WHY NOT CLOSE BARLY?

The Pine Work of the Genus Fool.

A foot can do more injury in five minutes than fifty wise men can repair in a month.

It is possible to defeat or circumvent the machinetions of a knave, but the fool is the case specimes of humanity against whom the winistrator in this (Cleveland) county a ministrator in this (Cleveland) county a small sum of money for Mrs. Hester Smith, a daughter of John W. Gibbons, deceased.

She married William Smith, a native of your case be met and defeated by greater wisdom. out the fool breeks out in all sorts of unexpected places and to one can forsee what he will or will not do. The fool has broken loose in Sumter, and, as usual, he has played the mischief, and the worst of it, no one knows where to begin to repair the damage the fool has wrought.

The only way to treat a fool is to ignore him and go along in the even tenor of your way. Do not dignify the fool with too much notice, for if he once fooliebly imagines that he is an important personage he will give you se reet. Accept the consequences of the fool's antice as dependations of Providence, just as you would the results of a cyclone, preced to rebuild on the foundations of the coats and reason. If the fool howle the both is ignored, let him how!

After esseiderable effort the agreement to see all the stores at 10 o'clock Saturday ght had been made effective, and every firm in town had agreed to close promptly at the hear agreed. Saturday night a week ago every store was elected promptly and every hear was satisfied. But here the fool got in his face work. There had been more or less his about The Greeks not being willing to close their stores, and for a time it was said they would not consent to abide by the agreement, but they did give their assent and proved their storeity by closing promptly at 10 p m. Saturday night one week ago. The feel was not satisfied with this, however, and must needs adopt his own method for clinching the agreement and forcing The Greeks to abide by it. So he sim him down and writes a little typowrittee anonymous letter which.

It vice President—TB Fraser, Jr. 2d Vice President—TB S O Baker.

Secretary—J M Knight.

Member of County Executive Committee little typewrittee anonymous letter which slyly takes to The Greeks' store, and, bile purchesing a quart of peanuts as brain od to repair the wear and tear of his mentitiens, dropped it where it would be sed. This is a copy of that anonymous adust of the fool's literary geoius: "You must keep your store closed after 10 saturday night. If you want to keep open that is your business, but we advise you to

Nott week will be organised the Clerk's Langue and your name will be advertised in

Signed] "The Clerks of Sumter "and Nice-Tenths of the Citizens."

The Greeks did not take kindly to this treat, and is scassquence did not close at 10 threat, and is consequence did not close at 10 o'clock Saturday night. They had closed the previous Saturday night promptly on the hour and but for this fool's meddling would have closed every Saturday night. Who can blame them for meeting a threat with definition them for meeting a threat with definition of the members are subjected, and if it be necessary to have the constitution of the party altered to bring about this change, that steps be taken to have this done.

Mesers H O Moses, O G Rowland, C M Hurst, Jr, Berrow Walsh and M C Kavanat to be tensured. That ananymous letter was no caprage and there was no excuse for it.

They who wrote is should be ashamed of it and of themselves. If hey had any threats to make against the Greeks or any other man or set of mee they should have had the manor said against the Greeks or any other man or said of son they should have had the manhaod and the courage of their convictions to go to them like men and say their say face to feee. This eneaking and skulking attack under cover of an anomymous letter, stealthily dropped in a man's premises is too much like the work of an assessive to meet with the approval of this community, and those who hid behind a typewriter to conceal their handwork are condemned instead of receiving the applaces they expected. bacdiwork are condemoed inste-ing the applaces they expected.

The writer is informed by the Greeks that bare no disposition to violate the agreeto go creater to the ductoms of the town in which they have established themselves in bacisco. They do not propose, however, to causait to threats and intimidation, for they know their rights and know that they will be protected by the laws which guaranteed these rights. The Greeks say that they propose to close their stores bereafter at 10 o'clock Saturday night, and they so advertise in this paper.

