St. Joseph's Commencement.

The fortieth session of St. Joseph's Academy was brought to a successful close last evening with the annual commencement exercises which were held in the Opera House in the presence of an audience that was enthusiastically appreciative and that filled the house to the limit of its seating

capacity. The year just closed has been in many respects the most successful in the history of this excellent and timehonored institution, established and so long maintained by the good sisters for the training and education of girls and young ladies. The attendance has been larger than for several years, and the work accomplished in all departments has been thorough and satisfactory to the instructors.

This thoroughness in the educational work was reflected in the excellence of the programme of exercises and the artistic skill of the pupils in the de-

partment of music. The programme was as follows: Hymn-"Hear us, O Father"-Rosewig. By the pupils. Piano-Viola Hoffstetter.

Salutatory-Miss Mary Dixon. "A B C Drill"-By the Kindergart-

Instrumental Trio-"The Magic Flute"-Mozart. Susie McKinley, Viola Hoffstetter, Carrie Kleia. "Echo Dell"-Recitation by Elocu-

tion Class, Div. B. "Seguidilla"-Holst. First Piano, Miss Carrie Klein; Second Piano, Misses Pauline Woodley, Katherine Chase and Nellie McMillan. Triangle, Castanets and Tambourines, Misses Mary Dixon, Beulah Hill, Sarah Kanders, Mary Pitts and Ila Everett. Vocal Duett-"When Life is Bright-est"-Pinsuti. Mises Emmie Reese

and Genevieve Bero. Instrumental Quartette-"L'Alerte" Behr. Misses Adele Vinson, Daisy Dixon, Katie Stickley and Birdie Instrumental Quartette-"Hungary"

-Mcszkowski. Misses Genevieve Bero, Mary McManus, Pauline Woodley and Mary O'Hagan. Instrumental Solo-"The Lion Hunt'

-Kolling. Miss Birdie Austine Vocal Solo—"A Song of Dreams"-Hartwell. Miss Mary O'Hagan. "Abide with Me".—Recitation with Musical Interlude—Elecution Class, Div. A.

Valedictory-Miss Adele Vinson. "The Fairy Bridal Cantate" Subject founded on Shakespeare's "Mid-sum-mer Night' Dream." Instrumentl Solo—"Godard's 5th Mazurka." Miss Katie Stickley.

BISHOPVILLE'S RAPID GROWTH.

Some of the Substantial Improvements That are Under Way.

Bishopville, S. C., June 23.—The cotton oil mills buildings are now Quader construction here and the stock- put annually. This business has been in as soon as the buildings are ready. This oil mill is being built near the company intends making arrangements with the railroad company to run a switch out by the building. When this mill is put into operation, there is no doubt that much improvement will be seen and realized by the town and community, this being the only enterprise of its kind near here. The town is otherwise improving also. There are now five or six brick stores under construction, many of which are handsome buildings. It will not be long when a frame store house cannot be seen in the town, and there is nothing that protects the interest of business men more than this movement on the part of the town authorities to endeavor to have all wooden buildings for stores discarded, and handsome brick stores erected in their stead. Among the most conspicuous buildings is the one on the corner of Main and Scarborough streets. This is being constructed by the Bishopville Investment Company. It is to have two large stores opening on Main street, and there will be about forty or fifty

Dr. L. H. Jennings, one of our most promising young physicians, has recently been appointed local surgeon for the Atlantic Coast Line Company at this place. This is a high compliment to Dr. Jennings, being a recognition of his splendid ability. He enjoys a very large practice here.

offices in the rear of the building and

upstairs. This is an immense struc-

ture and will soon be ready for oc-

Col. John Towill, of Batesburg, is visiting friends in Bishopville. Col. Towill being a member of the Legislature, has a great many friends throughout the State, coming in contact with them during the sessions of the General Assembly. He is a young man of commanding personalities.

Miss Theo Malloy, of Cheraw, is spending some time in Bishopville. She is one of the most accomplished young ladies of Cheraw. F. F. H.

Beath of W. D. Mayes.

