## PALMETTO HAPPENINGS TOLD IN BRIEFS

Occurrences of Interest Gleaned From All Sections of the Busy Palmette State

LAUREN'S TRAGEDY.

Officer Stone and Burglar's Fatal

Fight. Laurens, Special.—Few tragedies have so shocked the people of the the House; community as the result of a deadly Patrolman McDuffie Stone and W Frank Walker and an unknown burglar, whose outfit of tools indicates known yeggman lies dead at the city and navigable streams; station house and Patrolman Stone died at 6:30 Thursday afternoon. The story of the tragedy as learned from rived here at 2:15, as is their custom. Upon reaching the depot Mr. Stone walked down one side of the little meal sack in his hand, Mr. Stone accosted him and / inquired what he was doing.

"Well, where is your lantern?"

said Mr. Stone, "train hands don't walk around here in the dark." Thereupon Mr. Stone advanced in upon his shoulder, about to arrest congress from South Carolina." him, such being instructions relative to loafers at the depot. As soon as Stone's hand touched the stranger he whipped out his pistel, a .45 calibre, magazine, from inside his vest and began firing, emptying the charmber, five of the shots taking effect in the body of Stone, one in the bowels, three in the fleshy part of So close was the range that Stone did not have an opportunity to draw from this county, and a prominent so clinched his antagonist and together they fell to the ground.

They were so lying when Peliceman Walker crawled under from the other side of the train, the stranger struggling to loose himself. He was tel when Walker came upon him.

of course was a bluff to gain time, for Stone had never drawn his pistol. "I will surrender," said he. Walker. Pretending to hand the pis- small children, and the money that nred at Walker, who quickly drew

and sot the man to his death, four or five shots taking effect. In the sack which he held in his hand was a complete ; yeggman's outfit with nitroglycerine, dynamite, keys, wrenches, ctc. He had \$110.60 about him.

An Educated Pig.

Mr. J. B. Henderson, of Branchville, has a very fine milk cow that gives a great quantity of milk, and, of which he is very proud, says the Anderson Intelligencer. For the past few weeks this cow has not been giving the usual amount of milk, even when the feed was increased and the best of attention given she still failed to give any more milk. Suspicion was aroused by this and thinking that someone was visiting his barn yard in the peaceful and still hours of the of those Berkshire pigs in the same

Southern Fire Insolvent. Columbia, Special.-The only information that Commissioner Mc-

Master has been able to secure from the local school on the 21st inst. He the insurance department of Louisi- recommended an increase in the teachana in regard to the Southern Fire ing force and another teacher will be of New Orleans is that "Owing to added to the present faculty at once. the insolvency of the company the The contractors have begun work on same has been placed in the hands the new addition to the present school of a receiver." Insurance Commis- building and it is hoped that it will examining affairs of Southern Fire.

South Carolina News Notes: A snake at Mullins, S. C., swallowed half-dozen china eggs that had been placed in a hen's nest.

J. W. McCowen has been elected State Senator from Florence county secure from the eFderal revenue ofto succeed the late Senator Nathan

Deputy Sheriff Bruce, of Abeville county, shot Harrison Smith, colored, because the negro attacked him with

The annual convention of the Tri-State Medical Association will be bills. In the House a bill was introheld in Charleston February 16-17. duced making it unlawful to adver-

Carolinas and Virginia. News Items of General Interest. The business men of Marion, N. C.

have organized a joint stock company to build an up-to-date hotel.

President-elect Taft was entertained Saturday and Sunday at Charles-ton, where he went aboard the North Carolina bound for Panama. Governor Patterson, of Tennes

in his inaugural, expresses a sting from critics by inviting prosecutio or impeachment.

Forest Preservation.

Columbia, Special.—The following preamble and resolutions have been adopted by the Senate and sent to

"Whereas, an effort is being made encounter Wednesday night between by quite a number of the States to secure some legislation looking to the preservation of our natural forests that he was a safecracker. The un- and the protection of our water sheds

"And, whereas, there is now pending in the congress of the United States Mr. Walker and Mr. Stone is that in a measure to enable the United States the course of their nightly rounds the government to cooperate with the two policemen met the through States in this important matter, now freight from Spartanburg, which ar-

"Be it resolved by the senate of the State of South Carolina, the train of cars and Mr. Walker down house of representatives concurringthe other. Seeing a stranger with a "Section1. That we heartily indorse the effort now being made by our members of the congress to secure "I am a trainman," replied the this much needed and important legstranger. "I am going back to the islation and urge them to use all honorable means to obtain the favorable action of congress on same as soon as possible.

