AVANT CASE IN STATU QUO.

He is a Prisoner Under Strange Circumstances.

The authorities at the penitentiary have received no further instructions as to what disposition to make of W. B. Avant. He was brought to the prison over a week ago to begin a sentence of three and one-half years on the charge of killing Mrs. Ruth Crisp Bigham at Murrel's Inlet, near Georgetown, several months ago.

Avant is not being held as a convict but is being detained until further advices from the sheriff of Georgetown county. Dr. G. C. Bigham, the husband of the woman who was killed and who was also convicted and sentenced to serve three and one-half years in the penitentiary, is out on bond, and no reports have been received as to his where-

No papers of appeal have been filed with the supreme court and the time is out for the filing. After the trial at Georgetown, at which time both men were convicted, a new trial was asked for, which was refused by Judge Watts, and the attorneys then stated that they would appeal to the supreme court. On Saturday one penitentiary. Just as he was about ates will get twenty-five thousand week ago Avant was brought to the to be mustered in as a convict, the out of the present recoveries, and officers received a message asking half of two hundred thousand more that the prisoner be held until fur-

Since Avant was brought to the penitentiary nothing definite has and more. been heard as to the whereabouts of Dr. Bigham, and it is rumored that he has fled. His bond was only \$1,500. -Columbia State.

Hurting the Land.

A correspondent wants to know if has been in cotton for twenty years. Here we have the same old notion, the same old gambling on the chances with some fertilizer to get a sale crop, the same old practice which has kept the land poor and the farmer,

Land that has been in cotton for twenty years has been hurt about as resided seven miles from Aiken in badly as it can be. The nitrate of the Clearwater section. soda applied last summer made the plants grow a little larger, but whether it increased the crop profitably is doubtful. The nitrate will, as I have said, increase the growth of the plant, and in this way will enable it to di. w more heavily on what plant food is in the soil in the shape of phosphoric acid and potash, and to that extent it may work injury to the long-suffering soil which Ogilvie and Mr. William R. Merihas been used for twenty years as a place to gamble on with fertilizers. This, as I have said, is not farming, but gambling with fertilizers on a dead soil instead of restoring the life to the soil by restoring the humus through a good rotation of crops. There is no profit in growing cotton in this way, while there is no crop in this country which can be made more profitable than cotton if the farmer farms right.

over the South we find the same state of affairs. One man writes Crackin. This bride is a daughter of The animal is about three years old to me that he does not grow cotton the first mentioned bride, who twen- and carries a well developed pair of on his land every year, but rests it ty-seven years ago became Mrs. W. each alternate year. But does the R. Meriwether, and who is now Mrs. land rest when let grow up in weeds A. McB. Speaks, of Bamberg. and grass? Is it not working as Through all these years I had not hard to grow this crop as it would be met the "Nettie Ogilvie" whom I had to grow something better? Land may get tired of growing the same crop every year, for no plant likes first husband, and it is needless to The albino was killed about four long to live on its own decay, and will inevitably get diseased.

The one-crop man may get a crop through the aid of the fertilizer, but pretty daughter. a large part of it belongs to the merchant and the fertilizer man, who own the one-crop man, and he will never be a free man till he goes to farming, and uses the cheaper forms of fertilizer to increase his pea and clover crop and feeds these to stock so as to have money coming in more frequently and get ona cash basis. Land that has been in cotton for twenty years cannot be hurt any more

make sale crops year after year is the chances are against the gambler.

Resting lands in weeds and grass, while better than clean culture every year, is making a fine chance for grassy cotton the next year, and is a season lost that might have made a fine crop of peas and clover. The best way to rest land is to keep it busy growing something of value to it, and this growing crop is needed winter and summer. Rye is about the only crop that can safely be sown now, but better rye than nothing .-Progressive Farmer.

Laurens Woman Accidentally Shot...

Laurens, November 20 .- Mrs. Sue Milam, wife of Mr. Gus Milam, of the county, was accidentally shot last night and was taken to the Columbia by Dr. T. L. W. Bailey, of Clinton. The accident occurred at Mrs. Milam's home, about six miles southeast of the city, at 6.30 o'clock while the family were seated around the fire-

Little Dorothy Milam, the 9-yearold daughter of the home, in going out into the hall, knocked over a 22 calibre parlor rifle; picking up the rifle and in the act of replacing it in the corner, in some way it was discharged, the ball striking Mrs. Milam, seated before the fire. The door to the room had been left open. The ball entered the side, just a little above the hip. Dr. Bailey probed for it but failed to locate it and it was deemed wise to take the patient to the Columbia hospital. While the wound is serious, it is not considered likely to prove fatal.

