A FATAL COLLISION.

Conductors Dreadful Mistake That Cost Many Lives.

TWENTY-THREE KILLED.

The Man Whose Oversight Cause Death and Destruction Insan-

From Mental Anguisti.

Further Details.

Twenty-three persons were killed and nine persons were injured in a head-on collision on the Virginia Midat Rockfish, Va., at 12 minutes after 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Passenger train No. 35, leaving Washington at 11.15 a. m., for Atlanta, Ga., dashed into local freight No. 68, standing on the main line of the road at that point, wrecking both engines The baggage car and the wreck second-class passenger coach immediately following it telescoped. The coach was occupied mostly by colored people. The casualties thus far re-

ported in detail are as follows: Killed: Engineer Davis

Engineer McCormick, who was riding as a passenger on No. 68. A colored fireman on No. 68.

The freight train was in charge of from mental anguish. Conductor Brubeck and Engineer Hale and at the time of the accident was jury, who, being foreigners, cannot on the return run from Lynchburg to tell anything about their parents, Charlottesville.

these two points and the track there is a single one. Engineer had orders to get out of the way of the passenger train but for some reason which has not yet been explained he overstayed his time and had failed to, take a siding so that the passenger train could pass. The trains came together with a horrible crash and a fearful scene of panic ensued when the occupants of

the cars realized what had occurred. Train No. 35 ran into the freight which left Washington Tuesday morning at 11,45 was made up of an express car, a baggage car, two day coaches and two Pullman cars. The two Pullmans formed an early morn ington for Atlanta and the south The train arrived there at 10.32 a. m. 35. No. 35 was in charge of Engi neer Davis and Conductor Mays. of the passenger cars of the train was a second class day coach and the other a vestibule car.

Engineer McCormick, who was a going to Charlottesville to take a train south at the time he met his death. The engineer of the freight escaped without injury.

It is estimated here that there were and intermediate stations.

It was at first reported that Bag-gagemaster Payne of train No. 35 had telescoped was occupied almost exclusively by them.

Later advices from the scene of the for six minutes longer than the orders directed when the collision occurred LATER ACCOUNT.

A special from Charlottesville, Va. says; Southern railway passenger train No. 35, southbond, ran into an open switch at Rockfish depot, 20 miles south of this city, at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, smashing into a siding. The passenger engine and express coach telescoped through the second class passenger car in the rear. In 5the datter was a party if immigrants, all of whom were killed or injured. The dead number 21 and the injured number 13. Tradic was sus-

pended for eight hours. The dead, as have been identified.

Engineer James McCormick of Char Engineer Charles Davis of Alexandria.

ville, brakeman on freight train.

Charles T. Gay of Charlottesville fireman on freight. J. E. Lowe, colored, of Baltimore,

Chas, T. Leitch, colored, dining car water. C. O. Owen, Philadelphia, boiler in-

Adam E. Vicocsavljevich, Austrian Barilani Gugelano, Austrian wo-

Two unknown Austrian women. Unknown mulatto woman.

The injured are: Engineer flale of Charlottesville injuries to spine.

II. A. Sharpe of Knoxville, Tenn. head and legs bruised and back burt. Turner A. Henry of Bentonville Va., injuries to legs, head and shoul-

Walter Jackson, colored of Charlottesville, passenger tireman, legs

Austrians, all painfully but not seriously injured.

T. G. Hudson, colored, Chatta-nooga, Tenn , serious wounds on head. T. E. Mercer, colored, Washington,

arms and legs cut and probably injured internally.

J. S. Sterett, colored, Pullman por-

ter, of New York, hands, and face J. W. Payne of Alexandria, bag-

gagemaster, internal injuries. The work of rescuing the injured began immediately. Dr. Wm. A. Lambeth of the University of Virginia through the panels of the baggage car time Thursday afternoon.

and express car and took out 20 of the Probably a score of injured

W. A. Ward, the Union News agent Washington, was in the fatal collision but escaped. The shock of the colusion threw him through the window breaking his left arm. The special train which went from here to the scene of the wrick returned to the city about S'o'clock bringing some of the dead and most of the wounded. Thir teen of the injured were taken to the University hospital where wounds were dressed. Most of the immigrants were Austrians and were bound for points as far distant as

