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THEY GOT PAID.

Some Damaging Evidence Against Certain Dispensary Officials

WAS BROUGHT OUT.

A Pormer Beer Dispenser at Spartanburg

Gives Some Rich and Racy Testi-

mony Before the Commission

as to How Money Was

Raised for Graft.

·On the witness stand in the courthouse at Spartanburg on Tuesday of last week John Henry Morris, formerly beer dispenser, testified that he had

witnesses had given Messrs. Christen- ery to pay enough to satisfy himself sen and Lyon, Morris also testified and Mr. W. M. Avant, without my that H. H. Evans had asked him to "chip in" \$300 to the election of legislators in Spartanburg county, promising to refund it. Witness had never been reimbursed although he had spent money on advice of Jess Mahaffey, former member of legislature, who put on me." had told Morris that Evans was good for the amount, as during the session of the legislature Mahaffey had had \$20 bills stuffed into his pockets by Evans during the campaign incident to Evans' reelection. Witness declined to testify further, as Mahaffey was not present and he wanted to say it to Mahaffey's face.

Witness also swore that C. O. Smith, the former chairman of the county board, had told him that he must sell Atlanta beer or none at all when Morris complained that the beer was stale and the customers were quitting him. He testified that he had seen Smith drunk on several occasions and that once he saw Smith try to cut a man with a meat knife. Morris was the only witness examined, as the hearing sers. did not commence until after 5 o'clock.

BLEASE'S NAME BROUGHT IN. Senator Hay and Mr. Fraser having he and Mr. Christensen, being memand his reply to that letter. Henry had asked for permission to reply to statements in an affidavit of which he had heard. Mr. Lyon had replied that Henry would be given a free and full hearing. This was approved by the committee and Henry may appear if

he choses to do so. On account of the delay, there were not many people in the court house, but the testimony of Morris made quite a stir. Senator Blease, who was author of the resolution looking to the dispensary investigation, was referred | tion here for the purpose of having an to very pointedly by the witness but

did not cross examine him. There were several present who are interested in the local fight to vote ser, came to me and said that The out the dispensary and they seem to think that the testimony today will have its weight in that issue, for the would be \$25. I gave Mr. Harmond witness is said to be a reliable man He testified that he is a butcher and ers' bank for \$25. Before sub cribing has an interest in a grocery store. He this I saw C. O. Smith and W. N was a willing witness and did not hes. Avant about it, and they said it would itate to declare him elf. He had been be all right to give it. These men elected beer dispenser in April, 1904, were members of the county board. and was not reclected at the end of the year. He had spent \$80 to get the job, including the attorney's fee. It would give \$50 for this purpose, and had cost him between \$700 and \$800 to fix up his place.

OBJECTION RAISED.

Morris swore that the original affi davit was correct. When Mr. Lyon reached that point in the reading where the name of C. O. Smith was mentioned, C. P. Sims, a lawyer of the Spartanburg bar, arose and asked to be heard. Morris had stated: "C. O. Smith, member of county board, asked me how much expense I had been put to (to secure election) and upon my telling him he said that was very cheap, that it would cost me more than that to be elected again.' Mr. Sims here objected that this commission, having been created by a concurrent resolution must stay strict ly within the meaning and words of the resolution. He contended that under the resolution the committee did not have the right to come to Spartanburg and get Mr. Smith or Mr. Henry or any one dise up not connected with the State displaysry.

Mr. Lyon and Senator Ray made

Mr. Lyon and Senator har made me that \$25 wor senough. Huse-short work of Mr. Sims' objection, in man and Radding, beer dispensers, being stated that the commission had discussed the matter and with but one dissenting vote had decided at a meeting in Sumter in March that by "State dispensary" is meant the dis pensary as run in the State of South Carolina and that there is no distinction so far as the law is concerned between county and State dispensaries. Mr. Lyon tried to find out from Mr. Sims how many clients he represented in this matter. Mr. Sims continued to object to the testimony, but the chair | ter in The Journal?" man, Senator Hay, declared that the investigation is not a trial and that in went to The Journal or not, but when

trying to get light the committee I asked the board about it, I asked would give great lattitude to the wit them why they didn't get The Her-THE MORRIS AFFIDAVIT.

