Hon. T. E. Watson Makes Reply Hon. Grover Cleveland.

MAKES OUT A VERY CLEAR CASE.

Says He Made His Charges Statements Made in a Book Written by Fred Douglass Nine Years Ago.

Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, has received the following letter from Grover Cleveland, blistering Thomas Cleveland's attitude on the negro ques-

PRINCETON, March 4, 1904. To Hon. Chas. L. Bartlett, Washing-

ton, D. C. My Dear Mr. Bartlett-I have received a number of inquiries similar Thomas E. Watson believed, or had as social equals. absolutely false. I cannot afford to so far as I know. devote a great deal of time to denyon my heels, dined, lunched or supped land. colored schools in New York city. I ever I did was in favor of maintain- the same ground a second time. ing separate colored schools instead of having them mixed.

Yours very truly, GROVER CLEVELAND. (Signed)

WATSON IN REPLY.

The following letter from Hon. Thos. E. Watson in reply to the above terest:

THOMSON, Ga., April 5. To the Editor of the Augusta Chroni-

SIR: In your issue of yesterday you publish a letter written by Mr. Cleve-

This letter is dated March 4th Just why it was kept from the press for an entire month, is not stated.

were true when they were made. The intimation that I would wilfully charge upon him things which I. knew to be false, does both himself and me an injustice.

To publicly make against a man so accusations which were known to be so manly a manner? slanders are never published over the aimed at? signature of the man who makes them, unless the author is a fool as

When Grover Cleveland assistings that I am either a knave or a fool he gentleman to whom he addressed his letter would tell him quickly enough my act, or any such imputation cast upon my character, would be repudiated by both the Democratic senators from Georgia, and by at least a majority of the Democratic delegation from this state to the lower house.

A Republican member of congress, to offset Mr. Roosevelt's treatment of self and "Mrs. Douglass." Booker, had alleged that Mr. Cleveland dined C. H. J. Taylor at the must have been! And what a sly white house. Mr. Cleveland denied greath of victorious insolence there in one year the places of many pay the statement; and his card, when must have been in the negro's eyes as to despondency because of inability to the records of the census bureau and which the cotton grown by our farm-students would be taken up. It is

In an article which was published in the Atlanta News, I pointed out his countenance in those blissful that Mr. Cleveland had confined his hours when he and "Mrs. Douglass" denial to the negro Taylor, and that were being treated just as "the other the head lines went further than the gentlemen and ladies" were treated in letter—as is often the case. Furthermore, I added that Mr.

Cleveland had practiced social equality in three particulars:

schools in New York. wife to his wedding reception at the vitations with his own hand."

charges made?

Necessarily, they were based upon paper reports which were not con-tradicted. How else is a citizen to and social position of a man."

land made a private and almost did not, where were his eyes? If he secret sale of United States bonds to did see them, why did not be deny . Pierpont Morgan, and by this them then? private deal made it possible for the varacious Wall street financiers to pocket about ten million dollars of the money of the tax-payers of this

I was not there; yet I know it happened, because the newspapers made such a row about it that Cleveland was afraid to sell any more bonds that

In like manner, I believed he signed papers, and he never denied it at the

As to the White House reception, E. Watson for his charges concerning I had precisely the same grounds for belief that the public had in the case of Booker Washington. It was so charged; and no denial was made. It has not only been charged in The point is this: Did Feed Doug

newspapers, but appeared in book

to yours touching my invitation of Life and Times of Frederick Douglass." He, a negro Republican, was praising should nature the trees would be un-Fred Douglas to a wedding reception The author was Douglass himself. In a white Democrat for conduct which and signing, while governor of New this book Douglass glorifies Mr. the black man considered heroic. He York, of a bill providing for mixed Cleveland for the reason that Cleve- did not mean to injure Cleveland or to of his weekly bulletins as to the grow-

any reason to believe, either of the This book was published in 1895 praise upon him; he was throwing bouallegations when he made them. At near where Mr. Cleveland lives, and quets at him; he was singling him out any rate, they are both utterly and nobody has challenged its statements as the brave, manly Democrat who