H. A. Sharpe of Knoxville, Tenn. narrowly escaped death. He and Mrs Sharpe were returning from their land division of the Southern railway moon in Washington. Mr. Sharpe was in the smoker engaged in conversation with C. O. Owen when the collision occurred. Owen was killled instantly, his body falling on Sharpe. W. B. Bruebeck of this city, conductor of the local freight, is reported in a critical condition. After wit-nessing the awful sight he is said to have become suddenly insane and and the baggage and express car of when found was five miles from the

MAN AT FAULT NOW INSANE

The tracks are now clear and trains arë running on schedule time. The cause of the disaster has been official ly reported as inattention to orders reading his orders to mean that the passenger was one hour and twenty minutes late when it should have been 20 minutes. He allowed the switch to remain open. Brubeck is insane

About ten small children escaped inwere killed in the wreck. Rockfish station is midway between little ones are being care for by the people of the city.

FAVORABLE TO CROP :.

Past Week Best of the Season Thu

According to the report of Section Director Bauer, the past week was very favorable for erop growth and that he had-sent the note with imdevelopment. There was about the proper purposes in view. However, winds were light and generally within the last year made attempts to southerly. The relative humidity have relations with Miss Simpson averaged above the normal. At the with her consent. This statement, beginning of the week the ground was it is said, was made to Mr. Simpson, thoroughly soaked by the rains at the close of the previous week, and there Wham's house to demand satisfaction. were light scattering showers on the Wham, it is said, refused to come out 2nd, and again on the last day, but and meet old man Simpson, who dethe ground was generally dry enough to permit cultivation after the 1st of would satisfy him. July, with the exception of very low passenger on the freight train, was lying lands, and where the rains on the 2nd were heaviest. A few localities need rain, but generally the soil day and there was much indignation there against Wham. Thursday night, is well supplied with moisture. Hail that damaged tobacco fell in Horry

in all probability 120 passengers on limited localities where the ground is the train, including those from Boston limited localities where the ground is Friday morning Mrs. Wham got in With the exception of isolatel and still too wet to work, the week was her buggy and drove to the home of in the yard and a general appearance reports, however, show that this is incorrect. He was caught under one
of the coaches and was badly stunned,
but later he revived and probably will
but later he revived and probably will
recover. It is now said to be almost
certain that 19 were colored persons,

and all crops responded, ex
give them much needed cultivation,
although complaints of grassy fields
continue to be received from all parts
of the state. The warm, humid
weather, and the moist condition of
the soil were conditions conducive to
Blakely, a friend. The two drove on
ous fellow about 35 years old and has
four children. Last year he was a cept on light soils that have been leached by the excessive rains of June, and of crops that have not been prop wreck are that the freight train which erly cultivated. The hot weather was on the main track had been there following the heavy rainfall, scalded following the heavy rainfall, scalded corn and cotton in Hampton county. Old corn has about laid by, and is earing well. Young corn has a good color generally. On replanted bottom lands corn is coming up to good stands.

Cotton continues small, and or light soils is yellow, but generally it has a better color than heretofore, and is growing rapidly. Lice have about disappeared. Some fields are blooming freely, in the eastern part of the State but in other parts blooming is not yet general, and many fields have not put on any squares. Clean fields are the exception.

Tobacco curing is in progress in all sections. The crops has improved recently, except where previous heavy rains caused irreparable damage. Ric is not doing well generally. Peaches and grapes are rotting extensively, and the fruit crop is less promising than heretofore. Melons are small Thomas Sheppard of Charlottesand late. Minor crops, pastures and gardens are excellent. The hay crop promises to be heavy.

Peculiar Accident

Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. W. J. Elder, near Elder, Oconee county, Ga., Mrs. Butler, who had been visiting there for a few days, met with a tragic death. Mrs. Butler had gone out to the well to draw a bucket of water, and was in the act of drawing up the bucket when the aceident occured that caused her death. There were two buckets at the well

and as one came up the other went Her head was jammed into one of the buckets as far as her shoulders and her body shot downward through a space of forty feet to the bottom of the well. The alarm was given and in a few minutes the body of Mrs But ler was drawn up feet foremost. She was dead when her body was taken out. Mrs. Butler's renains were carried to Window, near which place she lived, and were interred. She leaves a husband and a baby ten months old,

Died from Fright.