After further arguments Mr. Lyon and they said, 'O we can't get The proceeded with the reading of the af- Herald,' and doubtless if they could idavit of Morris given last April. It read: "I did not know positively what C. O. Smith meant, but supposed it meant that I would have to pay the county board of control something | mon's proposition to pay The Journal for my reelection. I inferred this be \$300, Mr. Reibling and Huseman, cause ex-Beer Dispenser B. L. Toland beer dispensers, came to me and said, told me that he had to pay C. O 'Let's get Henry, the newspaper man Smith \$275 for his election besides of The Evening Journal; that he the beer and whiskey he gave him. In would take up the fight for \$500.' I

addition to this W. F. Lanford told me that J. P. Thackson had to pay about \$450 for his beer privilege to C. asked the reason of the increase, as rection, which cost me a whole lot of money, did everything I could for the men he said were his men. He said sales of whiskey he had made in vari-O. Smith, chairman of county board. had gone up, that he had said \$300 (Objection by Mr. Sima.) Toland and was not enough, as he would lose sub-Landford told me that the \$275 mensoribers to his paper and his influence, tioned above was deposited in the safe as he had been fighting on the other of J. W. Huseman, beer dispenser These are a few of the reasons they told him. I had for supposing that I would have Mr. Lyon centinuing affidavit: "Huseman and Reibling told me my part would be \$50, but I declined to

to pay some of the members of county poard for my privilege to sell beer. will need it for your next election. About the middle of March last, short | pensaries here and as scoretary for C.

before my time for re-election, O. O. Smith, Jas. P. McGorty, dispenser, O. Smith came to my place of business, and asked me if I wished to be Smith to get contributions to pay The Q "What do you reelected. I said I did. He said I had Journal. I saw McGorty writing better get busy and go to Atlanta some of the letters at Smith's dicta-with him and make a trade with Jeff tion. The letters referred to the Dunwoody. If I did not, the other fel-low would. Dunwoody is the term of the letters at Smith's dicta-tion. The letters referred to the movement to abolish the dispensary, low would. Dunwoody is the gentle-man who represents the Atlanta Brew ollect that the Richland Distilling ing Company.

DUNWOODY COMES IN. "In August, or previous to that, in July, I received a car of stale beer, and and Mallard's Distilling company and

lost his job as beer dispenser because had a lot of it sent back on me, and J. W. Kelly & Co." he complained of the miserable quali-l told Charlie Smith, and he said I ing company and because he had re- said, 'You know Jeff Dunwoody gave Gosty's wiskey dispensary. Smith fused to pay to C. O. Smith, chairman of county board, the amount that Smith demanded. Witness swore further that in making final settlement with Atlanta Brewing company that to March in Assertance of the settlement of the settl with Atlanta Brewing company that concern was represented by Cole L Blease, who had said, "You boys could have kept from telling so much." Smith came back to me a week later Referring to the affidavits which and said that he could have the brewself to handle their beer."

Q "That was that state been."
Yes, sir, when I obligate myself I would have to handle anything they

Mr. Lyon, continuing affidavits 'We did not go to Atlanta and saw Dunwoody. Dunwoody came to me and said that he (Dunwoody) had been told that if I were reelected beer dispenser that he would have to come to Spartanburg and get busy if any of sides what he could get from the his beer were sold there. Dunwoody brewery, which he said would be \$200, told me that I would have to give \$1 a keg so I would satisfy the boys."

There was more of this kind of evidence in the affidavit, all going to show that Morris, while dispenser, was told that C. O. Smith was master of the situation in Spartanburg county, and that a member of the State board | Dunwoody; to let him charge \$1 extra had told Jeff Dunwoody that Smith on each barrel of beer and pay it over to him (C. O. Smith) as the beer was ordered. I refused to do this."

The affidavit continues: "The result of the whole matter was that I lost my position. I attribute this 60 my rebeen delayed, Mr. Lyon stated that fusal to follow Dunwoody's and Smith's advice. No charges were preferred letter was to Mr. Blackwood in March bers of the sub-committee, would not against me, and I called this matter of last year in reference to the estabsit as members of the commission but to the attention of Mr. H. H. Evans lishment of the beer dispensary for as prosecuting attorneys. He begun in a letter which I had Mr. C. P which Morris was afterwards elected by reading a letter from C. H. Henry Sanders write for me, but I have never dispenser. Dunwcody told that he received a response from Mr. Evans. A letter was read from Mr. Morris the latter would use Dunwoody's beer. to Chairman H. H. Evans of the State Mr. Blackwood is a former member of board, protesting against his removal without cause. He asked Mr. Evans C. O. Smith's attorneys. to have his removal investigated and he received no reply. There was nothing special in the letter, except a re-

a check on the Merchants' and Farm-

check from Fleischman for \$25."

scoretary at that time."

we had better give more."

The Journal this money?"

would."

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THEY ALL CAME ACROSS.

