and Alderman Rowland. Mr Pardy submitted his opinion of the law in the case of the City vs. Geo D Shore for refusal to pay bicycle license tax. He held that defendant's contention was based upon correct interpretation of law; that in absence of legislative authority Council had no power to impose the tax. On motion of Mr Finn, Mr Pardy's opinion was accepted as the law governing the case, and Mr Shore

Mr W H. McCox, representing the Inter-State and West Iladian Exposition Co , requested City Council to take one thousand copies of the May number of the Exposition Magazine, with a write up of Sumter county and city covering 10 or 12 pages and illustrated; price \$100 On motion of Mr. Pordy the offer was accepted,

the matter to be approved before publication Mr H J. Grever presented a request signand by many business men of the city that privilege be granted Peter Blow and others to install a new telephone system in Sumter. He stated that the signatures had been secured in order to show that there is a considerable demand for another exchange

On motion of Mr. Boyle action was deferred until a full meeting of Council can be

had The Finance Committee reported approval of bills referred, and of Clerk and Treasarer's monthly reports from October to

Mr. Pardy for the Fire Department Committee reported purchase of 600 feet of new hose, which was confirmed He also reported that request had been made for purchase of rubber coats and boots, spanners and noz zles. The committee was authorized to purchase what was necessary.

Mr Bloom, Chief of the Fire Department stated that the book and ladder truck could be put in good condition for \$30 00, and council authorized that the work be done. Mr Bloom reported that he had appointed

Mr A G Flowers to be assistant chief of are department Conscil confirmed the ap pointment He requested that \$12 per snnum be allowed each hose company for horse shoeing The Fire Department Committee were authorized to have the horses shod whenever necessary. On motion of Mr Purdy the following

resolution was adopted unanimously. "Resolved, by the City Council, that through it the thanks of the people of Sum-

ter are due and hereby tendered to the entire Fire Department for its most excellent service rendered at the recent fire " Mr Bloom suggested that the large hand engine be given to the firemen to be sold by

trem and the proceeds used for putting elecbric lights to the hose company houses. The fire department committee was requested to so sider the suggestion and report to Coun-The Clerk and Treasurer was authorized to refund \$30 80 to Miss Eleanor Thomson for taxes co lected through error in 1898 and

1869 ou property not in existence; and on which the Comptroller had allowed abate-The Clerk was directed to request the Blectric Light Co., to improve the service and to

replace missing globes on all arc lights. The committee of public works were authorized to employ a surveyor and relay drain pipe in Washington and Canal streets. Council then adjourned.

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

Quick Relief From Pain.

All who use Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism are delighted with the quick re. hef from pain which it affords When speaking of this Mr D N Sinks of Troy, Ohio, says: "Some time ago I had a severe attack o rheumatism in my arm and shoulder. I tried numerous remedies out got no relief until I was recommended by Mesers Geo F Parsons & Co, druggists of this place, to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. They recommended it so highly that I bought a bottle. I was soon relieved of all pain I have since recommended this liniment to many of my friends, who acree with me that it is the best remedy for muscular rheumatism in the market " For sale by Dr A J Chica.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Telephone Franchise Issue Settled.

City Council me in special session at 6 o'clock last Ti ursisy nigh'. All memb re of the council ware present Mayor Stuckey stated that he had called

the meeting to dispose of the petition of Peter Blow and others for the privilege of using the streets for erection of poles for a new tele-Mr. Fion desired to place himself on record

as not opposed to the Samter Telephone Co . but, believing it to be of advantage to the public to grant the petition of the promo'ers of the new company, be felt it his duty to favor the petition and moved that it be granted The following request that the petition be granted was presented :

"On account of the advantages to be derived therefrom we, the undersigned are greatly in favor of the franchise for new telephone exchange being granted by City Council:

J H Levy, Levy & Moses, Nixon House, Stubbs Bros & Cutrico, W G Stubbs, G Vandoros, J Ryttenberg & Sons, H M Sanders. H G Osteen, R S Hood, V H Phelps, R L Wright, H J Harby, Barby & Co, Sumter Compress Co, H Harby, D Chins, JJ Harby, Sumter Ice Mfg Co, JA Schwerin, Postal Telegraph Cable Co, Western Union Telegraph Co, per T P L, C F McFadden, Schwartz Bros. L D Jennings, Marion Moise, F B Grier, I Strauss, First National Bank, R L Edwards, Cashier, L B Durant, B J Barrett. M Green, W S Graham, Jno T Green, W F Rhame, Cashier, Arthur Belitzer, Levi Bros, Ernest A Bultman, T C Scoffs, O'Dennell & Co, T H Clarke, C L Stubbs, A White & Soo, H Frank Wilson, Joo S Haghson, M D, The Sumter D G Co. Archie China, M D, Geo W Dick, Van Telburg Hofman, M D, Crosswell & Co, Southern Rv. W D Lowry, Agt, J A Mood, M D, A J Chins, Hotel Marion.