of her daughter, Mrs. Kate Donnelly, of Jeanette, Pa., in Sunday's disaster to the dozens of others who gathered the board refused it because owing to ranks of an humble reporter to the at Oakward, Mrs. MacGarvin, of there this nervy woman pretended a recent law passed in North Carolina editor of one of the leading dailies in Greensburg, dropped dead Wednesday that her husband was upstairs and an influx of distillers from that State the south and one that was made such morning. The remains of her daugh- that it would mean more bloodshed would probably result. The law in- by his own personality." ter were brought to Greensburg for and instant death to any man or any dicated, stipulates that no distillery interment and the mother, who was sitting by the window, where she could see the approach of the funeral cou was on the train and atonce organized procession. When it came in sight kept the crowd at bay while the dead ally many of the distillers would move ports of the meetings from 1877 to self caught lunged for the bottom, she fell over dead. The mother and man lay right at her back door and to South Carolina. The board feared 1888, inclusive. These reports have dragged the little fellow from the

ANOTHER HOMICIDE.

Wham rushed past his victim across the cotton field and into the woods the train, whose home is in Mr. John Wham Kills Mr. Fate He has not since been seen in these Ramage Near Laurens.

BOTH PROMINENT FARMERS.

Great Excitement Over the Affair Among the Friends of Both Parties. Wham Is Still

at Large.

A special to the State from Laurens has done since Joe Crews was killed serious trouble was feared, but it is not likely now.

The scene of the affair is Simpson's Cross Road, six miles from Laurens and three from Clinton, on the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad. John Wham's home is on the right of the road coming up. Across the road lives Thomas Simpson, a Confederate veteran, who has a large fam-It seems that on Tuesday Miss Mattle Simpson, about 16 years old, received a note purporting to be from Miss Coleman, a sister-in-law of Wham, asking Miss SImpson to come over to Wham's where Miss Coleman was visiting and stating that all the others had gone away. Mrs. Simpson got hold of the note and her suspicions were aroused. She went with her daughter to Wham's house, where Wham was found alone. Asking the meaning of the note Wham replied elicited from Wham the information he declared this was nothing new and

VICTIM A PEACEMAKER. News of this reached Clinton Thurs it is now reported, a crowd surrounded Wham's house and it was known that some serious results must come pistol in each coat pocket, but Wham and the two visitors shook hands in a friendly manner.

According to the testimony of his preacher came, that he had sent for him. Wham then started to the nouse, the other two following.

Blakely suggested to Ramage that if Wham got into the house he might give up his weapons. Ramage called on Wham to stop, but Wham went on front window he called to Blakely to ed from Laurens. "Get out of my yard," and Blakely

A COLD BLOODED MURDER.

Blakely says he stood at the gate and look through the hall which runs nearly through the house and that he could ear Mrs. Wham and Ramage talking, but could not distinguish what they said. He saw Wham upstairs pick up something and ther saw him come down stairs with a gun in his right hand. As he left the staircase he passed out of Blakely's sight and the shot was fired almost instantly. Ramage called to Blakely and Blakely heard him fall, and says he knew his friend was dead but did

SPLENDID ACTING. When Mrs. Wham ran out to the front piazza screaming Blakely asked if it were safe for him to go to Ramage's body and she replied it was not safe. Here was enacted as wonderful a bit of acting as ever a woman die on or off the stage. The wife to whom Wham had been untrue, either in intent or act, for nearly three hours played an artistic role in order to give

200 yards in the rear of his house. parts and at this writing his where-abouts are unknown. When it was found that Mrs. Wham had been playing a part and that her husband was

soon as the shot was fired that John

gone the crowd made bold to approach the man who had been lying there dead these two hours and more. But President Aull's Annual Address in this was not until word had been sent to Clinton and Laurens and Sheriff Duckett had arrived with a posse. Even then Mrs. Wham begged the sheriff not to turn over her husband to the mob, and acting on her fears the sheriff addressed the crowd, cau-tioned them against violence, and by says: A homicide which has startled, between himself and the cold body of Ramage there in the back yard. Whether he went on foot or had horse is not known, but since he had best newspaper workers of the State. In consequence the morning session probably saved from lynching the man known for two days that he must get The printed minutes of the associawho shot the other Thursday. In the away or suffer it is probable he had yard of the slayer, L. W. Ramage was killed by John G. Wham. Both men bad been taken Thursday morning years of the existence of the associawere prominent and for a time most either before or after the shooting he tion, 1877 to 1879, Col. Jas. A. Hoyt, great and somewhat unique State of would have been lynched, as there then editor of the Columbia Daily were a number of men congregated at the Simpsons with all kinds of guns The case is a most interesting one and feeling was hot against Wham and there is the usual woman in it. both on account of the girl and of the death of Ramage, but the testimony

at the inquest caused this feeling to

partially subside.

