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IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Defaulting Dispensers to be Prosecuted.

Distressing Accident at Fish Ferry—To Complete the Charleston Building. Dr. Sampson's Paper Lectures. Other Palmetto News.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 13.—Governor Evans has begun to apply the law to those dispensers who have been found to be defaulters. The first man among these officers of the state to find himself in the hole is Mr. B. O. Evans the dispenser at St. Matthews in Orangeburg county. The official inspector has gone over the dispenser's books and finds that there is a shortage of between \$2,300 and \$3,300.

Governor Evans yesterday said that the matter of the existence of this shortage was only reported to him on Saturday last. He at once sent Inspector Scruggs to St. Matthews to take charge of the dispensary and make an investigation of the books and accounts. He reported yesterday that the amount of the defalcation was as given above. Governor Evans says he cannot understand how the county board of control could have let the shortage occur without noticing it.

He has sent the bond of the dispenser to Messrs Bowman and H. H. Brunson, attorneys at Orangeburg and ordered them to proceed at once to bring suit upon the bond to recover the amount of shortage. He has also decided to have Dispenser Evans prosecuted to the full extent of the law for grand larceny and breach of trust.

On the dispenser's bond are Messrs Philip Rich and Frederick J. Bunch, both men of wealth and the loss will be fully covered. The shortage falls entirely on the county and does not affect the funds due the state. The governor has ordered Mr. Scruggs to close the dispensary and turn it over to some person whom the board of control shall select to act as dispenser.

The governor has not yet taken any legal steps against any of the other dispensers who have been found to be defaulters, but his action indicates what course he will pursue with all of them. This misappropriation of state liquor funds has caused quite a stir among the advocates of the dispensary system.

LIEUT. SATTERLEE MARRIED.

A Brilliant South Carolina Social Event. Memories of the War Recalled.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 9.—Carolina's capital was last night the scene of a peculiar wedding in high life, showing that war memories can be buried where love reigns supreme. In the historic old Trinity church Lieutenant Charles Booth Satterlee, a Pennsylvanian, of the Third artillery, U. S. A., was married to the daughter of a Confederate brigadier general, Miss Mary Viduan Marion Capers, the ceremony being performed by the general himself, now the beloved bishop of the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina—Bishop Ellison Capers. The bride too, is a lineal descendant of the revolutionary hero, General Francis Marion, and she carried in her hand a wedding fan which was used by her great-grandmother, the wife of Marion's grand-nephew. The wedding also took place in the shadow of the building where the officer did his first military duty, having been stationed at the capitol here in the stirring times of 1875, when Hampton overthrew the Chamberlain government. The wedding was the most brilliant social event of the season in South Carolina. The couple went to Florida late last night. Lieutenant Satterlee is now stationed at Atlanta.

JOE AVERICK IS CAPTURED.

The Triple Negro Murderer of Georgia Caught in South Carolina.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 13.—Joe Averick, a triple negro murderer, with a price of \$1,300 upon his head, who has been hunted for by detectives for many months, was run to earth by four detectives in the country near this city yesterday, and lodged in jail here. He murdered a white man named Howard in Screven county, Georgia, in October, 1893. Then he killed Lieutenant Navey of the police force in Savannah, Ga., in February, 1894. Prior to these murders he killed a negro in Georgia. All this time he has eluded capture, and his whereabouts were a mystery. He has been hiding in the country most of the time.

WILL COMPLETE THE BUILDING.

Sty Thousand Dollars Appropriated for the Charleston Federal Building.

WASHINGTON, February 13.—Mr. Butler, democrat of South Carolina, in the senate yesterday offered an amendment to the sturdy civil bill appropriating \$50,000 for the completion of the public building at Charleston, S. C. The committee on public buildings and grounds later in the day made a favorable report on the amendment.

Ten Inch Snow in the Palmetto.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 13.—Carolina's capital had the heaviest snow fall ever known in this section of the south. The snow storm began at 5 a. m., on Monday and continued for twenty-four hours with a momentary abatement. The snow's depth on the level is ten inches.

Sampson Pops to Lecture in Washington.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—Dr. Sampson Pops, late candidate for Governor, is arranging to deliver here on Saturday, the 15th inst., a lecture on South Carolina politics.

All South Carolina Vegetables Destroyed.

CHARLESTON, S. C., February 9.—The thermometer here reached twelve degrees this morning, the lowest on record for February. Everything in the way of vegetation is destroyed.

THE WEEK IN TRADING CIRCLES.

