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### THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

THE SESSION WEDNESDAY WAS  
VERY BRIEF.

Mr. Ayer of Florence Introduces a  
Resolution Making Clean Cut Issue  
on the Dispensary Question—A  
Number of Important Bills Intro-  
duced.

Columbia, Jan. 9.—About all that  
was done in the general assembly to-  
day may be summarized very well in  
a few lines. The session lasted less  
than an hour, adjournment being  
taken shortly before 1 o'clock in or-  
der to allow the senate committees  
to organize and give the speaker of  
the house time to consider his com-  
mittee appointments.

Mr. Hartwell M. Ayer, of Florence,  
introduced a resolution contemplating  
the placing of the house and senate  
on record as in favor of a purified  
State dispensary. It went over until  
tomorrow. The usual concurrent res-  
olution was passed, assigning to the  
committee on privileges and elections  
the task of arranging for such elec-  
tions as are to be conducted by the  
general assembly. The use of the hall  
of the house was tendered the faculty  
of the University of South Carolina  
for a centennial celebration of Gen.  
R. E. Lee's birthday on the evening  
of Saturday, January 19. Ten bills  
were introduced in the house, by their  
titles. The senate passed Mr. Blease's  
resolution commending President  
Roosevelt's action in the Brownsville  
affair.

Mr. Blease introduced his resolu-  
tion yesterday. Today it was put to  
a vote and passed by a ballot of 21  
to 16. While Mr. Blease made no  
reference to Senator Tillman, the  
general understanding in the chamber  
was his resolution was intended in  
some degree a rebuke to the senior  
United States senator from this State  
for his sweeping and emphatic  
strictures upon the president, in con-  
nection with the dismissal of the riot-  
ous negro troops.

The bills introduced in the house  
were:

Mr. Aull—To regulate actions for  
libel and slander.

Messrs. Giles and Wade—To pro-  
hibit contracts and agreements for  
sale and future delivery of cotton,  
grain and provisions.

Mr. Richards—To provide for a re-  
survey of the boundary lines be-  
tween Kershaw and Lancaster coun-  
ties.

Mr. Cosgrove—To create a commis-  
sion for the purpose of laying out a  
public highway from Summerville, in  
the county of Dorchester, to the city  
of Charleston; referred to a selective  
committee composed of the delega-  
tions from Dorchester, Berkeley and  
Charleston counties.

Mr. Richards—To repeal a section  
of the Hen law.

Mr. Richards—To provide for the  
erection of a practice school at  
Winthrop college.

Mr. Giles—To declare the law re-  
garding claim and delivery.

Mr. Giles—To amend section 2165  
of the acts by reducing railroad fare  
from three to two and a half cents  
per mile.

Mr. J. E. Smith—To prohibit deal-  
ing in futures on margin.

Mr. Wade—To required street rail-  
ways to furnish separate care for  
white and colored.

Mr. Croft—To limit the hours of  
labor in cotton mills to ten hours.

### THE BLEASE RESOLUTION WAS SUMMARILY KILLED.

Bill in Senate to Have State Enter the  
Fertilizer business—The House  
Committees Announced and Many  
Bills Introduced.

Columbia, Jan. 10.—By a vote of  
79 to 40, the house of representatives  
today declined to concur in the res-  
olution introduced in the senate by  
Senator Blease and passed by that  
body 21 to 16 yesterday, approving  
the course of President Roosevelt in  
summarily dismissing the negro  
troops implicated in the Brownsville  
riot.

When the resolution was called up  
this morning, Mr. Harley promptly  
moved to strike out the resolving  
words, urging that whatever the pri-  
vate and individual opinions of mem-  
bers might be in regard to the mat-  
ter, it was an affair with which, of-  
ficially, the house of representatives  
of South Carolina had nothing to do.  
Mr. Harley was supported in brief  
speeches by Mr. Rucker and Mr.  
Gary, both of whom called attention  
to a somewhat general understanding  
that the resolution was intended as  
a rebuke to the senior United States  
senator from this State. Both held  
that such an indirect and covert  
method of indicating to the na-  
tional representatives of the State  
the wishes and opinions of the house  
would be undignified and insulting.

