Companion.

Batesburg, Special .- An entertainment among the colored people Mon-day night had the usual result. On the road home and in front of R. B. Shealy's store, two lads nearly grown were fooling with a pistol, which was discharged and one of them, Will Clark, was shot in the neck. The other, John Rucker, ran off for assistance, as he had shot Will. Dr. L. A. Quattlebaum did all that could be done for the suffering boy, but he died last night, and a coroner's jury this evening ren-dered a verdict of "accidental homicide" against John, who had been in the lowenp until the care as passed up on, and is now in just and will await the result of the trial.

#### A Woman Rurdered.

Darlington, Special. The was called upon to investig cause of the death of Lida colored, who lived near Lan this county. It was for e me to her death at the h McFadden, also col uarrel in the

#### quired three readings in each house and the approval of the presiding offiers as well as the endorsement of the governor and the great seal of the State for an act to be an act. In a ase from Barnwell county, where ome trick was played and the word Elackville was slipped into an act in stead of the word Barnwell the su-

preme court held that the bill as it went through the house and scnate was the law and th another case of Platt the supreme court also decided that the manuscript bill, which had

received the three readings in the two houses, but which was not the enenrolled and approved legislation, was the law. Then came along the dispensary law and the supreme court in the case of Hoover, in 1893, reversed the previous decisions of the supreme court and held that the instrument to which the great seal of the State and the signa-

ture of the presiding officers of the two houses and the governor was attached was the law. It is a sort of 'the king can do no wrong" doctrine and when the great seal is attached to an instrument right or wrong it must

able. stand.

The supreme court in the Hoover case said:

"Therefore, however unpleasant it may be to reverse pretting decisions of this court, still after full and mature consideration we feel it to be a duty we owe the State that the case of the State vs. Platt, supra, should be and is hereby overruled, and as the case of the State vs. Hagood, supra, was really decided upon the authority of Finit's case, it follows necessarily