PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council held a regular meeting last Wednesday at 4 o'clock Present: Mayor pro tem Hurst; Al-

dermen Boyle, Chandler, Dick, W. H. Epperson and Schwerin. Absent: Mayor Stuckey; Aldermen

G. F. Epperson and Finn. Minutes of 8th inst. were read and approved. Mr. Schwerin opposed their confirmation, though admitting their correctness, on the ground that confirmation makes the minutes of the case so far as the telephone question is concerned. He was of opinion that the members of council did not awaited. comprehend just what had been done in the hurry and confusion of the meet-

The finance committee reported as follows: The Clerk and Treasurer's reports for May and June have been usual expenses we find the sum of 21,961.46 paid out during these two months for work on streets, including scavenger service. This average will be exceeded, for July when the pavement work now under way is finished.

We again warn council that expenses are in excess of income. And if the present rate is maintained our floating debt will soon become too large for us to handle. Our credit will become course is adopted and adhered to by council. Our interest on current loans now reaches nearly \$1,000 per annum. There is need of greater care in making contracts, and a rigid economy in

We recommend a rebate of \$15 be allowed the Postal Telegraph Co. on license tax. Respectfully submitted, E. W. Hurst, D. J. Chandler.

Finance Committee. The finance committee returned without recommendation a bill of \$44.65 in favor of The Electric Light and Ice Co., for removal of an arc light from corner of Magnolia and Mill streets to Harvin street. Also a bill of \$251.21 in favor of The Sumter Water Company for extension of water main to Telephone street. The report was adopted; Mr. Schwerin voting "nay."

A letter was read from Dr. V. T. Hofman accepting appointment as a member of the Roard of Health. The police and fire department committee stated that they thought it ad-

visable to defer painting the Hose Co's. buildings until cool weather. Mr. Chandler for the special committee reported that the paving on Main street was progressing satisfac-

torily and now near completion. Letters were read from the Atlantic Coast Line Cmpany in regard repairs and improvements of streets and crossings demanded by council. On motion of Alderman Dick the several matters involved were referred to a special committee consisting of Aldermen employ counsel if necessary.

Letters from the League of American Municipalities, asking that council send delegates to their meeting in Detroit Mich., during the latter part of August was received as informa-

A letter from J. Ryttenberg & Sons, calling attention to the fact that a part of the Tobacco Warehouse scales had been taken away or misplaced by the county chain gang, was referred to the committee of public works.

Several applications for appointment on the police force were presented, but no action was taken.

Mr. Schwerin suggested that the Kitson light at corner of Mill and Magnolia streets be removed to the front of the Opera House. And the arc light recently taken from that corner be replaced there.

Several bills and financial matters were referred to the finance committee. Council then adjourned

Clarendon News.

From the Times, July 23. That Manning has a solid, steady growth can be noticed by every visitor, and it is the subject of ramark from them. We understand that the estate of Moses Levi expects to build two more brick stores, M. C. Galluchat, Esq., two brick stores and Capt. W. C. Davis a fine residence. These additions are in the very near future, in fact, part of the material for the Galluchat stores are upon the ground dependency of this country."

A very unfortunate difficulty occurred at Bradham's mill about two. miles east of Manning last Saturday, between Messrs. Lawence Wilson and O'Brien, of Burnsville. The bale Clyde and Jallie Warr, in which Mr. Wilson was painfully cut. It seems that the party had been in the swamp fishing, and when they got back, Wilson and Clyde Warr got into a scrap; while they were fighting, Jallie went to the assistance of his brother, and cut Wilson in the side and back, Wilson was brought to Manning, and Dr. Brown gave him surgical attention. A warrant was issued for the Warr boys and they were arrested and gave bond for their appearance.

From the Farmer, July 24.

The Methodist congregation has granted their pastor, Rev. P. B. that month there will be no preaching unless some visiting ministers drop A few of the brethren "chipped in" and raised him a nice little purse to aid him in enjoying his trip abroad. He left for the mountains Tuesday.

The Manning Band proposes to have a musical concert in the near future. This concert will be given by the Sumter orchestra, under the leadership of business. As two gentlemen who are Prof. Shoemaker, and the net proceeds will be applied to the interest of our home band, which is now taking lation throws their day's work out of but it is common to ship several bushlessons in the up-to-date band music. The date will be announced later.