ing such foolish tales. I shall, there- Mr. Cleveland. The Democratic presi- same treatment which was accorded fore, attempt to cover every phase of dent had, for a considerable time, al- him in Europe "where color does not the subject now for all. It so hap- lowed the Republican negro to con- decide the social position of a man. pens that I have never in my official tinue to hold one of the fattest offices For nine years this book has been positions, either when sleeping or in Woshington City. But it was not in circulation. For nine years Clevewaking, alive or dead, on my head or for this that Douglass loved Cleve- land has been enjoying the credit for

or invited to a wedding reception any . What won the heart of the negro said of him. Doubtless there are thoucolored man, woman or child. If, was the fact that at a critical time sands of people who have thrilled with however, I had desired to do any of when both whites and blacks were admiration as they read of the manner these things, neither the fear of Mr. | condemning Douglass for his marriage | in which Mr. Cleveland defied the ma-Watson or any one else would have with a white woman, Mr. Cleveland lignant race prejudice of the South prevented me. When I was governor was brave enough to defy public wrote invitations with his own hand of New York a movement was made opinion and to extend social recogni- to "Mr. and Mrs. Douglass," accorded in the legislature to abolish seperate tion to the negro and his white wife. | them the treatment due in one's house opposed this measure and it failed. I book were published last Saturday in ly conformed to that European standdo not find that I interposed a veto the Atlanta News, but as Mr. Cleve- ard which disregards color in fixing and I have forgotten the course the land's letter was written a month ago, social status. matter took, but I know that what it becomes necessary for me to go over

Douglass says that his "false friends"

married a white woman.
"Popular prejudice" among the is hot stuff and will be read with in in spite of all the clamor about the question at issue is: Did Mr. Cleveland special attentions.

What these attentions were he, procceds to state.

that Mr. Cleveland showed to himself my statement stands proved without and weather permitting, will make if they choose me as their congress Mr. Cleveland says that he does not and "Mrs. Douglass" a bearing "not reference to any particular reception. suppose that I believed, or had any less cordial and courteous than that If Mr. Cleveland will condescend to reason to believe, that my charges extended to the other ladies and read pages 646, 647 and 648 of the gentlemen present."

Cleveland a "manly defiance by a will clear up the atmosphere consider-Democratic president of the malignant ably. and time-honored prejudice."

What was the malignant prejudice prominent as Mr. Cleveland serious which Mr. Cleveland was defying in time, Fred Douglass was a power in

he knows to be falsehoods; but such was Cleveland's "manly defiance"

Again, to show more clearly how knows me to agree with him. The Cleveland was extended while he was statesman." How have the mighty that any such construction put upon try, and by diplomatic representatives ger," who never was invited anywhere the gaze of the late slaveholders."

book Fred Douglass meant to give Old Fred will turn over in his the department of commerce and la which could not be secured by State People of the state in which my life defying malignant prejudice on the Democratic president whom he so has been passed do not endorse my social equality question, and for much lauded for his manly defiance of more frequently than, what is the in- and of this Republic. I favor Nationpolitics, but they do not doubt the treating himself and "Mrs. Doug-bonesty of my convictions nor the lass" as social equals in the presence damned nigger" fever, and shows a bureau is seeking an answer to this and for textile schools to be erected purity of my character; and Mr. Cleve- of the representatives of the white rising pulse every time we take his inquiry. It is undertaking to secure and maintained by State and National

which raged around the Booker WashInstern incident.

Wite Charley Barlett another "head concerning every person delivered or heels" letter, while we wait.

I favor maintaining a strong navy or heels" letter, while we wait. in silence the social triumph of him-

Oh, how full the cup of Fred's joy white house. Mr. Cleveland denied gleam of victorious insolence there

and I have no doubt it was shown on the white house.

Heaping up his gratitude and his praise, the negro goes on to say (page 648) that the Democrats of the South 1. In appointing a negro to be min- flercely and bitterly reproached Mr. ister to one of the South American re- Cleveland for his social recognition of Douglass and wife, but that he (Cleve-2. By signing the bill for mixed land) "never faltered or flinched," and continued to invite Mrs. Douglass 3. By inviting Fred Douglass and and myself" and "often wrote the in-

Then, to show conclusively what Upon what grounds were these Douglass understood by Cleveland's conduct, he adds:

Amon current and contemporaneous news- like this will excite no comment. Triends in Europe a fact

have knowledge of public affairs? The Now I ask all impartial, intelligent newspapers are the source of our in- men if these extracts from Douglass!