Mayesville, June 20 .- Again has the grim visage of death appeared in our midst and another one of our number has been called to rest on the other side. On Friday at noon, William D. Mayes passed from the toils and cares of this life to receive the reward awaiting the faithful in the great Beyond. He was born on April 20, 1871, being only 32 years of age at his death. He entered into business quite early in life and made a success of all his undertakings. He was a prosperous merchant and farmer and was connected with all public enterprises of the town, and also, a deacon in the Presbyterian Church. On Dec. 30, 1896, he was married to Miss Elizabeth W. Grant, who survives him with three sons. William Mayes will be missed by many for he was one of the quiet, unassuming men whose influence is felton all sides. While he will be missed and we are saddened by his departure to another shore, yet we can only say, "Thy will not ours be done" for "Some day we'll understand." "Truly

Mail Carrier Shaw has secured the agency for the Bates-Hawley Signal Mail Box for city house collection service. It is a gem. The box is approved by the Postmaster General. Carriers must deposit and collect mail from these boxes. It is a lock box.

BEST KAOLIN IN AMERICA.

A Chance for Sumter to Secure a Great Industry.

Prof. W. A. Buckner has returned from New York accompaned by Mr. Colin McLean, of East Liverpool, Ohio, who is a practical pottery maker pert judge of kaolin and other pot-

tery clays. Mr. McLean spent Monday with Prof. Buckner at the kaolin bed in health. Richland county, which Prof. Buckner discovered last year, and made a thorough examination of the bed and ob- home. tained specimens of the clay from different parts of the bed.

Prof. Buckner had previously sent samples of the clay to East Liverpool and had a thorough test made of it by the manufacturers of chinaware and crossed over and landed home. other grades of pottery, and these tests substantiate the opinion expressed by Mr. McLean, that this bed of kaolin mer an ice cream garden here every produces the best pottery clay yet found in America. In addition to the superior quality of the clay there is an almost inexhaustible quantity in the bed. Mr. McLean says there is in sight sufficient of the clay to supply all demands for several life-times. English clay that all potteries are now forced to import at great expense, it using the American clay heretofore on Mr. McLean says that the East Liverpool potteries have been using clay from South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and Florida for mixing with English clay, but when the clay from this Richland kaolin bed is put on the better ware than they have ever made before and at the same time entirely abandon the use of English

While in New York Prof. Buckner submitted samples of the clay to nuopinion expressed was of the same tenor as that expressed by Mr. Mc-Lean yesterday after having made a personal inspection of the kaolin bed. It is Mr. McLean's and Prof. Buckner's intention to establish a pottery for the manufacture of fine chinaware, and if Sumter or the business men of the town will extend a reasonable amount of encouragement the pottery will be located in this city.

Mr. McLean will be in the city for several days and will have his plans more fully developed before he returns to East Liverpool. It is practically a bid for the location of the Odd Felformerly solicitor; George Johnstone, settled that a pottery will be established in the vicinity of the kaolin beds, either in Sumter or Richland county, and in time there will be others established. The place that secures | the following letter which explains itthe first pottery will naturally stand self: the best chance of getting the others. East Liverpool, Ohio, is now a center of pottery making, with a large number of potteries having an immense outholders hope to be able to open up developed at East, Liverpool despite the business in the course of two or three fact that all of the raw material has months. A lot of the machinery has had to be brought from distant points at the Home to be located in your city. lished editorials and clippings enalready been received and will be put heavy expense. There is no reason why We will spend between fifteen and deavoring to mould public opinion, Sumter cannot be made a pottery manufacturing center, since it has the depot, and it is understood that the advantage of being in close proximity to the largest bed of the best pottery clay in America. Just as the telephone manfacturing industry has been built city and we ask the best bid possible. up in Sumter the china making industry can be built up, if the right men take hold of it and push it.

Privateer Personals.

Privateer Township, June 23.-Mr. Willie Cain, Jr., was among the re-cent graduates at Clemson College. The Clemson correspondent of the State, in giving the personnel of the graduating class, says this of Mr. Cain, "William Odil Cain, born in Sumter county, May 4, 1879, textile

Miss Ida Cain has returned from the Edgefield College, formerly the S. C.

On Sunday Bethel Church called the Rev. T. Hartwell Edwards, of Greenwood. The Wedgefield Baptist Church was also to call him that day.

A delightful bevy of sweet school girls are visiting at Mr. Sep Harvin's. They are Mrs. Harvin's former Sunday School class at Manning and are as follows: Misses Clara and Susie Harvin, Pauline and Beulah Wilson, Gussie Appelt and Edna Brockingon.

