Columbia's Spring Festival.

The spring festival of music and art to be held at Columbia, S C pril 26 and 27 is an assured sucsees and will be one of the greatest events ever convening in the south Execution tickets will be sold on all the railroads, and large crowds from neighboring cities will attend.

The Art League, under the ausices of the ladies of Columbia, will have on exhibition such specimens of work from New York, Philadela and Chicago as have never sees brought south of the Mason d Dixon line before. The concert will surpass any event ever known. ad never since the days of the derful Patti or the renowned comy Lind has such a voice been card as that possessed by Mdme Reason Meridith, whose wonderful and culture of her former rivale, and of musical intelligence and dramatic intensity" There Il be 12 foreign notables, assisted by a chorus of 40 voices under the m of Prof Mayeer of the Presseniet, Mr John Chestire, is known be world over as "The Apostle of all the crowned beads of Europe, ere he has been lauded with wreathe and medale, and was ordered to give a special performance fore the present Queen of Engand, who said "from the first touch of the golden wires she lost all connee of the outside world "

Mr William H. Rieger, the tenor, bee a voice of mellow quality which idom heard and his mezzo voice is of superb loveliness

The prices will be in reach of all. Five dollars will be the admission for two persons to all three performances, two nights and matinee, single tickets will be \$1 25 each. Any order seut to Bryan's book store will have prompt attention, and the trangers attending.

Watch this paper for later news in repard to excursion rates.

The Drift to Town.

Col J. B Killebrow in Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore for

In the establishment of new coloin the Southern States it will be well for those who are in charge of ach work to provide for the social and educational advantages of the loniste. The most disagreeable condition that attende life in the centry is isolation, and consequetly a want of social pleasures and conveulences. Where farmhouses are enerated by wide intervals, inter source between members of a farmor's family is rare. Such things as social clube, libraries, debating sociesies, golf and football grounds and ther means of intellectual and phyical improvement and enjoyment are wenting. The result is discontent and a longing for something better mong the young men and girle, which ende in their leaving the country and taking up their abode in the cities.

Our Cotton Mills.

Some weeks ago one of our Amerithe very company to very remerkable progress made recently by the cotton manufacturing barn-yard in the interest of govern interests in the Southern States The movement is significant, not merely in relation to the general question of industrial advance on the other side of the Atlantic, but also because it raises the question of competition with Eoglieb and other centers, which bitberto have completely held the field and have paid little beed to the indications inting to the weakening of their absolute supremacy * * * The movement has of course, been of somewhat slow growth, but in recent times there have been evidences of very by the natural advantages that exist, not only to the matter of supplies of material and elimatic conditions, bes also in the case with which a inches by nine feet nine inches. The pleatiful supply of labor san be obtain ed in the exceptional facilities for obtaining the requisite materials, with selitary exception of machinery. In sach eiroumetanese it would be strange. indeed, if the Southern States bad not goes shead, as providence has provided them with a bounty devoid of any eaggestion of artificiality. Practically The members of the board now feel all the mills, we are told have been that the quarantine restrictions reressing fall time-many of them by night as well as by day-and as the tendency has been to build larger works, thus curtailing unnecessary expenses, it is quite clear that there has been no scarcity of capital. The best evidence that can be desired on this point lies in the fact that the increase in the average consumption per spindle in the past twelve months, as recorded in the consular reports before us, has been close upon six pounds The northern spinners, of course,

losing ground, while their brothers in the South have been making headway. -London Financial Times.

"Christian Daily." A limited supply only, at Osteon's book store.

Accident to Telephone Lineman.

Greenville, March 30 -John Rey nolds, a lineman of the Home Telephone Company, was dangerously burt Thursday afternoon in a rather peculiar manner. He was standing at the foot of a pole on Pendleton street, when W B. Irby, another lineman, who had gone to the top of the pole to straighted out a rope which had become tangled in the wires, lost his hold and came down from his 30-foot perch feet foremost. Reynolds was struck in the back of the head and on the shoulders by Irby's enormous climbing boots and spure, and received a dangerous injury. There is some apprehension that the wounds in the back of the head will prove fatal. Irby was not seriously

London, March 30 .- The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office. Mr Brodrick, replying in the house of Brur, the great leader, remark- commons today to a question on the "Her work combines a high subject, confirmed the reports that dis turbances had occurred in the neighborbood of Tien Tein, saying they were apparently caused by the secret societies He added that the foreign representatives had called on China to secrion College for Women. The remedy the matters, the governor of provinces in which the disturbances had occurred had been recalled and a new the Harp," and has appeared before governor had been appointed. The under secretary also said that two British warships had gone to Take to protect British lives and property.