Douglass was alive then. Proofs were easily accessible then. The Southern negro was still a political

Why, oh why, did not Mr. Cleveland say then that never on his head or his heels had he extended to any negro that boon of "social equality" the bill for mixed schools in New York | which such negroes as Fred Douglass because it was so charged in the news- crave and which is denied them by a 'malignant and time-honored preju-

> Some rather peculiar pictures pass through my mind as I try to fancy what Mr. Cleveland means by standing on his head, but, as the preachers say. "I must not dwell."

lass tell lies on Cleveland in that book?

He had no motive for doing so. The book to which I refer is "The He evidently did not intend to do so? schools. I do not suppose that Mr. land treated him and "Mrs. Douglass" misrepresent him. He was eulogizing ing crop. This one, under date of that gentleman; he was showering April 5th, says: defined the Southern race prejudice, Douglass was an ardent admirer of and who gave to him, the negro, the

> all the good things his negro admirer Some extracts from the Douglass to all ladies and gentlemen, and bold-

And now after nine years-after Douglass has died, and after the Southern negro has been disfranchisof both colors were loading him with ed, cometh the said Grover Cleveland reproaches because he had recently and declares that he is not the hero Fred Douglass said he was.

Is there any sence in splitting hairs ground. blacks as well as the whites had been about wedding receptions, and other aroused by this act of miscegenation, social receptions, or other social-equal-But Fred says that Mr. Cleveland, ity practices? None whatever. The white wife, singled him, out for invite and receive Douglass and wife upon terms of social equality? That

failed to invite him and his wife to all tions with his own hand, and that he of the grand receptions; and Douglass treated the negro and wife at all the says that "myself and my wife never white house receptions as social failed to attend them." equals, defying the predjudice and the

book referred to, and will then specify Douglass call this conduct of Mr. to what extent the author lied, he Poor old Fred! What a lesson

here, my brethren. In his day and the land. White politicians courted Obviously, undeniably, Douglass his support. The highest leaders in knave who was at the same_time a meant to give Mr. Cleveland, praise the land made much of him. President fool. A slanderer who is simply a for defying popular prejudice or the Grant petted him; Garfield petted knave may whisper falsehoods which subject of social equality. What else him; Harrison petted him; and Cleveland but that's another story. Poor old Fred! He is dead now

Pretty much everybody who wants to Douglass understood the true meaning kick him can come up and do it. Once of Mr. Cleveland's conduct, the negro upon a time his voice, along the line goes on to say that the cordial and of battle, "were worth a thousand courteous treatment accorded him and men." In those days, he was a "dis-'Mrs. Douglass" by Mr. and Mrs. tinguished colored gentleman and 'surrounded' by distinguished men slipped down hill! At present, he seems and women from all parts of the coun- to be nothing more than "a d-d nigfrom all parts of the world, and under by anybody, whether on their heels or on their heads, drunk or sober; and if Now, if there ever was anything ever he got into the white house at all

Mr. Cleveland credit and praise for grave when he learns that the great bor:

THOS E. WATSON.

Six End Their Lives.

In New York an unusual number

reading a letter, and the oldest, Jacob dition as to the number of crimes com- Senator. Reiham, 65, of Manhattan, who had mitted within their state boundaries. been ill with rheumatism. His body was found hanging in his lodgings. The body of another suicide, a wo-

Bender, a crayon artist, gas.

A Queer Notion. newspapers are the source of our information; and if a public man allows the newspapers to make gneral and repeated statements about his conduct, he must expect such statements by treating him and his to be eredited, unless denied.

How do I know that Mr. Roosevelt direct manufacture of the name of common sense does it direct manufacture.

Mr. C. M. Strader, a Kentuckian, before dying in Philadelphia the other day, dictated a will requiring his body to be cremated, the ashes taken to Louisville and "scattered on the waves of the beautiful Ohio." He under fourteen years of age. Though the name of common sense does it the arms described in the name of common sense does it the arms described in the source of our information; and if a public man allows book do not prove that he undertood day, dictated a will requiring his body to be cremated, the ashes taken to Louisville and "scattered on the waves of the beautiful Ohio." He concluded: "When this is done, if the name of common sense does it the arms described in the name of common sense does it the arms described in the name of common sense does it the name

LAST WEEK'S FROSTS.

