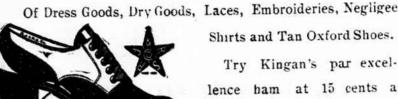
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FRANK B. GARY **ELECTED SENATOR**

AFTER SEVENTEEN BALLOTS THE ABBE VILLE CANDIDATE WON-CONTEST WAS SPIRITED.

At 2:15 p. m. Friday, March 6, the legislative deadlock was broken and Frank B Gary was elected United States senator to succeed the late Asbury C Latimer. Four ballots were taken in joint assembly on Friday, making a total of seventeen in On the last ballot Mr Gary received 79 votes, two more than the requisite number.

The most formidable opponent of Mr Gary was Hon. L G Walker of Georgetown, who on one ballot received as many as 34 votes. For Mr Walker the Williamsburg delegation voted solidly, first, last and all the

Mr Gary is a member of the bar of Abbeville and is considered a very able lawyer. He is a brother of Judge Eugene Gary, Justice of the supreme court, and the popular and genial Judge Ernest Gary, of the 7th judicial circuit.

Senator Gary served two years as speaker of the house of representatives and was universally admired on account of his impartial rulings and fine ability as a presiding officer. Personally he was also generally popular.

At the time of his election to the United States senate Mr Gary was a member of the legislature.

More About Corn Culture.

EDITOR COUNTY RECORD:-It was my intention to have offered some criticisms and comments in your last issue annent the suggestion by Mr James of applying boiling water to seed corn, but pressure of other duties would not permit.

The practise of testing seed of various kinds with boiling water has been resorteu to for various purposes; in the case of oatseed, for the prevention of rust, smuts, etc, in the case of poiseley and other hard coated seeds, for hastening germination etc. I do not know that statisties are available from any specific tests of this procedure, but it is safe to assume that germination in the case of corn would be hastened as with other hard seeds, partly from softening the hard parts and partly from the partial conversion of the starch into sugar which is in a form for mediate use by the baby plant. A vast amount of melabalie or intra-chemical energy is needed to bring about this

change and the hot water process may really be of great assistance. The hot water has nothing to do with the insect pest, see, a succeding paper.

Now is the time for the Williamsburg farmer who is to cap ture the State prize for the best acre of corn in 1909 to begin. The land has to be worked into shape and the seed has to be bred and selected. Very little can be accomplished in breeding in so short time, nevertheless, buying corn seed is so uncertain that it is perhaps best to stick to what you have and do what you can with that.

More can be done with the soil and no time should be lost, The very first consideration is drainage. This applies to new or old land alike and must not be neglected. This means, of course, under drainage, by capilarity down to open water courses at suitable intervals about two to three feet beneath the surface. This complete throughly disk the the soil with disc-plow, roll, and harrow with disc or cutaway-harrow, at the same time incorporating all of humus, (stable-manure, trash, or cotton seed) available. Lay out and plant in cotton this

ing entire summer by frequent shallow cultivations and in the early fall at last sweeping sow crimson clover at rate of 25 or 30 pounds. This clover should

make good stand and growth.

If so, allow to grow and about two weeks before planting the prize crop I hope to tell you what else to do.

Hoping you success in your

LAURENCE H McCullough. March 8, 1908.

Death of Mrs. Stoll.

Mrs Mary L Stoll, widow of the late Rev J C Stoll, in his day one of the foremost Methodist divines in the State, died very suddenly Friday morning at her home on Pinckney street. Mrs Stoll was seated by the fire talking to a daughter-in-law, Mrs W M Stoll, of Great Falls, who had just arrived on a visit, when the fatal summons came, and without a word she sank to The funeral services were held at the Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the pastor, the Rev D M McLeod, conducting the ser-

Mrs Stoll was a McCullough. She was about 68 years of age and was a native of Williamscounty. She leaves the following sons and daughters: S M Stoll, of Savannah, Ga; P H and C W Stoll, of Kingstree, W M and J C Stoll, of Great Falls, and Misses Sue and Mai Stoll, of Chester.-Chester Correspondence News and Courier.

LAKE CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

Something About Fertilizers—Personal and Local Notes.

LAKE CITY, March 10:-Mr P A Hodges of Bennettsville spent again. several days here recently in the interest of the endowment of mercial fertilizers were bought real estate in which to invest, the Columbia Female College.

Mr Lewis E Wood, stenographer of the third circuit whose home is in Sumter, was here by the teaspoonful, as it were. one day last week.

Dr A H Williams has gone to Florida on a little trip of about two weeks.

Mrs George Atkinson, of Tim monsville is visiting her son, Mr L G Atkinson.

Dr H L Baker will take Mrs Baker to Charleston within a days few for the purpose of having an operation performed on her, the surgeons having decided the words of those who have that this is necessary.

The town council has purchased another pair of fine mules and a street building machine. Lots of work has been done on our streets and sidewalks since Intendant Blackwell went into office and he intends to continue these improvements right along.