The committee appointments were  
read this morning, and another long  
list of new bills was introduced. The  
number bearing upon child labor, the  
"bucket-shop" business and the regu-  
latory Mrs. M. M. Moac, a Moac  
of common carriers would seem to  
indicate that these will again be  
subjects for definite action at this  
term.

The house adjourned after a ses-  
sion lasting from noon to about 1.30.  
The hour for assembling tomorrow  
is 11. The committees—most of them  
—will meet and organize this after-  
noon or tomorrow morning.

In the senate the only noteworthy  
action today was the passage, with-  
out comment or controversy, of a  
concurrent resolution, calling upon  
the State's congressional representa-  
tives to work for the passage of a  
federal law, preventing the shipment  
of whiskey into a dispensary or pro-  
hibition State; the introduction by  
Senator Brice of a bill to appropriate  
\$10,000 for the erection of a statue of  
John C. Calhoun in the statuary hall  
of the national capitol, and the first  
reading of bill to have the State go  
into the fertilizer business on the  
contract labor system.

Columbia, Jan. 11.—The legislature  
has started on its work and has taken  
an adjournment until Monday. The  
house of representatives will meet at  
noon and the senate at 8 o'clock Mon-  
day night. At that time there will be  
something on the calendars for the  
two houses to consider, the commit-  
tees having in the meantime met and  
considered the various bills referred  
to them. It is probable that on Tues-  
day the inauguration of Governor An-  
sel will take place, the general assem-  
bly having declared him duly elected  
governor of South Carolina and ap-  
pointed a committee to notify him  
and ask his pleasure as to the date of  
inauguration.

### The Senate.

Barring the introduction of several  
radical bills, the proceedings of the  
senate were devoid of feature today,  
the body adjourning after about half  
an hour's desultory gork till 8 o'clock  
Monday night, there being nothing in  
sight for the "hopper" till then.

The important new bills were three  
by Mr. Weston, of Richland, all affect-  
ing corporations. One of these bills  
requires railroads to transport stu-  
dents going to and returning from  
colleges or schools at half rates, an-  
other requires railroads to file semi-  
annually with the railroad commission  
a list of all passes issued during the  
six months. The third creates the of-  
fice of labor commissioner and de-  
volves his duties upon the immigra-  
tion commissioner. This is a far-  
reaching measure enacting the ten-  
hour labor proposition and a child la-  
bor law giving the commissioner and  
his inspectors large powers to investi-  
gate manufacturing and other plants  
employing five or more persons, re-  
quires exhaustive statistics from em-  
ployers; in short it looks to a thor-  
ough reorganization of the labor situ-  
ation in this State. The bill embraces  
twenty-three sections, and Mr. Weston  
says he drafted it after a thorough  
study of the labor laws of all the  
States.

### House Committees.

The following are the house com-  
mittees appointed by Speaker Whal-  
ley:

Judiciary Committee—T. B. Fraser,  
chairman; J. W. DeVore, T. P. Cother-  
ran, D. D. McColl, Paul Hemphill, L.  
M. Lawson, J. W. Nash, Thos. F.  
Brantley, J. E. Harley, A. Vander  
Horst, J. P. Carey, Geo. F. von Kolnitz,  
F. F. Beattie, A. J. Hydrick, Jr.,  
S. J. Nichols, S. W. C. Shipp, H. E.  
Gyles, J. B. Wingard, Frank B. Gary,  
Theo. C. Croft, Frank G. Tompkins.

Ways and Means—J. A. Banks,  
chairman; B. E. Nicholson, D. A.  
Spivey, D. McK. Frost, E. Marjion  
Rucker, J. G. Richards, Jr., E. H.  
Aull, J. H. Saye, W. H. Yeldell, A. C.  
Brice, L. E. Carrigan, R. R. Legare,  
Ben H. Sellers, J. L. Smith, John L.  
Wiggins, George W. Dick, Alan John-

stone, E. E. Verner.