A. "They said all the rest of them

to come across and I told them I

Q "You did not have any agree

"No, I don't know whether it

meent to put in any advertising mat-

ald's influence, that Mr. Henry had

been fighting the dispensary all along,

get Henry, but if I would give it I

Mr. Lyon continuing the smidavit

"Shortly after I agreed to Mr. Har

would be elected again."

A. "I thing Mr. Smith represent-

Mr. Lyon continuing anidavit:

money to be paid to The Journal."

that time?"

At the conclusion of the reading of for fair play. To this letter he stated these letters, Mr. Lyon read to the witness an amdavit given several weeks after the first one. What hap pened between the time of the giving quest for fair play. THE NEWSPAPER FUND of the two anidavits related to the Mr. Lyon continuing all lavit: "Re cently a petition was put in circula-

matter between Morris and Senator Blease, the author of the resolution causing the investigation and a mem ber of the commission. The following election on the dispensary for this are extracts from that affidavit. county. When the petition for election "Mr. Morris, since Mr. Chris was circulated J. W. Harmon dispentensen and myself were here the las: time, were you consulted about the Evening Journal would take up our fight for \$300 and that my part of this dispensary situation by Senator Blease

of Newberry?" "Yes, sir. He came to see me about a settlement between the At lanta Brewing company and myself.' Who did Senator Blease rep-

movement to abolish the dispensary,

company was mentioned as subscrib

fund. I think Ullman was another,

Mr. Lyon continuing affldavit:

disorderly person and gets drunk fre-

too when he had the kunfe after Har-

REFUSED TO PAY.

ferring again to my re-election as dis-

penser, C. O. Smith told me that I

must put up a bonus of \$250 cash, be-

"Are these statements corect?"
"Yes, sir, correct."

would assist Morris to get the job if

the legislature and appeared as one of

Mr. Lyon continuing affidavit: "Re

Witness: "Mr. Huseman saw him

contribute.

ry Thompson."

stale beer to me."

resent? A. "I thought the Atlanta Brew-"Afterwards Smith came to me and ing company, from the way he talked. said to keep quiet, that Dunwoody He did not say who he represented, but from the start took it that he represented the Atlanta Brewing Co.

MR. BLEASE COMES IN.

that Joe Houseman had collected from or Dunwoody," representatives of whiskey houses in "Did he have a bill?" Columbia about \$285, after House-"No, he did not have a bill, I man's expenses had been taken out had the bill and he asked me for it. and that he, Smith, had received a

"Did C. O. Smith represent The witness then stated in the affi Fleischman & Co. as selling agents at davit that he gave his bill to Blease, who carried it over to the Argyle ho tel to get Dunwbody to receipt it. ed them at that time; I won't be pos-Morris declined to accept the settleitive. Probably Mr. McGordy could ment when Blease came back tell you all about that, because he with the receipted bill until he could seemed to act as Mr. Smith's private see his attorney, Stanyarne Wilson. Accordingly in the presence of Mr Wilson and Mr. Howard Carlisle, saw this check. It was pavable to C. Blease tendered \$15 to Morris in pay-O. Smith. He said this check was to ment of the bill for \$13.35. The pur go to Dispenser McGordy, part of the Witness: "As for Mr. Heary, I never saw him in my life as I know of, and gatia commission had acted for Dunwhether it was to go direct to him or not, I don't know. I paid it to wit. writing, was placed in evidence as Harmon, I told him \$25 was all I would give and after Mr. "armon told Morris had complained of having been came down and said Mr. Henry said "What was the object in giving

pose of this testimony was to show that Senator Blease a month after having been appointed on the investiweedy. The receipt, in Bleac's handwas a note which Blease wrote when forced to contribute \$25 to the Spar tanburg newspaper fund and that Mr. Bleace offered to try and get his money returned, or to go and get it himself, and that he voluntarily wrote an order and suggested that Mr. Mor. ris send it to Mr. Harmon. The folowing is a copy of order signed or were giving them money to fight the ent, Morris turning it over to the prohibition movement and wanted me investigating committee, as he could

not be comforted for the less of his Spartanturg, S. C., May 4, 1905.

Mr. J. W. Harmon, City. I paid \$25 as my part contribution to the paper to help in the dispensary tight, on condition that I would be re-elected; as I have not been re spectfully ask for the return of my money. Please send same, and oblige.

POCKETS FULL OF MONEY. Mr. Lyon then called Mr. Morris' attention to anoter affidavit which he had made as follows:

"Did H. H. Evans tell you and Mr. Mahassey some time about last the transaction that took place? August to put up \$200 or \$300 on the election of legislators in favor of the before my defeat on Monday, I believe

"Yes, sir."