"Sec. 2. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the clerk of reach of the man and laid his hand the senate and to the members of

## Medal For Greenwood Man.

Greenwood, Special. - Greenwood county has probably the distinction of being the first county in the State to have one of its citizens receive recognition at the hands of the Carnegie hero fund commission. Through the leg and one in the lower lip, the efforts of Mr. W. H. Nicholson. now a member of the Legislature young attorney here, the attention of the commission was directed to the heroism of Mr. James B. Goldman, in saving the life of a vegro, Warren Finlay, at Waterloo, on June 29, 1907. The award of the commission is that almost free from the weakening hold Mr. Goldman is to get a silver medal of Stone and was reloading his pis- and the sum of a thousand dollars to be applied towards the purchase "Don't shoot," cried the stanger, of a farm or other such worthy pur-"I am already shot to pieces," which pose as may be approved by the executive committee. Mr. Goldman is a young white farmer, living near Capt. J. H. Brooks' place at Cam-"Give me your pistol then," said bridge. He has a wife and several tol to the policeman, the stranger he is to get will go a long way to-

Local Freight Passengers.

Columbia, Special,-A bill introluced in the Senate Thursday Senator Black provides for the requiring of railroad companies to accept passengers upon local freight trains. The bill provides:

"Section 1. That on and after the approval of this act every railroad company engaged in this State as a common carrier of passengers for hire shall be required to accept in its local freight trains passengers having only hand bagage and paying fare to points at which said local freight train is scheduled to stop."

Blacksburg News Notes.

Blacksburg, Special.-The Carolina time when men should sleep, and ap- Amusement company has pitched its propriating the milk to their use a tents here and promises a week of watch was made to find out the par- fun and amusement in the form of a ties. The one that was getting the street fair and carnival. The nevermilk from this fine stock was found, failing merry-go-round will be one of and who do yer suppose it was? One the principal attractions of the show.

At a recent meeting of city council lot had learned that this milk was the mayor was authorized to issue the best of food for himself and he \$15,000 municipal bonds in denomiwas peacefully making a meal on the nations of \$500 each, bearing intermilk that should have gone into the est not exceeding 6 per cent. annually and for a period of 20 years.

Another Teacher Added.

Branchville, Special .- Prof. W. H. Hand, high school inspector, visited sioner McGivney now in New Orleans be ready for occupancy within the next two months.

Tennessee's Cold Water Campaign. Nashville, Tenn., Special .- In the upper house of the Legislature a bill was introduced to require sheriffs to ficals a list of all persons to whom Federal liquor licenses have been is-Another bill was introduced sued. providing for a commission to assess the value of all property, the use of which, it is alleged, will be damaged by the State-wide prohibition The association is composed of the tise in any form intoxicants in this

Elevator Drope Ten Stories Injuring

New York, Special.-Three person were injured, two probably fatally. by the fall of a passenger elevator car in the Hecker-Jones-Jewell Milling Company's plant in this city Fri day night. Kate Conroy, 18, and Moses Levy, 19, received serious internal injuries and may die. Emma-Sweeney, 28, was less seriously hurt. WITH S. C. LAWMAKERS

Doings of Palmetto Lawmakers Told in Brief. Tuesday was a busy day in the Senate. Balloting for U. S. Senator

was part of the order. The follow ing were among the new bills offered Mr. Hough-To amend the law with reference to compensation and salaries of county officers.

Mr. Sullivan-To regulate the sale of paints and prescribe penalties.

Mr. Hardin-To empower the grand juries to employ expert accountants and to provide for their compensation.

Mr. Lide-To provide for an election to determine the State's policy with regard to regulating the sale of

Mr. Rogers-To prescribe attorneys' fees in foreclosure cases and to declare all contracts, mortgages and agreements in violation of the terms of this act null and void and to further provide for attorneys' fees in certain cases.

Mr. Clifton-To provide for the expense of conducting certain primary

Mr. Clifton-To allow the circuit judges of this State traveling ex-

Mr. Clifton-To allow certain widows above 45 years of age, to par ticipate in the pensions fund.

Mr. Crosson-To establish the office of State highway engineer, to define his duties, to fix his salary and to appropriate money to carry out the provisions of this net.

The House also cast its vote for E. D. Smith for U. S. Senator.