Education—T. P. Cotheran, chair-  
man; D. D. McColl, Jr., Paul Hemp-  
hill, J. P. Gibson, J. G. Richards, Jr.,  
E. H. Aull, L. S. Clinkscales, Frank  
E. Gary, H. E. Gyles, Alan Johnstone,  
W. E. McArthur, John Marshall.

Railroads—J. W. DeVore, chair-  
man; E. E. Verner, J. E. Harley,  
John Marshall, H. L. Smith, J. P.  
Youmans, W. G. Stubbs, W. H. Sharpe,  
S. W. F. Shipp, J. Q. Stillwell.

Incorporations—J. E. Harley, chair-  
man; Porter A. McMaster, J. A. Hall,  
James Cosgrove, A. B. Patterson, J.  
B. Wallace, C. W. Garris, J. P. Der-  
ham, J. Gordon Hughes, E. L. Rich-  
ardson, C. T. Wyche.

Agriculture—E. E. Verner, chair-  
man; J. S. Wimberly, W. A. Nesbit,  
J. L. Culler, W. D. Bryan, J. T. Cox,  
J. D. Dodd, J. A. Hilton, O. C. Scar-  
borough, S. T. McKeown, James Nor-  
ton, W. P. Gause, J. Cal. Courteney.

Public Schools—Paul Hemphill,  
chairman; Z. T. Kershaw, H. H. Ar-  
nold, Geo. F. von Kolnitz, E. J. Clary,  
Coke D. Mann, Kurtz P. Smith, A. W.  
Dodd, J. J. Lane, T. H. Tatum, J. T.  
Slaughter.

Commerce and Manufactures—D.  
McK. Frost, chairman; L. M. Lawson,  
M. W. Walker, W. L. Parker, W. J.  
Gibson, Z. T. Kershaw, J. R. Harris-  
on, F. F. Beattie, Alan Johnstone, R.  
H. Kellahan, Kurtz E. Smith, R. J.  
Wade, Jr., J. P. Youmans.

Roads, Bridges and Ferries—H. H.  
Arnolds, chairman; L. S. Clinkscale,  
John G. Greer, John L. Wiggins, D.  
M. Bethune, T. S. Brice, L. L. Carson,  
J. R. Dingle, B. J. Douglas, S. H.  
Epps, Sr., J. S. Glascock, C. H. Leit-  
ner.

Banking and Insurance—B. E.  
Nicholson, chairman; D. A. Spivey,  
Geo. R. Reeves, James Cosgrove, J. Q.  
Stillwell, J. B. Wingard, P. J. Carwile,  
W. W. Dixon, W. Presley Robinson,  
T. W. Scruggs, T. H. Tatum, I. M.  
Woods, G. G. Dowling.

Legislative Library—A. Vander  
Horst, chairman; J. A. Hall, J. P.  
Derham, E. L. Culler, R. R. Legare,  
J. H. Dodd, J. C. Goodwyn, Alan  
Johnstone, J. Gordon Hughes, Geo.  
B. Lester, W. Presley Robinson, C. T.  
Wyche, C. W. Garris.

Rules—F. B. Gary, chairman; T. B.  
Fraser, J. A. Banks, T. P. Cotheran, E.  
M. Rucker, J. R. Rucker, J. P. Carey,  
S. W. G. Shipp.

Internal Improvements—J. A. Hin-  
ton, chairman; W. J. Gibson, H. H.  
Arnold, W. H. Niver, James L.  
White, H. M. Ayer, R. D. Boyd, E. L.  
Culer, J. R. Dingle, J. C. Goodwyn,  
Fred Harman, B. W. Miley, J. T. Cox.