If they do not live up to the agreement, if they do not close their stores at 10 p. m. Saturday night and 6 p. m. other days in the week, if they viciate t customs of the town and day the wishes of the people who are a unit is favor of ciceing, there is a remedy, but it is not an encognous letter. Let the people who demand only closing refuse to spend a peoply with the firms that refuse to spend a peoply with the firms that refuse to spend a peoply with the firms that refuse to close at the time specified, and it will not be for long that those firms will defy public sentiment. In a short time they will be closed all the time every day in the week, for no store can de business without patropage.

In addition to the anonymous letter a growd gathered around the store of the Greeks commonts and gibes of the crowd, and the second of the police was necessary to the servetion of order. This sort of thing is lively wrong and it should not occur again. Pablic sentiment is one thing, a mob is some-thing different, and if this method of proce-dure is continued public sentiment will be arcated for the stores that remain open and the early closing movement will be killed be-joud the possibility of resurrection.

Visible Supply of Cotton.

Special to the I tem : New York, April 28 -The visibly supply of cotton is the smallest since 1890, when cotton sold at 13 cents. Consumption is about 60 per cent greater and extreme prices will soon be inevitable. We shall be glad if you will give the widest possible publicity to bie telegram.

Price, McCormick & Co

Fire Last Friday.

The residence on corner of Calhaun and Haskell Streets the property of Col. J. D. Blanding, was burned last Friday afternoon. It was a seven room bouse occupied by Mr. Reynolds. The value of the dwelling was about \$1,300 and the insurance was \$1,000, with Mesers A White & Son, agents of Lon-don & Liverpool & Glone. The loss to inmates was not large as there was time to remove, with aid of neighbors, all bousehold goods. The distance from the reel houses was too great to do more than save contiguone dwellings, of which 4 or 5 were caught by cinders carried by a brisk northwest wind. Mr. Mark Reyno'de barn and stables, bowever, could not be saved. On these there was

The fire department worked under great difficulties as there was but one hydrant within reach of the fire and the pressure was so low, owing to the small size of the water main and distance from the standpipe, that only onid be thrown on the are Had there been a strong water pressure much more effective work could have been done.

cke from 600 to \$4 at the book of H. G. Octobe & Co.

Heirs Wanted

The following letter received by Sheriff Plerson, and which has been furnished by im to this paper, is published for the benefit of the parties concerned :

Shelby, N. C. April 24, 1900. To the Sheriff of Sumter County, Sumter,

Dear Sir . There is in the hands of an Adcounty, many years ago; they lived for a time in this county and afterward settled in your county. It is thought that William and Hester are both dead. They had two daughters, Hannah and Maggie. Hannah married a White and died after giving birth to a son. We know nothing more of Maggie We are anxious to know whether there are any descendants of Hester Smith now living, also when William and Hester died, if dead, and the ages of the children, if any living. Hester has an interest in a small tract of land which will soon be barred by the matute, if not already barred.

The Administrator is anxious to make his final settlement, and we are about to bring an action to sell the land for partition These people were very poor when they left

this county, We take the liberty of addressing this let-

ter to you as your position necessarily brings you in contact with the people of your county Thanking you to advance for any information you may be able to give us, we are

Member of County Executive Committee-

Delegates were next elected to the County Convention. which meets next Monday, as follows: H G Osteen, Altamont Moses, H L Scarborough, Richard I Manning, B G Pierson, R L Cooper. E C Haynsworth, T B Fress, Jr., John M Knight, T M Jones, Shep ard Nash, R D Lee, Marion Moise. R O Purdy, J H Chandler, J Diggs Wilder, H Frank Wilon, R W Bradbam, M C Kavanaugh, R I Reardon, A B Stuckey, Neill O'Donnell Harry Ryttenberg, John Reid, Dr S C Baker, Moved and carried that the chairman of the delegation be authorized to appoint any alternates that might be necessary to fill va-

cancles in the representation. Moved and carried that the member of the County Executive Committee request that committee to change the time of meeting of

The Mechanics and Laborers Damocratia club met in Dierson hall on last Saturday afternoon at 6 o'clock, and was called together by President E T. Windham who stated the object of the meeting Officers to serve for the next two years were elected as fol-

President-E T. Windham. let Vice President-I. M. Keels. 2nd Vice President-H C Cuttino. Secretary-G E Richardson.