Cold Weather and High Winds Restrict Orders in All Staple Lines.

New York, February 9.—Bradstreet's review today says: "Extremely low temperature, snow and high winds have visited the greater portion of the country this week and exercised a marked influence by restricting orders received by jobbers in all staple lines. But they have tended to stimulate purchases of seasonable goods."

General trade at larger eastern centers remains unchanged. Philadelphia reports continued free sales of dry goods. At Baltimore bills sent south and southwest have been paid more promptly than expected.

Among southern cities, Chattanooga reports that the volume of trade there for January in spite of the range of prices is equal to that for 1894. In contrast is a decrease in all lines at Augusta, with commercial collections unsatisfactory. Business has fallen off at Atlanta, but at Savannah the situation is unchanged, with jobbers cautious as to opening accounts. A fair volume of business is doing at New Orleans, but collections are poor because of non-payment of sugar bounties. No important changes are reported from Memphis, Richmond, Charleston or Galveston.

The damage by the Florida freeze was exaggerated. A large portion of the orange crop had already been marketed. Late crop, and that held for higher prices, was caught and destroyed. Some young trees were hurt, but old groves were practically unharmed. Heavy losses fell on large growers. A good but small crop is expected this year. Results of Florida naval stores and phosphate industries, truck and berry farming are said to have been satisfactory.

INDUSTRIAL CONDITION SOUTH.

Lumber Producers Organize—Cotton Mills Occupy Much Attention.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., February 13.—Reports to the Tradesman, from all over the south, for the week ending February 11th, are as follows:

The lumber producers in the central southern and southeastern states will organize for their benefit, and the preparations indicate that an advance in prices will be ordered at an early day. New mills are being built in large numbers. Cotton mills are occupying much attention. The most important of the new ones are the Bell Lumber Co., with \$300,000 capital, one at Kosciusko, Miss., capital \$100,000, and others at Sheffield, Ala., Jackson, Tenn., and Rosokno, Va. The San Antonio Lumber Co., with a \$25,000,000 capital, and the Dunford Lumber Manufacturing Co., of Atlanta, Ga., capital \$50,000.

The Tradesman also reports the incorporation at Macon, Ga., of the F. J. Bell Lumber Co., with \$300,000 capital; the George Officer Lumber Co., of Eddy Lake, S. C., capital \$50,000. An irrigation company with \$50,000 capital has been chartered at Austin, Tex., and a \$25,000 Artesian Wells Co., at Moody, Tex.

THE FLORIDA RATE WAR.

One Topic of Interest in the Business Circles of Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., February 11.—The recently inaugurated rate war between the Clydes and the Philadelphia Steamship Line in south bound freight to this city continues to be a topic of interest in business circles second only to that of the weather. So far this contest is confined to the two companies named. None of the railroads are in it, so far as could be ascertained yesterday by a diligent engineering among the various transportation offices. The Clydes people decline to say anything for publication at present; they claim that their published rates for carrying freight is their way of talking and the most effective. If they have any remarks to make in the future they will do it this way. The Ocean Steamship Line, the Mallory Line and the Merchants and Miners, via Savannah, are not involved so far, as their war is freight between Jacksonville and Philadelphia direct.

THE DEATH OF W. H. FLEMING.

Patentee of the Cactus Hedge, Owner of Opel Mines, Passes Away.

COLUMBIA, Ga., February 11.—W. H. Fleming, patentee of the cactus hedge fence, and also proprietor of several opal mines in Idaho died yesterday in Opelika, of apoplexy. His home is in California, but for the past year he has made this city his headquarters. He was well known among sporting men throughout the country.

To do a Large Trucking Business.

WAYCROSS, Ga., February 9.—A company has been formed in this city for the purpose of doing an extensive truck and poultry business. A site for the farm has been selected near Kettle Creek on the Waycross Air Line. The farm will be put in order at once, and the business will be managed by experienced persons.

Jenious Mistress Kills Her Man.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., February 13.—At Port Tampa city, Fla., last night Philip Harris was shot and killed by Victoria Johnson. The woman was Harris' mistress and jealous. Both were colored.

Wholesale Grocers Assign at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., February 13.—W. F. Allen & Company, wholesale grocers who have been in business many years, have assigned with liabilities of \$40,000. Assets about the same.

New Counterfeit Bill on the Market.

WASHINGTON February 13.—A new and dangerous counterfeit of the \$5 silver certificate, series of 1893, W. S. Rosecrans, register, W. H. Nebeker, treasurer, registered, was put into circulation, and the secret service has sent out a warning.