A few nights ago while on their way home from a fish supper at Scarborough's Mill, a couple of boys in a buggy were held up on the road in tention before going to breakfast at Jesse James style by two men, one of 7 o'clock. A reply by return mail whom held the horse while the other often means a geat deal to a business went for the boys in the buggy. The man and closing of the postoffice which Myrtle Beach this afternoon while boys threw up their hand and de- prevents access to the lock boxes is as surf bathing. clared they did not have a cent and has been said before a serious inconthe robbers might do what they pleas- venience to business men. If there ed with them. They were consider- was any necessity for closing the lobby ably relieved and regained their cour- there would be no complaint, but as age however, when they found that it the necessity does not exist and the was all a joke, and the robbers were order is simply an arbitrary exercise two of their party who had got out of of authority by the inspector no one their carriage and waited on the road-side until the boys drows up. feels like submitting to it without a great feels like submitting to it without a

Daughter of Rev. C. B. Smith Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Bennettsville, July 28.-About ten days ago a three-year-old daughter of filed their verdict today. They find Rev. C. B. Smith, Methodist pastor that the explosion was accused by of this town, was bitten by what was some person or persons, to the jury unsupposed to be a mad dog. Recent known, taking into room No. 2 sixth aroused the suspicion of the parents to exist, an open lamp, using the same and, acting on the advice of their in direct violation of the mine rules physician, Mr. Smith left this morning with the afflicted child for Atlanta, where the patient will be placed binding force, which should not be under the Pasteur treatment. The town is very much interested in this case and developments are anxiously

Morgan and the Kaiser.

Dispatches from Germany a while back announced that J. Pierpont Morexamined and found correct. Among gan had had several interviews with the emperor which had lengthened into long confidential [and interesting We were told that the emperor seemed greatly interested in the great American financier. He seemed to be trying to find out by study and personal contact what manner of being this recently developed creature was. are now told that the emperor was disappointed on the results of his investigation. Mr. Morgan did not come impaired unless a more conservative up to his preconceived idea of an American multi-millionaire and international trust manipulator. The emperor does not tell the public what his expectaions were, but he gives utterance to his disappointment in the following: "Try as I could, his conversation

failed to reveal to me that he had any clear comprehension of the vast harmonies and conflicts of the commercial universe. I was amazed to find him not well informed regarding the historical and philosophical developments of nations. His political economy leaves him unconcerned regarding socialism, which undoubtedly will soon constitute the most stupendous question everywhere. Mr. Morgan confessed that he had never been sufficiently interessed to study into what socialism means exactly.'

The emperor made a mistake in selecting the subjects of conversation. He should have tackled Mr. Morgan on financing bankrupt railroads, form ing trusts and combines and buying up international steamship lines. There he would have found the great American financier had something interesting to say.

A Memorial Arch to Schley.

Baltimore, Md., July 28 .- A memorial arch is to be erected in this city in commemoration of the deeds of Admiral Winfield Scott Schley. With this in view the Schley Triumphant Arch Association, of Baltimore city, was incorporated today by Dr. Henry V. Walls, Dr. Melcher Ekstromer, Chandler, Hurst Dick and the Clerk, Charles L. Burkhart, James Gorrell with power to act, and authority to and Henry G. Brady. It has no capital stocck. As explained by one of the incorporators, the plan is to raise by popular subscription a fund sufficient to pay for a handsome arch "in recognition of the services of Maryland's hero of the Spanish war."

Morgan & Co. Deny Report.

New York, July 28.—Reports that the Atlantic Coast Line has acquired or will acquire control of the Louisville and Nashville road are emphatically denied by J. P. Morgan & Co. The two interests are said to be working in perfect harmony.

"Temporarily Deranged."

Woodsfield, O., July 27.-Mrs. Everet Spence, aged 19, today shot and killed her husband, aged 21, while he was asleep, and then killed herself. They had been married less than two months and both were well connected. It is thought she was temporarily deranged.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee is reported to have said: "I believe that the crisis in Cuban affairs is now. The Cubans were promised an independent government and they have it. Now they will have to prove that they can give security to property and maintain or-der in the island. If they don't come up to the mark the island becomes either a part of the United States or a

Selma, Ala, July 28.—The first bale of Alabama cotton of the season was sent to this city today by Capt. J. F. weighed 740 pounds and was classed good middling. The cotton was sold at auction to J. W. Marshall for ten cents per pound. C. W. Hooper & Co. added a cent to the price and the warehouse in which it was stored allowed a cent more, making a total of

Austin, Texas, July 28.—Central Texas was tonight visited by one of the most terrific rain storms ever known in this section. The rain came down in a regular deluge, flooding the principal streets of the city from curb to curb and washing into many of the stores. Rivers and small streams are way out of their banks and rail-Wells, a months' vacation. During road traffic is practically interfered

> A number of business men are still kicking vigorously against the order St. Louis. of the Inspector requiring the closing of the Postoffice lobby from 9 p. m., to 7 a. m. It is a serious inconvenence to them and interferes with the prompt and systematic dispatch of writer, this new postoffice reguare located on the railroad and it has been their custom to stop at the postoffice on their way to their offices at 6 o'clock, get their mail and give attention to letters requiring immediate at-

Cause of Mine Explosion.