SHOT HIS WAY TO SAFETY It is known from the guarded statements of Mrs. Wham that Ramage asked Wham to come out and go to the Simpsons and that Wnam re fused, telling .Ramage that he could not protect him from that crowd and that it would mean death for him (Wham) to go there. It is supposed Ramage commanded Wham to come out and Wham decided to shoot his way to safety without more delay. His judgment seems to have been goo as was his alm, for under Ramage's Wesson selfacting revolver while the wound under the dead man's arm inthe lingers were twisted as if in the that he found it addressed to Miss Simpson after his wife and Miss Coleman had gone to Clinton and had simply sent it over. This did not just above Ramage's left nipple, passed through the large aftery above. satisfy the Simpsons and they finally passed through the large artery above elicited from Wham the information tered the right arm and lodged in the muscle. Death was doubless almos instantaneous. Ramage was lefthanded and was standing with his left side next the house hardly ten feet from the back door from which receive? Wham shot as he ran down the stairs from the second story. was a magnificent man physically, six feet high, stout and handsome. was a bachelor and a half brother of Miss Simpson's mother, who was the nephew and helr of the late Capt. J A. Bell, and was himself a prosperous farmer and dairyman, standing well

in the community. Wham moved here several years ago from near the Greenville line wher the family of that name is numerous and prominent. He brought the old Simpson homestead, the Simpsons moving into a smaller house across Either Thursday afternoon or early the road. The old place is a typical Mr. L. W. Ramage, several miles from of homeliness, a most placid scene for aspirants.

His reputation has always been

Miss Mattle Simpson, the woman in Blakely at the inquest, Ramage opened the conversation by saying. "John, looking girl of about 16 summers, and THE LAY ed the conversation by saying. "John, looking girl of about 16 summers, and this is a bad affair you are in." Wham if any one knew aught against her and THE LATE EDITOR OF "THE STATE." replied, "Yes, and I am willing to character it was not common knowlmake any acknowledgments that are edge until these sad developments of proper." Ramage then suggested that the last three days. Now as usual, they all go over to Simpson's but there is all sorts of gossip. It is re-Wham said he wanted to wait until ported to Sheriff Duckett that Wham was seen Thursday going towards the Greenville line. The sheriff thinks he will surrender probably to Sheriff Gilreath of Greenville or Sheriff Vernon of Spartanburg, as Wham's father get away and they better make him lives at Woodruff. There is no need for Wham to run. At the inquest his interests were looked after by Lawyer in the house and up stairs. From the C. C. Featherstone who was summon-

Deputy Sheriff Catheart came un Ramage hal gone around the from Columbia with the bloodhounds, right side of the house and on to the arriving at 1 o'clock at Simpson's crossing, where the train was stopped directly in front of the house. dogs were at once put on the trail and were worked for several hours, but it was impossible to catch the scent and the attempt was abandoned. No one is after the fugitive now.

Another Lynching.

Cato Garrett the negro who stabbed Harry Stout's to death last Sunday morning, Vicksburk, Miss., was hung with the negro, took passage on the paper at the capital of the State. Few train due here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. At Stout's crossing, a flag strong and as pure English as he did. station six miles south, the train was His editorials were always gems of

The State board of control Wednesday refused the petition of Mr. J. C. nection to speak. It is eminently Cooper, a North Carolinian, who wish- proper, however, that we should as an him time to escape. She knew that if ed to establish a distillery in Cleve- association pay proper tribute to the Wham was taken by the friends of the land township in Greenville county. memory of one who adorned the pro-Overcome with grief over the death other woman his life would be the forfeit, and so not only to Blakely, but large number of the township, but of his own merit and ability from the der the doctor's direction cut daughter were buried at the same her husband was making his way to were they to grant one petition all been safety. For it must have been as would have to be granted,

PRESS ASSOCIATION

Held Regular Session at White Stone Springs.