Mr Hurst thought this paper sufficient to show that there is a demand for the new sys-

tem He favored the petition The Mayor vacated the chair and expressed himself as opposed to exclusive franchises and in favor of the new company. He said that Council was relieved of any moral obligation to the old company, he ause they had not complied with requirements, as their service had not been satisfactory. Having failed to keep their own contract they could not complain of the loss of their supposed lights and the demand of the public for another tions of science, virie studies of Western

Mr. Chandler opposed the petition be-sause he thought it would not be of advan-contemporary political or social interest. phones where one now answers the purpose He said the old company should be allowed Wister, Mary E Wilkins, Charles Major, J. this afternoon. He was the only son mes in the order by the state of the state o

Mr. Purdy said he spoke without regard to private interst, which he would not allow to

the present service is reasonably good, constantly improving and the old company should be protected in the franchise which had seen given and accepted in good faith; and without which the enterprise would not have been started.

Mr. Geo. F. Epperson, who was a member of the Council of 1893, said he could not repudiate what he did years ago and felt himself bound to protect the Sumter Telephone Co , now.

Mr Boyle favors competition, but thought the present franchise should be protected He suggested that the petition of Mr. Blow and others might be granted now to take effect one year bence. Mr. H J Grover who was present stated

that such a grant would not be acceptable as the persons be represented must act at once or abandon their intention entirely. The vote on the motion to grant the peti

tion of Peter Blow and others was then taken with the following result : Yeas-W H Ep person, P P Finn, E W Hurst Nays-W B Boyle, D J Chandler, G F Ep-

person, R O Purdy and C G Rowland. A letter was read from Dr. S. C. Baker stating that the stockholders of the Sumter Telephone Co had decided to forthwith commence putting in a full metalic system to be completed within a few months :

On motion of Mr. Chandler the company will be required: (1) to begin the said metalic system within 30 days; (2) to be completed within six months. This metion was adopted unanimously

The Telephone Question.

Editor of The Item : In all progressive cities the general welfare and business interests of its citizens in general should not be made subservient to the interest of the individual or individuals. More especially should the City Council scorn to use its authority to prevent a fair competition in any business. Or let personal feelings actuate them in protecting any individual or individuals from a fair competition in business, of which they seem in mortal terror The Telephone Exchange at this place has failed most egregiously in giving that service which an ap-to date community demands, and like all other concerns where there is no competition have become very independent in their dealings with subscribers. Conscil in its action night before last in refusing to delabra with red tapers and shades of same grant a franchise to the gentlemen applying for same, virtually winked at the condition of things as they now exist, and showed themselves in favor of allowing no competition in the Telephone Exchange business, and his in spite of a strong petition signed by the most prominent business men of the city The Council virtually said to these gentlemen we are afraid if we grant you the fran chise asked it will conflict with the interests of our friends of the present Exchange They did not consult the interests of the business community at large.

One of our Aldermen prates of protection. Protection against what? Honest competition? Are the people, especially the business people of Sumter, to be denied the right of having a more perfect telephone system, at a less cost, because the management of the present one is afraid of competition? If the gentlemen applying for the tranchise 'or the new concern are willing to take the risk of its paying, why should not the old concern be willing, unless they acknowledged beforehand that they cannot give the service required to compete And why should the Consil prate of protection? Are not the people, whose servants they are, entittled to some protection? The people, the busine s people, the backbone of the old city demands a better service and a effeaper service and Council has no right to deny them. The gentlemen applying for the franchise for the new concern are responsible men; the franchise should be granted them, the business interests of the city demand it. Give it tnem; and let the fittest survive Verbum Citizan.