Johnstown, Pa., July 28.—The coroner's jury investigating the rolling mill mine disaster on the 10th inst. developments in the child's condition right heading, where gas was known and regulations of the Cambria Steel

St. Jim, The Martyr.

Jim Tillman seems to have made a very unfortunate simile at the Chester meeting. In discussing the Gaffney incident and other newspaper attacks

he said:
"They may crucify me upon a cross of slander, but God in heaven knows it is as unjustifiable as when they pinioned to the cross the lonely Naza-

Reports from Yorkville are to the effect that DeCamp gave Tillman every opportunity in public or private to take up the matter again but he said he did not care to reopen it. To the people at Yorkville he said that his hands were bound, that he could not engage in a brawl and compared himself to Prometheus, who, bound to a rock suffered the vultures to gnawout his vitals. This kind of stuff just runs some of his hearers wild with enthusiasm, he is now posing as "Saint Jim the Martyr."

Battled For a Girl.

Portland, Ore., July 27.-Frank Carlson and George Baldwin, each 19 quarreled over two girls, to whom both were paying attention. Carlson challenged Baldwin to fight. The fight took place with bare knuckles, in the presence of relatives and friends of both boys in an unfrequented part of the city. The fight lasted about 20 minutes. At the end of that time Carlson received a blow in the stomach and fell to the ground. When picked up he was dead. Baldwin is in jail.

Deadly Ball Follows Festive Dance.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 27.—Berry Donahue, a justice of the peace and a well to do farmer living near Lutterell, Tenn., shot and killed Sherman Dyer this morning. Both men attended a dance last night and while they were going home the tragedy occurred. Bad feeling had existed between them over the outcome of a lawsuit. Donahue ricultural Department; Prof. Vaughn of

We never really appreciated so much what the real meaning of the word 'sacrilege'' was until we read what Jim Tillman said at Chester, referring to newspapers: "They may crucify me on a cross of slander, but God in by the Arbuckles yearly in the preparaheaven knows it is as unjustifiable as tion of this glazing. On this point in when they pinioned to the cross the cross examination, the State's attorney lowly Nazarene." Could blasphemy deftly drew from him the information possibly go any further?-Columbia that these eggs might be kept in cold

"Black Jack" McDonald, a noted two at a time. border desperado, was shot and killed in his saloon at Juarez, Mex., on Saturday by an American whose name is unknown. The fight resulted from a game of dice in which "Black Jack" and three Americans were engaged. Two of the Americans fled and have not been captured. The other is held insommunicado.

her marriage a year ago was Miss Louise Rutherford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been set upon, says a Paris dispatch to the World, by two hungermaddened Great Dane dogs, which had been secured to guard her husband's ccuntry house at Annecy Lake, and so terribly injured that she died two

hours after the attack. The Southeastern Cotton Buyers' Association, says the Mobile Register, has issued a circular announcing that the members of the Association have resolved to put a penalty of not less than fifty cents on any bale that has on above six yards of bagging and six hands, the announcement being designed to effect the wrapping of cotton in Georgia and Alabama, where, it was said, more tare was put on cotton than in the western portion of the cotton belt. The Mobile merchants generally declare the Association ruling arbitrary, since eight yards of two-pound bagging and six two-pound ties can be placed on a bale and even then the tare will not be as much as the European buyers deduct from the price they make when they buy the cotton.

The announcement that the war department will take no steps to discipline Gen. Anderson for contradicting Admiral Dewey's version of the attack on Manila is made, says the Norfolk Landmark, as if the department were acting with great selfrepression and magnanimity. "As a matter of fact," the Landmark thinks, it is more than probable that Mr. Root doesn't prod Gen. Anderson because he 'dassent' prod him."

