BLOODY TRAGEDY NEAR BISHOPVILLE.

W. F. Greech Shot to Beath by Spain Kelley.

CREECH WAS NOT ARNED.

Kelley Used Double Barrell Shot Gun and Pistol---Creech Was Shot in the Back.

Bishopville, May 7.-Mr. W. F. Creech, of the firm of Creech & Little, live stock dealers, of this place is dead, and Mr. Spain Kelley, also of this place, oldest son of Mr. John F. Kelley, who is one of the best known men of this courty, his slayer, is a fugitive from justice.

The tragedy occurred on the Camden road about eight miles from this place sometimes near 8 o'clock last

Mr. Creech, Mr. Howard Singleton, Mr. Harleston King and a negro were returning from Camden in two buggies and at the place stated they were met by Mr. Spain Kelley on horse-back. He was armed with a shotgun and as they met Mr. Creech is report-ed to have said to him: "It seems like you are out hunting," and that Kelley replied, "yes, d—n you, I am hunting you." By this time Kelley had passed the buggy in which Creech and Singleton were riding, and turning his base in the fact that migrand Creech's back. The first shot missed Creech, but hit the horse, and Kelley fired again almost instantly. This shot took effect, Creech being struck in the back, below the shoulder-blade.

Creech jumped or fell from the buggy and sank to the ground by the roadside. Kelley sprang from his horse and started to reload his gun but Mr. King who was riding in the other buggy, ran up and seized the King if he did not release the gun. King did as he was ordered. Kelley and road off.

Creech made no statement after being shot, in fact had no opportunity to do so dving within a few moments. Neither Creech, King nor Singleton was armed, and they were powerless to do anything, even had they antici-pated that Kelley was waiting on the road to attack Creech.

and Mr. King, who was in Mr. Creek's employ in Bishopville, remained with the body until assistance could be summoned from the neighborhood and he then hastened to this place to bring the news, arriving after mid-

There is no known cause for the shooting and no statement has yet been made that throws any light on the terrible happening.

It is currently reported that the killing was the outgrowth of a personal difficulty or a family trouble, but this is a mere rumor and without

W. F. Creech was a native of Whiteburg, Tennessee, and has been living in this State about eight or nine years. He was about 35 years old and

Spain Kelley is the eldest son of Mr. J. F. Kelley, a prominent citizens of this section, who represented Sumter county in the House of Representatives in 1892-94.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Bishopville, May 7.—Last night between 8 and 9 o'clock, Mr. W. F. Creech, being on his way from Camden in company with his bookkeeper, Mr. Singleton, and Mr. King, also in his employ, was met by Mr. Spain. Kelley near Antioch Church, about six or eight miles from Bishopwille and just within the Lee County line. Without any words or statement, Mr. Kelley shot Mr. Creech with a double-barrel shot gun, both barrels.

Mr. Creech was not killed immediately and Mr. King jumped into the buggy with him and endeavored to get away before Kelley could shoot again. He drove as fast as possible, Creech, still living, but they were pursued by Kelley, who shot Creech again with a pistol, and Mr. Creech died immediately after the last shoot-

ing. The cause of the shooting is not

It is reported that Mr. Kelley will surrender himself to the Sheriff, but had not done so at this hour (11 a.

Mr. Creech is a member of the firm of Creech & Little, who do a large sale and livery business in Bishopville and

Mr. Kelley is a son of Mr. John F. Kelley, of this community.

Manning Notes.

There is a movement on foot, advocated by some prominent merchants, looking to the etablishing of a public cotton weigher in this town. The purpose being to give the farmers the advantage in price of the hauling to

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THE KELLEY-GREECH AFFAIR.

Gause of the Killing Still a Mystery---Statements of the Occurrence Confused.

KELLEY CONTINUES AT LARGE.

From The Daily Item, May 8th. Definite information in regard to the lamentable killing of Creech by young Kelley, have not been obtainable so far. Each account differs in one way or another, and those who were witnesses of the tragedy, it is asid, have been unable to agree upon a connected statement of the facts as they occur-

From the best information obtainable, Kelley first shot twice with the double barrel gun and once with a pistol, striking Creech one time with

After getting away from Kelley Creech' sfriends, drove for about three miles before Kelley overtook them at Mrs. Boykin's place, as they were en-

tering the yard. Disregarding the entreaties of King, Kelley proceeded to shoot Creech to death, which he did as he lay in the foot of the buggy, firing two loads from the gun into his head and neck, and five shots from the pistol, making ten shots in all.