Taxpayer on Telephone

Mr Editor : I am not interested in the existing Telephone Exchange Company nor bad I any interest in the one seeking a franchise from the City Council. I entertain as friendly feeling for the one as for the other, but I do feel a deep and abiding interest in the well being and prosperity of our city. I made full and complete inquiry into the pro posed plans of the new company before I would consent to sign their petition I found that we would have telephonic communication with all parts of the country, which we have not through the company now operating, this would be of great advantage particularly to the business men of our city. I found that when we now pay \$5 per month we would get the same number of phones for \$2.50 exactly one-half. We certainly all look to economy in the prosecution of our business interests. I found that we would have efficient service, which no one, not even the owners of the present company, can say is now given. These are some of the arguments that convinced me it was best for the interests of the city to grant a franchise to the new com-

Now take the adverse side. We would be obliged to have two phones, when now we require only one, but if the two cost only what we now pay for one, and if we have the most . ficient service, where is the disadvantage? What do we lose? In time should there be any difference in the service there will be necessity but for one, it would be "the nurvival of the fittest."

I dislike to criticise those upon whom rests the burdens of our city affairs, but dorthey consider impartially the true interest of the town? Are they looking to what is for the best interests of her citizens? I trust they do so, but I could not see it in that light in their reasons for voting adversely to the new ranchise, they will, I am satisfied, all admitf that the present service is far from being Batisfactory

In reading the proceedings of their late meeting I could not but think, did I vote for certain members to sustain what they bad done seven years ago. Or that they might now vote for such things as would thring our city fully abreast of other progressive towns and cities in our State? To vote to advance our interests or to say, well I think this will do. We have been getting on fairly well and will go on in the same beaten track?

Let us arouse ourselves and determine that we will build good pavements, good streets, and when opportunity offers improve everything, even the Telephone system, in our Taxpayer.

The April Everybody's Magazine.

Incresed in size to 128 pages, and with a table of contents excelling in interest and 16th and 17th. A mild thunder storm oc crat, was elected mayor by about variety, the April issue of Everybody's Magazine sets a high standard and indicates the characteristics which may in future be ex- der storms on nights of 25th and 26th. pected of this publication. In directing the policy of a mouthly, some time must elapse ere the plans of its editors can be properly consummated, but in the forthcoming issue there is realized a high ideal of individual excellence, together with that distinciness of individuality, a new venture in magazinedom must cave for success. The leading features may be summed up as follows : Vivid nature articles, entertaining exposilife, high-class fiction, together with an age to the public, as it would require two phones where one now answers the purpose Nelije Blanchan, Ewert Scott Grogan, Owen class of 1904. Lehigh University, died Rev. Waiter Laidlaw and Maximilian Foster

interfere with official duty. He declared that H G Osteen & Co's book store

THE SUMTER RIFLES.

A New Military Organization in This City.

Special to The Daily Item. Unknown to the public at large there has been perfected an organization in this city which adds materially to the protection and

safety of the citiz ns. While recognizing and admiring the military training of the Sumter Light Infantry and the efficiency of that gallant company it was felt that a junior organization similar in character would be advisable and would prove an additional protection in cases of emergency and would also furnish in time well trained material for the senior company to draw on. Having these aims in view some of the boys of the city met together and organised the junior military company and have adopted the name of the "Sumter Rifles." There are 15 active members who meet and drill every Tuesday and Friday evenings The expectation of the officers of this juvenile company is that in a few weeks they will feel justified in having a public

The officers of the "Sumter Rifles" are Captain, Bernard Manning; Lieutenant, Robert Cooper.

MAYOR'S COURT.

The following cases were before the Mayor's court last Thureday : Sam Reld and Hiram Wright, fighting. Guilty as to Sam Reid, \$10 or 20 days. Not guilty as to Biram Wright.

In Honor of Bishop Monaghan.

Mr. and Mrs Edwin Warren Gould entertained Thursday evening in honor of Bishop John J Monaghan, of Wilmington, Del. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns In the dising room the bishop's colors were in evidence The table was strewn with violets, and from the center and at each corner were massive gilver canbue. Broad bowls of royal purple satin ribbon were artistically arranged into diamonds, and immense bouquets of red carnations with bowls of violets perfumed and decorated the rooms Covers were laid for twelve and a sumptions repast was served. Bishop Monaghan added much to the pleasure of the evening by interesting accounts of his recent visit to Rome. Music, songs and recitations closed an event that will long be remembered by those were so fortunate as to esjoy the hospitality of the courteons host and charming hostess The guests were: Bishop Monaghan, Fathers Winlkerid and McDonald Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, Mrs Hason, Mrs Callaway, Miss Moran, Messrs Alexander and Saunders - Macon (Ga) Tele graph, March 24

Meteorological Record.