Without any debate the house passed to third reading Mr. Browning's bill prohibiting the fradulent use of the credit of corporations by the

The House had some extended debate on Mr. Ayer's education commission to similfy and harmonize the laws of the State. The bill provided for a commission of seven to report back to the next general assembly.

Without a word of dissent or discussion the House killed the Senate bill providing for a raise in salaries for State officials. The Senate bill providing for an

amendment to the constitution relating to municipal indebtedness was passed to third reading, it being necessary to call the roll on this . The amendment now becomes a law.

Mr. McMahan's bill amending the railroad incorporation law passed without debate.

Mr. Berg's marriage license bill was killed, although the author defended it vigorously.

In the Senate three unsuccessful votes were taken for Associate Justice of Supreme Court on Wednesday. Messrs. Thos. P. Cothran, of Greenville; D. E. Hydrick, of Spartanburg; Geo. W. Gage:, of Chester; John C. Sheppard, of Edgefield; R. C. Watts, third reading in the Senate Friday: of Cheraw, are candidates and a deadlock is not improbable. The following are some of the new bills

Mr. Mauldin-To prevent frauds by giving worthless checks, drafts and orders.

Mr. Mauldin-To empower the county boards of education and the several boards of trustees to estab-

lish kndergartens. Mr. Sinkler-To provide for submitting to an election the manner in which spirituous liquors and other beverages shall be sold or whether or

not they shall be sold in any county. Mr. Sinkler-To grant to the city council of Charleston all the right, title, interest and estate of the State of South Carolina in and to certain ands in the harbor of Charleston.

Mr. Otts-To ratify the amendment to section 7, article 8, of the constitution, relating to municipal bonded indebtedness.

Mr. Dick-To provide for the in vestigation of the State Hospital for the Insane. Mr. Hall-To provide an additional emedy in homestead proceedings.

In the House the following bills were introduced: Mr. Dixon-To require railroad companies in this State to file with the railroad commission a list of

passes issued by them. Mr. Williams-Prescribing a pen alty for any person practicing law without having been admitted and

sworn as an attorney. Mr. Sinkler-To devolve the duties with reference to the analysis and inspection of commercial fertilizers jointly upon the boards of trustees of Winthrop Normal and Industrial and Clemson colleges.

Mr. Todd-To make disordely conduct on passenger trains a misdemeanor. The following third reading bill

vere ordered sent to the Senate:

Mr. Browning-To prohibit the fradulent use of credit of corpora-Mr. Scarborough-To amend an ac entitled "An act to prescribe the punishment for assault with intent

Mr. Brice A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to limit the hours of labor in cotton and woolen mills."

The following bills were introduc

ed in the Senate Thursday:

Mr. Kelley-To provide for the relief of sureties upon the bonds of persons acting in a fiduciary capacity. Mr. Harvey-To authorize the governor to parole prisoners on condi-

Mr. Harvey-To require the proponents of new counties to pay the expenses of surveys, elections, etc. Mr. Black-To require railroad companies to accept passengers on local freight trains.

Mr. Sinkler-To protect the owners of bottles, boxes, syphons, tins or kegs used in the sale of soda waters, porter ale, beer, cider, gingerale, milk, small beer, larger beer, Weiss beer, white beer or other beverages or medicines, medicinal preparations, perfumery, oils, compounds or mixtures. Mi: Waller-To amend law conferring the power to condemn lands,

steams and water sheds and for sew-Mr. Mauldin-To amend the State insurance law by providing for part insurance in old line companies and egulating settlement of losses.

Mr. McKeithan-Proposing amend section 7, article 8, of the constitution relating to municipal bonded indebtedness. Mr. Johnston-To fix the time for

holding courts in the Eighth judicial circuit. Mr. Weston-To enlarge the pow ers and duties of the commissioner

of agriculture and immigration, to prescribe the duties of persons, firms and corporations subject to his supervision, to prescribe penalties for failures to perform the same. The Senate adjourned to Tuesday

evening. The following bills were offered in the House:

Mr. Vander Horst (by request) To require the drainage of phosphate mining excavations so as to better provide for the public health.

Mr. Brice-To prescribe the condiions upon which legal reseve life insurance companies may write in heir policies and certificates that heir legal reerve is secured by a deposit in the State in which they are chartered. Mr. Mars-To amend section 1214

of code of laws of South Carolina 1902, volume 1 (criminal code) by prohibiting the transfer of children to another without the consent of the board of trustees of receiving school. Mr. K. P. Smith-To fix the salary

of the mayor or intendant of any city or town heretofore or hereafter inorporated under the general laws of Mr. Carey-To provide for hearing

in which the State has an interest. Mr. Carey-To regulate the practice and procedure in appeals in ases in which the State is interested.