"Did you do It?" "I did all I could in that di-

Witness said that was what

Later upon asking for a book of instructions for running my dispensary, back and said \$25 was enough for me back and said \$25 was enough for me to be elected as chairman of the State board he bad in his room nearly as to pay. That they would try and get "Representing the combined dissaid he stuffed several \$20 bills in his it?"

"What do you suppose Mr. Mahairey did with those \$20 bills?" A. 'I don't know, sir, unless he got drunk on them."

"Did Mr. Mahassey tell you he

ollect that the Richland Distilling Evans?" ng one of the largest amoun's to this worked it, he went on to brag, he said that he would get in with a Mr. Smith was a member of the councrowd working against Mr. Eyans and ty board of control?"
pretend he was going to be against A. "Yes sir. He said he went to Witness: "I really saw the list but would tell him how to manouver."

ther along this line. He was asked pay a dispenser anything to buy his if Mr. Mahassey did not rather brag whiskey. He said he had friend on Witness: "I believe he said he had already contributed." about having some of that money in the State board who would put them the legislature where it would do out of business if they did not buy it good. have seen C. O. Smith drunk on the but I would rather he would be here." street and in my place several times. He was told that an effort would be hotel and waked him up—he come to One time I saw him try to cut Harry made to secure Mr. Mahaffey's at his room, probably before he went to

Thompson with my meat knife while tendance. he was drunk, but I took the knife C.O. S C. O. Smith, the member of the from him. Smith is a notoriously board, of whom so much was said, is penser. in Hendersonville, N. C. Mahaffey could not be found when Mr. Schumpert, the marshal, went for him. HUB IN EVIDENCE.

On Wednesday it was only after being reassured repeatedly that Mahaffey had been sent for and was "non est inventus" that Morris re umed his testimony. He said:

"After Mr. Evans came here and told Mr. Mahassey and myself to do him for any purpose. making \$450, the same amount paid all we could to get all the candidates by Thackston and Reibling each for elected who favored the dispensary their privileges."
Witness: "The same man who sold law, and he said, 'You fellows can af ford to spend some money, as I will If he reckoned he would do it, and he Mr. Lyon continuing affidavit: "He said yes, he knew Hub, and he was all then said to arrange the matter with right. I asked him where he knew him and he said he knew him in the legislature, and then he went on to tell about his working to have Evans elected as chairman of the State board he ought to, and I asked him why a Mr. Lyon then read a number of

wood, Morris and others. The first were doing, and had gone back and reported to Evans."

"In Columbia. "In the State house?"

"I den't know what house they were in: I never a ked him."
Q. "You say he just said the committee rooms, and that was during the session of the legislature?" Yes, sir."

"When Mr. Evans was running or member of the State board of diectors?"

A. "Yes, sir." AT EVANS' EXPENSE.

"What did Mr Mahaffey say in egard to that matter?" "He said that Evans had of

fered him-he didn't have to pay for anything. He went to the opera shows and suppers and various other places in Columbia at Evans' expense, and got all the whiskey he wanted and brought a satchel full home. which he got out of Mr. Evans' room.' "You say that he brought a

satchel of whiskey away from Mr. Evans' room every night he went there? "Yes, sir."

"What else, Mr. Morris?" Q. "Well, he went on to state, which I suppose maybe a lot of peo ple in this court house heard on sev-asked on one occasion in his room what was the salary of the State board of directors, and he went on to say that two of them received a salary of \$400 a year. Evans was asked what his salary was and he said he couldn't tell until his term was up."

Q. "Didn't Mr. Mahaffey tell you at the same time that he put some of these \$20 bills in the pockets of members of the legislature?"

'Yes, sir." Q. "Tell us exactly what you cnow." "He went on to state who he gave the \$20 bills to, but I can't recol lect the names; [1] don't remember

them." the board of control?"

"Yes, sir." this room who heard Mr. Mahassey rell county, which has macadamized make that statement?"

heard it." Q "Look around and see if you can see any others around here who you can recognize as having heard it." "Most anybody heard it who bia give. ever loafed around the beer house and he made the statement so frequently and before so many people it looks as if it would be a very easy matter to get Just anybody." "Do you recollect anything else

about the transaction that you could tell us?" "Not just now, I don't, Mr. Λ. Lyon."

HE SOLD WHISKEY.

his going to Charleston to sell whiskey to a certain dispenser down there and the dispenser refused to buy, and A. "Yes sir, that was on Saturday

dispensary and he would make it good about the 8th of April, Mr. Smith was the presence of Mr. Farley, myself and past. If the whole breed can be exothers.