Member of County Executive Committee-Delegates were next elected to the county convention which meets next Monday as follows: R T Windham, H C Cuttino,

H L B Wells, G J Brown, J W Adkin It was moved and carried that the chairman of delegation be authorized to fill any vacancy or vacancies that might occur to the repre-

sentation by appointing alternates. Mesere. Charles Thames, J. W. Adkins and G. E. Richardson were elected a committee os revision of the club roll, after which the club adjourned.

G. E Richardeon, Becreiary. His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent oftisen of Har. nibal, Mo., lately had a sonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever that ran into pneumonia. My lunge became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped mo. I expected soon to die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sixes 50 ets and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at J F. W. DeLorme's Drug

THE PHANTOM HOST.

Store, every bottle guaranteed.

Written by Rev. P. D. Hay, Not by Father Ryan.

In the spring of 1836 Mr P D. Hay, now rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter, then a residedt of Sumter, contributed au original poem, "The Phantom Host," to the Sumter Watchman. This poem, which was a tribute to the memory of the gallant Confederate desd, struck a responsive chord in the hearts of the people of the south, and it wes copied and widely published. In the course of time it came to be attributed to Father Ryan, and recently so well known a magazine as the Confederate Veteran, of Nashville, Tenn , published an article reproducting "The Phantom Host" and assigning its authorship to Father Ryan. This article bas been brought to our attention, and in justice to Mr. Hay we deem it out fair to state that he and not Father Ryan wrote the poem and that it first appeared in the Sumter Watchman in the spring of 1866.

A Powder Mill Explosion

Removes everything in sight; so do drastic mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. body with calomel, croton oil or aloss pills, stock of bass ball goods—including caps and dition. Tonic, blood purifier and vermifuge many eggs are consumed by all classes gentle as a summer breeze, do the work per-25c at J F W DeLorme's drug store.

Dedication of Kendall Institute.

The dedicatory exercises of Kendall Institute will be held tonight. Dr Sanders, of Biddle University, and other distinguished persons will be present.

Special music for the occasion.

The public is cordially invited. Exercises begin promptly at 8.30 o'clock.

Mad Dogs at Lucknow.

Rev J. C. Watkins, Principal.

We were told recently that Lucknow and vicinity were literally infested with mad dogs and that some anxiety was felt on account of their number. One of our correspondents in coming from Lucknow to Camden last Thursday had quite a desperate encounter with one, and narrowly escaped having his horse

No Right to Ugliness.

bitten .- Wateree Messenge

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause, pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate, stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50c at J. F. W DeLorme's Drug

Sunday School Picnic.

The children of the Baptist Sunday school, together with the teachers and many of the parents and friends, will attend a picnic on Friday on the Southern railway, at the Singleton spring, about a mile this side of the Sumter Junction on the Camden Branch of the Southern R. R. The train will leave the depot at 8 30 in the morning, and the children must bestir themselves so as to be on time. Tickets can be bought the day before at 25 cents for children and 35 cents for grown persons. It is expected that each family will carry a basket of entables

At the last quarterly conference of Magnolis Street Church Messre. W. P. Smith and Geo. E. Beaumont were elected delegates and Messrs. J. S. Kennedy and D. S Moore alternates to the district conference, which convenes June 28 in the First Methodist Church in this city.

Volcanie Eruptions.

Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bucklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old Running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felone, Corns, Warts, Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped Hands, Chilblains. Best Pile Cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 ets. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold

Stamp Books.

The postoffice now has stamps in books on on sale. The stamps are put up in small books with non-adhesive paper between each sheet of stamps. The books are made in three sizes, to wit :

12 two cent stamps @ 25c. 24 two cent stamps @ 49c.

48 two cent stamps @ 97c.

George D. Shore & Bro. Thursday sold for shipment to Baltimore the biggest ox ever in this city. The ox was raised in Privateer and was bought in December. At that time he weighed 1,240 pounds and yesterday morning he tipped the scales at 1,672 pounds, a gain in weight of 432 pounds. The ox is not ouly a moester specimen of the cow family, but is bigger and heavier than any horse in this city, and the price realized was more than is paid for many pretty good specimens of borse flesh.