Charleston delegation-To submit question of dispensary or no dispensary to qualified eletors in any county in the State. Mr. Cosgroye (by request)-To auhorize cities having a population of

50,000 or more and located upon navigable streams to condemn private property for the purpose of extending, improving or protecting their

The following bills passed their

Mr. Weston-To declare the wulful or wanton burning of any building which is insured a felony, and to provide punishment therefor.

Mr. Bates-To amend section 2940 of the code, relating to the empaneling of jurors. With amendments. Mr. Earle-Relating to the polluion of water courses.

Mr. Clifton-To further define and extend the liability of telegraph companies in cases of mental anguish or Mr. Walker-To amend the law to

provide for the issuing of bonds in public school districts in South Car-Mr. Mauldin offered a bill to make

t unlawful to pay dividends on stock in any corporation unless the same are actually earned on the capital stock of such company, and for any officer of such company to make any false statement in regard to such

Mr. Muckenfuss-To amend the lien law so as to require persons makng advances to furnish itemized statements.

Mr. Mauldin-Relating to pensions. Senator Mauldin's bill as to stock companies provides that in the cases cited above there shall be "unishment by a fine of not less than \$100 or imrisonment for not less than 30 days.

Mr. Muckenfuss' lien law bill proides this addition: "That it shall be the duty of the person making such advances to make out and deliver to the person for whom the advances are made at the time the advances are nade a true and correct itemized statement, and showing, if money, the amount of principal and interest charged, and if supplies the amount, kind and prices charged for such supplies."

Mr. Mauldin's pension bill provides that all Confederate soldiers and sail ors, being 64 years of age, who par-ticipated in the War Between the Sections for a period of 12 months, or nonorably discharged therefrom, on account of wounds received or infirmity, shall be entitled to participate in the pension fund provided by the State for Confederate soldiers and

The Senate then adjourned unti Monday. Among bills of lesser importance the House passed the Richards' bill

sailors.

for repeal of the lien law by vote of S5 to 35.

It met at night to pass uncontested bills to third reading. Adjourned until Tuesday.

Among the new bills offered during be day were there:

Mr. Fultz-To amend an act relating to pensions. Messrs, Utsey and Gasque To pro

vide for the taxation of timber.

Mr. Dixon—To enforce the liability of express or transfer companies in this State for damages arising from carclessness or neglect in transporta on and deliver, of goods in their

Mr. K. P. Smith-Prohibiting the sale of eigarettes or eigarette paper in this State.

Mr. Todd-To protect the owners of bottles, boxes, siphons, tins or kegs, used in the sale of soda waters, mineral or acrated water, porter, ale, beer, eider, gingerale, milk, cream, small beer lager, Wales beer, white beer, or other beverages or medicines, medicinal preparations, perfumery, als, compounds or mixtures.

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INCOME TAXES FOR PAST YEAR

Have Never Had Resident With Income of Over \$2,500 Some Fig. ures Given.

Columbia, Special. - Comptroller General Jones has issued his annual report on the income taxes received for 1908. The report shows the total amount received by the State since the law went into effect in 1898. The aw provides a graduated scale for all incomes over \$2,500 per annum and some of the coutnies show large and some very small incomes. For instance, the county of Barnwell has not a single person with an income over \$2,500 annually. Barnwell has never had a person with an income over this amount, according to the official returns. The same applies to Colleton and Edgefield, Hampton, Lee, Pickens and Saluda. It is rumored, however, that there are resitents of the above named counties that earn more than \$2,500 per year and members of the general assembly said the other day they believed the

could name several who were liable The report also shows that the ounties of Abbeville, Anderson, Bamberg, Barnwell, Dorchester, Fairield, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, Marion, Oconce, Union and Williams burg paid no taxes from 1898 to 1906. in the court of common pleas of cases Charleston paid for three years and then quit until 1906.

Statement by Counties.

The total amount of taxes paid or incomes for 1908 and the total amount of taxes received since the law went into effect are given below: Counties.