Coldest Day in Denver's History.

DENVER, Col., February 13.—Early yesterday the thermometer registered 30 degrees below, the coldest in Denver's history.

CRIME'S FAIR DECEIT

Ingenuity Known to None so Well as to the Law Evader.

In the Heart of Columbia, the Seat of the Dispensary, an Underground Saloon, of the Most Remarkable Concealment, is Unearthed.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 9.—Slick moonshiners who have for years been making a study of ingenious methods to evade the United States revenue laws are not in it with the South Carolina dispensary law evaders.

A lair was unearthed yesterday in the heart of Columbia's capital, which was almost in the bowels of the earth, a lair which rivals that of the North Carolina moonshiners who dived through a river's waters to reach the mouth of their underground distillery. It was way down under the cellar of the grocery store of Messrs. Platt, Hook & Shull, and the whole construction of the underground tunnel, particularly the manner of concealing the way of entrance, was the acme of ingenuity. About \$1,300 worth of liquor was bagged, for between 300 and 400 gallons of good liquor were confiscated.

Down Into the Bowels of the Earth.

The search of the place was made by the liquor constables and police. The owners of the store refused to allow the officers to go into the store, but opened up the cellar. The building is a very long one and the cellar-way the officers were ushered into ran only half way. At the rear end was solid earth. The officers knew what they were doing, however, for they sent for shovels and spade and began to dig into the wall of earth. After digging forward about six feet their instruments struck air and they soon got into the rest of the cellar. They went in and searched all around. On one side next the brick wall was what appeared to be the solid foundation of a large chimney, running on up through the building. On this their attention centered. Pretty soon they began to cut into the brick, and in a short time they gazed through, and by the flickering light of a candle they could see that the chimney was a false one, that inside a ladder ran upwards and there was a neat little bar with all necessaries inside. They cut the hole larger and got inside.

The Subterranean Bar Unearthed.

They saw the bottom of an ingenious trap door in the floor above, which could not be detected above as it was covered by shelving. But the liquor had not yet been found and the real ingenuity of the hiding place was yet to be seen. The constables looked around the inside walls of the chimney and towards the outer wall they finally discovered a door at the mouth of a long dark tunnel running back into the "bowels of the earth." A man could almost stand erect in the neatly constructed tunnel. Then the exploration of this tunnel began. The constables went on and until they struck a point where the tunnel divided and branched in opposite directions, and then the liquor was in sight. There was about forty feet of tunneling and the earth taken out of it had been used to make the false back to the cellar. It took the constables several hours to get all the liquor stored in the tunnel out. And there was lots of it. In all the constables estimate they got nearly four hundred gallons.

THE NEW TRIAL SET FOR MAY.

The Debs' Jury Discharged and Case Stopped in Consequence.

CHICAGO, February 13.—The Debs jury was discharged yesterday and the case was set for a new trial on the first Monday in May. The physician attending juror James C. Cox, whose illness has caused the hitch in the proceedings, declared that the sick man would not be able to resume his duties as a juror for at least thirty days. Judge Grosscup then held a conference with the counsel of both sides, and it was agreed to leave the matter to the court's discretion, which resulted as stated.

South Carolina Political Gossip.

WASHINGTON, February 11.—It is hinted that Comptroller General Norton, editor of the Cotton Plant, came here to see if he could not placate Representative McLaughlin, the leader of the new conservative reform movement in South Carolina. It is also hinted that such a mission is a feature of the Tillman-Irby combination.

General Montgomery Corse Dead.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 13.—General Montgomery Corse who served in Confederate army during the war of the rebellion died in this city yesterday, aged 79 years.

SOUTH CAROLINA IN BRIEF.

Adjutant General J. Gary Watts is in Charleston for the purpose of coming to some understanding with the military officers of that city in regard to the new military law, which goes into effect shortly.

The state farmers' alliance is likely to be in session in Columbia in about a fortnight to consider what the farmers of the state had best do to better their condition and do battle with the port cotton situation.

Port Royal makes a splendid showing in her cotton receipts this season as compared with the season of 1893-94. Since September 1, 1894, the net receipts have been 111,501 bales, as compared with 47,093 the previous season, in increase of 64,408.

Senator M. C. Butler spent Sunday afternoon and Monday in Edgefield. He has now gone to Washington, but it is probable that he will return on February 4th to address the veterans of the Abner Perrin Camp, who will meet here on that day.

THE WEEK'S WORK IN CONGRESS

A Synopsis of the Proceedings of Both House and Senate.