Tennessee's World's Fair exhibit may be transported all the way to St. Louis by water, just to show the people of the world that river navigation is open clear to Chattanooga. It is proposed to load the entire exhibit on the steamer Avalon at Chattanooga, carry it down the Tennessee across Northern Alabama, back across Tennessee and Kentucky to the Ohio, thence down the Ohio to the Mississippi and up the Mississippi to

While at St. Charles last Tuesday, we were informed that the huckleberry crop around there amounts to no small matter. Last season as high as forty bushels were bought for engaged in manufacturing said to the shipment in one afternoon. The supply has not been so heavy this year, gear entirely. Their places of business els in a day. They go to northern markets, yielding the shipper a profit, besides helping the local merchants, as they are mostly paid for in the stores. - Bishopville Leader.

> Conway, July 29 .- Miss Ruth Burroughs, of Conway, was drowned at

GLENN SPRINGS WATER For the Liver.

A. J. CHINA, J. F. W. DELORME.

ADULTERATED COFFEE.

GROCER WHITE FOUND GUILTY OF VIOLATING OHIO'S PURE FOOD LAWS.

Interesting Facts Concerning the Roasting of Coffee Brought Out by Scientific Experts-Presence of Eac-

Toledo, O., Aug. 3 .- The jury in Judge Meck's court in this city has found James White, a local grocer, guilty of selling adulterated coffee. The prosecution was based on a package of Arbuckles Ariosa coffee.

The State of Ohio, through the Pure Food Commission, prosecuted White. The case was on trial for nearly a month and attracted national atten-

The manufacturers of Ariosa coffee conducted the defense for Grocer White. The best attorneys in the country were retained to defend him, but, after a short consultation, a verdict of guilty was returned by the jury. The State of Ohio considers this a big victory. Pure Food Commissioner Blackburn has been waging a warfare on spurious food articles and the department has been successful.

The complaint of the State of Ohio was that Ariosa coffee was coated with a substance which concealed defects in the coffee and made it appear better than it is. The State charged this coating or glazing was a favorable medium for the propagation of bacteria.

Prof. G. A. Kirchmaier, of this city, a well known chemist, was the principal witness for the State. He had made scientific examinations of samples of Ariosa purchased from Grocer White in the open market. He found that each Ariosa berry contained an average of 300 bacteria. Mr. Kirchmaier further testified that other coffees he examined contained few bacteria or none at all. He declared that the glazed coffee was not a wholesome food product.

Chemist Schmidt, of Cincinnati, corroborated the testimony of Prof. Kirchmaier. The State did not present fur-

ther testimony. The defense through the Arbuckles, who prepared this glazed coffee, secured some of the most eminent chemists and scientists in the United States to give testimony in their behalf. Prof. H. W. Wiley, of the United States Ag-Ann Arbor University; Profs. Bleile and Webber, of the Ohio State University, were called to defend Ariosa. Dr. Wiley had made a careful examination of the method of manufacturing Ariosa. He told of the 19,000,000 eggs used storage by the Arbuckles for a year or

The experts who heard Dr. Wiley's testimony were pleased to be able to "catch" so famous a chemist. The doctor at one point in his testimony explained very clearly how it is that the egg put into the coffee pct by the house wife settles the coffee. He said that the heat coagulates the egg, and as it Mme. Edmond Sempis; who before sinks to the bottom of the pot it carries the fine particles of coffee with it, and thus clarifies the drink. It is the act of coagulation in the coffee pot that does the work. Later on in his cross examination, he had to admit that when the egg was put on Ariosa coffee at the factory it became coagulated, and as egg cannot be coagulated but once, that the coating on coffee was practically no value, as a "settler" when it reached

the coffee pot. Prof. Wiley acknowledged that the glazing might be a favorable medium for the propagation of bacteria, although he would not testify positively either way because he was not a bacteriologist.

Prof. Vaughn, of Ann Arbor, also a witness for the Arbuckles, said he found bacteria on Ariosa coffee

Prof. Bleile, another witness for the defense, found any number of lively bacteria on Ariosa coffee he examined, and he agreed that glazed coffee surely was a more favorable medium for the propagation of bacteria than unglazed

Pure Food Commissioner Blackburn says: "The State is very much elated over its victory against this corporation. We are now considering the advisability of informing every grocer in the State of Ohio that it is an infraction of the laws to sell Ariosa, and at the same time give warning to consumers that the coffee is an adulterat-

ed food article." The verdict of the jury in this case is of national importance because a great many other States have pure food laws like that of Ohio, and it is natural to suppose that similar action will be taken by other Pure Food Commissioners to prevent the sale of glazed

Wise to Escape.