A. "How come the conversation to that anybody who was in favor of the ous places in other towns, in New-dispensary he wanted elected, and those who were not he didn't if he could help it, and he also told Jess least he had had dispensers to order Mahaffey, 'You remember what you some of the brands of whiskey from did for me in Columbia and I will the houses that he was representing not forget it." not forget it.'"

Q "Did Mr. Mahaffey tell you what he did for him in Columbia?"

What he did for him in Columbia?"

much whiskey as there is in a whiskey to local dispensers and asked them to dispensary, and he would just invite order from the State dispensary the people in there to take drinks, and he whiskey he, Smith, was selling; is that

A. "Yes sir."
Q. "Go ahead and tell the rest of

the conversation." "I asked him what kind o business did he do in Charleston. He said he sold more to blind tigers there was pretending to be opposed to Mr. than to dispensers. He said he sold Evans?"

A. "Yes sir, he said they way he privilege of cursing out one dispenser."

Ohairman Hay: "Was that while

him and find out how they were going some dispenser there in Charleston, I forgot the names. That is the part and size up the certain members he don't rember his name; he said he ty of beer sold by the Atlanta Brew- would have to handle that or none. He of them. It was shown to me in Mc- could get for Mr. Evans, and he would was a big, fleshy fellow and asked him report to Mr. Evans and Mr. Evans to buy some whiskey from the house he was representing, and the dispen-The witness here requested that he ser asked him what there was in it for be allowed to wait until Mr. Mahaffey him, and he told him not a cent, he could be present before testifying fur- wasn't one of them kind that had to The witness replied, "Yes sir, and sid the next morning—that night would rather he would be here." bed-and gave him the biggest order he had ever received from any dis-"Mhat was after Mr. Smith

had told him about this friend he had on the State board of directors?" "Yes sir." Chairman Hay: "Did he say who

that friend was? "No, sir; he didn't say." On Thursday Mahaffey took the stand and denied telling Morris that Evans had given money or whiskey to

MONEY FROM DOGS.

reimburse you," I asked Mr. Mahaffey The Tax This Year Will be Over Forty Thousand Dollars,

The school fund this year will be increased with something like \$40,000 as a result of the dog tax. The dog tanburg and since that time my tax was passed by the legislature two and he said if he didn't stick to him y ago, but it did not become oper-

mittee room with those who opposed state tax of 50 cents in addition to the regular valuation tax. Particular attention was called to this in circuthere were 71,713 dogs reported in this State, having a value of \$483,194.

By counties the returns as to dogs

and value showed as follows:

Dogs. Counties. Value. 24,515 ple. Anderson...2,855 Bamberg.1,301 13 010 Barnwell.........1,736 Beaufort..........2,477 24.755 Berkeley 1,787 Charleston..... 413 Chesterfield......1,515 Clarendon 2 264 Darlington1,317 Dorchester. 1,056 5.280 Edgefield 2 396 11.980 Fairfield 2,236 Georgetown......1,391 13 910 Greenville.... 2 595 13 975 Greenwood......1,681 8 405 Hampton..... 807 32 289 10,110 Blease, will you go down here and Kershaw.... 1,108 Marlboro..... 576 Newberry.........2,020 Ocones 1,268 Orangeburg......3 650 Richland..... 646 Salado.....1,318 Spartanburg 2,615 Jaion..... 629 Williamsburg 3,239

Totals......71,713 \$483,194

The Dispensary in Georgia, Col. T. Larry Gantt in speaking of the dispensary says it is the best solu-"That was in the interest of tion of the liquor question in South having Mr. Evans elected a member of Carolina if the graft is climinated. He said that there were some counties in Georgia which had made a great suc-"Do you see any gentleman in cess of the institution, and cited Terevery road in the county, and has "Mr. Blackwood there I think built a thriving county; in the county of which Athens is the county seat, they cleared \$42,000 last year-but they are freed of the corruption which "headquarters" like those in Colum-

Killed the Marshal,

Mike Aspinwall, city murshal, was assassinated Thursday by A. J. Chestnut. Chestnut was pursued by 25 armed citizens who left their places of business to prevent his excape. He fired twice on his pursuers and was shot through the left side with a rifle ball. He was brought back and lodged in jail. He said: "Blind tiger liquor has brought me to this." Chest-Q. "Do you recollect a statement nut had a street fight Thusday aftermade by Mr. C. O. Smith in regard to ed him. City Marshall Aspinwall interfered and the shooting followed.

Wipe Thom Out,

The mosquito never had many lished that he is a sort of rural free terminated and the seed lost it will "What did he say Mr. Morris?" do no injury to humanity.

Personal Statement.

POLITICAL ENMITY

He Says is Responsible for His Name Being Connected With the Investigation of the Dispensary Affairs. An Interesting

Incident in the Hearing.