LARGE NIL BER IN ATTENDANCE

Which He Pays Tribute to Departed Members --- Every-

body Delighted.

Special staff corresp ndent of the tibable State, writing from White Stone Springs says: The 29th annual meeting of the State Press association was attended by a large number of the tion's meetings from 1877 to 1888 recall the facts that for the first four Register, was the presiding officer. Col. Hoyt is here today, nearly as vigorous as he was a generation ago. On the other hand there are a number of very, young newspaper men here, men whose work gives promise that the future of the press of South Carolina will be as honorable as the past, and that the weekly papers continue to be great educating influences.

After making his annual address in

Herald Wednesday made his annual report. THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mr. Aull in his annual report calls attention to the fact that he was and declared that he, for one, is ready which time there were but 12 mem-bers present. At Sumter, the year following, there were 39 present, and the average attendance since that time has been not less than 50. It is and be is anylous for the editors of gratifying to note the increased and continued interest in the annual meetnever come when there will be indifference on the part of the editors and publishers in these annual gatherings. They are helpful and pleasant and benefical. He feels that those editors who have never identified themselves with the association do not realize the benefits they would

LOSSES BY DEATH.

Continuing, Mr. Aull says: "During the past year, or rather since our last annual meeting, our ranks have been thinned by the death of two editors, and one died just at the time of our ast session. I refer to Mr. Thos. ms, for many years connected

wit. c Edgefield Advertiser. Whethe or not lie was ever identified with the association I have been unable to find from the record, but he was a veteran journalist and successful beyond the measure of most of us. In view of his long and faithful ser vice in the profession I feel it would be proper for you to take note of his

"Another veteran who has passed away during the past year—one who Walterboro; N. Christensen, Jr., was eminently successful-was L. M. Beaufort Gazette; Ed H. DeCamp, was possibly the oldest member of the Greenville Mountaineer; Rev. and in this chapter shall release any such profession in the State at the time of his death, in point of continuous ser-Presbyterian, Clinton; J. C. Garling-violating the provisions hereof upon vices, as well as in years. So far as I have been able to ascertain, he was to Wham's house and Wham came four children. Last year he was a not at any time a member of this association, but in view of his long and gun in the buggy and Wham had a was the second highest out of four distribul service as editor and publisher nightly nearly was the second highest out of four of one of the cleanest and best printed country papers in this State, it would be but proper to take recognition of this service by a suitable

"We have also lost one of our own members, who was an ornament to the profession in this State. A man who stood at the head of the profession, and who loved it for the good he could do. His sudden taking off and the manner of it was not only a shock to the members of our association and to the profession in this State, but to the whole country, for he had attained a national reputation. N. G. Gonzales was for many years an ac tive member of this association and we all remember the interest he took in our annual meetings. He was a sincere and an bonest journalist, one whose motives were pure and high. He loved his profession and served his State faithfully as he saw her inter-He was a patriot in the high est and truest sense of the word and would let nothing come between him day night in the village of Leroy, N. death when the supposed corpse arose and the highest and best interests of Y., when Mrs. William Baxter hanged the commonwealth, as he saw them. He was a partisan. All true patriots aged 8 years, and Gladys, aged 3. are partisans. I believe he was hon- When her husband returned to the est and sincere and regarded the interests of the State above his own. Many times we differed and at times in a window and searched the house. I have thought him unjust and unby a mob near the scene of his crime fair in his criticisms, but I always be Natchez Saturday evening, Sheriff I should offer a criticism it would before the point of the last three days at a time. During this entered the room through a window wife and two children. From indicative days at a time. During this entered the room through a window before the young lady awoke. She Brennan fearing an assult on the jail be that he shut himself up in his sanc here. This morning a special grand jury found a true bill against Garrett enough with the people. His death down. Just as the buckets were half his hand he went to the corner of the and Sheriff Brennan notified the was distinct loss of journalism in this boy's feet nearly touched the floor. fence where he could see Ramage Adams country sheriff to bring the State. His personality more than negro to the city. Deputy Sheriff Paul, anythying else built up a great news-

men wrote as vigorous, as clean, as held up by 50 masked and heavily English composition and the tendency armdd men who took and hanged to read them was irresistible, even when one did not agree with him. As to the manner of his taking off, it would be improper for me in this con-

constitute the official records of the surface and was never seen again.