Gardens Were Affected Curiously Plants Being Killed in Spots.

There was a frost of freakish varienever have been promiscuously given to him, had not been taken from him, of the meether and Mr. J. W. Bauer, section director then. say just what damage has been done. of South Carolina.

No stronger token of honor, esteem

> Bauer's observation the frost seemed to attack the young vegetables withbe learned Tuesday, but as the frost was not altogether destructive here, it is hoped that the peach crop is not hurt—and indeed a slight pruning ciples of the Democratic party.
>
> T. G. CROFT. would not be harmful as there is such an abundance of blooms that if all able to bear the load.

Mr. Bauer last week issued the first

The week ending 8 a. m., April 4th, had nearly normal temperature, having been cooler than usual during the first and warmer than usual durparts, but aside from causing some corn that was up to yellow slightly, no injury resulted. The week closed with abnormally cold weather prevailing, and frost threatening the interior

'There was practically no precipitation during the week. On March 26 27th the rainfall was general over the State, and was excessive in places, greatly delaying farm work. Unbroken lands are becoming hard in the northern counties, but generally the soil is in fine condition for tillage.

"The preparation of lands is reported to be somewhat backward in a few western counties, but is generally normally advanced, and made rapid progress during the last week, especially the preparation of lands for cotton, and the placing of fertilizers in the

"From one-half to three-fourths of the proposed acreage to be planted to corn has already been planted in the eastern sections, the percentage decreasing toward the northwestern least one simon pure farmer represencounties, where this work has only tative in congress?

equals, defying the predjudice and the ed, but this work cannot be said to be generally under way, although, soil rapid progress during the coming week man, I will serve them faithfully and in all parts of the State.

"Rice planting has progressed favorably in the Georgetown district and was impeded with heavy rains and a freshet in the rivers in the Colleton district, where, previous to March 26th, a considerable area had already been sown.

Tobacco plants are small in the beds, but look healthy and vigorous; none have as yet been transplanted. but have improved, except that oats have thin stands in places. Spring-

'Peach trees have about finished blooming in the eastern sections, and counties. Apple trees are late in blooming. The prospects for all kinds of fruit are excellent. Cabbage, beets, peas and strawberries are being shipped from the coast truck farms, Pasturage is scant and does not afford grazing in

Criminal Statistics.

purity of my character; and Mr. Cleveland will not strengthen himself in this state by reflecting upon either.

Now let us see what Mr. Cleveland's letter amounts to, as a reply to my charges.

I will make further investigation about the New York school law; but the finest of fabrics which sell for the finest of fabrics which sell for the highest prices, thereby giving the late slave-owners." In other the late slave-owners." In other the late slave-owners." In other the late slave-owners. In other the late slave-owners. In other the late slave-owners, in effect, that the late slave-owners, in effect, that the late slave-owners are lated by state and Mr. Cleveland in connection with cotton manual aid in connection with cotton manual facturing, that all our people may be deducated and trained to manufacturer the finest of fabrics which sell for the state superingular that it was done "under the gaze of the late slave-owners." In other the manufacturer that it was done "under the gaze of the late slave-owners." In other the manufacturer that it was done "under the gaze of the late slave-owners." In other the manufacturer that it was done "under the gaze of the late slave-owners." In other the manufacturer the finest of fabrics which sell for the state superingular that it was done "under the gaze of the late slave-owners." In other the manufacturer that it was done "under the world." The wardens of the late slave-owners." In other the manufacturer the finest of the board of the tentiaries and other prisons during the first of the wardens of the sentenced to the various jalls, peni-facturing, that all our people may be educated and trained to the various jalls, peni-facturing, that all our people may be deucated and trained to the finest of fabrics which sell for the finest of fabrics which sell for the state and other prisons during the finest of a prison of the facturing that the late all our people may be deucated and trained to the facturing, that all our people may be deucated and trained to the facturing that of suicides, at least half of them due possibly neglected the matter. But use of cotton goods. It is the field into in one year the places of many pay

the statement; and his card, when published, was headlined in such a way as to carry the impression that he had never practiced social equality at the white house.