A BIG OX

Fifty Years Old.

Friday fifty years ago, on April 27th, 1850, the first issue of the Black River Watchman made its appearance. For fifty years the paper has appeared regularly except for a short time immediately after Potter's raiders occu-pied Sumter and left the office a wreck. The name has been altered but twice. Shortly after the establishment of the paper the name was changed to that of the Sumter Watchman, and in 1881 it was consolidated with the True Southron and the name was changed to the Watchman and Southron. The foun-ders of the paper were Allen A. Gilbert and John F. DeLorme The present proprietor of the paper, Mr. N. G. Osteen, entered the Watchman office as an apprentice in 1855, and except for a period of five years—1861-66 -has been identified with the newspaper business in Sumter.

A Coincidence

A somewhat remarkable coincidence occurred at the Redbone Church, in Privateer, on Sunday. It was the double burial of two double first cousins named Smiling, who died near together, and whose families lived near McD. F

Memorial Day.

The Dick Anderson Chapter Daughters of Confederacy beld a meeting at the residence of Mrs. Altamont Moses on Monday, 23d. The following officers were elected : President-Mrs. Altamont Moses

Vice President-Mrs. J M. Knight. Treasurer-Miss Marie D. Lee. Corresponding Secretary-Miss Edith De-

Recording Secretary-Miss Ann. Gra-The following are the committees appointd to arrange for the Memorial Day exercises:

Committee on arrangements-Mrs. Bogin and Mrs. J. M Knight Committee on collections-Mrs. F Spann, Miss Louisa Moses, Miss Julia Schwerin

Committee on children-Misses Virginia Anderson, Jessie Moise and Flora Moses. Decorating church yards -- St. Lawrence Miss Alice Pool and Miss Brennan. Presby. terian-Miss McCallum.

Decorating monument-Mrs S. C. Baker, Mrs. Henry Spann and Miss Arabella Moses. Ham zocke at H. G Osteen & Co's.

Base wall goods at H. G Osteen & Co's. H. G Osteen & Co have on hand a large

2 plies.

Pythian Memorial Service.

The threatening clouds and a shower of rain Monday evening prevented many persons from attending the memorial services of Gamecock Lodge, K. of P, in honor of the decessed members of that lodge

The ritual work was solemo and impressive. Thirteen chairs arranged in triangular order, on each of which was placed a knight's and most promising former citizens helmet, spoke silently, though elequently of the departed, who in other days occupied

these seats at the sessions of their lodge After the opening ceremony the choir sang an appropriate hymn, followed by the Prelate's invocation and selections from the Bible. Another hymn was sung, and Past Grand Chancellor, H. F. Wilson delivered

the address of the occasion. Fervently and eloquently he paid a brother's tribute to the dead. Extolling their virtues, and over their faults and frailties cast-

ing the mantle of charity. He briefly reviewed the origin and growth of the order, which was born amid scenes of fratricidal strite more than thirty-five years ago. Beginning with a few noble men who had in their hearts a feeling of genuine frateraity for their fellows, the order has spread until the tri-colored banner has been unfurled throughout the globe. Six thousand lodges with more than half a million of knights are quietly doing a grand work and disseminatig the high principles of Pythianism

At the close of Mejor Wilson's address the third bymn was sung. Then the officers of the lodge assembled around the altar and deposited upon the large wreath of evergreen, sprigs of myrtle, the emblem of undying friendship and remembrance. Following the fficers, each knight in turn approached the altar and placed thereon his evergreen token of brotherly love.

The closing prayer was made by Dr. Brown. The good night ode was sung, and the services ended

The music of the occasion was well rendered by a choir consisting of Mesere. S. H. Edmunds, A. G. Flowers, J. L. Haynsworth, C. L. Cuttino, B. Waish and H. L. Scarborough. Rev. J. I. Ayres served as organist, and Mr. R K. Wilder as cornetist.