Mrs. Milam is a sister of Mr. B. W. Davenport of this city.

Mrs. Milam was brought to the Columbia hospital yesterday and was operated on. The ball was not located. At an early hour to-day the patient was resting well and although her condition is serious, hope is entertained for her recovery .- The

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BOY BANDIT ARRAIGNED.

Jeksonville Lad on Trial in Kansas Juvenile Court.

Lawrence, Kan., Nov. 17.-Willie McKay, the 15 year old Jacksonville, Fla., bandit, was arraigned before Judge Means of the juvenile court here to-day, charged with robbing the Eudora State bank last week in company with Earl Bullock.

Frederick Starr, the bank cashier, whom Bullock shot in the jaw, ap-McKay. Judge Means continued the investigation until he could hear has such an institution, the court intimated McKay would be turned over to it. In the meantime McKay was returned to jail.

Lawyers Get Big Fees.

The lawyers representing the State in the dispensary cases are all paid good fat fees. Messrs. Stevenson and Abney were allowd the amount charged the whiskey houses for the Federal Court litigation, which amounted to about eleven thousand dollars each, they to pay for the printing and their own expenses. Mr. Felder and his Atlanta associalleged over charges. In other words they have fifty thousand certain and chances of one hundred thous-

Accidental Killing in Aiken.

Aiken, Nov. 20 .- Late this afternoon Pervis Gunter, aged 19 years, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. As young Gunter and another young man were hauling a load of wood this nitrate of soda will injure land that after noon, Gunter was thrown from the wagon. He had a gun in his hand and as the gun struck the ground it was discharged, the full load striking him in the abdomen, ranging upward. Part of the load struck the face, literally tearing it off. Death was instantaneous. He was the son of John C. Gunter, and

A Visit to Bamberg.

We take the following from the Southern Christian Advocate of last week, written by Rev. M. M. Brabham, of Lancaster:

Twenty-seven years ago, while pastor at Allendale, I performed the marriage ceremony for Miss Nettie wether, the latter of Edgefield county, and the former a daughter of the late Dr. J. W. Ogilvie and his wife, Mrs. Sallie Moye Ogilvie, the last named having been from the old Buford's bridge neighborhood of what is now Bamberg county, and a cousin of the mother of this writer.

On last Wednesday evening, the 10th instant, in the First Methodist church of Bamberg, I performed the marriage service for Miss Willie R. Meriwether and Dr. known as a stately and handsome fluffy, bushy tail. Johnson has made girl, and whom I had married to her no disposition of the skin of the deer. say that I appreciated greatly the miles from the center of the village compliment tendered in having me of Brattleboro. to perform the same office for her

In addition to this special pleasure I found it quite agreeable, after an interval of ten years to mingle again with the good people of Bamberg-the place I speak of as my home town. Here I found many changes; changes that indicated business prosperity, and in some respects suggestive of the transition from town to city appearances. Good business houses, imposing school buildby any fertilizer that you may use. ings, handsome churches, and many But depending on fertilizers to attractive homes, together with water works, electric lights, etc., all lottery purely, and like all lotteries, show Bamberg to be abreast with the business spirit of the times. Another thing specially noted by an infrequent visitor is the growth of the trees. What ten years ago were comparatively small trees are now, many of them, handsome and widespreading shade trees. I saw also a number of tall and well-fruited pecan

changes observed are those found in the people. Many of these have crossed the flood to the eternal shore. Others bear the marks of time, and show infallibly that we do indeed "fade as a leaf." However, the younger generation-those who were tots when I left Bamberg (then my home) twenty-eight years ago-these are now in the prime of young manhood and womanhood. As I look inhospital this morning, accompanied to their faces, and those of others younger still, and saw the stamp of good breeding and indications of noble purposes, I could but feel that the 600 union men who went on the older generation were committing their town into safe and trustworthy hands.

From Bamberg I went to Buford's Bridge, the home of my childhood, union men by the bosses and interand now called Olar, from the flour- nal differences between the granite ishing little nearby town on the Seaboard railroad. This old community result of the strike have combined, it is almost entirely changed from what is said, to arouse the union men it was. Most of the farms are occupied by negroes who either rent regarded as a crucial day in the comthe lands or farm them on shares. I visited the only two very old surviving members of the Kirkland-Brabham family, that flourished here in ante-bellum days. These venerable men are Dr. N. F. Kirkland and Mr. R. C. Kirkland. They are first that Judge Emory Speer of the fedcousins, and both are first cousins to the father of this writer. Since my earliest recollection the one has been a leader in the Methodist church, while the other has been, all along, a prominent Baptist. I found them both bright and trustful, patiently awaiting the summons to the home where changes never come. In all probability I bade them good-bye for the last time; and yet as I said fare- Mr. Wilson was presented for his sigwell I was inspired with the holy thought that in the not-distant years I should meet them and the long the subpoena state that Mr. Wilson

TO PREVENT HOG CHOLERA.