Miss Juanita Hoyt, one of Sumter's school girls, has been visiting in the community and Mr. Jim Ramsey, of Georgia, is visiting here.

Mr. J. D. Jones has closed his store at the Privateer station and removed to Samter.

Mr. William Kolb's little son who

had typhoid fever, is much better. There were four burials last week at the Bealah Church, colored, in the northern part of the township One of and aged patriarch of his race in the township whose death has already been mentioned in your columns.

McD. F. succession.

New Southern Railway Schedule. Charleston, S. C, June 17.-The folowing changes of schedule went into effect on the Charleston Division Sunday, June 21st, 1903:

Train No. 13, will leave Charleston 7.30 a. m., arriving Columbia 11.40 a.

Train No. 25, will arrive Blackville 4.05 a. m., instead of 4.15 a. m. Trains Nos. 17 and 18, between Rock Hill and Kingsville will be changed

to Nos. 26 and 27 as follows: Train No. 27, daily except Sunday, will leave Rock Hill 6.30 a. m., Camden 9.15 a. m., Kingville, 11.10 a. m., arriving Columbia, 12.01 a. m.

Train No. 26, daily except Sunday, will leave Columbia 2.00 p. m., Kingsville, 2.50 p. m., Camden 4.15 p. m., arriving Rock Hill 7.00 p. m.

Train No 42, daily except Sunday, will leave Sumter 2.15 p. m., arriving Sumter Junction 3.00 p. m. Train No. 43, daily except Sunday,

will leave Sumter Junction 3.20 p. m., arriving Sumter 4.00 p. m. Train No. 14, will leave Blacksburg 9.15 a. m., Rock Hill 10.50 a. m.,

ville 3.40 p. m. at 12.10 p. m., intsead of 12.01 p.

m., as formerly. All other schedules will remain as at W. H. Tayloe, present.

Asst. General Passenger Agent, Atlanta, Ga, J. R. Clack, Agent, Sumter, S.C. Country Wedding at Oswego.

Your correspondent has again enjoyed a visit to new Osgwego and surroundings. The farmers have been nicely bathed and the sunshine has got 'em a hustling, and a week or two will make crops more promising than now.

We find some sick here, viz: R. K. of many years experience and an ex- Brown, Misses Anice McLeod, and Inez Brown. Miss Alice Andrews under the skillful treatment of Dr. Walter Cheyne, is fast gaining her usual

Miss Mattie Shuler, sister of Mrs. L. J. Brown, is visiting her at her

Miss Marietta Funches, of Orange-Andrews at Oswego. Mrs. C. J. Clark, who has been

flood bound in upper Carolina, has For the benefit of the church the young ladies have opened for the sum-Saturday evening, and are glad to

have visitors from all quarters. The biggest pleasure on this trip was the sweet little wedding of Mr. Carl Willard and Miss Ida Andrews. She is one of Oswego's sweetest girls. He is one of the chief clerks in the had incited feeling against Tillman the city papers have helped to make This clay is the equal in quality to the | Charleston postoffice. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Thack- prosecution presented about 400 affier, at the lively and happy home of davits in reply. Practically all the being impossible to make good ware by the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Andrews, which was beautifully they have made no reference to the Stephens, T. W. Vaughan, W. J. Murthe market without the admixture of decorated with the usual emblems for case from their pulpits. Newspaper phy and W. T. Pore make affidavit a large percentage of English clay. such occasions. When the farm bells men, including Messrs. W. E. and A. that a fair trial is impossible as the were ringing high noon all around, the preacher and the little company repaired to the parlor and took their davits that the Columbia papers had have prejudged him. places, then came the attendants, Mr. Marion Andrews with Miss Maria from inflammatory denunciations of Michau, after which the couple came | the defendant. These assertions were | Berry, of Brookland. market they will be able to make in and took their places under the backed by statments from bank presibell, and took the solemn but willing dents, lawyers, physicians, college vows of man and wife. I can't, and wouldn't if I could, describe the costumes, but can say they were beautiful and sweet. Then next came the lumbia. The reading of these affibell calling us and the company to the davits was not concluded when Court merous experts and the unanimous dining-room, where we had our greatest pleasure around the loaded table. Then came the sad parting, when the happy pair left for their future home in the city by the sea, carrying many vaulable presents and good wishes

ODD FELLOWS ORPHANAGE.