The whole of the census bureau and bureau an troubles, one chose death by shooting, any county to block this most imporI was elected Senator from Barnwell free scholarships but the full number I was elected Senator from Barnwell of beneficiaries do not come to the another by hanging and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the complished his purpose by turning on the country to block this most important and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there should be recognized and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there are considered and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there are considered and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there are considered and the sixth accomplished his purpose by turning on the country there are considered and the country there are considered the gas.

The most youthful suicide was Eva

Pocker, a 17-year-old Brooklyn school
girl, who drank carbolic acid after
the people their actual contents with this request. Such statistics are Barnwell territory. Being in the territory thus cut off I resigned my seat ritory thus cut off I resigned my seat are of much importance in showard and was elected Senator from Bamberg County and at the expiration of my taken up in 1904 and some in 1905.

The attorney general has not yet contents the county and at the expiration of my taken up in 1904 and some in 1905.

The Jews Crucified.

Additional private advices from body said the woman was so deeply in debt that she saw no hope.

The other suicides reported were: in their hands and feet and placed James Finney, fireman, who lost his work through drink; Samuel Levy, no authorities took energetic measures.

If elected to represent you, I will be the samuel Levy, no authorities took energetic measures. work through drink; Samuel Levy, no authorities took energetic measures bring to bear all the powers I possess, work, carbolic acid; Egisto Bertone, to crush the outbreak. The Bulgar-trained by years of experience in the stone cutter. shooting, no work; J. ian government suppressed the news senate, for the best interests of this and is trying to prevent antagonizing the Jewish financiers who frequently handle Bulgarian loans.

A Good Law.

District and our State.

I solicit your support and hope to meet you in the near future face to face and from the stump fully present these and other views to the electors of this

there. I did not see it. I have not spoken to any one who did see it. But the newspapers made the charge, and the newspapers made the charge of the law, as has usually been the l

T. G. Croft for Congress

To my fellow citizens of the Second ongressional District:

I have read with pride and gratitude most-profound the numerously signed petitions asking me to become a candidate for Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of my reverend father, the Hon. George W. Croft, from the Second Congressional District

Tuis all depends upon the amount of moisture. Plants surrounded by dry soil were not affected as seriously as where there was dampness.

In gardens which came under Mr.

No stronger token of nonor, estern and reverence for the memory of your departed representative can be given.

While reluctant to do so, yet having faith in those who signed the petitions and in the citizens of the District at and in the citizens of whom were his large, a majority of whom were his friends, I have decided to make the to attack the young vegetables without any regularity. One plant appeared to be killed while those around it
were unhurt. No news from the
peach crop in the ridge section could
be learned Tuesday, but as the frost
be learned Tuesday, but as the frost
be richeds, I have decided to make the
race, and hereby announce myself a
candidate for Congress from the See
ond Congressional District, to fill the
unexpired term only, subject to the result of the primary election. And I
hereby pledge myself to abide by and support the nominee in such election

L. J. Williams for Congress

To the Democratic voters of the Second Congressional District: An all-wise Providence has deprived you of your direct representation in the lower house of congress, through the death of Hon. Geo. W. Croft, con-gressman from the Second South Caro-lina District. This sad loss of an able public servant creates a vacancy in a position for which it has been my an-nounced intention to be a candidate in ing the second half. There were light the regular primary this summer; and trosts over the eastern portions on so makes it necessary for me to seek March 29th, increasing in severity to your suffrages earlier than would killing, with thin fce, in the western otherwise have been the case, for the unexpired term.

I am a candidate for the high honor of representing the Second South Car-olina District in Congress and ask your support.

I am a Democrat and give full allegiance to Democratic principles. Above all, I am a white supremacy Democrat, and believe absolutely in the rule of this country by the white men, a rule so shaped as to bring the greatest good to the greatest number.
I go to the very fullest length in opposition to anything that savors of race; political or social equality. These are beliefs which I hold should be advocated at Washington as well as enter-

I am eternally against trusts and the monopolies they build and foster, and pledge my most earnest efforts, if elected, to work for relief of the people therefrom

South Carolina is now well repre ented in the national house of repre sentatives by professional men. I would not appeal to class predjudice, but I do ask: ought not the farmers of South Carolina, who are a majority of the State's white voters, to have at

is the pith and marrow of the dispute. been begun. Corn planted early in I have been honored by the people of March is, with few exceptions, up to Edgefield county by election to repre-What these attentions were he, pro
If it be true, as Douglass says, that
He says that Mr. Cleveland never Mr. Cleveland often wrote the invitafair stands, and some has received by the people of South Carolina,
first cultivation. Democrats of the Second District that to the full extent of my ability. I hope to have the opportunity of meeting the Democratic voters of our district face to face, to fully state from 6.

the stump my position on all public questions, which cannot be done in the limits of a newspaper article.
L. J. WILLIAMS.

