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Camden, S. C.

The legislature met last Tuesday.
We give the Governor's message in
a supplement to-day.

The Hon. James Hemphill, one
of Chester's oldest and most
distinguished citizens, died suddenly
Sunday night. He was the father
of the Hon. John J. Hemphill.

Will We Have No Court?

The Supreme Court has pronounced
the jury law of this State uncon-
stitutional on account of there being
different laws for different counties
while the constitution provides that
there shall be uniform laws through-
out the State. Under existing con-
ditions it is possible that we may
have no jury cases at this term of
court unless counsel on both sides
agree for the case to go on.

Farmers' Day at the Exposition.

The Spring meeting of the State
Agricultural and Mechanical So-
ciety will be held in the Auditorium
on the Exposition Grounds,
Charleston, on the 5th day of Fe-
bruary next at 12 o'clock M. In
consequence of this meeting, this
day has been set aside by the Ex-
position authorities as "Farmers'
Day," and the general attendance
of the farmers of the State is ex-
pected.

In addition to the interest at-
taching to the meeting and the
Exposition, the Good Roads Con-
vention will convene in Charleston
on the 3rd and continue through
the 7th, February next, and those
attending the meetings of the So-
ciety can also take in the meetings
of the Good Roads Congress. This
will be quite an interesting con-
vention and well worth the at-
tendance of all farmers.

All members are urgently invited
to attend.

Don't Be Too Quick To Blame The Postmaster.

Don't blame the postmaster al-
ways if you fail to get the mail you
expect. There are many causes
which may prevent it reaching you
exactly on the minute you may
look for it. For instance:

Sometime early in the month of
December last year a very valuable
mail pouch was lost on the railroad
near Columbia. The pouch was
enroute from Charleston to the
north via the Columbia division of
the Southern and mysteriously dis-
appeared. It was a valuable pouch
and had a number of money letter
remittances in it. One day last
week a negro fisherman found the
pouch on the side of the road near
the canal locks. He turned it over
to the postoffice authorities, who,
after investigation, found that ev-
ery letter in the bag had been opened.
Those left in the pouch were
personal letters and utterly useless
to any one else except those to
whom they were directed.

Mail was received in Camden
this week which was recovered
from this pouch. So if you fail to
get the letter or paper you may be
looking for, don't be too quick to
blame the postmaster. As a rule
they do their work well, and the
marvel sometimes is that the mails
are handled with the dispatch and
accuracy that they are.

Items Over the State And Elsewhere.

Governor Aycock of North Carolina
has named February 25th for the
hanging of six white men for various
crimes.

Dr. T. J. Strait has leased 20 acres
of his fine granite lands in Cedar
Grove township near Lancaster, to
J. S. Wright, of Pennsylvania.

J. W. Durbin of North Carolina
the electric power house and the
station in Abbeville was
Age 15—grade 8.

the pumping station and will lose
about \$3,000. There was no insur-
ance.

The Yorkville correspondent of
the News and Courier says: "At
this time last year not less than
\$10,000 worth of mules and horses
had already been sold by the local
dealers. It is exceedingly doubtful
whether as much as \$1,000 worth
has been disposed of this year up to
the present time. Not a single horse
has been shipped here and it is pos-
sible that none will be."

The northbound S. C. & Ga. Ex-
tension passenger train narrowly es-
caped a serious wreck last Friday af-
ternoon. Shortly before the train
reached Heath Springs, the axle of
the rear truck of the tender broke.
The train was traveling at its usual
speed, and before it could be stopped
many castings were splintered.
The damage was repaired by substi-
tuting the truck of a freight engine
that happened to be near. At the
result of the accident the train ran
five hours late. Fortunately no one
was hurt.

On account of the almost total
failure of crops and high price of
feedstuff over 100 head of horses
and mule teams have been killed in
San Antonio, Texas, during the past
sixty days to prevent them from dy-
ing from starvation, their owners,
who are of the poorer class being
unable to buy feed for the animals.
There has been a drought in that section
for twelve months or more and there
is no present prospect for an
improvement.

COMPOSITIONS.

The old year that has just gone
has made many sad and many
wonderful changes.

The farmers have had so much
trouble with their crops and all
business men have had a hard time.

At the last of the year Queen
Victoria died and Edward VII
came to the throne. The doctors
think that Edward VII will enjoy
two years longer, on account of
a cancer at the root of his tongue.

A new standard Personus was
discovered and Amanuadis was cap-
tured by Justice.

Santos Diamond made a success-
ful aerial voyage around the city
of Paris and proved that a balloon
could be guided in the air.

A torpedo boat was so constructed
that it stayed at the bottom of
the ocean for fifteen hours. This
will be very useful in time of war.

McKinley's death was a very
great loss to the United States.
The Vice President, Roosevelt,
took his place as President.

A telegraph was constructed in
Germany, which can at the rate of
one hundred miles an hour at least.

The greatest invention of all
was that of the wireless telegraphy.
Age 15—grade 8.

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at heart. Our state Master Bro-
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