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Georgetown	298.02	1,053.30	1
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Treenwood	21.05		6
Greenwood Hampton		192.84	1
nampton		85.32	
Horry		85.32	1
Cersnaw	114.83	340.17	1
ancaster	58.27	995.39	2
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ee		180.00	1
Dexington	57.50	180.00	
Marion	36.25	217.25	d
Marlboro	35.00	481.81	8
Newberry	205.91	419.11	7
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Totals .. ....\$8,554.88 \$49,929.10 In the preliminary remarks the

omptroller general says: "The income tax law, which makes all incomes over \$2,500 liable to taxation, has been held constitutional in a decision on the circuit by Judge R. C. Watts. This law has never been generally enforced. A determined effort was made by this office through instructions to county auditors in 1906-that being the reassessment vear for real estate-to exert great diligence in enforcing it, but the results have been far from satisfactory. As stated in my report of 1907, it is evident that only a small class of conscientious people are paying this tax and others who are liable, and in all probability better able to pay, are escaping and evading its payment.

Declares the Philadelphia Inquirer: Altogether too much time has been wasted. We have been building railroads and neglecting the waterways and American shipping. Now we can and should turn our attention to these other tramendous problems that are of such vast importance to the entire TAFT PLEASED W TH PROGRESS

After a Thorough Examination of the Plans For the Gatun Lock and Dam the Expert Engineers Pronounce Them Satisfactory.

Culebra, Panama, By Cable.-William H. Taft and the engineers accompanying him reached here from Panama Monday in a special train and made a detailed examination of the 14 miles of the Culebra cut. The fact that the existing plans for the lock and dam 2 Gatun are satisfactory to the visiting engineers has created a local feeling of optimism and the fears of delay in the completion of the work have been re-

Mr. Taft expected that the view of the engineers regarding the situ ation at Gatun would be favorable and their findings consequently did not come as a surprise to him.

Mr. Tuft and the engineers are very much gratified at the extent of the work accomplished at Culebra.

The Commissary Matter. Mr. Taft called upon ex-President Amador, who is ill. Ex-President Amador and President Abaldia have not been on friendly terms for a long time because of political differences Mr. Taft wishes to make it plain that his cordiality is toward Panama as a whole and not toward one or another political faction, and he has endeav ored during his stay here to treat al men and all parties in the same cordist manner.

. Both sides of the controvers which has arisen through the com missary system will be given a hearing, but he will make no recommendation with regard to the treaty, which refers the question to arbitration Without doubt the commissary wil continue, although so called luxuries will be eliminated. Mr. Taft has expressed full confidence in the judg ment of Secretary Root in this

Prior to the visit of Mr. Taft and the board of engineers to the Cule bra cut Monday, all dynamite was re mover from the workings so that pos sibility of accident to the President elect might be avoided. Although not speaking for publication, the en gineers do not conceal their satisfaction at the feasibility of the Gatun dam. Chief of engineers, Lieut, Col Goethals, and the army engineers engaged in the construction work, are much gratified at the results of the investigation of the special engineers. Colonel Goethals said that naval vessels would sail through the lock canal by January 1st, .1915.

## WAR ON OPIUM

International Opium Commission in

Session at Shanghai. Shanghai, China, By Cable.-With influential delegates from several nations in atendance, the meeting of the International Opium Commission was opened Monday. The object of the conference is to stamp out the opium traffic in China and eventually throughout the world. For years a determined crusade against apium has been carried on by the Chinese and with the co-operation of England and the United States it is believed that it can be rendered effective and the people of the empire rescued from the greatest curse that has ever affi-

icted the country. One of the most serious difficulties that confronts the anti-opium erusaders is the fact that the British government of India derives a large part of its revenue from the sale of opium as a State monopoly. About \$25,000,000 a year is the amount received by the Crown from the degradation of the Chinese through their addiction to the product of the

'slumberous poppy.'! For years British reformers have demanded that the production and sale of opium be prohibited in India. The British commissioners to the conferenge opened Monday are empow ered to promise that if China can give satisfactory assurance that the cultivation and sale of cplum will be prohibited in China, India will follow suit. According to the statements of Chinese commissioners, such an arrangement is likely to be made, and the traffic which has been called "the shame of Great Britain" and "the curse of China" is likely to be abol-

North American Conservation Confer-

ence on February 18th. Washington, Special. - Now that the Canadian and Mexican governments have both formally accepted President Roosevelt's invitation send delegates to a North American conservation conference here the final arrangements are being rapidly put into shape. The conference will be held probably in the State Department and will begin on the morning of Thursday, February 18th. From present indications, the sessions will continue about three days.