Mannville Lodge No. 107 K. of P.

The 107th Lodge K. of P. of the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina was instituted by Deputy Grand Chancellor P. Frank Wilson last Friday night at Manaville.

Quite a large number of Knights were in attendance to participate in the interesting ceremonies of the occasion. From Iona Lodge of Bishopville were Knights Wm Law, M Herron, Harry Scarborough, Robert Reid, Wm Stuckey, J Ed Stuckey. Tyre Stuckey. Jas Carnes, John Shaw, T C Perrin. south in Georgia' some four years F H Stell, Hugh W Carnes, B L Harris, T H since, taking with him only that Harris, J D King, E McCutchen, L L Baker, M B McCutchen, T A Baskin, J B Kilgore, J W Randolph, O W Palmer, H W Rembert and G M Stuckey. Game Cock Lodge of Sumter was repre-

sented by Knights H L Scarborough, H E Moneybam, Altamont Moses, L I Parrot, J be very gratifying to his olden S Hughson, G W Dick, J M Knight, S H friends and very encouraging to the Edmunds, J H Levy, A D Moses, C M Hurst, Jr., J L Havnsworth, J H Chandier, C L Stubbs, W F Shaw, J Edwin Rembert, J W McCoy, B Walsh, Walter Cheyne, R M Jenkins and H M Stuckey.

At half-past eight o'clock the work of institution was commenced and was completed at four o'clock Saturday morning. The three subordinate lodge ranks were rudderless and keelless canve conferred upon the following members of the through the narrow ditches or over Mannville lodge: E Alexander, Rev C M Richards Nat Barnett, J C Parnell, I F Barnett, E F McCatchen, J " 1ckey, D L Shaw, W W Player, J M Player, W F Davis, G G Trimcal, J L S. coorough, J R Dixon, J R Cousar, N Y Alford, Bradford Scarbor-ough, R M Cooper, H T Woods, E F

Knights J J Shaw and S J Scarborough ware received by card. At midnight a recess was taken, likewise most bountiful and tempting feast which was furnished by the hospitable brethren of Mannville. Nat Barnett's store counters served for

tables. Crockery, tinware and cutlery from his shelves were brought into requisition. The valiant Knights attacked the foe, and spread havoc all around. Even the new made Esquires sequitted themselves like heroes, and did full justice to the occasion. Everybody was in a good humor, and will remember this pleasant event for many a day as a green spot in life's drehry desert. Na Barnett is a most obliging bost, and spared no pains or trouble to give comfort and pleasure to the visitors. And the same can be

said of all the other Mannville brethren. After the initiatory work was finished the following officers were installed to serve to

the end of the present year : E Alexander, C C. S J Scarborough, V C. Rev C M Richards, Prelate. E F McCutchen, M of W. Nat Barnett, K R and S. J O Parnell, M of E. J H Stuckey, I G.

D L Shaw, O G. Dr C P Osteen, M A elect was not present and will therefore be initiated and installed

by his lodge. The new lodge has some fine material, and begins its Pythian career under fair auspices. It is a valuable acquisition to the order, and will doubtless do a good work in its

THE WAR RELICS PRESENTED

Col Blanding Brings the Flag and Vase to Columbia.

Yesterday the venerable veteran of the Mexican and Civil ware, Col J. D. Blanding of Sumter, arrived in the city, bringing with him the historic flag of the war of Mexico, and the celebrated Jackson vase presented to the regiment. Col Blanding went directly to the governor's office and turned these invaluable relice, together with all papers relating to them, over to Gov. McSweeney to be placed in the State house and there securely kept.

Col Blanding was as full of enthusiasm and patriotic fervor as ever yesterday, and it almost made him shed tears to bid farewell to the old flag and the vase

He has given the State all his title to the vase, and has written to all the other survivors of the regiment urging them to do like-

Col Blanding says he has been urged to bring these precious relics to the Louisville reunion, but he felt that the rence should be in the State house and would not delay.

His meeting yesterday with old Uncle William" Rose, the colored veteran of the

famous regiment, was most affecting.