The following is a synopsis of the proceedings of both branches of congress for the past week:

SENATE.—All three the measures looking to financial relief, known as the administration currency bill and the amendments thereto, were killed in the house this day by decided votes. This reverses the legislation, as suggested by Cleveland's late message, to the starting point.

In the senate the consular appropriation bill held the day with no action taken. Many seats vacant on account of the extreme cold weather.

SENATE.—Nothing was done in either of the branches but refer to important messages from the president to the proper committees. One was notifying congress that the four per cent bond issue had been arranged and the contracts to float same already signed, the same to go into effect after ten days, the time given to congress to legislate on the currency question, if so disposed. The other referred to the death of the late Senator John M. McKim, who took part in the recent uprising in Hawaii.

SENATE.—The senate decided by a vote of 86 to 25 that the amendment of the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill for the construction and maintenance of a telegraphic cable between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands was in order. The bill, as amended, and immediately afterwards, by a similar vote, is adopted the amendment and then passes the bill.

The proceedings of the house were devoid of any exciting episode or the transaction of any business of general interest or importance. Some progress was made with the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill.

SENATE.—Senator Hill introduced the following resolution to come up tomorrow:

"Resolved, That the committee on the subject of the establishment of a safe system of biometrical, wherein gold and silver may be maintained at parity, and every dollar coined may be the equal in value and power of every dollar coined or issued by the United States, but, if our efforts to establish or maintain such a system should be wholly unsuccessful, and, for any reason, our silver coin shall not hereafter be at parity with gold and silver and the equal thereof in value and power in the market, and the payment of debts thereon is hereby declared that the bonds of the United States now or hereafter issued, which by their terms are payable in coin, shall nevertheless be paid in standard gold dollars, it being the policy of the United States, that its creditors shall, at all times, be paid in the best money in use."

Senator Allen addressed the senate on the Alabama election matter. The session of the house was given to the consideration of the legislative, executive and judicial appropriations bill, and some half dozen bills of a miscellaneous character, including three for public buildings in Winston-Salem, N. C., Potteryville, Pa., and Brockton, Mass.; also one bill for the appointment of a commission of army engineers to report as to the use of a bridge over the Delaware at Philadelphia. No progress was made on the postoffice appropriation bill.

THE BOND ISSUE READY.

Contracts Signed for the Four Per Cent. Ten Days Given Congress to Act.

WASHINGTON, February 9.—Unless congress in ten days passes a law authorizing the issue of gold bonds bearing three per cent interest running thirty years, or otherwise relieves the treasury in the replenishment of the gold reserve, Secretary Carlisle will, by direction of the president, sell four per cent bonds to the amount of \$92,400,000 for gold. Arrangements whereby this can be done and \$45,000,000 in gold be received for the bonds have been perfected, and the contingent contract signed. In the official memorandum of the transaction, made public at the treasury yesterday, is the following:

"The contract was made with August Belmont & Co., of New York, on behalf of Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons, of London, and J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, on behalf of J. S. Morgan & Co., of London, and themselves and provides for the delivery to the United States of 3,000,000 ounces of standard gold coin of the United States to be paid for in United States four per cent bonds. A large number of other banks and financial institutions are interested in the transaction, but their names are not mentioned in the contract itself. The department does not know in what proportion the various parties are to furnish the gold coin or receive the bonds, as this is a matter for arrangement between themselves."

THE NEW LEGION FALLS FLAT.

No Dual Organization of the Knights of Labor Now Probable.

COLUMBIA, S. C., February 12.—The miners knights of labor convention began at 11 a. m. yesterday in Wirthwein's hall with forty delegates in attendance. Master Workman Phil H. Penna, called for the report of the committee on credentials. There were no contests. The report of the New Orleans delegates was then called for. Around this report all interest centers. The delegates will advocate the withdrawal of the miners from the general assembly of the knights of labor on the ground of Sovereign and Hayes' alleged high-handed action in excluding them from that convention.

WAR NOT YET AVERTED.

Mexico Has Not Yet Reached a Settlement With Guatemala.

CITY OF MEXICO, February 8.—Hon. Ignacio Mariscal, secretary of foreign relations in the Mexican cabinet, yesterday officially denied the statement that Guatemala has receded from its ground and acceded to the accounts of Mexico. "But we are still hopeful that the war may be averted," said the minister. Senator Mariscal did not indicate that the settlement of the boundary question is any nearer an amicable settlement than at the beginning of the negotiations.

Granted to Alabama For Public Purposes.