The following is a report of observations of the weather taken at Stateburg, by Dr. W. W Anderson, for the 59 days ending March 31, 1901:

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Temperature.

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3	58	35	46 5	88	94	Cloudy
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6	50	28		N-Va	00	Clear
7	53	33	43.	E va	00	Cloudy
8	49	41	45	BNB	42	Cloudy
9	57	41	49	W-VE	76	Cloudy
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11	57	43	47	E	28	Cloudy
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17	71	46	58 č	8W	00	Clear
18	75	51	63	8W	.00	Cloudy
19	65	43	57	N-VE	00	Cloudy
20	49	28	38.5	w	.00	Clear
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3	78	50	64	8	.00	Clear
4	72	54	63.	8	.00	Cloudy
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7	50	21	35 &	B-V&	00	Clear
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*Partly cloudy

on which ice formed. Heavy fall of snow on the 231, beginning about 4 00 a m. and endi g 2 40 p m , depth of snow 6.5. Tempersture on 21th the lowest as yet this winter

The temperature throughout March was generally mild, though on the 6th it fell to the lowest point heretofore reached during the winter, viz 2 ° and there were heavy frosts with thin ice also on the 7th, 8th, 9th, curred on the 10th, and a succession of thun- 3,000 plurality.

Feast of Passover.

one of the most important religious celebrations of the Jews, will begin April 4 and continue for seven days, though only the first two and the last two days are observed with resume next Monday and shut down

Bethlebem, Pa. March 30 .- After undergoing an operation for peritonitis Grey card board for picture mounting a late Chief Justice of Virginia, and the Signature of Chart Hitcher. last great grandchilu of Patrick Henry.

The Black River Union

Packsville, S. C., April 2 - The Unica Meeting held at Dudley Baptist Church last Friday and Satutday was well attended by both clergy and laity. The sessions of the body were entertaining and instructive and

were attended by good crowds. Notwithstanding the bad weather of Satur day the Woman's Missionary Meeting, conducted by Mrs. O. C carborough, was at tended by quite a number of womkn,

Powder Mill Explosion

Removes everything in sight; so do drastie mineral pills, but both are mighty dangerous. Don't dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel, croton oil or aloes pllls when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a summer breeze, do the work perfectly. Cures, headaches, constipation. Only 25c, at J F W DeLorme's drug store.

Prize Offered for Souvenir Design.

The Women's Department of the South Carolina Inter State and West Indian Exposition will give a prize of \$10 for the best original design for Souvenirs to be sold in the Woman's Building during the Exposi-

This competition is open only to women of South Carolina. Each design must be sent to the undersigned by July 1st, 1901, and must be accompanied by specifications for it construction, and the real name of competitor in a sealed envelope and not appearing elsewhere, so that the name of competitor will not be known till the award is made

Rejected designs will be returned upon application (with postage enclosed) within 30 days after the close of the competition The Executive Committee of the Woman's

Department will be the judges of the com-Mrs. R. Withers Memminger, Jr Chairman Committee on Souvenir.

April 1-3:

Where Taxes Go.

44 Pitt Street.

Washington. April 1 -The monthly comparative statement of the receipts and expenditures of the gov ernment, issued today, shows that the total receipts for March, 1901, were \$49,891,125, an increase as compared with March, 1900, of \$1, 165,000. The expenditures amounted to \$40,762,861, an increase of \$8, 550,000 The surplus for the month is \$9,128,274

The expenditure on account of the war department shows an increase of about \$2,250,000, and \$1,600,000 on account of the navy department

During the last nine months the receipts exceed the expenditures by about \$54,302,000

Cleveland Yesterday.