Mr S I Harvin came over Keep soil throughly loose dur- from Manning Sunday and spent the day in town.

Miss Bessie Snow of Rome is visiting at Mr E W Yates'.

Mr L H Jennings of Bishop

ville is at her parents' home, Mr and Mrs J M Sturgeon. Lettuce is now going North

to please the palates of such as can afford the delightful vegetable at \$7.50 the barrel.

The way fertilizers are being

carried off would startle our of mankind. All others have had grandfathers, could they see their day. Now, after centuries the procession which moves of burdens, the tillers of the soil continuously day after day from are becoming the princes of the the farms to the cars and back earth.

Up to a few years ago comwithout any regard to the particular crop or crops they were intended for and were put out It made no difference whether it was corn or cotton or rice or potatoes, all got about the same kind of manure and in about the same quantity. All this, happily. is fast changing now. Farmers are now taking good agricultural papers and reading them, too. The Clemson car and lectures are eagerly welcomed and every experiment or demonstration is closely studied and delved deeply into the mysteries of plant life and growth are no longer sneered at as "theory" and "rot," but receive intelligent attention. They who live by the plow are beginning to learn that chance has no place in all the universe and that all things are governed by inflexible laws; that nitrogen is good for one crop but bad for another; that potash gives color and stamina where that is wanted that the acids are to be used with certain things and alkali with others. The veil is lifting that divides the dull animal instinct from the quick intelligence. Farming is no longer the hazardous vocation that it has been considered for six thousand years, but is rapidly coming forward as the grandest

and noblest of all the vocations

Mr F. H Hyatt of Columbia was here today prospecting for He delivered quite an interest- the doors of the new opera ing speech to the mass meeting house will be thrown open to Monday night. Mr Mason also of Columbia, was with him.

WLB.

CHARGED WITH DASTARDLY CRIME.

George Tilton Awaits Trial—Accused of Assault on Twelve Year Old Girl.

A gentleman from Lake City this morning gave the Times the following information regarding the threatened trouble there Saturday night.

He says that George Tilton, a white man was arrested on a warrant charging him with an attempted criminal assault upon a little white girl by the name of Miles about four miles from Lake City. The attempt is alleged to have taken place about three weeks ago, but had been kept quiet until this man was arrested Saturday afternoon. It is said that a gentleman passing along the road heard cries in the Miles house and upon investigation found that a man was therein attempting to assault the little girl, only about 12 years old. As soon as this gentleman appeared the man who is said to have been Tilton, escaped and had not been seen until Saturday when he went to Lake City on business. He was arrested on a warrant sworn out before Magistrate J H V Gaskins. There was some talk of lynching and Tilton was hurriedly sent to the jail in Kingstree on train No 89, which passed there shortly after the ar-

The affair is quite a serious one and will likely go hard with Tilton should the allegations prove tree. Tilton is about 35 years old and married. The little girl in her effort to free herself was badly scratched and when rescued was in an almost hysterical condition. It is understood that her condition is improved though now bad.

The foregoing account of a very sensastional affair is clipped from the Florence Times. What reliable information we have been able to gather about the matter is very meager, It is a fact, however, that George Tilton is in jail here charged with a crime so horrible that one can scarcely believe such things could occur in a civilized counOPENING OF THOMAS OPERA HOUSE.

Splendid Attraction to Hold the Boards March 19.

Mr P H Stoll takes extreme pleasure in announcing to the anusement seeking public that on Thursday evening, March 19, the public.

It is but natural on an occasion of this kind, that of the opening of a new and dainty theatre, it was desired to secure the very highest class attraction that was procurable. Mr Stoll had his pick of countless attraction, some of them of a higher standard of excellence than is usually to be found in this section, but when he found that it would be possible to secure the widely known Beggar Prince Opera Company he at once closed a contract with this company, and feels gratified to think he can afford an attraction 'that stands without an equal in the light opera world. This company has appeared in nearly every city of any importance in the United States and has been on the road for ten seasons so that a delightful and charming evening is assured, and it could not be otherwise with this excellent company of noted singers, comedians, dancers and the chorus of pretty girls who are attracting considerable attention in nearby cities.

Chat From Cades.

CADES, March 10:-Mr J L Gowdy of Hebron was in town Monday on business.

Mr R A Cottingham of Salem was noted in town Monday.

Mr B W McElveen went to Kingstree Thursday on busi-

Messrs I R Aycock and W F Heron, representatives of the Southwestern Publishing Co of Nashville, Tenn, spent Sunday with friends in Scranton.

There is quite a difference in the weather today and the past several days.

The "Rutledge" County News does not fancy personals, but is fond of news.

Mr Burt Evans gave the town a visit Monday. He will go to Kentucky in a few days, he BWM.

Notice to Creditors.

All persons having claims against the estate of Chas M Mouzon, deceased, will present the same duly attested to the undersigned and all persons owing said estate will make pay ment to Lee & Askins for.

M. M. Mouzon.

Administrator.

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