At the session of the dispensary investigation at Spartanburg Wednesday Senator Blease, who is a member of the Legislative committee investigating the dispensaries made the following privileged statement:

"I have heard my name brought into this matter in this manner for malicious political reasons until I am tired of it. Toland had no conversation at all with me about this committee or its examinations. Mr. Toland came to me at the hotel Tuesday and said, 'Where is Charlie Smith?' I said, 'I don't know, sir. I have not got anything to do with Charlie Smith.' He said, 'if Charlie Smith will give me \$100 I will not appear before this committee.' I said, 'I have nothing to do with Charlie Smith or you and don't care to have anything to do with you.' He said. Neither do I want to have a God damned thing to do with you.' 1 turned and walked into the Argyle hotel and that is every word Toland has spoken to me in the last four or

While I am on my feet I want to make a statement in regard to the Morris matter. The two gentlemen who are conducting this division of this investigation are political enemies of the deepest sort of mine."

Mr. Lyon: "I wish to most em phatically deny that statement." Mr. Blease: "I can prove it by the ecords of the house and senate.' Mr. Lyon: "There is absolutely no foundation for it. My relations with him have been pleasant and I have held him in very great esteem until I

found out about his conduct in Spar-

opinion has changed very materi Mr. Blease: "Any man that says until this year and as it stands that my conduct was not that of a

cantlemer 'a liar and I am willing to take care of myseir." Mr. Christensen: "I presume that while we were in the senate together Q. "Where were these committee and it is expected that there will be take the same position on all quesbut that does not mean any

political enmity."
Mr. Blease: "I can prove what say by the record. The indorsements given by the people of my own county are sufficient for my reputation with

88 250 out getting it from that class of peo-Continuing, Mr. Blease said: came to Spartanburg to the May fes them in with disk harrow. If the soi 17,360 tival. I stopped—as I have always been doing since Mr. Hester has been running the Argyle-with him. Som 2,195 time during the week, I don't remember the day, J. ff Dunwoody came into a dense growth of vines cover the land 8,225 the hotel nearly or fully crying. 1 the nut grass will, I am convinced 7 500 met him in the office. I said, 'Hello, be killed. I smothered it out in sev 22 640 Jeff, what is the matter?' I saw he 14 635 was very much worked up about so far find none. But the growth of 6 585 something. He said, 'I have never been treated as badly in my life as l was awhile ago, I was cursed and run crop must be grown in sub equent cut of a place of business down here by a man called Morris.' I had never that the densest growth of wire grass seen Mr. Morris nor heard of him can be killed by one good crop of pea before. "The next morning Mr. Dunwoody

came into my room. He said, Mr.

make a settlement with this man Morris for me as my attorney?' I said, 'Yes, sir, I will.' I asked him of course what the situation was and he ter farm. I should take it because I 4.550 explained it to me. I went down to know that the wire grass had greatly 8 370 Mr. Morris' place of business. I had enriched it, and that I could kill it at 2,880 never seen him in my life. There will. In winter I should put in a two clerking for him, named Farley, sit-19,025 ting at a desk I think, or came in Morris was in. He said he was up should be pretty sure to have a good stairs. He had not come down. 1 13,075 presumed from that that Mr. Morris ing and improves land rapidly." 18,710 was living over his place of business. 3,310 I waited a while and directly Mr. 16,195 Morris came in, or the man who was 11,465 said to be Mr. Morris. I was intro duced to him as Mr. Morris. I said to him I came there as an attorney for the Atlanta Brewing and Ice com pany to have a settlement with him. He told me he was glad to meet me and invited me to go back and take a bottle of beer with him, which we did, and we sat in the back of his same evening and at 3 o'clock in the think Mr. Farley joined us. I would

ike to have one now. "We then talked over this business. I said to Mr. Morris, "I have got the money here to pay your bill and we will pass receipts and have no more trouble about this matter.' He said, What about the \$125 that Jeff Dunwoody gave to build the ice box?' raid, 'Let that go. Let's you and I settle our business.' He said, right.' He said to me, 'I don't want to sign any papers until I see my at. torney.' I said, 'You are right if you have got an attorney, let's go to him."