Cincinnati, April 1 -Fair weather prevailed in Ohio today for municipal and township elections The large vote for April indicated more interest than usual in these local contests This is due to the fact that a full State ticket is to be elected next November as well as members of the legislature who will choose a spressor to Sepator Forakar

In a few localities legislative nom inations were made by popular vote None showed any opposition to For aker among the Republicans and there was not enough action to indi cate any preference for John R Mc Lean, Tom L Johnson or any one else as the Democratic favorite for the senatorship. There was no elec tion in Cincippati

Special interest was taken in the contest at Columbus, where the Re publicans for the past two years have had all the city offices Gov Nash and former Congressman Lentz reside at Columbus and both took great interest in the contest there. Democratic administrations were in control at Cleveland and Springfield, where the Republicans made hard fights to control the political machinery of as many cities as possible at the State election in November

Sam Jones made his race for the third term for mayor of Toledo. independent of all parties and on his Golden Rule platform He was re

While the Democrats carried the larger cities and some of the smaller places, yet the Republicans show slight gains in the State as a whole There were but few nights during Feormary In the three larger cities, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo, the Democrats show gains, which are offset by the gains of the Republicans in the

smaller cities throughout the State. At Columbus, where the Republi cans have had city government, the Democrats elect their mayor by close margins, while at Cleveland, ex Con gressman Tom L Johnson, Demo

Fall River, Mass, March 30 -Twenty cotton mills in this city were shut down today, and will remain closed Passover, the feast of unleavened bread, until April 8 for ourtailment. These mills employ about 8,000 hands. Six mills, which are closed this week, will

CASTORIA For Infants and Children

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Poison Proof People.

There are entire communities of poison proof people who partake of doses of white arsenic with as much zest as the average person partakes of a meal. Chief among these singularly gifted people are the Styrian and Corinthian shepherds who inhabit the districts of Lamprecht, Salzburg, Hartberg, Leoben, Oberzeirung and the Erzgebirge mountains. The sturdy mountaineers consider that arsenic improves their wind for chamois climbing.

Some years ago Dr. Knapp put two of these men through their paces before the German Society of Physicians assembled at Gratz. The one ate six grains of white arsenic, or enough to kill three men, without experiencing the slightest inconvenience. The other partook of four grains of yellow arsenic, or orpiment, with equal impunity. It was explained that, seeing the good effect of the drug upon the coats and condition of their flocks, many of these shepherds start the practice under the impression that taken in moderation it than accept any interferences by the is good for human beings also.

dose spread upon bread and butter, the embryo arsenic eater has to undergo a very severe test of his devotion to the drug. Violent sickness and burning pains accompany its first use, and the drug speedily asserts its fatal power

Any attempt to leave off the drug is generally fatal. The women of these arsenic eating districts are famous for their beautiful complexions and luxuriant tresses.

The Missing Turk.

Sarah Bernhardt was once playing at Marseilles in a spectacular play in which she made her entree accompanied by six Turkish slaves. A line on the programme announced that these six Turks would accompany Mme. Bernhardt, but when the time came for them to go on one of the youngsters had disappeared. Sarah mustered the five in order and made her entrance with a grand flourish. The house was crowded, but not a hand clap greeted her as she appeared. Then a still, small voice in the gallery murmured something in an indignant tone. Fifty voices immediately took up the strain, and in ten seconds more the whole house was shouting the same phrase.

Bernhardt strained every nerve to catch what they were complaining about. She knew the phrase began with "Manque," but the rest of it was lost in the general hubbub. For a full minute the tumult continued. Then Sarah, muttering things below her breath, rushed like a fury down to the footlights. In the front row the actress had spotted one man who was not taking part in the hullabaloo. Pointing at him, the actress exclaimed sternly: "You seem to be the only sensible person in the house. Tell me what on earth they are kicking up this row

The man rose, bowed to the actress and remarked in very bad American-Tom L. Johnson Elected in French. "Madame, you are shy one assassinate the czar. He fired at his

General Greene's Discipline.

General Francis Vinton Greene was one of the strictest disciplinarians in all the army that went out to fight Spain. He was in command of the Seventy-first regiment, N. G. N. Y., at Camp Black, near Hempstead, N. Y.

As the regiment was breaking camp on the way to the front an old gentleman interrupted General Greene, who was talking with the writer.

leave of absence to Mr. Blank, a private in this regiment? He is a son of the late Colonel Blank of the army. His mother is dying, and she is asking for her boy. He will join his command at Tampa."

"I am very sorry, sir," replied General Greene, "but it will be impossible go to him."

And General Greene, as a matter of fact, did not for many weeks see his father, who died before the Spanish war was ended.

Missed His Chance.