Col. Blanding says the Mexican war veterans have about \$900 in hand, and it is now their earnest desire to erect a monument to the memory of their beroic and dashing colonel-Butler-who fell on Mexican soil, facing the enemy in battle. He proposes to write the State house commission asking that body, if it has one of the marble columns, now on the State house grounds, left after the State house is completed, to donate it to form a portion of the proposed mouument .-The State, April 24.

Dr. Cady's Condition Powders

They are not food but medicine, and the best of society, and people of delicate con-Base ball players should visit the store of to use to put a horse in prime condition. Price stitutions ought to be particularly carefeetly. Cures headaches, constitution. Only H. G. Osteen & Co. before buying their sup- 25 cents per package. For sale by Dr A. J. ful that they cat fresh and not kept Dec 30-0 | eggs.

Married in Georgia.

Mr Editor : We clip the following local editorial from the Butler (Ga) Herald, and as it so intimately con cerns one of Sumter county's best who has a very wide circle of "friends, relatives and acquaint ances" in this county and State, who will be gratified to read it, we ask a place in your columns :

"Smith-Cooper-At the residence of Mr J C Seaiy at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, occurred the happy marriage of Miss Nettie R Smith to Mr D H Cooper. Rev R M Wesley officiating Only the immediate family and a few special friends witnessed the ceremony This marriage has been in contemplation for some time, but on account of the serious illness of the bride, the hap py event has been postposed until the evening of the 18th inst, when it \$4,000,000. These figures do not include was consummated "The bride is one of the most ac

complished and deserving young la dies of this community who for the past three years has been in charge of the depot as agent and telegraph operator here. By a faithful dis charge of her duties she has won the love and admiration not only of our community but all railroad employees and officials, who wish for her a long life of happiness. Mr Cooper is one of Fort Valley's most successful busi ness men, who has been in the cotton business for the past several years Thorough his uniform courtesy and correct business methods he has made many friends among our people who congratulate him and wish for him a life of perfect bliss, and that there may never be a bubble on life's sea to mar his happiness"

Mr Dwight H. Cooper is a son of Capt J. Harrington Cooper of this place. He cast his lot "away down since, taking with him only that prestige which Sumter county is fund for the relief of the homeless peoprone to furnish the best class of her young men; and the above report of his success in life and-love, should younger ones who are so wofully sluggish in launching their double oared life boat on the matrimonial sea, but are selfishly complacent and persistent in pushing their miserable little one paddle, single seat, the cheerless mud flats of life.

We echo the good wishes of the Georgia paper and people, only we think a few "bubbles" are necessary to relieve the monotony, provided

there's not too much ebullition May their oars pull together. May their sails be filled by propitious breezes and their bark, at last, be gently wafted to "the better shore."

St Charles, April 30, 1900.

Tetter, Salt-Rheum and Eczema,

The intense itching and smarting incident to these diseases, is instantly allayed by applying Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment. Many very bad cases have been permanetly cured by it. It is equally efficient for itching piles and a favorite remedy for sore nipples, chapped hands, chilblains, frost bites and chronic sore eyes. 25cts per box. For sale by Dr A. J

CUBAN OIL cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Rheumatism and Sores. Price, 25 cts Sold by Hughson-Ligon Co

TO DISFRANCHISE NEGROES.

Constitutional Convention is Leading Issue In Virginia Campaign.

RICHMOND, April 30.—The question of calling a constitutional convention in Virginia primarily for the disfranchisement of the negroes has been practically settled so far as the Democrats are concerned. A majority of the delegates to the Democratic state convention, which meets at Norfolk on May 5, are instructed in 'avor of making the call for a convention party issue. This matter is now the absorbing one in Virginia and the demand for the disfranchisement of the negroes and other constitutional reforms has entirely overshadowed the original purpose for which the Norfolk meeting was called.

The keynote of this radical suffrage reform has been sounded by the declaration of some of the great negro counties. These in effect insist that the present political conditions cannot continue in the Old Dominion. The plan is that the people are tired of the means which they have been forced to countenance in order to retain white supremacy in the state. They now demand that a constitutional convention shall be assembled and the negroes removed from politics.