Dog Fight Causes a Bloody Battle. Huntsville, Ala., Special.-Steve Bridges and Alex Locke, brothers-inlaw, and well-known farmers, engaged in a bloody fight near Jeff, Ala., Monday. Locke was chopped in the back with an axe and will die before night. Bridges telephoned that he by the advance at the Lundon and surrender. The sales, difficulty arose over a dog fight,

## CUBAN REPUBLIC STARTED AGAIN

Major-General Gomez Inaugu-

rated as the New President. U. S. GOVERNOR MAGOON LEAVES

At Havana, Amid Great Enthusiasm and With Simple Ceremony, Cuban Independence Was De-

Hayana, Cuba, - Major-General Jose Miguel Comez was inaugurated President of the regioned Cuban Republic, and within an hour after he had taken the solemn oath of office, administered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the American officials who had been in control of affairs since the autumn of 1906 had

departed from the island. The American Provisional Covernor, Charles E. Magoon, who escorted General Comez to the palace and there turned over to him the rains of government, sailed on the battleship Maine. The Maine was followed out of the harbor by the battleship Mississippi and the army transport McClellan. An immense crowd gathered along the sea valls to witness the spectacle, and a swarm of yachts, tugs and small boats accompanie? the

ships to the open sea.
The departure of Governor Magoon and the military officers, who served as advizers during the period of intervention, leaves about 3009 American troops still on the island, under command of Major-General Thomas L. These will be returned to the

United States.
Cuba begins her new period of independence under conditions which. seem propitious. It is believed that the people will realize their opportunity and endeavor to make their second attempt at self-government a lasting success. The island is prosperous and the revenues are increas-

ing steadily Inauguration day was brilliant with sunshine and intensely warm, Crowds hegan gethering in front of the palace in the carly forenoon. All the ships in the harber, including the American hattleships, put on gala attire of flags and pennants and bits of signal bunting. The day marked the anniversary of the birth of Jose Marti, called "the apostle of Cuban Hberty," and the ceremonics began at 9 o'clock in the morning with the placing of a wreath on the memorial tablet on the house where he was

At 11 o'clock Alfredo Zayas was inducted into office as Vice-President of the Republic in the Senate chamber, this ceremony being brief and simple. It was just after noon ween General Gomez stepped out on the palace the second hoor, accompanied by Governor Magoon and the Supreme Court Justices. The crowd cheered heartily, and then there was silence as the Chief Justice read the oath of office, and General Gomez in a voice hardly audible to the throng below pledged himself faithfully to

hold and defend the laws and the constitution.

The new President made a speech of a few words from the balcony, and then, as the crowd cheered again, returned into the palace, where Governor Magoon read his final official address and the commission from Washington, D. C., authorizing him to turn over the island affairs to President Gomez and the new Congress, General Comez read his reply in

Spanish. Governor Magoon's speech was in the form of a letter addressed to the President and Congress of the Republie of Cuba. After stating that by direction of the President of the United States he relinquished to President Gomez the power and authority which had been held and exercised by him, Governor Magoon declared the provisional administration at an

ernment and the people of the United States and himself, as retiring Pro-visional Governor, extended heartiest felicitations and good wishes for the success of the new administration.

President Gomez, in accepting the letter from Governor Magoon, said in "We receive from you the governe ment of Cuba which you turn over to us in compliance with the instructions

of the President of the United States,

The constitution shall be upheld in all

In closing Governor Magoon, on be-half of President Roosevelt, the Gov-

its integrity, because our chief con-cern will be to preserve it inviolate. We shall faithfully adhero to the treaty between the United States and Telegrams of congratulation from President Roosevelt, President-elect Tatt and Secretary Wright were read in Spanish to the throng, and while congratulations were being extended

goon hurried away.

to President Gomez, Governor Ma-

5000 CATS ARE SENT TO JAPAN. Rat Extermination Planned to Fight

the Plague. Washington, D. C .- Five thousand cats, whose sole mission in life, or rather in their nine lives, henceforth is to serve as rat destroyers in fair Japan, have been shipped from Chicago. The purpose of this curious feline invasion is to aid in fighting the plague, which is spread by

Implements and Seeds Active.
Preparations for spring are evident
In improved demand West and South
for fertilizers, seeds, agricultural implements and kindred lines.

Less Butter Stored. The amount of butter in storage New York City is less than balt th on hand at the same time last year.