Committee of Grand Lodge Asks For

Lodeg has decided to establish in this R. Rembert, of Columbia. State. The committee in charge of the matter has written Mayor Stuckey

place to build an Orphans' Home and that their prejudice against the defension. The committee respectfully dant has been influenced by the newswhich numbers several thousand. The Home will be a great addition to your ed a director on The State, but declined

Any information desired will be cheerfully given by any member of committee. Yours respectfully, S. F. Killingswoth, L. N. Zealy,

Destructive Hailstorm at Lanes.

Chairman.

Secrretary.

One of the heaviest and most destructive hail storms reported this season courred at Lanes Thursday afternoon. Hail stones of extraordinary size fell in such numbers that the ground was covered to the depth of several inches on the level, and where it driftedagainst houses or fences measurement showed that there were eight to it might influence their business. twelve inches of hail on the ground after the storm had passed. Crops were beaten into the ground and utterly destroyed, leaves and small limbs beaten from the trees, shingles knocked from roofs, window glasses broken they simply stating that public opinand the windows of the train on the Georgetown road were broken. The storm extended in its severity for several miles in all directions from Lanes

and hail fell as far up as Foreston. Mr. W. J. Dawsey who was on the Georgetown train during the storm brought a paper bag full of hail stones with him to this city that night. He gathered them at Lanes sometime after the storm was over, but even when he reached this city that night some of them were a fraction more than a inch in diameter.

Cow Thief Captured.

John Sharper, alias Dozier Sharper, a Wedgefield negro, sold a cow to these was Naro Tindal, a landowner Eugene Hogan Saturday, but before he could get out of town a telephone message came from Wedgefield asking the police to look out for a cow We had an unusual occurrence down thief who had taken a cow from a nethis way last week-hail two days in | gro woman living near Wedgefield. The description given fitted the cow Sharper had sold to Mr. Hogan and he was arrested and put in the guard house. A white man who was with him when he sold the cow was also arrested, but Sharper stated that the white man had nothing to do with stealing the cow, but was waiting on him to get the money for the cow to buy a quart of whiskey so they could have a "good time" together.

Bicycles Shipped to China.

China, a few days ago to fill an order Geiger, M. H. Haithcock, W. B. Alhe received from a missionary who is stationed in the interior several hundred miles from Shanghai. About two Addison. years ago, Mr. Reynolds sold a wheel to the missionary who was in this State on a vacation, and he was so well pleased with it that he ordered a new wheel for himself, one for his wife and three wheels will add considerably to county. the cost of the wheels.

out to graze in the care of little negro | many of them being citizens of Brookboys should stroll down the railroad land. "Some day we'll understand." "Truly arriving Camden 1.40 p. m., leave tracks some day and see how their served upon the solicitor on June 12. They are turned to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom this demand must be executed anxiously awaiting to see how it is golocation to the above affidavits were whom the solicitor on June 12. loose to wander at will while the cow | On June 15 affidavits were served upon | it. They should have a care, how- | West Virginia was at the White House Train No. 15 will arrive Blacksburg minders play ball with all their might. G. Duncan Bellinger, the first being ever. The people of Kentucky are today, but found Mr. Roosevelt en-The cows get on the railroad tracks by O. W. Buchanan who sets forth and it is an almost daily occurrence that during his stay in the city he has Breathitt. They are the source of left without seeing the President. that the engineers of passing trains heard Tillman condemned and that he have to stop their engines and drive the cows off the track. When some ladies in Columbia prayed for Till- are in no mood to submit to this pros- formed that the President.

He had not got far when the President was reliably informed that many flagrantly by these officials, and they dent sent for him, and although informed that the President wanted to fine cow is killed by the train the own- man's conviction. He relates an inci- titution much longer. - Louisville see him, he would not return, sending er will blame the railroad.

CASE OF JAMES H. TILLMAN,

Charged With the Murder of Editor N. G. Gonzales.

Motion Made for a Change of Venue on the Ground That a Fair Trial Cannot be Obtained in Richland County.

Columbia, June 22.-The Circuit Court, Judge D. A. Townsend presiding, today took up the case of James H. Tillman, charged with murder, and a motion for change of venue was heard. On January 15 Tillman, then | dice against the defendant. Lieutenant Governor, shot and killed burg, is the guest of the Misses N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State, who had repeatedly denounced him when Tillman was a candidate for

> could not be had in this county because of prejudice against the defencitizens, and the principal affidavits by their reference to the case. The prejudice against Tillman. publisher of The State, stated in afficonspicuously and carefully refrained professors, merchants and men in all lines of business, including many citizens of the county outside of Coadjourned until tomorrow morning.