> Berne, Switzerland, March 29 According to the Dolagon Bay railroad award Portugal is condemned to pay 15,314,000 france. The award, was given its long expected ennouncement late this afternoons

Washington, March 6 -The navy department has just received from Admiral Watson a copy of the report made to him by Lieut Gillmore of the circumstances attending the ambuscade and capture of the York town's second cutter and crew, at Baler, April 12th, last. The report is a concise, plain, yet thrilling account of the strategy at the mouth of the river, which resulted in the loss of the lives of several sailors and the taking icto an eight months captivity of the remainder of the little crew. It appears for the first time from this report that Lieut Gillmore did not violate his orders in entering the river, but did so for the sole purpose of protecting two of the Yorktown's officers whom he had been directed to land.

It is a refreshing in these days to know an instance in which gennine sympathy has been put to the test and stood firm. Such an instance is one in which the pocket book was touched, and when one's sympathy these days has control over his purse in such a matter it must be set down as a genuine article Recently in Sumter County Mr. S E Shaw and four of his children were bitten by a mad dog, the father being bitten in rescuing his children from the rabid ani-The citizens of Sumter. knowing that Mr. Shaw was not able to pay the expenses to the Pasteur institute in New York. came forward promptly to his help and raised a subscription of \$400 for him That is the kind of sympathy that helps .- Newbery Observ-

The announcement of the Honorable Colonerable Cole Loquacious Blease, of the county of Newberry, for lieutenant governor, belies the rumor that the small fry politicians have deserted the mental progress .- Anderson Intelli-

A negro named Harris was lynched yesterday at Belair, Md, for rape.

The Chickemanga monument com mission met in Columbia yesterday and decided to give the contract for erecting the monument to the Stewart Contract ing Co, of Columbia, their bid being \$8,750. The general plan of the accepted bid is to have a large granite in moss and lichens and the rocks and base, surmounted by a palmeter metal The monument will be thirtysensiderable vitality, stimulated largely five feet high. On the sides of the monument will be two Confederate soldiers in metal. The base of the monument will be thirteen feet nine granite will come from the Winneboro quarry and will be finely finished.

> Honolulu, March 24, via San Francisco, April 1 -The board of health has practically decided that the plague has run its course No cases have developed for over a week garding the shipment of merchan dise from Asiatic ports will be re

Millions Given Away.

It is certainly gratifying to the public to know of one concern in the land who are not afraid to be generous to the needy and suffering. The proprietors of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. have given away over ten million trial bottles of this great medicine; and have the satisfacstill hold the lead in America, but of faction of knowing it has absolutely cured late, at all events, they have been thousands of hopoless cases. Asthms, Bronchitis, Hoarseness and all diseases of the Throat, Chest and lungs are surely cured by it, Catl on J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist, and get a trial bottle free. Itogular size 50c and \$1. Every bottle guaranteed, or price refunded. 3 A STORY OF DAN RICE.

The Great Clown Did Not Forget the

Tent Man's Bill. One story of Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, illustrates his strict sense of honesty and gratitude for favors. Once he was stranded in Cincinnati, the story goes, and was unable to start a show on the road because he had no tent and could not raise money to buy one. The tent Rice needed would be worth \$2,500. The manager of a tent concern sent for the clown one morning and, taking him to his factory, showed a big tent that was just finished. Rice looked at it with hungry eyes. He turned away, with a sigh.

"Fine tent, don't you think?" asked the canvas maker. Rice looked back at it over his shoul-

der, with another deep sigh. "It's yours," said the tent man.

Rice was like a playful kitten in an instant.

"I believe there is a lot of money in you yet," said the canvas man. "You take that tent and start your show, and if you ever get money enough to pay me for it the price is \$2,500."

Within two weeks Rice was on the road with a show and began a successful career. For 15 years he never referred to the tent, although he often met the man who made it. One afternoon he asked the tent man to be his guest at one of his shows, then in Cincinnati. The two sat looking on, and Rice remarked:

"Fine show, don't you think?" The canvas man declared that it certainly was.

"By the way," added Rice, "here's that \$2,500 I owe you." He took a roll of bills out of his pocket and handed it to the tentmaker, who pocketed it without unrolling it. The old tent man loved to relate this story and always declared that the great men of this country were P. T. Barnum, John Robinson and Dan Rice.-New York Mail and

THE BABY'S LITTLE JOKE.

It Worried the Fat Man, but He Tried to Enjoy It.

It happened in one of the late trains. Everybody was trying to get to sleep, and when the voice of a baby was suddenly lifted up in a robust wail it was not met with expressions of joy. It cried steadily from Spring Garden street to Columbia avenue. Then it accidentally dropped a pasteboard box it had. A very stout and, like his kind. very affable man across the aisle stooped heavily and picked it up.

The child stopped crying as it took it and promptly dropped it again. The man, thinking it an accident, picked it up once more. This time the baby actually smiled, and as he threw it became interested in something outside the window. The child looked at the box a moment, then at the man. and, seeing nothing else, resumed his wail, with much added wind. The look of despair resettled on the face of the woman with the headache, and she gave a convulsive shudder as she felt her head beginning to jump.