State House and Grounds—L. L.  
Lawson, chairman; John G. Greer, T.  
F. Brantley, J. M. Epting, J. P. Gib-  
son, John L. Wiggins, J. P. Youmans,  
E. F. Ballentine, T. S. Brice, J. M.  
Cannon, P. J. Carwile, Frank G.  
Tompkins, B. J. Douglas.

Public Buildings—V. L. Parker,  
chairman; C. R. Reeves, H. C. Little,  
J. Q. Stillwell, A. W. Todd, J. Cal.  
Courteney, A. G. Brice, J. P. Cox, L.  
A. Carson, E. J. Douglas, J. F. Smith,  
W. P. Gause.

Hospital for the Insane—Porter A.  
McMaster, chairman; J. H. Dodd, J.  
M. Epting, James L. White, Coke D.  
Mann, T. S. Brice, J. P. Derham, C.  
W. Garris, W. H. Sharpe, W. G.  
Stubbs.

Medical Affairs—J. A. Saye, chair-  
man; J. H. Miller, J. R. Harrison, A.  
B. Patterson, Geo. W. Dick, C. W.  
Harris, Olin Sawyer, J. M. Woods, C.  
T. Wiche.

Mines and Mining—W. A. Nesbit,  
chairman; J. S. Wimberly, M. W.  
Walker, C. B. Lester, E. L. Culler, L.  
S. Clinkscales, J. C. Bailey, J. M. Can-  
non, L. A. Carson, P. J. Carwile, S.  
H. Epps, Sr., J. E. Smith, Howell  
Morrell.

Engrossed Bills—J. A. Hall, chair-  
man; J. S. Wimberly, J. H. Miller,  
F. F. Beattie, Coke D. Mann, A. W.  
Todd, Fred Harman, Geo. W. Jones,  
D. W. Miley, W. T. Slaughter.

Penitentiary—M. W. Walker, chair-  
man; Geo. R. Reeves, O. C. Scarbor-  
ough, J. B. Dodd, E. E. Ballentine, R.  
H. Callahan, J. E. Dingle.

Military—D. A. Spivey, chairman;  
J. A. Banks, D. McK. Frost, S. J.  
Nichols, Porter A. McMaster, Jas. L.  
White, Frank G. Tompkins.

Accounts—G. R. Reeves, chairman;  
H. H. Arnold, R. D. Boyd, O. C. Scar-  
borough, J. W. Nash, W. F. McArthur,  
J. V. Wallace, D. M. Bethune.

Federal Relations—Geo. F. Von  
Kolnitz, chairman; J. A. Hilton, B.  
F. Thomas, R. J. Kade, Jr., J. C.  
Bailey, T. G. Croft, J. Gordon Hughes,  
Geo. W. Jones, S. T. McKeown, J.  
Howell Morrell, James Norton.

Enrolled Acts—D. D. McColl, Jr.,  
chairman; Paul Hemphill, J. W.  
Nash, J. P. Gibson, A. J. Hydrick, Jr.,  
S. J. Nicholls, Ben B. Sellers, J. J.  
Lane.

Offices and Officers—J. S. Wimber-  
ley, chairman; W. D. Bryan, J. B.  
Dodd, W. H. Niver, Allan Johnstone,  
W. W. Dixon, G. G. Dowling, S. H.  
Epps, Jr., J. C. Goodwin, J. P. Kir-  
ven, C. W. Leitner, T. W. Scruggs,  
W. T. Slaughter.

Columbia, Jan. 14.—The house had  
a brief and featureless session today,  
the printed bills not being ready to  
act upon.

Among the new bills was one by  
Mr. Kershaw to prevent railroad ac-  
cidents by limiting the hours of tele-  
graph operators, and one by Mr.  
Rucker increasing the pension approp-  
riation \$25,000, to \$250,000. The  
senate meets at 8 o'clock tonight.

The acting secretary of State at  
Washington has advised the governor  
that work on the public buildings at  
Anderson, Aiken, Sumter, Greenwood  
and Chester cannot begin until the  
legislature has made provision for  
ceding authority over the sites. The  
governor has sent the letter to the  
two houses.