The following specials to the State are copied in the absence of any other particulars otherwise obtainable:

Camden, May 7.—W. E. Creech, of Bishopville, was killed by Spain Kel-ley, of Lee county, yesterday evening on the public highway leading from Camden to Bishopville, about 10 miles

from the former place.
It is stated that Mr. Creech was returning from Camden, driving a bug-gy, Mr. Howard Singleton being with him. While going up a hill near the Lee county line they met Mr. Kelly in a two-horse buggy driven by a ne-gro boy. Kelly evidently did not re-cognize Crech until he was nearly gun and attempted to wrest it out of Kelley's hands. Kelley thereupon drew a pistol and threatened to kill ever, he picked up a pistol lying beside him and fired three shots in rapid King did as he was ordered. Kelley succession which entered Mr. Creech's back. Mr. Singleton got out of the weering in blood on the ground and buggy and was followed by Creech, fired four bullets from his pistol into Creech's body. Kelley deliberately reloaded his gun mounted his horse to a buggy driven by Mr. King, which was going towards Bishopville. As Creech ran up the road Kelley, who had in the meantime gotten out, seized a double-barreled breechloader from his buggy and aimed it at him, but Singleton stepped in front of the muzzle of the gun and Creech reached pated that Kelley was waiting on the road to attack Creech.

Mr. Singleton who is bookkeeper for the Little stable in Camden went that he realized had made such headway that he realized he could not evertage once to Camden to notify Mr. that he realized he could not overtake tle, Mr. Creech's partner, them. He thereupon unhitched one of his horses and jumping on its back, armed with his breechloader, galloped after the buggy, overtaking it after it had passed the Lee county line. Kelley fired three more shots, killing Creech.

It is rumored that this act on Mr. Kelley's part was in consequence of an irremediable wrong done by the deceased to a member of the former's

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Bishopville, May 7.—This town was shocked this morning to hear of the tragic death of W. F. Creech, who was shot to death yesterday evening by Spain Kelley.

Mr. Creech was returning from Camden in company with H. H. King and Howard Singlteon. About 12 miles from this place they were met by Kelley, who was riding in a buggy, accompanied by a negro and leading another horse. As he came opposite to Creech and Singleton, who were riding together, Kelley drew his double-barreled gun from under the buggy seat and aiming his gun at Creech said: "I have been hunting you for 48 hours."

He then fired, but the negro knocked up the barrel and the load went over the top of the buggy. Creech and Singleton then jumped out and the horses ran away. Kelley fired again, the load striking Creech in the side and arm. King then caught Creech and pulled him into his buggy, driving rapidly away. Kelley fired again, the load striking Creech in the side and arm. King then caught Creech and pulled him into his buggy, driving rapidly away.

Kelley mounted the horse he was leading and rode after the retreating men. King, seeing that Kelley was fast approaching, whipped his horse into a run and this pace was kept up for more than two mlies.

Coming opposite the house of Mrs. Sallie Boykin, Creceh begged King to stop as he could go no further. They

drove into the yard, Kelley following.

King pleaded with Kelley not to shoot again as the man was dying. Kelley rode up to the buggy and fired twice with his revolver, killing Creech

Neither Creech nor the two men with

him were armed. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death by means of gunshot wounds at the hands

of Spain Kelley. Kelley has not yet been apprehended as the sheriff has been absent on business for several days.

HAD NOT WRONGED KELLEY.

Further information in regard to the shocking tragedy was brought to Columbia last night by Mr. John Milady, who was in Bishopville when the shocking news was brought to the town. He stated to a reporter of The State that the entire town is in gloom, and practically all work has been suspended and stores close. Both of the principals in the awful affair were popular in the town. It is said that with his dying breath Creech declared his innocence of any wrong toward Kelley. The body of the dead man was taken to Tennessee last night by Mr. J. B. McLaughlin, a lawyer of

From a Cat Scratch

son & Co.

THE IRISH LAND BILL.

It Passes Its Second Reading in the Commons by an Overwhelming Majority.

London, May 7.—The Irish land bill passed its second reading in the House of Commons by 443 votes to 26 tonight. During the debate referring to the question whether the bill would make for home rule, Timothy M. Healy pointed out that the measure was supported by the Ulster members, who he said, ought to know its effect better "English amateur politicians, however respectable."

Mr. Healy said he regarded the bill as being a measure of peace, which he hoped would infuse a new spirit into the hearts of Ireland and England.