She gave one awful glance at the baby and then leaned over to the stout man, back of whom she was sitting. "My dear sir," said she, "I have a violent headache, and I am in misery. Won't you please pick up that box again?" And with a highly artificial smile he complied. Out of pure courtesy he became a box lifting automaton, his piles of adipose making each stoop come harder. But when he wiped the perspiration from his brow and staggered out of the car at Germantown he got a grateful smile from the afflicted woman, as well as every other passenger, that he felt paid him.-Philadelphia Inquirer.

Snow Fleas.

One of the strangest of all specks on snow is the snow flea-no mimic flea, but an actual living and very lively midget, whose swarms sometimes cover the snow in patches as black as ink or convert large spaces of its surface to a dark gray color. They are creatures of the thaw. I have seen patches, says William Hamilton Gibson, two feet in diameter moving like a dark shadow across the meadow, and I remember once when a boy walking on the snow crust over a field of several acres that was everywhere peppered with their millions.

The books tell us that the insects live eark of trees, from which they emerge for exercise in mild weather. This theory is probably warranted by the facts, but it will be no easy task so to convince many a rustic philosopher whom I know and to whom these fleas are as much a celestial shower as the snow itself .- Boston Transcript.

Limits to His Gratitude.

"I feel that I ought to make some acknowledgment to the people who were so kind to us during my late wife's last sickness," said Mr. Phroogle, "and I would like to have you insert this card of thanks in a prominent place in this week's paper."

"We are obliged to make a charge for these notices," replied the editor of The Weekly Blizzard, looking over the manuscript, "and this will cost you

"Then you needn't publish it." rejoined Mr. Phroogle. "I am not quite as grateful as all that comes to."-Chicago Tribune.

Ensily Fixed.

his own past.-H. F. Hedge.

"Awful affair at our hotel this afternoon. Cook got angry and cut the end of a waiter's nose off with a carving knife. But one of the guests fixed it up all right." "He gave the waiter another tip." Every man is his own ancestor, and every man is his own heir. He de-

The eyes of snakes are never closed. Alive or dead, sleeping or waking, they are always wide open.

THE JUDGE'S ADVICE.

Given to a Man Who Wavered Between Religion and Politics.

A well known western representative in congress, pleading an engagement, left a small group of talkers in an up town hotel lobby, and an elderly man, whom he had introduced to the party, made bold to tell a story about the departed.

"I have known him," he said, "ever since he was a boy, and when he came out of college he was undecided whether to become a lawyer and politician or go to a theological seminary and become a clergyman. He was fond of politics and thought that with a little law and more religion on the side he might become a great moral reformer. You know that's the way most all very young men feel when they undertake politics for the first time.

"However, before he had had time to determine finally what he would do, his friends came after him to run for the legislature, as he had the availability and a pretty fair amount of cash. This brought him face to face with the question he had been much disturbed over, and he went to Judge Blank, a veteran in politics and a main of the highest character, for assistance in solving the problem. He stated his case in full to the judge, and the grand old man put his hand on the young man's shoulder.

"'My boy,' he said, as only he could say it, 'it can't be politics and religion. It must be one or the other. You can't fit yourself for heaven and for the legislature at the same time, and there's no use trying. That is all I can say, and you will have to make your own choice." - Washington Star.

A KAFFIR SMOKER.

The Native Women Are Enthusiastic Devotees of the Weed.

In South Africa the native women smoke incessantly. Your native servant smokes as she cooks and as she washes. The tobacco she likes is rank. The dainty cigarette an English or Russian lady of fashion enjoys, smoked through a quill so that no nicotine can stain either teeth or fingers, would be sneered at by a Kaffir. "Give me a pipe and something in it I can taste," is in effect what she says.

The men Kaffirs are beyond tobacco. They smoke something so vehement that it makes them cough and splutter, lose their breath, choke and sneeze to an alarming degree. They like snuff, too, and are fond of offering and taking pinches of it ("schniff" they call it) when they meet and visit one another.

Regarding tobacco as too mild for their taste, the Kaffirs take another weed and smoke that. They proceed down audibly cooed with delight. The to arrange a smoking party by squatman looked distinctly uncomfortable ting on the ground and getting ready m their "pipe," a cow horn with a thin tube in it inserted half way down at right angles to the horn. The end of the tube is in a basin, and it is from it that the smoker sucks the strong stuff that makes him incapable of anything but a series of coughs and chokes for some time after he has had his turn at the pipe, which is passed round from man to man until a perfect chorus of coughs rends the air.

The tobacco the Boers smoke looks like poor ten and is peculiar in flavor. yet Englishmen who have become used to it acquire such a taste for it that they never ask for any other kind .-London Mail.

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day of each month, until thirty days before the next general election. Minors who shall become of age during that period of thirty days shall be entitled to registration before the books are closed, if otherwise qualified. The requirements for a qualified voter are that the applicant for registration shall be able to read and write correctly, or possess in his own name property to the amount of vises his own future, and he inherits three bundred dollars, upon which he pays E. F. BURROWS, T. D. DUBOSE,

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