The News and Courier's reports for that time were written by F. W. Dawson, N. G. Gonzales, Jno. A.

Moroso, all of whom have laid aside the pen forever, and by J. C. Hemp-hill, Jno. L. Weber and other well

The following very important paragraph is also a part of the report At several annual meetings we have discussed the question of handling foreign advertisements. I desire to call to your attention the advisability of forming a State syndicate for this purpose, the plan for which, if you desire, I will more fully outline a part

from my report. I believe it is prac-While there are quite a number of nembers here, the committee on programme reported that there was only one present to whom had been as signed the duty of reading a paper. Mr. Aull told of the arrangements fo the trip to Denver, and Col. Hoyt urged the editors to take the trip. told of many things to be seen in the Colorado. Quite a number announced

that they had decided to go, Senator D. E. Hydrick made the address of welcome on behalf of Mr. Jas. T. Harris, proprietor of the Mr. Hydrick spoke with springs. pride of the growth of the county and declared that Mr. Harris is one of the new citizens who have helped to Attention was called to the fact that this county was once so poor that it asked the legislature to which he pictured the future of the press in glowing terms, Mr. E. II.

Auli of the Newberry News and newspaper man, declaring that in his Now it is third in newspaper man, declaring that in his opinion the successful editor is the best informed most widely road man in the world of business.

Senator Ragsdale replied very to come here every year.

The association received a letter from Col. T. Stobo Farrow in which he says that he is getting up a history and he is anxious for the editors of the State to give him all information they can.

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of forming a solicits insurance and issues a policy, master printers' association, which constitutes a separate violation of master printers' association, which constitutes a separate violation will have for its object the perfection of a system of making rates on job for each separate violation.

"The State Press association is "This is the only law for the punishment." not allowed to consider such matters except in a general way. Messrs, Strickland, Wolfe and Waddell were appointed. Instance were cited showbeing cut below living prices. Among the members of the associa-

tion here are: Mr. A. J. Clark of the Lancaster Enterprise, Mr. J. N. Strickland of the Cheraw Chronicle, Mr. J. T. Bigham of the Chester Lantern, Hon. Jno. Bell Towill of the Batesburg Advocate, Hon. J. C. Mace of the Marion Star, Senator J. W. Ragsdale of the Florence Reform Advocate, Capt. H. H. Watkins of the Honea Path Chronicle, Rev. Walton II. Greever, correspondent of The ance company or association violate Southern Lutheran, Mr. C. W. Birchmore of the Wateree Messenger, Mrs. Young, editor and proprictor of the Fairfax Enterprise; J. He Gaffney Ledger; Col. J. A. Hoyt na Spartan, Spartanburg: C. C. Langston, Anderson Intelligencer: J. R. Peden, Carolina Odd Fellow, Greenville; A. B. Cargle, Saluda the State. Standard; L. Wigfall Cheatham, Edgefield Chronicle; Rev. A. A. James Pacolet; Mrs. Chas. H. Henry, Spartanburg Journal: Rev. W. R. Richard son, Southern Christian Advocate Col. Jno. M. Knight, Sumter Herald C. W. Wolfe, Kingstree Record; Miss Theodosia Jones, Marion Star; E. J. Browne, Manning Farmers; Rev. G

II. Waddell, Spartanburg Herald. Among other visitors to the meet ing of the Press association are: Miss Ragsdale of Florence, Mrs. Wm. Toney, Johnston; Mrs. O. B. Bristow and Miss Marie Bristow, Darlington; Misses Mary and Rachel Bigham, ral from the inside of a coffin. Chester; Miss Joyce Clark, Lancaster Mrs. G. E. Moore, Honea Path; Miss Clara Duckett and Mr. Thomas Jacobs, Clinton; Mrs. L. B. Gilliam Mrs. L. J. Blake, Mrs. C. H. Henry Miss Agnes Petty and Miss May Calvert, Spartanburg, and Mrs. C. W. Birchmore, Camden; Mrs. J. A. Hoyt, Greenville.

Mother's Dreadful Deed. A terrible tragedy occurred Thursherself and two children, Goodson, he was going to do. house at 6 o'clock he could not get in. ous objection. He waited for some time, then broke In an untinished attic over the kitch- rowly escaped being buried alive on

Negro Killed on Southern.