"Sir," said the rash young man, "with a forked twig from a hickory tree I can locate water-pure water,

"ShShShShSh!" warned the sturdy Kentuckian. "Get out of the state quietly, boy. Let that get around and the crowd'll hang you before you can get your collar off!"-Denver Times.

Circumstances Alter. "What an effeminate boy young Doodley is."

"Yes; he's always smoking ciga-"His cousin Mabel is quite the other

extreme-very mannish." "Is that so?" "Yes, she smokes cigarettes."-Philadelphia Press.

Her Miscalculation. "And so this is the end!" he exclaim-

ed bitterly. "Well," she replied, "if you haven't any more nerve than to give up right at the start, I suppose it'll have to be the end. But I thought you were more of a man."-Chicago Record-Herald.



PERSONALITIES.

The neckcloth worn by Louis XVI on the way to the guillotine is owned by Archbishop Feehan of Chicago.

General Leonard Wood has been made a member of the Academy of Science of Havana, a most exclusive society limited to forty members, all elected for life.

Mrs. Deland, the Boston novelist, is very fond of flowers and so fixed in her belief in their beneficial influence that she never writes but with a pot of some sort of flower on her desk. Edwin Ginn, who is to build several

model tenement houses in Boston, has made a long study of social conditions in that city, where he is one of the largest real estate owners. A man who played in the first Ox-

ford and Cambridge cricket match 74 years ago is still alive. He is Mr. Herbert Jenner-Fust, who practiced in doctors' commons and is now 95 years The Rev. H. T. F. Duckworth, who

has been appointed professor of divinity in Trinity university, Toronto, is a graduate of Merton college, Oxford, and is rated as a brilliant scholar in England. Joseph Chamberlain at 65 is slim and

alert and looks ten years younger. He has never indulged in exercise as a practice or a fad. Perhaps that is one reason why gout gives him an occasional twinge.

Henry P. Davenport, Jr., of Clay Court House, Va., has a set of Blackstone with Washington's autograph on the first blank page of each volume. Presumably the books were in the library of the first president.

Mark Twain was recently calling on a friend who, to show him the good training of a horse, fired a gun under the animal's nose without the beast's moving. "What do you think of that?" asked the host. "I think the horse is deaf," said the humorist.

Yu Keng, the Chinese embassador at Paris, is quite as adaptable a Celestial as our own Wu Ting Fang. His wife is only half Chinese, having had an American father. His children speak perfect English, and the family takes, ir western style, to excursions, amateur photography, private theatricals and other fads.

THE GLASS OF FASHION.

Fine tucking and accordion plaiting are used extensively on handsome silk

Chinese and Japanese embroideries are well placed upon waists of dark blue, poppy read or beige colored silk. A large monogram embroidered on the back of a glove or at the top of

the long gloves worn with elbow sleeves is a recent fad. Fashion prophets say that feathers are to be worn more than ever the coming season, especially the long,

handsome ostrich plumes. Hosiery must match the gown, say the arbiters of fashion, no matter what the color of the latter. Some of the new green hose are striking, but at-

A graceful trimming is made of rows of narrow velvet or satin ribbon put together with herringbone stitch in heavy silk twist of the same or a con-

Guipure and Arabian laces and mock jewels will be employed extensively tor trimming this winter. Embroidery the fabric has returned, and a charming effect is produced by an artistic arrangement of leaves and blossoms.-New York Tribune.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

The budding knife should be sharp. Put a quart of soot into two gallons of water and use it as a liquid fer-

Among all the wasted matter on the farm bones are the most valuable as a

The dwarfing of a tree occurs by the slight disagreement between the scion

The pear is dwarfed by several different stocks-the quince, the moun-

tain ash and the thorn. If strawberries are grown without much attention, the weeds and grass are certain to assert themselves.

No farm is complete unless it has orchards. Not only should the apple be given a place, but all other fruits. The small fruits should be grown, especially for family use.

There are two points of danger in manuring trees. One is too much manure and the other not enough. Too much manure induces too late a growth, not giving time for the wood to fully mature before cold weather

Rather Be First. "Your wife is fully a head taller than

you, is she not?" "Yes. She had a chance, though, to

marry a man a head taller than herself, but she said she couldn't bear the idea of playing second fiddle in a family of freaks."-Chicago Tribune.