"Is that right, Mr. Morris," said Mr. Blease, turning to Mr. Morris in the court room. Mr. Morris: "Yes, sir."

any man to settle where he has an attorney, because I know what professional authority is and I have always practiced it different from some people, I am sorry to say. Mr. Morris stepped to his 'phone and phoned to the office of Stanyar e friends and since it has been estab. Wilson. Mr. Wilson phoned that he way of making things interesting fo was there. Mr. Morris and myself "old offenders." He adds up up a delivery for yellow fever he will lose went out and got in a hack and drove thier previous terms in jail and giv talking there in the beer house in any that he may have had in the to Mr. Stanyarne Wilson's omce up them the total as their antence. The tere on Main street, I suppose about other day he sentenced a criminal t

suppose I would have carried him there. Mr. Morris asked Mr. Wilson to 'phone for Mr. H. B. Carlisle, a gentleman I had not seen up to that time, or if I had I do not remember it. Mr. Carlisle came. After discussing Senator Cole L. Blease Makes a the matter those gentlemen advised Many People Crushed to Death Mr. Morris to sign the receipt and accept the money, which Mr. Morris dld. I think I handed three \$5 bills to Mr. Wilson, I think Mr. Morris is right in that. I gave him my receipt and he gave me his. We walked down the steps together, Mr. Morris insisting upon my going back to his place of business with him. In the mean-time Mr. Morris said something to me about \$25 which he had paid for some Over One Hundred Men, Women and newspaper business, I don't remember what it was, and that he paid with the understanding that he was to be re-elected. I said to Mr. Morris, 'Did you pay that money with the promise of being reelected?' He said, 'I did.' I says, 'Then you were treated damn dirty, and if I were you I would demand my money back."

Mr. Farley, witness: "I would like to make a statement to Mr. Blease. So far as my feelings toward you are concerned they are of the kindest. The conversation between me and Mr. Catheart Wednesday night was when he said Mr. Toland had seen you and knowing you as a member of the com mittee I quit trying to persuade him."
Mr. Blease: "I am glad you told im. I honor you for not doing the dirty work some people are trying to

Mr. Blease, continuing his state-ment: "Mr. Morris said, 'I don't know how to get it.' I said, 'I will write an order for you,' and I wrote the order n my own handwriting with nothing to conceal from any man' political enemy or otherwise. I gave it to Mr. Morris. I did not ask Mr. Morris at any time for any papers or letters in connection with this investigation, but only such as were to be used in this settlement between him and my self as attorney for the Atlanta Brew ing company. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Lyon were not mentioned by me to Mr. Morris nor by Mr. Morris to me at any time. I may have said to Mr. Morris, I don't remember, that 'you boys have talked too much,' but if 1 did it was in relation to the difficulty between him and Mr. Dunwoody and not in relation to this committee or any subdivision of it. That, so far as know, is my entire conversation in the Spartanburg investigation. I have never advised any man not to come be fore this committee. I have never ad vised to testify before this committee, have never done aught by word of act other than to help on this investi gation and any man who says so of intimates to the contrary is a liar."

TO KILL NUT GRASS.

A Farmer Says Cowpeas Sown Thickly Will Do It.

O. W. Blackwell, of Vance County, N. C., in answer to an enquiry in The Progressive Farmer as to how to kil nut grass says: "While my tests are not yet conclusive, I believe that cov peas will kill it. Plow and harrow the land as thoroughly as possible; about June 20th harrow in at least two bushels of cowpeas per acre broad cast. A plow covers too deep. Pu is poor apply a liberal quantity of stable manure or fertilizer rich in ammonia as you can afford. If the season is fairly favorable for peas, and eral places last year that way, and car vines must be dense, and the summer not too dry or a second or even third years. I have proved beyond question vines. But it must be a good one. If I had the choice of two farms of equal natural fertility, one free from wire grass, and one so densely matted with it that you could not put a plow in it In a short time the city's entire hosexcept in winter when the ground was pital and ambulance force was on the at its wettest, I should take the latwas a young gentleman in there horse plow and turn that wire grass sod bottom up. This sod I should cut up well with disk harrow, and broadshortly after. I asked him if Mr. cast peas in June as stated. Then I

farm, for wire grass permits no wash-Speedy Murder Trial. All records for speedy trial were broken at Ashville Tuesday, when Ab Dougherty, colored, was sentenced to the penitentiary for 12 years withir 24 hours after killing Mose Williams also colored, of which crime he was convicted. The homicide occurred near the city late Monday afternoon. The corner's inquest was held the place and drank a bottle of beer and I morning the cornorer's jury returned its verdict, implicating Dougherty He was aiready under arrest and wa brought to that city and tried in th superior court that afternoon, the grand jury having found a true bil that morning. The man pleaded guilty of manslaughter and was sen tenced immediately.