S. G. Mayfield for Congress. To the Electors of the Second Con-"God's finger has touched" our dis-tinguished fellow citizen and Congressman, Col. George Croft, "and he sleeps." You are now, therefore, without representation in the lower house of Congress. I aspire to the va-cancy caused oy his death and solicit ly filled by Aiken's distinguished son. When our I am a Democrat, and acknowlege

Trusts and monopolies are undemo- Habit, cratic; are hurtful to the trade; roba free people of their just profits; and the western counties. There is wide-spread complaints of a scarcity of farm ed against them and am unalterably opposed to them and will work not We have received the following destroy them; and thus through Na-

I favor industrial development, of "Few social questions are asked the individual, the County, the State,

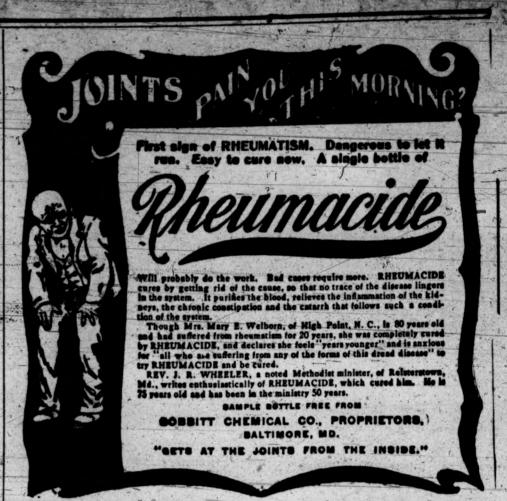
not been heard from. In some, per-the interests of her citizens under our time, especially as they would prob-treaty laws. I believe that the South time, especially as they would probhaps, there are no jails; in others, is especially interested in the awakenperhaps, the local jails are no longer ing and development of the Orient give them \$100 each year and tuition. used; in still others the sheriff have for to them we must look for increased. If 124 free scholars entered Clemson

term was re-elected and am now her The attorney general has not yet con-

For these twelve years I have stood for the welfare of all the people of our State and especially for the agricultuman, who had ended her life at least Lompalanka, Bulgaria, where the pends the development of the country two weeks ago by inhaling chloroform, anti-Semite riots were reported Wed- -it is the commercial blood of the was found in a house on east Thirty, nesday, state that the mob inflicted body politic, sap it, weaken it, withfifth street. A note found with the injuries on the victims resembling draw it and general disaster follows.

District. Respectfully, S. G. Mayfield.

Overcome By Gas. Oscar Severson, Edward Hammond They were overcome with gas.





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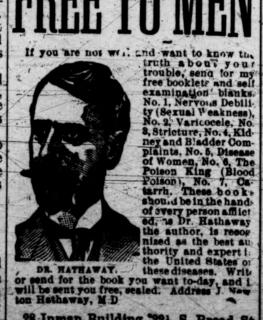
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point seems to be that Clemson does not want 124 free scholars at one sidered the matter.

Ir will be easier to nominate Judge Parker than to elect him.



Senator Burton, of Kansas, who was convicted of accepting compensation to further the interests of a fraudulent concern before the postoffice department in his admissions made statements which must have brought consternation among the other senatorial grafters, but to their intense relief he did not mention any names. He said many of his senatorial brethren made large sums of money "practicing before the departments," some of them making as much as \$40,000 a year. We agree with the Columbia Record that it is a pity that the senator did not go more into detail and tell the country who these men are. What the people want is to get those "hig up" in this grafting business at the national capital. should be no stopping until all the rascals are cleaned out.

A special to the Chronicle from Carrollton, Ga., says: A through freight on the Southern Railway ran into the caboose of a local freight train at Temple, Ga., Sunday afternoon, burying Mrs. Fred Dill and two children three carloads of coal. The mother and one child were killed instanly and the second child cannot

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