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Here are some of the best preventives of hog cholera, in order as their importance is valued by me:

1. Salt and ashes kept in a dry box. This should be three feet high in front, two feet high in rear and about five feet long, with the floor making the trough to hold salt and pealed to the court for leniency for ashes. Supply this the year through 2. Keep hogs clear of lice by us-

ing ever two or three weeks 1/4 kerowhether or not Jacksonville has a sene, ¼ lard, ½ machine oil; mix juvenile court. If the Florida city thoroughly and apply with a sprin-

3. Feed charcoal once a week. just what can be kept cleaned up. Hogs eat it as we eat fruit; their appetite seems to demand it. 4. Do not feed on corn alone.

Take your choice of mill feed with slops or milk. 5. Quit raising razorbacks and invest in your choice of hardy prolific

breeds and attend to their feed and water twice a day. 6. Keep your hog trough clean enough for you to take a drink out of. If the farmers of the South will do this, cholera can be stopped; but as long as they let cheap hogs raise themselves in their own filth and vermin, the run-down condition of the hog makes him a subject for

most any disease, just as chickens are

liable to disease from neglect. I forgot to mention their sleeping quarters. They should be floored and some litter in them. If the Southern farmer would invest in pure blood males of any breed and attend them like I do my herd of Duroc-Jerseys, he would have to make less money crop to keep even. -W. A. THIGPEN in Progressive Farmer.

Albino Buck Killed.

One of the greatest prizes ever captured by a Vermont hunter was brought down on the first day of the open deer season in this State by Howard A. Johnson, of 339 Western avenue, when he killed an albino buck deer, the goal of many a local hunter. Naturalists throughout the State have been expressing great interest in the reports of the albino deer which have been circulated in the State during the past three months, and a short time ago County Fish and Game Warden Roswell I. Frost attempted to obtain a special permit to hunt the buck out of season in the interest of science as he wished to procure the specimen and have it mounted. The feasibility of this plan was questioned, and it was finally dropped, the albino remaining in the woods to be brought down by Johnson's skill as a marksman. Had Mr. Frost obtained the consent of the State authorities, it was his intention to present the specimen to the Brooks library in Brattleboro.

The deer is undoubtedly one of the greatest freaks of nature which has ever been captured in Vermont. It Dental Surgeon...Bamberg, S. C. measures a little over six feet in length and weighs about 150 pounds antlers. With the exception of a few tawny spots, the deer is pure white and its eyes have a peculiar reddish tinge. It is a beautiful specimen of the American deer, with long fur and

So far as is known, there is but one other white deer in existence, and that is a pure white doe now mounted and placed in the statehouse at Montpelier. This is the first white buck ever killed in this State. -Brattleboro correspondent Boston Transcript.

To Double Track Line.

Greenville, Nov. 19 .- A persistent rumor is current here that the Southern railway has within the last few days let contracts for double tracking its main line between Charlotte and Atlanta.

According to the rumor the work of double tracking is to be started at an early date from the Atlanta end. It is proposed that by the summer of 1910 work will have been completed as far north as Gainesville, a distance of 55 miles.

It is given out from this same source that the total cost of con-However the most interesting struction from Atlanta to Charlotte will reach \$27,000,000.

Unions May Call Strike.

Philadelphia, Nov. 21-A conference as to the advisability of calling out 60,000 union workmen of this city on a general strike will be held tomorrow between William J. Spencer, secretary of of the building trades department of the American Federation of Labor, and labor leaders here. It is said the union workers of the city are in sympathy with strike because of dissatisfaction with conditions in a big department store building.

Lockouts on other operations of cutters and their employers as the throughout the city and tomorrow is munity.

Refused to Serve as Witness.

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 21. - Postponed from yesterday it is probable eral district court tomorrow will consider the refusal of R. T. Wilson, Jr. New York millionaire and club man. to accept a subpoena to appear in that court as a witness in a civil suit. Mr. Wilson has sent a message, with a physician's certificate, to Judge Speer, the certificate being in regard to Mr. Wilson's health. Judge Speer stated when a writ of attachment for nature that he would not take summary action. The officers who served threw the money offered him as milewe will give away to our customers the home of God's people. "Thanks age and witness fees on the ground for the next thirty days. Call and be unto God for His unspeakable and stampd on it. This will be considered by the court.

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