## THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON, APRIL 12, 1899.

SCHOOL CHART CERTIFICATES

Not Worth the Paper They are Written On.

#### SO SAYS ASSISTANT ATTOR-NEY GENERAL GUNTER.

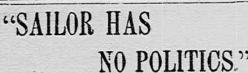
Columbia, April 8 .- The school chart matter has gone beyond the school authorities in the matter of dollars and cents. Frequent and persistent applications have been received to know the legal status of the claims It appears that a great many of the claims are now held by banks throughout the State, in fact it is said that most of the claims are held by banks, which discounted the certificates, which on the face were perfectly regular and proper

It is understood that the holders of the certificates have employed counsel to look after the collection of the claims, and it is likely that the issue will be taken to the United States court to get grown up men out of debts which they contracted and for which they signed certificates.

The following is an opinion rendered today, which is of general importance, and will probably cover all the cases referred to either the education . al or the legal departments of the State government :

Columbia, April 8, 1899. Hon. J. J. McMahan, Superintendent of Education, Columbia, S. C .-Dear Sir : The communication of Mr W. T. Smarr,, referred to this office. submits this question : "If school trustees sign school warrants payable July 10, 1899, for school supplies, and the claim has been sold to a third party before it became due, and on still has money to its credit, can the third party collect same, when protest has been put in for the claim so sold ?"

Having already expressed the opinion that the action of school trustees in issuing warrants to be paid out of next year's funds is ultra vires, and that the warrants so issued are void, it follows that the warrants are void it matters not in whose hands they are. The paper purporting to be a warrant is worthless, as it represents nothing. Its invalidity is expressed on the face of the paper, and persons buying it are thus advised ; the trustees having no authority to the warrants, the mere fact that it has passed into the hands of a third party can no more validate the warrant than if it had been drawn on the road fund of the county. It is stated that the warrant is drawn on a district that will have a balance to carry over to the next year sufficient to pay the warrant Under the law (Section 52, school law of 1896,) which provides that the county treasurers shall carry forward all sums unexpended to the next fiscal year and credit the same to the district for which it was appropriated, it loses all connection with this year's funds, is credited and merged in the next, and can be expended for next year's debts only. Your correspondent desires to know if a board of trustees can emply an attorney to fight the payment of claims for school charts, and pay him out of the school funds apportioned for their district I am inclined to think that they have that authority If an action were brought against the board of trusttees involving the educational interests of the district, they would be compelled to employ an attorney to protect the interests of the schools, or probably allow the district to be ruined. It cannot be reasonably contended that they should pay an attorney out of their own pockets, for this would mean usually that, in spite of the ordinary patriotism, the district would be unrepresented. If then they have power to employ counsel to defend, I see no reason why they should not have power to employ an attorney to bring an action, or for other purposes to protect the school interests. The question is asked, what kind of notice should be served on the treasurer to prevent him from paying the warrants in question? If the warrants are illegal no formal notice is necessary, as the treasurer is not likely to pay an illegal warrant. As a matter of policy, however, it would be well to notify him of the condition of affairs. Yours truly,



## DEWEY ON THE MATTER OF THE PRESIDENCY.

New York, April 9-Admiral Dewey has given to the Manila correspondent of Leslies Weekly an interview regarding the suggestion that the admiral be made a candidate for the presidency next year. The admiral said, as to his politics : "I am a sailor A sailor has no politics. The administration is his party and, Republican or Democrat, it makes no difference. Then, again, I come from Vermont and you know what that means. To be anything but a Republican in Vermont is to be a man without a party. My flag lieutenant comes from Georgia. He tells me that to be anything but a Democrat in the south is to be nobody. If I lived south I would probably be a Democrat "

"Have you ever voted ?" the correspondent asked.

"Yes, years ago : but my vote was asually influenced by personal preference or local conditions. I am not a politician, have never held political office and am totally ignorant of party intricacies and affiliations."

Admiral Dewey said that neither by vocation, disposition, education or training was be capacitated to fill the presidency. He said that he was too well along in life to consider such a possibility. His health would not admit it. All his life's work was in different lines of effect and that, while the kindness and enthusiasm of his friends were grateful to him and the July 10, 1899, the school distric generous tributes of the American people were dear to him, he could not and would not be a candidate for the presidency of the United States under any conditions.