### BANK ELECTIONS.

Annual Meetings of Stockholders Held  
and Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the stock-  
holders of the Bank of Sumter was  
held yesterday with a large majority  
of the stock represented.

The reports of the president and  
cashier were received. The directors  
were then elected, the old board be-  
ing re-elected without change as fol-  
lows:

R. I. Manning, Marion Moise, E. C.  
Haynsworth, R. L. Cooper, C. G. Row-  
land, R. F. Haynsworth, W. S. Man-  
ning, J. A. Mood, R. J. Alderman.

Immediately upon the adjournment  
of the stockholders meeting the di-  
rectors met and re-elected officers as  
follows:

President—R. I. Manning.  
Cashier—W. F. Rhame.

### Sumter Savings Bank.

The stockholders of the Sumter  
Savings Bank met yesterday and re-  
elected the board of directors as fol-  
lows:

G. A. Lemmon, I. C. Strauss, D. J.  
Chandler, H. M. Stuckey, Marion  
Moise, L. E. Durant, H. J. Harby, C.  
L. Stubbs.

The officers were also re-elected at  
a meeting of the directors.

President—G. A. Lemmon.  
Vice President—I. C. Struss.  
Cashier—G. L. Ricker.

### Farmers' Bank and Trust Co.

The annual meeting of the stock-  
holders of the Farmers' Bank and  
Trust Company was held on Monday.  
The directors were re-elected as fol-  
lows:

W. B. Burns, R. F. Haynsworth,  
R. J. Bland, H. J. McLaurin, Jr., J.  
K. Crosswell, C. G. Rowland, Geo. F.  
Epperson, Isaac Schwartz, Geo. D.  
Shore.

The officers who have served since  
the organization of the bank were  
also re-elected at a subsequent meet-  
ing of the board of directors.

President—C. G. Rowland.  
Vice President—R. F. Haynsworth.  
Cashier—R. L. Edmunds.

### Board of Directors and Officers of the First National Bank Re-elected.

At the annual meeting of the  
shareholders of the First National  
Bank of Sumter, held at the bank on  
Thursday evening, the retiring board  
of directors and officers were unani-  
mously re-elected.

The directors are: A. J. China,  
Neill O'Donnell, R. D. Lee, John Reid,  
E. P. Ricker, H. D. Barnett and Geo.  
D. Shore. The officers are: A. J.  
China, president; Neill O'Donnell,  
vice president, and J. L. McCallum,  
cashier.

The stockholders were much grati-  
fied by the showing made, the vol-  
ume of business and the net results,  
despite the existing financial depres-  
sion, comparing very favorably with  
those of former years.

Montgomery, Jan. 14.—Standing  
where Jefferson Davis swore allegi-  
ance as president of the Confederate  
States, Braxton Bragg Comer was to-  
day inaugurated governor of Ala-  
bama.

### REV. F. M. SATTEWHITE HURT.

Run Over, Leg Broken and Other-  
wise Injured by Reckless Negro  
Horseman.

Rev. F. M. Satterwhite, pastor of  
the Bartlette Street Baptist Church,  
was run over and seriously injured by  
a negro on horse-back late Thursday  
afternoon in front of the Hotel Sum-  
ter. Mr. Satterwhite was knocked  
down and trampled by the horse and  
besides receiving severe bruises on the  
head and arms, one leg was broken  
just below the knee. When picked up  
he was unconscious and it was  
thought that he had sustained fatal  
injuries, but after being taken into the  
Hotel Sumter and restoratives had  
been administered, he revived.

One arm was so severely bruised or  
sprained that it was thought to have  
been broken, but an examination  
showed that none of the bones were  
fractured. The fingers of that hand,  
however, were crushed. The bone of  
the leg was broken below the knee,  
but as it was a simple fracture it was  
set without difficulty and his physi-  
cian thinks that it will knit promptly  
without serious after effects. Mr. Sat-  
terwhite suffered a great deal Thurs-  
day night, but today was compara-  
tively free from pain and was resting  
comfortably.