The argument will doubtless consume all of the day. Counsel on each side today contested very heartily under a showers of old shoes and rice is conducted by Solicitor J. Wm. M. J. M. Thurmond, assisted by Messrs. G. General: Andrew Crawford and Wm. Elliott, Jr. The defence is represented by Geo. W. Croft, of Aiken, the and Rembert. prisoner's law partner; Ex-Judge O. Bids

W. Buchanan, the prisoner's brotherin-law; B. P. Nelson, of Columbia, lows Orphanage which the Grand ex-member of Congress, and George

Tillman's mother, wife and child were in Court part of the time, as was his uncle, Senator B. R. Tillman. Mr. Nelson read the affiadvits, the Dear Sir: At the meeting of the first being by W. T. Martin, which Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of South set forth that he has heard many of Carolina, May the 13th instant, a the people of the city and county discommittee was appointed to select a cuss the shooting, and he believed ask your peobple to make a bid for papers of the city, which have pubtwenty-five thousand dollars on the and that articles signed by public men mitted suicide today by taking poison. Home. The Home to be supported by have appeared calling Tillman an asthe Odd Fellows of South Carolina sassin and Gonzales martyr. Mr. Martin further says that he was elect-

> tacks made by Editor Gonzales upon people who differed with him. Mr. George R. Rembert attorney at law, stated that as an attorney for Congressman Lever he was constantly brought in contact with registered voters and does not believe that a fair

to serve on account of the bitter at-

trial could be obtained. The affidavit of John T. Gaston was substantially the same as that of W. T. Martin's, the statement being made that he has interested himself in securing affidavits for a change of venue, and that many people would have signed them but were afraid that

The affidavits of James F. Troy, resident of Columbia; W. D. Caughman, resident of the county; J. A. Martin, of Columbia, and N. E. Frick, of the county, were practically the same, ion in this county was prejudiced against Tillman.

The affidavit of Senator Sharpe, of Lexington, was next read. It stated that the senator often visited Columbia and was here on the day of the shooting and that in the discussion of the case the people often denounced the defendant as an assassin and murderer. He also swears that the newspapers of Columbia have called attention to the raising of a monument to Mr. Gonzales and articles signed by eminent men have appeared calling the defendant a murderer and holding up

Mr. Gonzales as a martyr. The affidavit of Ed. Marsh, a resident of the county, states that soon after the killing the minsters of the county preached sermons condemning Tillman and calculated to prejudice the people of the county against the

defendant. Affidavits were presented on the same order as that Mr. John T. Gaston, being signed by W. H. William-Geo. H. Connelley, O. F. Chappell, J. W. Bunch, J. Espotono, D. H. Goble, P. P. Hayes, E. C. Shull, S. M. Duncan, J. H. Cotton, H. W. Dixon, M. L. Moore, J. B. Heriot, S. Rogers, D. P. Smith, J. B. Elkin, M. W. Rawls, E. S. Owens, W. E. Reece, C. H. Reece, W. J. Williams, D. B. Cotton, J. P. Isenhower, J. G. Reece, W. R. Buckheister, L. M. Spann, A. D. Kelly, W. T Lucius,. John Taylor, C. H. Deal, J. H. H. W. S. Reynolds, the bicycle dealer Haithcock, W. N. Kirkland J. E. shipped three bicycles to Shanghai, Moorehead, P. B. McCoy, L. M. bert, Joab Cotton, W. R. Addison, R. Addison, R. E. Blakely and J. T.

Then followed a number of affidavits signed by residents of the county to the effect that they did not believe on account of the attitude of the press one for a friend. The freight on the and of the ministers of the city and Capt. Ewen as a man whose ruin has

Similar affidavits were presented by

dent wherein Mr. W. H. Gibbes, Courier-Journal.

county auditor, on the day Chief Justice Pope refused Tillman bail, met P. H. Nelson and stated that he hoped the latter would lose his case. He further states that The State has let no opportunity pass to stir up feeling against defendant and reference is made to an editorial printed in The

Record on June 13 in regard to the change of venue. The affidavit of Geo. W. Croft contains extracts from articles sent in by The State's correspondents condemning the shooting and also the resolutions passed by the South Carolina college. These, with the editorials, have been the cause of exciting preju-

The affidavit of Wilie Jones sets forth that "public sentiment" in the city and county "is intense against

James H. Tillman." Governor last year.