Getting on Well. A Georgia man who moved to Kan-

sas some time ago writes to say, "This is the best country I ever saw. My wife is chief of police, and she has promised me a job on the force."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

Amiability Itself. "I am afraid that my conversation is

uninteresting," said Willie Wishington. "Don't let the thought trouble you," answered Miss Cayenne sweetly. "I was a little bit sleepy anyhow."-Washington Star

WASHINGTON LETTER

[Special Correspondence.]

Persons visiting the United States supreme court these days are permitted to see what has been discovered to few of the millions who have gone through the capitol building. The interior of the chamber has been torn out to admite of the renovation and repair of the room and to allow the erection of a new roof. The board floor has been removed, the marble bench before which the venerable chief justice and his associates sit is gone, the beautifully chiseled busts of the chief justices have been taken down, the heavy drapery which, with the black satin robes of the nine members of the court, gives an air of somber dignity to the scene when this exalted body is in session has been folded away, and the room is simply a wreck, a confused mass of mortar, brick and lumber. But in the center of the chamber, under that section where stood the long marble bench, is a small dais of brick in the form of a semicircle eight or ten feet in width. That forms the platform on which sat the presiding officer of the United States senate in the old days prior to 1859 and before the north and south wings of the capitol were built. Some of the greatest men in the history of the republic have sat on that dais. The last vice president to sit there was John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky, who presided over the senate from March 4, 1857, to March 4, 1861. Among his predecessors were Thomas Jefferson, Aaron Burr, George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry, John C. Calhoun, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, George M. Dallas and Millard Fillmore. In addition to these there is a long list of distinguished men who served as president pro tem. of the senate. This interesting semicircle is being pointed out by the capitol guides to visitors and its historical associations explained with more

or less accuracy. The Refurbished White House.

Upon the return of President and Mrs. McKinley from Canton in the fall the interior furnishings of the executive mansion will have assumed a look of freshness and elegance.

According to Colonel Bingham, who has charge of the White House, no expense has been spared to make the apartments at the executive mansion more sumptuous than ever before, and especial care has been exercised in decorating the apartments for Mrs. McKinley's private use.

The furniture in the red room of the state apartments has been covered with rich crimson damask, and the feet of the visitor will sink deep in the pile of crimson velvet carpet. New electrical effects bring out the gorgeous coloring of this room most vividly. The green room has been refurnished more quietly, but in the same elegance. The exterior of the executive mansion has also been refurnished.

Skilled and Unskilled Labor. The Building Trades Council has written to the district commissioners protesting against the employment of unskilled labor on District work, such as school, station and market houses. The council says it has been informed that tinners and painters are being employed at a rate of wages much less than are paid by outside employing painters and tinners, thereby encouraging unskilled mechanics in prefer-

ence to skilled ones. The council deems it of great importance that if the District is to do its own work it should be done by the best skilled mechanics instead of those who have only partly learned their

trade. G. B. Coleman, the District superintendent of repairs, has reported to the commissioners that the department is paying identically the same rate of wages for all classes of mechanics that was paid last year.

"We do not employ unskilled labor in any portion of the work," he says.

Expiring Bank Charters. "One important act of legislation for the coming congress," said Mr. J. Wirt Cullinane of San Francisco, a business man identified with several financial institutions on the Pacific coast, to a group of Washington acquaintances, "should be the passage of a bill for the extension of national bank charters. I would not attempt to define the features of such an act, but it should certainly be considered and approved, otherwise more than 1,500 national banks in all parts of the country will cease to exist. In other words, their lease of life granted by the government will expire. Bank officials are turning their attention toward the next session of congress for relief. The charters of the thousand and more banks which will go out of business unless congress acts expire July 12 of next year and

sional action." Tawney's Fight on Oleomargarine. Representative Tawney of Minne-

cannot be extended without congres-

sota purposes to renew his fight against oleomargarine with vigor on the assembling of congress in December. He believes a check has already been produced in the growth of that industry, due to state legislation and to the morerigorous enforcement of the federal law. He notes that a man in Illinois was fined \$10,000 a few days for violation of existing federal law, and he also calls attention to the stern measures for the repression of oleomargarine which the virtuous states of Pennsylvania and Illinois have already enacted.

The rivalry that is developing in the postal department between the star ervice and the rural free delivery service is promising to strengthen the rural service rather than help the other. The rural free delivery experiment, costing this year something like \$3,-500,000, may be expanded next year to cost \$7,000,000. One of the effects of the introduction of the rural free delivery is to dispense to some extent with the star service.

CARL SCHOPIELD.

It is a mistake to suppose that it is always the last straw which breaks