T. P. O'Connor, while criticising its details, defended the bill. He said it was no leap in the dark. Peasant proprietorship in Ireland had been most successful. The evicted tenants must be restored to their holdings.

John Morley, Liberal who was received with opposition cheers, said the bill was a bold and courageous measure and a revolutionary extension of the land purchase system. Mr. Morley said the bill marked the collapse of the system by which England had governed Ireland since the union, and that it would create fresh prob-lems and inevitably lead to further

changes. In the winding up of the debate Mr. Wyndhm made light of what he called the "bogey of home rule." The conclusions the Government had arrived at seemed logical. It had arrived at them in view of three considerations which it considered essential, namely, to deal adequately with the congestion in Ireland; to cheap and expedite judicial procedure, and to protect the interests of the general taxpayer. The Irish secretary said he desired that this great occasion should not be lost and that he did not despair of passing the hill. The division was then the bill. The division was then taken and the bill passed its second reading.

An analysis of the division shows that all the Nationalists, the main body of the Ministerialists and almost all the Liberals voted with the major-

ing Sir Charles Dilke, and a couple of Unionists. In the lobbies of the House Mr. Wyndham's speech was interpreted as meaning that the Government is very willing to consider reasonable amendments to the bill.

ity. The minority consisted of the radical section of the Liberals, includ-

A Pig With Two Tails.

Laurens, May 7 .- This seems to be a year of monstrosities. The fact was recently noted in this correspondence of the birth, near here, of a puppy with four tails. Last week a sow belonging to Mr. Henry Wright, of this county, gave birth to nine pigs, among which is a little rooter with two tails, both of the regulation th, The extra tail is on one side of the pig.

CONFEDERATE VETERANS' REUNION.

On account of the Confederate Veterans' Reunion, to be held at New Orleans, La May 19th to 22d, 1903, the Southern Railway will sell round-trip tickets from all points to New Orleans, La., and return at rate of one cent per mile distance traveled. Tickets will be on sale May 16th to 21st, inclusive with final date to leave New Orleans without validation May 24th, 1903. Original purchasers of such tickets may secure an extension of the limit to June 15, 1903, by depositing tickets with the Special Agent at New Orleans not earlier than May 16th or later than May 24th, upon

payment of a fee of fifty cents. The Southern Railway offers convenient schedules and most excellent service, and every effort will be made to assure Veterans and their friends attending the Reunion a most pleasant and comfortable trip. Unsurpassed Pullman accommodations will be afforded, and the service in every respect will be all that could be desired. Full information and particulars as to

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VICTORY OVER DEVIL.

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Columbus, O., May 3.—The Rev. Paul L. Johnson was dismissed from the pastorate of S. Matthew's Lutheran Church, West Side, by the congregation today because of his declaration made from the pulpit that he has received some new revelations on the Bible, particularly with regard to the baptism of the Holy Ghost and to faith in Christ.

He was remarkably successful in his pastoral work at St. Matthew's church and had just completed the erection of handsome edifice for his congregation. The doctrine which he preached to his congregation last Sunday for the first time is that after earnest and long praying one may receive a real baptism of the Holy Ghost, and that after that can heal diseases and perform other miracles by the aid of faith. He startled his people by declaring that he had by faith cured himself of a certain throat trouble with which he had been afflicted. Suddenly the trouble returned while he was preaching and he was scarcely able to speak. He asked his people to pray with him as the devil was trying to overcome him, and after about ten minutes he announced a victory over the devil and his voice returned with its former

Washington, May 7.—Shortly be-fore 7 o'clock this evening the concluding scene in the Venezuelan negotiations was enacted at the British embassy in the presence of Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's plenipotentiary, Signor Mayor des Planches, the Italian ambassador; Sir Michael H. Herbert, the British ambassador; Herbert, the British ambassador;
Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German minister, and Herbert G. Deering, the secretary of the embassy. Mr. Bowen first signed separate protocols for reference to The Hague tribunal of the question of the preferential treatment of the blockading powers in the payment of their claims against Venezuela, and immediately afterward there were signed the conventions providing were signed the conventions providing for the settlement of the allies claims by the several commissions which are to meet at Caracas this summer. Mr. Bowen almost immediately cabled to President Castro the brief announce-ment, "Last protocol signed."

The striking feature of The Hague protocol is the concluding clause of article 1 which provides that in case The Hague decides adversely to the blockading powers' contention for preferential treatment, the manner of payment of the other creditor nations shall be such "that no power shall obtain preferential treatment."

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