### Winding up the War.

Washington, April 8 .- The exchange of ratifications of the treaty of peace between Spain and the United States, signed at Paris, will probably take place in this city next week, and that ceremony will be followed by a proclamation by Prosident McKinley officially announcing the close of the war with Spain and the resumption of friendly relations, commercial and otherwise, between the two countries The Spanish copy of the treaty, which was signed by the Queen Regent March 17, is expected to reach here on Monday, and the arrangement of formalities attending the exchange of ratifications will be promptly perfected. Secretary Hay has been officially advised of the forwarding of the Spanish treaty to the French ambassador at Washington, The exchange of ratifications will be followed promptly by the psyment of \$20,000,000 to the Spanish Government on account of the cession of the Philippine Islands to the United States

## Pitched Battle Fought on the them: "So far as I am concerned, I THE LAKE CITY TRIAL Streets of Brunson.

Brunson, S. C., April 9 .- Last night, at about 9 o'clock, a fusilade of pistol shots in rapid succession was heard, and it was soon developed that a pitched battle was being fought in the street between James Preacher, Charlie Preacher and Arren Preacher, brothers, on the one side, and George Ried, Mack Ried, James Ried, brothers, and Joseph Connelly, on the other As a result Geo. Ried is dead, Mack

Ried is probably fatally wounded, Joseph Connelly is seriously wounded and James Preacher slightly wounded in the hand.

It appears that a negro farm hand employed by George Reid was subsequently employed by the Preachers and bad feeling was engendered thereby. Yesterday evening the Rieds went to the Preacher residence on this matter and some bot words were passed Later in the night the two parties met at the busiest corner in the town and an altercation ensued between George Ried and James Preacher, and in an instant weapons were drawn and a general fusilade of about 30 or 40 shots followed The streets being crowded it is miraculous that no bystanders were injured.

The fire of the Preachers seems to have been principally directed on George Ried. He received pine wounds Notwithstanding his many wounds, he lived until this morning.

All the parties are men with families except Charlie and Arren Preacher. George Ried leaves a wife and child Charlie and Arren Preacher are mere boys the latter not yet 20 years of

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death by guashot wounds at the hands of James and Arren Preacher

As a sequel to the fight Ulmer Newton, a respected and orderly colored citizen, was acoidentally killed. Hear ing the firing and thinkog the policeman was being killed, he seized his pistol and started to the scene, and on arriving he met his son, Wm. Newton, who, thinking his father would get in trouble, attempted to disarm him. In the attempt the weapon was discharged, killing the father instantly.

James Preacher is the son-in-law of Col. Lawrence W. Youmans, the largest planter in this section, and prominent in State politics. The Preachers have surrendered to the sheriff.

would like to trade the Poilippine islands for a yellow dog, and then kill A Jury of White Men Sethe dog. if there were nothing else involved but possession of the islands." In naming one of the new battleshipe

Georgia, although no petition had been sent from that State, while they had alleged Lake City lynchers were placed been sent from a dozen other States, on trial in the United States circuit Mr. McKipley is said to have been court to-day. The case against J. P. actuated solely by a desire to show his Newham and Early P. Lee, the men appreciation of the courtesy with which he was treated during his recent visit to ped by the request of the district that State. This is creditable alike to attorney, and this accounts for the fact the president and to the people of that 11 instead of 13 men are now on Georgia. The other names chosen trial. were, for battleships-Pennsylvania and New Jersey; for armored cruisers bours, much of which time was taken -West Virginia, Nebraska, and up with reading and rereading the California; for ordinary cruisers-Denver, Des Moines, Chattanooga, questions raised by the defense. Galveston, Tacoma, and Cleveland.

After taking several days to consider | Jervey, of counsel for the prisoners, the matter, the Military Court of sought to enter a demurrer to the Inquiry wisely decided to admit as indictment. He claimed there was a evidence the reports submitted to Gen- multiplicity of orimes charged in the eral Miles on the beef issued, by 147 counts and that the circuit court had no officers who were in Caba or Porto jurisdiction under the statute. As-Rico. Just to give an idea of the sistant District Attorney Cochran and nature of these reports, the following Gen Barber replied for the defense, phrases, each from a different officer's and the court overraled the demurrer. report, are quoted : "A miserable After a technical objection to the apology for food." "No more uppal- jury panel had been disposed of the atable food could be issued." "An following jurors were drawn and unsuitable article of food." "A dis- sworn : M. B Murphy, Union ; W. tinct failure." "It was nauseating" A. Calhoun, Barnwell; S. T. Craig, "Prefer going without meat to eating Anderson; McLeod Hutson, Beaufort; it." "Was soft, watery, insipid and C. H. Carlisle, Spartanburg; A. L. ness, and as a ration was a failure." and J W. McCullough, Greenville. sight of it was enough to turn the counties from which they come. stomach." "Was not fit for consump tion " "Was openly condemned by afternoon session of the court was the men and generally thrown away" taken up with another reading of the "Was just as bad as possible, short of indictment together with a statement being rotten." "It produced disorder- made by District Attorney Lathrop. ed stomachs." There was a whole lot He rehearsed at length the facts con more of the same sort, but this will do nected with the killing of Baker and for a sample.