Repeated Sheldon's Experiment.

LONDON, April 30.—Dr. Parker, London's well known preacher, repeated this week Rev. Charles Sheldon's Topeka Capital experiment. The paper put in his hands was Pearson's Illustrated Weekly News. The Kansan pastor seems rather to have taken the wind out of Dr. Parker's sails and the latter's effort are attracting comparatively little comment or attention.

Refrigerated Eggs. Eggs become unwholesome when

kept in refrigerators. A fungus forms in them which is easily found by the microscope, although it is not noticeaole to the taste. The fungus constiare just what a horse needs when in bad con tutes a danger when we consider how

DISASTROUS EFFECT OF OTTAWA FIRE

Five Thousand Men Thrown Out of Employment.

GREAT DISTRESS ENSUES

Fifteen Thousand People Homeless and Without Food-Supplies Are Being Forwarded to Stricken & es-Relief Fund Started at London.

OTTAWA, April 30. - An estimate is made of the effects of the fire in Ottawa which runs as follows:

Homeless, about 15,000; destitute, about 8,000; fatalities, 7; thrown out of work by destruction of industries, Ottawa, 3,000; Hull, 2,000; value of buildings destroyed, \$2,500,000; personal property, such as furniture, clothes, etc., tne lumber burned.

At a massmeeting of citizens it was decided to instruct the city council to ask the Ontario legislature for leave to borrow \$100,000 by issuing debentures to aid the sufferers from the fire in Ottowa and Hull. General subcommittees were appointed for the purpose of affording relief. It was decided to build two shelter buildings in Hull. Orders for blankets, bread and other necessaries was given. The needs for relief are

E. B. Eddy's entire insurance is placed at \$650,000, while his loss is about \$2,000,000. The insurance is principally in American companies. Booth has only \$158,000 insurance and Gilmore &

Hughes \$187,000. Archbishop Bruchesi of Montreal has

given \$500 to the fire sufferers. The Chinese merchants of Victoria have wired expressions of sympathy to citizens of fire-swept Ottawa and Hull, with \$500, in token of their sincerity. Several car loads of provisions, clothing, etc., contributed in Montreal, have been received.

ton has decided to open a mansion house

London Aids Fire Sufferers.

LONDON, April 30 .- Lord Mayor New-

ple of Ottawa, and a Stock Exchange fund has been opened with several large subscriptions. Arguments Heard. RALEIGH, April 30 .- Argument for appeals were heard by the supreme court

in two of the most notable murder cases in recent years in this part of North Carolina. In one case the defendant is Tom Jones, the negro who murdered and burned his mistress and five of her children and who is under sentence to be hanged here May 11. In the other the defendant is James Smith, a negro who cut the throats of two young white men, one of whom died.

Operator Struck by Lightning.

ATHENS, Ala., April 30 .- Charles Sar. ver, night operator of the Louisville and Nashville railroad at Haye's switch, near here, was struck by lightning Wednesday night during a thunder-storm and severely injured. He was about to send an order when the lightning flashed down the wire and on to the key upon which rested his hand. He was rendered unconscious for some time,

but will recover.

Small Cotton Crop Predicted. Columbus, Ga., April 30.—Colonel H. Bussey, one of the best posted men in the south on crop conditions, says it is practically certain that a large crop of cotton would not be made this year. The farmers of this section of Georgia and Alabama have planted a larger acreage of corn and small grain than ever before and will have plenty of "hog, hominy and hay" at home this fall.

Porter Out of Danger. NEW YORK, April 30. - George F. Betts, brother-in-law of George Addison Porter, gave out the following statement last night: "Mr. Porter has been operated upon and the operation was en-tirely successful. We do not care to give the name of the hospital or the names of the doctors, but you can say

Be Careful

that Mr. Porter is out of danger."

No woman can be too careful of her condition during the period before her little ones are born. Neglect or improper treatment then endangers her life and that of the child. It lies with her whether she shall suffer unnecessarily, or whether the ordeal shall be made comparatively easy. She had better do nothing than do something wrong.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

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