Lee, a negro, was struck by the last freight No. 7 on the Southern railroad, about three miles this side of laker. He is in excellent health, and lookins, and instantly killed on Mon-Hopkins, and instantly killed on Monday morning about 6 o'clock. The inquest was held by Coroner Green with the usual verdict. Curiously enough the man was not struck at all by the engine, but his head was hit by the steps of one of the freight cars. Engineer Chandler, who was driving the engine, says that he does not remem-

Pulled Overboard by a Fish. Wednesday night a number of boys

werere gathered on Perido wharf Mr. Aull then recites the fact that of them, Carl Johnson, tied his line bound in pamphlet form and warf. He disappeared beneath the the family had equally as miraculous body. He was kept in hiding over

TAKING PROPER ACTION.

Wild Cat Insurance Companies to be

Recently it is alleged that several wild cat insurance companies have been operating in South Carolina and Comptroller General Jones has been besieged with letters from persons all over the State asking about these companies and notifying him that many of them are operating without a license.

Of course this is directly in violation of the law and will be treated ac-cordingly. Mr. Jones Thursday morning issued a circular letter which he mailed to all persons asking as to the right of these companies to carry on business without first paying license. The letter reads:

-company, I beg to say est previous record being 91 degrees, that they are not authorized and have no license to do businesss in this

If any one is soliciting business for them, you can swear out a warrant against him before a magistrate of this State, charging him with acting, as agent for a foreign insurance company without license, under section 607 of the criminal code, which reads as follows:

'Section 607. Any person who shall transact any business or insurance in this State for any company of ance in this State for any company of same hour Thursday. without having first obtained license by law required, or after his license has been withdrawn, or shall in any way violate the foreigoing provisions in relation to license of insurance companies or agents thereof, shall upon conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction, be fined for every such offense not more than \$100; prorided, that nothing contained in this section shall release such company or companies upon any policy issued or delivered by it or them.'

"Upon your making the affidavit to issue his warrant for the arrest of fore him. Each time the person

ment of the individual soliciting in-

surance. "In addition to this proceeding in the criminal courts, the company itng how the prices on job printing are self may be fined a sum not exceeding \$1,000 nor less than \$500, to be recovered in a civil action by any party detectives and sent to a hospital. suing therefor in the court of common pleas. This suit is to be brought against the company issuing the policy of insurance, and the amount recover-ed is to be retained by the party suing for same. The State gets no part of

this penalty. Section 1793 of the civil code, Vol. I, code of laws 1903, reads as follows: 'Section 1793. Should any insur the provisions of this chapter such company shall be fined in a sum not to exceed \$1,000 and not less than St. Louis next year. \$500, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in this State, to be recovered by any citizen of this State having a policy of insurance in said company; provided, that nothing any policy issued by it or them ! "

The inquires have come from Greenville, Charleston and other cities of

HAS A DYING MANIA.

West Virginia Man Pronounced Dead but Still Lives.

Clayton Westfall, of Parkersburg W. Va., is a victim of the dying habit. He lies, apparently, fools all the persons who see him and then fools the undertaker who calls to prepare him for burial by waking up from a semiconscious state and protesting against being made to witness his own fune fall died last week for the sevently time, but revived again in time to prevent the funeral, although the grave had been dug and the coffin redered. He is a worker in the oil fields near Jake's run and according to his own story has frequent attacks of unconsciousness. He had one of his attacks Friday, and the family made the usu-

al tests and he was pronounced dead. The grave was prepared and the undertaker sent for. He arrived at night and was almost frightened to in bed and asked the undertaker what Westfall found out in a short time that it was pro posed to bury him and entered a vigor-

Westfall says he has several times been in this condition and has narmore than one occasion. He has time with intent to commit an outable dreams. Nearly always he dreams is like. At other times he dreams he has gone in the opposite direction, and when this happens he is always glad to be awakened, even by the underhis experience never hurts him

Narrow Escape.

town and among the number was the spirit of lawlessness which prevails in residence of R. M. Wilson, clerk of the other portions of the United States. uperior court of that county. Wilson and five other members of his family were in the house when the miraculous. Mrs. Wilson was in the an excited crowd Friday, was spirited kitchen washing dishes and a large out of Marietta Wis., Saturday, hole was torn in the floor within ten Flynn was walking with a white girl Pensacola, Fla., fishing for shark, one inches of where she was standing. and got into a quarrel with some of them, Carl Johnson, tied his line. The dishes she held in her hand were southerners who resented it. A crowd plastering were thrown all over him. was rescued by a company of militia,

AWFUL HEAT.