During his lecture to children at the Society of Arts Mr. E. Walter Maunder told his audience an instructive story. A certain lecturer on astronomy observed that some of the students were not paying due attention. "Mr. So-andso," he called out to one of them, "will you be good enough to tell us of what the corona is composed?" The student addressed hesitated for a moment and then blurted out, "I did know, sir, but I've forgotten." The professor looked at him and then exclaimed: "What a calamity! Here we have the only man who ever knew the composition of the corona, and he has forgotten!"-London

Chronicle. Juvenile Logic.

Norman's mamma was something of a stickler for propriety, and she was not a little annoyed that it seemed impossible to make the boy give his uncle's name the customary handle. One day after the little fellow had met with a severer reproof than usual for this shortcoming of his he said:

"I mean to be good, mamma, but I don't see why I should say Uncle Harry. I don't say Uncle Papa, do 1?"-New York Mail and Express.

More In Sorrow Than Anger. cused of battering her husband, "it is true that I struck him, but the weapon I used proves that I did so more in sorrow than in anger."

"What did you hit him with?" "A sadiron, your honor."-Baltimore

closed.-Chicago News.

key and Syria.

Senator Proctor's Cuban Impressions.

Declares That Many Leaders in Cuba Willing to Accept Platt Amendment.

Washington, April 1.-Senator Proctor of Vermont has just returned from Cuba, where he has been mak. ing observations concerning conditions in the islands. The senator says he found a disposition among many leading Cubans to accept the terms of the Platt amendment as the most satisfactory solution of the relations between the United States and

There are some fire eaters, the senator says, who assert that rather United States they will "take to the Usually started with a small weekly woods" This is Cuban for going to war Senator Proctor says, however, that a great many people in the country districts, those who have been at war for many years, declare that they have had enough of the 'woods "

There is a disposition on the part of some of the Cubans, he says, to place a strained interpretation upon the Platt legislation and they are trying to convince the Cubans that the United States intends to do them

great injustice. According to Senator Proctor these are not making very much headway; especially, he says, as the delegates. to the convention are now hearing from their constituents, the large proportion of whom are anxious for

a settlement of all political relations

with the United States and urge the

delegates to accept the offers of this

appreciated by them.

Senator Proctor, speaking generaly of the conditions in Cuba, says that the business situation is muchimproved American capital is now being invested and this has been especially marked during the past: three months Various enterprises are on foot, there is employment for nearly everybody, and the quiet and peace that has come to the people is

SHOT AT THE CZAR.

Officer Missed and Then Killed

Himself.

London, April 1 .- A dispatch to The Morning Leader from Keiff says that an officer of the household tried to majesty but missed and then shot

St Petersburg, April 1 -It was nmored several days ago, but generally disbelieved, that Count Leo Tolstoi had peen banished from Russia because of the attempted assassination of Privy Councillor Robiedonostzeff, chief procurator of the holy synod, (who was shot at early in the morning of March 22 "Sir," he said, "will you grant a brief | while sitting in his study) The attempt was attributed to a desire for revenge, growing out of the excommunication of Count Tolstoi. Owing to the indefiniteness of the ramor it was disregarded by the correspondent here of The Associated Press Now, however, the correspondent has received a to deviate in any case from the rule private letter from a usually trustby which we are all bound. My own worthy source in Vilns, capital of the father lies dying at home, yet I cannot government of that name saying that Count Tolstoi was reported to have passed Vilna March 26, being escorted

> Camden, April 1 -The Camden Country Club Polo Team has completed arrangements for a trip to Lakewood, N. J., to try conclusions with some of the crack teams of the north.

to the frontier by two gendarmes.

The team will leave Camden on April 27, via the Seaboard Air Line, and will take 12 ponies The ponies will go at once to Mr George Gould's Lakewood stables where they will stay during the tournament

Camden will play its first match on April 30th The tournament lasts from April 20th unil May 11th, and during that time two sets of cups will be contested for.

\$100,000 Waiting on Two Men

The returns from all of the county superintendents in the State have been received and approved with the exception of those from Marion and Spartanburg counties The report from Marion was received, but it was not prepared in compliance with the laws, and had to be returned for correction As soon as the correct returns of enrol ent and deficiency, if any, is report from Spartanburg and Marion course, the \$100,000 fund on hand with a ready for dis-"Judge," said the lady who was ac- tribution, and not until then, and every school had better try and hurry along the superintendents of these two counties The superintendent for Spartanburg had been recently appointed to fill a vacancy.

That Throbbing Readache.

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