WASHINGTON, February 13.—The house committee on military affairs reported favorably the bill granting the Mount Vernon barracks military reservation to the state of Alabama for public purposes.

The Leesburg, Florida, Bank Assigns.

LEESBURG, Fla., February 13.—The bank of Leesburg has assigned to President Stapleton of the Leesburg state bank. It is believed the bank will pay dollar for dollar.

NINE MILLION BALES

The Total Cotton Crop by States Accurately Compiled.

Figures Compiled by the Department of Agriculture Based Upon Special Reports, Showing Railway Movements and Left on Fields.

WASHINGTON, February 13.—The statements furnished the department of agriculture by the various railway and water transportation companies of cotton movement to ports and northern and eastern points from beginning of season to January 1, 1895, together with returns made by the department's county agents of the amount of cotton remaining on plantations and in interior towns on January 1, and the amounts reported by mills as bought from September 1, to January 1, shows as follows:

Total crop, North Carolina	492,447
Total crop, South Carolina	787,808
Total crop, Georgia	1,151,460
Total crop, Alabama	49,677
Total crop, Mississippi	293,749
Total crop, Louisiana	1,127,530
Total crop, Texas	73,888
Total crop, Arkansas	2,601,898
Total crop, Tennessee	692,217
Total crop, Indian Territory and Oklahoma	112,348
Total crop, Missouri	2,370
Total crop, Virginia	11,125
Total crop, Kentucky	1,057
Total crop, Kansas	67
Total crop, sold, unsold and totals are as follows:	
Total railway movement	5,848,728
Remaining on plantations, etc.	2,089,730
Bought by mills	491,583
Total crop	9,629,000
No deduction has been made of cotton remaining on plantations and interior towns on September 1, 1894.	
In addition to the above mill purchases are to be added 8,388 bales bought by Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina mills from states in which their mills are not located, also 14,886 bales bought by Virginia and 4,485 bales bought by Kentucky mills, all of which are included in the railway movement, making a total of 493,209 bales reported by the southern mills as bought from September 1, 1894, to January 1, 1895.	
The per cent by statements is as follows:	
North Carolina 87; South Carolina 91; Georgia 94; Florida 97; Alabama 91; Mississippi 88; Louisiana 89; Texas 89; Arkansas 90; Tennessee 89; Indian Territory and Oklahoma 88; Missouri, Virginia, Kentucky and Kansas 87; average 89.8.	

DECREASE IN ALL FAILURES.

That in Manufacturing Lines Most Noteworthy—Dun's Report.

NEW YORK, February 9.—R. G. Dun & Co. in their report on failures, say: The failures reported for the month of January show an aggregate of \$18,103,209, liabilities against \$29,543,028 last year, and in manufacturing only \$8,728,587 against \$11,859,715 last year, while in trading the liabilities were \$11,055,105 against \$17,284,587 last year.

The remarkable large decrease in manufacturing failures deserve the more attention because prices of manufactured products have so greatly declined during the year, and the output has been greatly reduced. Failures for the past week have been 361 in the United States, against 385 last year, and 53 in Canada against 60 last year.

GROVER DECIDES FOR BRAZIL.

He Settles as Arbitrator, a Long Existing Boundary Dispute.

WASHINGTON, February 8.—The president decided the boundary dispute between Brazil and the Argentine republic in favor of Brazil.

The difficulty was presented to the special envoys of Brazil, Baron Rio Branco and General Cerqueira, and the Argentine minister, Dr. Zeballos, who assembled with their staffs at the state department yesterday afternoon, by Secretary Gresham. The voluminous documents in the controversy were delivered to the president, February 9th, 1894, and he had a year for their consideration in which he was assisted by Assistant Secretaries of State Uhl and Rockhill.

HON. CHARLES GAYARRÉ DEAD.

Eminent Louisiana Statesman, Jurist, Historian, Passes Away.

NEW ORLEANS, February 13.—Judge Charles Gayarré, the eminent jurist and historian died at 2 o'clock yesterday. In his death Louisiana sustained an irreparable loss.

He was born in New Orleans in 1805. After graduating from college and having been admitted to the bar at the age of 26 he was appointed deputy attorney general of Louisiana in 1831. After being elected a judge of the city court he was elected to the state legislature. He was chairman of the house committee instructed to draft resolutions complimentary to the French republic on the success of the revolution in France in 1830.

SUBSTITUTE NEGRO LABOR.

The Harrison Line of Steamers Manned Now by Colored Seamen Only.