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Thirty Six Deaths Recorded in New York.

EIGHTY-THREE PROSTRATIONS

A Storm in the Evening Gave Some Relief to Sweltering Humani-

by Heat.

ty. A Crazed Negro, Caused

Thity-six death and 83 prostrations n and around New York and Brooklyn tell the story of Friday's heat. It was the hottest July 10th in the history 'Answering your request as to the of the local weather bureau, the high-

> recorded July 10, 1880. The early threat of a temperature that would break all records, flowever, was not fulfilled. Thursday's record that the block the block that of 94 degrees at 4 o'clock, the high weather mark of the year, was reached Friday at 20 minutes past 1, without signs of relief. But by 2 o'clock the temperature had fallen two degrees, where it remained during the next two hours. At 8 o'clock Friday night

> During the two or three hours about noon, when the heat was the most intense, the wind averaged about nine miles an hour. About 5 o'clock the watchers at the weather bureau discovered that a thunderstorm was in progress in the southwest.

Meanwhile the wind shifted and increased in velocity to 32 miles an scarcely touched the city, had given the desired relief. Between 5 and 7 o'clock, the temperature fell several The city had been swelterdegrees. ing so long in the hot wave, however, before the magistrate, it is his duty that it was hours before the benefits began to reach the tenements. In the party and bring him to trial be- the streets, where the cooling process was more immediate, men, women and children crowded in the doorways and walks to recover from the wearing effects of the day. As on the night before many slepton the park benches, and, where the police would permit it,

on the grass Waniel Lewis, a heat-crazed negro, attacked with a club two girls who were carrying a large piece of ice. A mob quickly gathered and shouted, "lynch him." Lewis was rescued by Lewis was rescued by

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION.

Governor Appoints Commissioners

for Exhibit at Worlds fair The State of Wednesday says: The governor yesterday appointed 14 commissioners who will have in charge the exhibit of South Carolina which is to be placed at the world's fair in

The governor is very much encouraged with the prospect for the exhibit and will use every personal en deavor to increase the sum now or hand so that a handsome exhibit

worthy of the State may be placed at the exposition. The newly appointed commi will meet here on Thursday evening, July 16, at 8 o'clock in the governor's office, and the entire situation will be reveiwed and plans set on foot for the raising of the desired sum. It is possible that about \$25,000 is needed to

make an exhibit such as would best set forth the resources of the State. Gov. Heyward himself is very enthusiastic about the plan and is confident that South Carolina will be represented by a most creditable display when the gates of the great exposi-

tion are opened in 1904. Two commissioners have been appointed from every congressional district. They are as follows:

Charleston; Louis Appelt, Clarendon. Second District-Miles B. McSweeney, Hampton: Robert Aldrich, Barn-Third District-R. T. Jaynes, Oconee; J. M. Sullivan, Anderson.

First District-R. Goodwin Rhett.

Fourth District-T. C. Duncan, Jnion; T. J. Moore, Spartanburg, Fifth District-LeRoy Springs. Lancaster; R. A. Love, Chester. Sixth District-Thos. Wilson, Williamsburg; R. P. Hamer, Marlon.

Seventh District-Altamont Moses, Sumter; E. B. Clark, Richland. Trusting to the Law.

A special to The State from Lan caster says a young negro by the name of Ernest Blakeney was brought to the jail by a party of gentlemen from the Tabernacle section of that county Friday for entering the house of a prominent citizen in the pight screamed and her brother rushed in the room, putting the negro to flight. He was subsequently found. It was proposed to make short work of him, but the father of the young lady advised that he be brought to jail and turned over to the sheriff, which was outrage on the young lady, and that he had been put up to it by other ne-Douglasville Ga., was visited by a groes. The law abiding spirit thus evere thunderstorm Tuesday. The manifested by the citizens of the lightning struck several places in county is in striking contrast to the

Negro Was Too Bold. A negro named "Deb" Flynn, bruis-

bolt came and their escape is very ed and cut from wounds inflicted by night.