Proceedings in Bankrupty. prisoners at the bar. The talking of Capt A. E Hutchison of our city testimony will begin tomorrow mornwas adjudged a bankrupt on his own ing. petition which was filed in the U.S. District Court in Charleston by W. J. Cherry, Esq, on Monday last. The order was signed that morning by Judge Brawley.

from Dr. Evans in which he says that Capt Hutchison is president of the smallpox is very prevalent in counties

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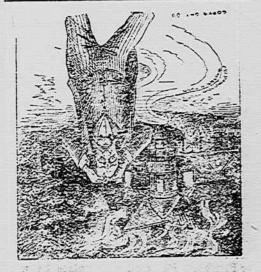
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unsatisfactory to the men." "Was Kearne, Florence; C. A. Bowman, is an ominous sound to the man who stringy, tough and unpalatable." Bamberg; W. A. Hill, Newberry; isn't insured, when he sees his home "Tasteless, and the men would not eat W. A. Tatem, Hampton ; W. R. disappearing in flames and smoke. it " "Canaed a great deal of sick- Price, Pickens; B F. Davis, Marion, We can hardly have any compassion on him, when it is so easy and at such "Was unfit for use and many of the The defense exercised its right to a small outlay to provide against such men said it had been doped." "Was challenge six times, four of the men loss A policy in the Hartford Insurnot fit to be issued " "Was utterly excluded being negroes. The jury as ance Co. costs you but a small sum unfit as an article of diet." "Hungry it stands is composed of white men when we draw it for you, and gives men left it on the ground." "The of means and standing in the several you security as safe as the Bank of England.

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## U X. Gunter, Jr, Assistant Attorney General.

Columbus, Ohio, April 8.-The trees which are to mark the graves of the Confederate dead at Camp Chase, which was used as a prison as well as a station for Federal troops, were planted today. A party of ex-Confederates, members of their local organization. planted the trees which were marked to show the State from which they came.

Greenville, April 8 -- Mrs. Corrie Bishop committed suicide about 11 o'clock last night, drowning herself in the reservoir of the Poe Cotton Mills She left her home in her night clothes, but was not missed for some time. As alarm was given and scarching parties started out, but her body was not found until early this morning. Her busband was employed at Poe Mill and both were excellent people. Her mind was ussett'ed some time ago, but recently she was apparently all right. She was 29 years old and leaves two children

## EX-JUSTICE STEPHEN J. FIELD DEAD.

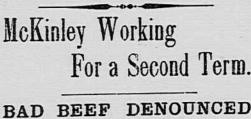
Washington, April 9-Justice Stephen J. Field, of the United States supreme court, retired, died at his home on Capital Hill, in this city, at 6 30 o'clock this evening of kiduey complications. About his bedside were his wife and her sister, Mrs J. Condit Smith, Mr Justice David J Brewer, his nephew ; Mrs. Edgerton of California ; Mr Linton, his private secretary ; the Rev. Ward M. Mott, rector of the Church of the Advent, and the family servants. He had been unconscious since Saturday morning, and death came painlessly. About two weeks ago he took a longer ride than usual in an open carriage and contracted a severe cold, which rapidly developed kidney troubles which, with old age, brought his end

AN AMERICAN EXPEDI-TION AGAINST SANTA CRUZ.

Manila, April 9, 935 a.m.-At nightfall last Gens Lawton and King object of the expedition is to cross Federal laws. the lake, capture Santa Cruz and sweep the country to the south.

San Pedro Macati, consists of eight course he is too diplomatic to discuss campanies of the Fourteenth infantry, three companies of the Fourth cavalry, four of the North Dakota volunteers, four of the Idaho volunteers, two mounted gans and 2,000 sharpshooters, of the Foorteenth infantry. At the mouth of the Pasig river the men will be transferred from the be safe to materially reduce the strength

de Bay, Cesto and Napinda. Santa Cruz the objective point of the expedition, is at the extreme of the lake



BY 147 OFFICERS.

Washington, D. C., April 10 -It is daily becoming plainer to close observers that Mr. McKinley and his advisers do not regard pext year's campaign as a republican walk over. They are diligently studying ways and means for coralling electoral votes that they consider doubtful. The trip that Mr. McKinley is now arranging to make this summer to the Pacific coast in one of the ways that has been decided upon. They do not expect to be able to carry Delaware, Maryland, or Kentucky again, but they hope for Kansas and Nebraska, both of which states are likely to be visited on Mr. McKinley's western trip. They are also beginning to realize that some sort of a bluff against trusts must be made. Representative Landis of Ind., has come to Washington especially to urge upon the administration the necessity of doing something to convince the voters of the middle west that the administration is antagonistic to the trusts. Mr. Landis has done some very plain talking about the danger of the republican party, and it is evident that he has frightened