Good Friends,

Baroness Rosen, wife of the new Russian ambassador, and the wife of Japanese Minister Takahira ar close presonal friends necessarily kept apar until a treaty of peace shall have been ratified. The baroness met Mrs. Tak ahira when her husband represente Russia in the Mikado's capitol. A warm friendship sprang up and wa maintained at long distance by correspondence untill the outbreak of Mr. Blease: "I would not advise trouble, in Korea. When this crue war is over doubtlees they will meet in the boudeir of one or the other fo 'a good, long talk."

A Good Way.

Sir John Madden, the new chie justice at Victoria, has hit upon a nev the most public place we could go to. nine years and one month, his aggre If I had been doing dirty work I don't gate record.

POORLY BUILT.

by Collapse of a Store.

DISASTER IN ALBANY

Children Buried in the Ruins. Be-

tween Twenty and Thirty Were Killed, Many Injured and Fifty Entombed.

it over 100 persons.

At Albany, N. Y., the middle section of the big department store of the John G. Myers company on north Pearl street, collapsed early on Tuesday of last week, carrying down with

Caught in a chaos of brick, plaster and wooden beams, between 20 and 30 men, women and children met death. I'welve hours' frantic work on the part of rescuers disentangled 50 people, six of them dead and many of the rest oadly injured. Three bodies were in sight at a late hour Tuesday night, out many hours' werk will be required to get them out. Anything like a complete list of the killed and injured will be unobtainable until the workers have made their way to the very botsom of the mass of the wreckage. With few exceptions those caught in

the ruins were employes, a large majority of them girls. The catastrophe occurred shortly after the opening hour when barely a core of shoppers were in the store. A clock found in the debris had stopped st 12 minutes before 9, showing when the crash came.

The best account of the event that probably caused the ruin is given by the head of the crockery, glass and rug department, which occupies the

basement.
'The workmen were sawing at a wooden floor beam," said he, "which runs underneath one of the centralpillars in the middle of the store. Excavation for the cellar was going on about the base of this pillar, and I oelieve that jarring of the beam beneath it displaced the foundation of the pillar. The first thing I knew, two of the counters near the place where the men were working began to sag, and several pieces of glassware slid off into the floor with a crash,

"I yelled to my clerks to run for the front of the store. The words were act out of my mouth when there came a creaking and everything around us segan to fall. The wreck came slow-ly, however, and I think everyone in ny department escaped as well as the

workmen." ported the ends of two giant girders, and when it fell, the main support of ne central part of the building was one. With a noise that could be neard blocks away and which shook the adjoining buildings, nearly half the great structure, from cellar to roof, and extending from one side wall to the other, came grinding down. Into this cavern fell scores of employes who were working on the four floors above and lacked the warning which enabled those in the basement o escape. Some, however, were apprised of the danger by falling plaster and saved themselves by rusning to he front of the store or to the fire

scape in the rear. Clouds of dust which shot out of the ront entrance caused those outside to lieve that the store was afire, and a ice alarm was immediately turned in. When the fire department arrived to do in rescuing h se who were pinned under the top wreckage. They were joined by scores of volunteer rescurers and within an nour 15 or 20 persons were carried out, none of them tatally injured.

scene, aided by half a hundred doctors from all parts of the city. The volunteer rescurers and the iremen continued the work until exhausted, when their places were taken by a wrecking force numbering 300 men from the New York Central and Delaware and Hudson railroads. Tnese delved in the ruins all night, but the work of rescue progressed slowly, When darkness came it was estimated that nearly 50 persons still remained in the ruins and that not more than half of these could survive the weight pressing upon them. Fortunately the wreckage did not take fire. Some 100 persons are still unaccounted for, but 50 of these are cash boys, of whom the arm has no record and the loss of the payroll makes it difficult to get anything like a complete list of many others. In all the company has 400 employes, but 50 of these are away on

The building which collapsed stands n the heart of the shopping district at Nos. 39 and 41 north Pearl street. It is owned partly by the company and partly by the estate of the late David Orr. The loss to the company is estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,-000. The building was a very old one out until now considered perfectly sound. Extensive repairs were unier way when the catastrophe took place. After the death of its founier, John G. Myers, two years ago, he business was conducted by a company consisting of George P. Hilton, H. King Sturdee, Edward F. Hackett and Robert M. Chalmers. Mr. Chalners was taken from the ruins with light injuries. About a month ago he firm was incorporated as a stock

Patal Collision.

A head on collision at Norfolk be ween electric trains of the reenview livision of the Norfolk Railway and ight Co.'s system Wednesday evenng resulted in the death of motorman Sydney Thomas, formerly of Lynchourg, and the slight injury of Robert Calt and wife, of that city, Charles Gibbs, of Berkeley, and John Grimstead, all passengers. The railroad authorities say the collison was due to ilsobedience of orders. Both trains were badly damaged.