The defence today produced about Caughman, C. P. Huffman, J. T. Thornton, R. M. McKinnon, J. Cartledge, S. R. Peary and Rev. J. W. Peary sign an affidavit that "the gendant. The majority of the signers of eral opinion expressed" in this county these affidavits are not prominent "censures and criticises Tillman severely, often denouncing him as a were made by the defendant's counsel murderer and assassin;" that such and friends, who asserted that the opinion makes a fair trial of the case Columbia newspapers and preachers in this county impossible; and that

C. Neal, W. L. Miles, A. davits in reply. Practically all the Brazell, L. S. Neal, J. R. Cooper, ministers of Columbia asserted that S. C. McConnell, J. S. Price, R. M. E. Gonzales, respectively editor and conversation of numbers of people condemns Tillman and shows that they

A similar affidavit is signed by C. McCarty, J. S. Gunwell and W. O.

The reading of the affidavits proceed-

ed in the ordinary way, Mr Johnstone reading a part of them. Sometimes Mr. Nelson and Mr. Johnstone made parenthetical remarks during the reading, but Mr. Bellinger protested and the indge declared that the affidavits must be strictly stuck to.

There were 206 regular affiavits read and then the defence sent up a bunch of 150 more. The state objected to every point and several eloquent this, holding that they must first be speeches were made. The prosecution served on them. The defense contended that they contained no new matter Thurmond, assisted by Messrs. G. and besides legally could be admitted. Duncan Bellinger, formerly Attorney | The state held to the contrary, and all the lawyers made remarks on the question except Messrs, Elliott, Buchanan

Finally, Judge Townsend said that he did not want to exclude any light on the subject and he thought the affidavits ought to be admitted, not, however until they were served on the

MURDERER CHEATS THE GALLOWS.

John Brownfield, the Georgetown Criminal, Takes Poison and Dies.

Special to The Daily Item. Georgetown, June 23.-John Brownfield, the negro barber who was in jail dency than the indignation of the peounder sentence for murder and was

have been hanged on Friday next com-When it was discovered that he had taken poison he was too far gone to be saved. How he obtained possession of the poison with which he ended his life and cheated the gallows has not been ascertained as yet, but a full investigation will be made and the blame

fixed, if possible.

There remains in the hands of the committee appointed to receive subscriptions for the flood sufferers at Pacolet and Clifton a small sum of money that was paid in after the third and last remittance was made early last week. As this money is not needed, the Spartanburg committee having received all the money needed to relieve the flood sufferers, it would be a good idea for the committee to turn over the funds on hand to the United Charities Society for the relief of the poor of the city who are always in need of assistance. Of course, if any of the late contributors to the fund should demand the return of the subscriptions the committee could refund the money to them, but as the bulk of the money collected was forwarded to Sprtanburg immediately, it is impossible to refund to all contributors as was done in some places, and the best disposition of the small balance on hand seems to be to turn it into the local relief fund that is administered by the United Charities Society.

Work on the enlargemment of the Nixon House has been commenced, and it is expected to have the improvements completed and hotel thoroughly modernized by the opening of the fall season.

Labor Contract Upheld.

Columbia, June 20.—It is not often that violations of farm labor contracts reach the supreme court, but such a case was decided yesterday-the State of South Carolina vs. Wade Long. The latter had secured advances on a lien given to R. C. Folk of Sumter county. Afterwards he "wilfully and without cause refused to perform the labor required of him by the contract." In the magistrate's court the defendant was found guilty by a jury and appealed to the circuit court which reversed the action of the magistrate's court. The supreme court has sustained the magistrate.

Iva, June 20 .-- Mr. Chas L. Hall wounded and captured a large eagle near his home, two and a half miles below here, last Monday. The bird is of the gray variety and measures seven feet from tip to tip of its wings. This is the second one captured near here in the last few years.

The most significant thing about the the defendant could obtain a fair trial contributions to the Ewen fund is not so much the general sympathy for been attempted because he refused to perjure himself, as it is the expression residents of Lexington county who are of the popular demand that the reign Owners of fine cows who send them in the habit of coming to Columbia, of anarchy in Breathitt county shall be summarily brought to an end. Unfortunately the officials through

PRESIDENT KNEW IT.