NEW ORLEANS, February 6.—This morning the steamship Stenvedore that takes charge of the Harrison line of steamers, announced to work the Navigator, a vessel hailing from Liverpool, with colored labor and there is more than a possibility that the services of the state arbitration board may be called into play before the matter is adjusted. Heretofore work of the Harrison company has been performed by white labor exclusively.

Joseph W. Haddock, government director of the Union Pacific, is seriously ill at Omaha, Nebraska.

John D. Rockefeller confirms the report of an agreement among iron ore producers to maintain prices.

The Arkansas legislature will ship a train load of corn to the sufferers in the western part of the state.

Ten fruit canning factories of East Baltimore which have been shut down since October, will start up this week.

WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

The annual dinner of the Harvard club of the district took place at the Shoreham, Washington, Wednesday night.

The Spartanburg Headlight says that South Carolina is being flooded with worthless kerosene oil by the Standard oil trust.

The third annual convention of the wholesale druggist of the south meets in Atlanta today. This association was organized last year.

The United States treasury Saturday lost \$100,000 in gold, \$104,000 from New York and \$125,000 from Boston, leaving the gold reserve \$41,498,333.

The credentials of Mr. Perkins, of California, for the unexpired term of the late Leland Stanford, has been presented to the senate and the senator sworn in.

Mr. Fardell, conservative, has been elected to the house of commons for Fardellton to fill the seat made vacant by the death of Lord Randolph Churchill.

One hundred and twenty-five representative Michigan lumbermen are on a southern tour and will spend several days in southwest Georgia looking over the lumber region.

There died at Sylacauga, Ala., a few days since probably the oldest person in that state. She was Mrs. Elizabeth Mizell and her age was 114 years beyond all reasonable doubt.

The president sent the nomination of Mr. Robert G. Denig to the senate to be chief engineer in the navy. Mr. Denig formerly occupied the position of passed assistant engineer.

In order to avert a crisis in the presidency of the reichstag the members of the centre propose a compromise increasing the powers of President von Lessow.

The British parliament reassembled Tuesday with the customary ceremonies. The session was opened at 10 o'clock by the reading of the speech from the throne.

It is worthy of note that the total cotton receipts Tuesday at Augusta, Memphis, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Houston were 11,584 bales, against only 9,987 on that day last year.

Mrs. D. Gill, of Baltimore, wife of a wholesale lumber dealer, dropped dead at the Arlington house, Hot Springs, Ark., while walking out of the dining room. Heart disease was the cause.

Frank Atkinson, of Peoria, Ill., a patent medicine vender, recently shot his sister-in-law, Lena Sitter, killing her instantly. He then shot himself fatally. The cause of the act was family troubles.

At the North Carolina department of agriculture it is said there will be an increase of 18 to 20 per cent in tobacco acreage, and at least 25 per cent in truck. There will be a considerable increase in rice.

The steamer Glenfuegos, Captain Smith, of the New York and Cuba line, which sailed from New York January 31 for Santiago via Nassau, stranded shortly before daylight February 4, near Harbor Island. All saved.

W. B. Ryan has received the appointment of general eastern joint agent of the Mexican International, Inter-Oceanic of Mexico, Mexican National and Mexican Central lines, with headquarters in New York.

Edger O. Snyder, a well known Omaha newspaper man, has been appointed private secretary to United States Senator John M. Thurston. Mr. Snyder will continue his editorial work at Omaha until the next session of congress.

A resolution has been introduced providing for the appointment of a commission under the direction of the secretary of war to make preliminary survey and submit plans and estimates for the construction of a ship canal to connect the south end of Lake Michigan with the Washab river.

WHISKEY MEN AS MASONS.

Louisiana Grand Lodge Votes Down the Order to Make Them Ineligible.

NEW ORLEANS, February 13.—A resolution as offered in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana F. and A. M. at its session last year and laid over for one year providing that no one engaged in the sale of intoxicants as a beverage shall be eligible to membership and providing further that members thus engaged be considered of unamenable conduct and be given one year's time in which to change their avocation or stand suspended from the order. At the session last night of the Grand Lodge the resolution came up for final action and was voted down by an overwhelming majority.

Failed for Over Half a Million.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 13.—The court of common pleas yesterday on application of stockholders and creditors, appointed Henry Warner, Esq., receiver of the Linden Steel company. The company's statements show assets valued at \$685,000, and liabilities \$435,000. The money stringency and inability to realize have caused the proceedings, which are regarded as a step leading ultimately to the running on the mills.

To Arrange an Opening Program