some of the administration men Attorney General Griggs, doubtless acting under orders from McKinley, has made a play to shift the responsibility for his recent queer letter about trusts from the shoulders of the administration, by proceeding against the Chesapeake and Obio Association, generally known as the soft coal trust, under the Sherman anti-trust law. The suit was instituted in Cincinnati, and will be directed by the Solicitor General of the U.S. The public will watch the prosecution of this case closelaunched an expedition of three gun- ly, owing to the Attorney General the jury stood. One of the jurors boats with 1,500 picked men in having so recently stated, in writing, stated that last night the ballot was cances in tow of the gunboats. The that trusts could not be reached by

of those who believes the end of the for manslaughter, except one, who The expedition which embarked at Philippine troubles to be in sight. Of such a question where his opinion would were seven for manslaughter be likely to get out, but when he cabled and five for acquittal : while the navy department to send him six lastly the statement comes from months engineering supplies for his a juror that the ballot stood three fleet, every employe of that department for manslaughter and nine for acquitknew that it was just as though he had | tal cabled that it would not, in his opinion canoes to the three gunboats Lagunda of the fleet at Manila for sometime to come

The latest Philippine news seems to justify the opinion of those who believe to the result of the trial. A great that the fighting over there is likely to many expected an acquittal and some go on for an indeficite time. Gen. thought that a verdict of manslaugh-Lawton has started on a campaign with ter would be brought in. But the a picked force, with the intention of mistrial does not seem to create much trying to run down the Filipinos. surprise. The argument as to the new trial Democrats are not the only ones who will probably be heard tomorrow. It regard the Pailiprines, as an undesirawas pointed out today by Mr. Johnble possession. Representative Steele of Indianapolis a staunch supporter of stone that the court could not conthe administration. who passed through sider the matter of a new trial today. washington a day or two ago, said of : - Columbia cor. News and Courier.

ed by the sale of the factory property. This misfortune falis hard upon

Captain Hutchison, who, with large means, has been one of the most liberal, most unselfish as well as one of the most accommodating mer that has ever lived is this community. Since the factory was organized in 1881 he has been its president and has given it his individual attention, but for several years it has not been a paying enterprise. He has kept the wheels turning by contributing of his | Stocke, securities, etc, private means and by making such Banking house, furniture and fixextended personal endorsement of the mill's obligations, which the mill could not meet, that he has been impelled to seek relief in bankruptcy, a recourse very gailing to him, but there appeared no other alternative

This community sympathizes very deeply with Captain Hutchison in his misfortune.-Rock Hill Herald.

A MISTRIAL ORDERED IN THE MEETZE MURDER CASE.

Columbia, April 9 - There was considerable conjecture this morning as to what the verdict in the Meetze case would be. The jury remained out all last night, and did not come to any conclusion. They then came into court, which was conven especially to receive their verdict, and the foreman stated that they had failed to come to any conclusion, and could not possibly agree upon a ver dict Judge Watts ordered a mistrial to be entered, and discharged them.

There are several rumors as to how as follows: Five for murder, five for manslaughter, and two for acquit Evidently Admiral Dewey isn't one tal, while this morning they all stood was for acquittal.

Another rumor is that they

Meetze has been remanded to jail. Meetze has been remanded to jail. His counsel desires that the new trial come off this week, and has decided not to ask for bail at present. not to ask for bail at present.

People were divided in opinion as

Rock Hill Cotton Factory, which is adjoining the Savannah river, includnow in the hands of a receiver His ing Aiken and Barnwell There are liabilities, amounting to \$90.855, are 175 cases in and around Parksville, on account of endorsements for the and there is much suffering. He factory, not a dollar of the amount recommends compulsory vaccination being his individual indebtedness. and that Dr P W. Bacot be appoint His assets are placed at about \$58,- ed health officer for the Savannah 000. It is expected, however, that valley section . He says that out of the amount will be materially increas. 300 cases about Mayesville there are only two now, and that the epidemic in the State will soon be wiped out

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of April, 1899 J. E. GAILLARD,

Notary Public for S. C. Correct-Attest :

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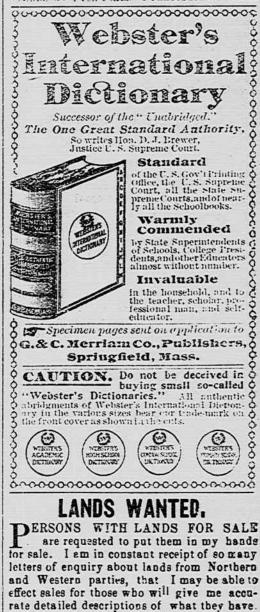
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