The Rottenness in the Postoffice Was Known Months Ago.

New York American Calls Upon President Roosevelt That He Back up

It must be remembered that the progressive revelations of the rottenness of Mr. Payne's department that daily startle the country are not hitting the president with like sudden force.

His Words With Deeds.

For him the shock of the disclosures was over long ago, for the things that anger and amaze the people have been known to Mr. Roosevelt for many months. To him corruption in the postoffice department is an old story.

A far back as last December Mr.

Roosevelt knew that A. W. Machen. superintendent of free delivery, had been awarded an illegal coal contract by Postmaster General Payne's confiential secretary, H. H. Rand. It was six months before this came out and Machen was indicted on another charge. Yet the president did noth-

And Rand, the man who drew two salaries from the government, and a third from a peculiar mining promotion company, is still Payne's confidential secretary.

After Machen came Tyner, assistant attorney general for the postoffice department, who overruled the report of the inspectors who wished to close the mail to the get-rich-quick swindlers, and who wrote the managers of the illegal company a letter that they used as an advertisement to delude more dupes into giving them their dollars.

This was in December last, and the only punishment contemplated by the administration was that Tyner should resign in his own good time *

The president knew-that is the disheartening thing about all this mine of crime that has been uncover-

He knew that the "practical politicians" he had put in charge of the great department were exploiting it as the police department of New York was exploited at the high tide of blackmail and graft.

He knew that the free delivery system had been swollen to \$25,000,000, much of the increase being divided between plain theft and political favor, and nearly all of it being expended in Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa, where voters and delegates were needed. And, knowing all these things he hesitates to follow the revelations home to the men most guilty because of the menace of the powerful politicians who put them in.

That the president should not desire to engender powerful enmities on the eve of a convention before which he is a candidate is comprehensible, but the enmity of all the Paynes and Hannas and Platts and Quays and Perry Heaths of the country is less to be feared by a candidate for the presi-

'Political expediency' in a case

like this is bound to defeat itself. No half-way measures will serve, Mr. President -what the country demands is not the resignations of one or two smirched men, with letters of recommendation and appreciation to salve their hurts, but indictments, prosecutings, convictions, together with full exposure of all the evil that has been done, to the end that public scorn and contempt shall reach the guilty servants whose acts cannot be reached

by the laws against theft and bribery and blakmail. "Words are good when backed by deeds, and only so."

Back the words you spoke before the

trail of crime was blocked by the

threat of political retaliation. Let the country know that your indignation at corruption in office does not restrict its expression to stump speeches. Make it plain that in you it has an executive who not only desires honesty and decency among his subordinates, but one whose anger at the betrayal of trust moves him to

adequate action. The country waits, Mr. President, for the deeds to back your words.

Maj. Marion Moise's pair of horses ran away with his carriage on West Liberty street Friday afternoon completely wrecking the carriage. The driver who was alone in the carriage was thrown out but escaped uninjured.

There seems to be a growing disposition on the part of the merchants to disregard the agreement to close promptly at 10 o'clock Saturday night. A very few close promptly at 10 o'clock and let their clerks go, while a great many keep their doors open for fifteen or twenty minutes after 10 o'clock and continue business just as long as there are customers to be served or the hope of the arrival of a belated shopper. This is in direct and open violation of the agreement signed by the merchants, and the people who are observant are wondering how the signers of the agreement harmonize their pledge with their practice. It would be very much to be regretted should the continued violation of the agreement lead to abandonment of the custom of closing the stores at 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Chester, June 18.-Bill Washington a negro farm hand on Mr. C. C. Mc-Aliley's plantation, was killed Tuesday evening by being dragged by a runaway mule for a quarter of a mile. The negro, after his day's work, was riding home in a careless manner. when the mule shied, throwing the negro to the ground. In some way he was caught in the traces. This terrified the already frightened animal, which ran, dragging the negro fully a quarter of a mile. At a creek the body caught in some bushes, which stopped the mule. When aid reached the place the mule had turned on its victim and was pawing the mangled body of the negro.

Washington, June 16.—One Senator at least does not heed the President's request as a summons, and the sticklers for etiquette and the politicians are

word back: "I can't stop now."