The accident occurred almost di-  
rectly in front of the hotel and was  
witnessed by several persons who  
were on the piazza at the time. Mr.  
Satterwhite was riding a bicycle along  
the street near the sidewalk in the  
track generally used by bicyclists.  
Henry Brown, the negro who ran over  
him, was riding a horse which was go-  
ing at high speed. Mr. Satterwhite ei-  
ther did not see the horseman or he  
was under the impression that he was  
in no danger of being run down. At  
any rate the horse ran directly over  
him. The rear wheel of the bicycle  
was smashed and in the mix-up that  
followed the horse trampled Mr. Sat-  
terwhite as he lay on the street en-  
tangled in the wheel where he fell. By  
some it is asserted that the horse was  
running away and was beyond the  
control of the rider, but others who  
witnessed the accident say that it was  
nothing more nor less than reckless  
riding by a careless negro who was in-  
different to consequences. The fact  
that this same Henry Brown was driv-  
ing the carriage that ran over and  
seriously injured Sergeant Jenkins,  
the Christian Crusader, a few weeks  
ago, gives color to the impression that  
carelessness was the real cause of the  
accident.

### JOHN HENDERSON COMMUTED.

Negro Who Butchered His Wife Sent  
to the Penitentiary for Life.

John Henderson, the young negro  
man who killed his wife more than  
two years ago in a cruel and barbar-  
ous manner, using a butcher knife,  
on Thursday had his sentence com-  
muted to life imprisonment by the  
pardon board. The board in its re-  
port to the governor makes the fol-  
lowing reference to Henderson:  
"John Henderson, Sumter, murder,  
to life imprisonment in the peniten-  
tiary, because of his highly meritori-  
ous conduct in saving the life of his  
jailer from a conspiracy of the other  
prisoners, and on strong petition from  
the community."  
Henderson was tried and convicted  
at the spring term of court in 1905.  
The case was appealed to the su-  
preme court and after a long delay a  
decision was rendered sustaining the  
verdict of the court of general ses-  
sions. He was, therefore, resented-  
to be hanged, but in the mean-  
time a petition for a commutation of  
sentence was presented to the govern-  
or, who granted a respite until the  
pardon board could pass on the peti-  
tion. The commutation granted on  
Thursday followed.

Henderson was defended by George  
D. Levy, Esq., by appointment of  
court, and he never relaxed his efforts  
to save Henderson's neck. It has  
been a long and persistent fight,  
against great odds, that has been  
crowned with success.

### RECORDER'S COURT.

Henry Brown, Who Ran Over Rev.  
F. M. Satterwhite, Convicted of  
Reckless Riding.

George Miller, public drunkenness;  
\$2 or 4 days.

Julia Boston and Mary Aiken, dis-  
orderly conduct and cursing; Julia  
Boston not guilty; Mary Aiken, \$2  
or 4 days.

Henry Brown, recklessly riding a  
horse over Rev. F. M. Satterwhite;  
plead not guilty, the defense being  
that the horse was beyond his con-  
trol, as the result of a broken bridle.  
Found guilty and sentenced to pay a  
fine of \$5.

### WILLIAMSON THE MAN.

Something About the Origination of  
the Now Famous Williamson Meth-  
od of Corn Culture.

As pleasant a day as I have spent  
lately was that spent today at the  
home of E. McIver Williamson, in  
the northwestern part of this Dar-  
lington county. To most of your  
readers this gentleman needs no in-  
troduction, because his method of  
corn culture has made him one of the  
prominent, I might say the most  
prominent, men of the southern  
States. Let me here say that it was  
not the purpose nor desire of Mr.  
Williamson that his method be de-  
nominated Williamson, as he himself  
told me, and as you will see by refer-  
ence to his pamphlet on corn culture.  
He does not want, does not court, no-  
toriety, and would be offended at any  
effort to praise him. In this, as in  
other respects, he is a unique char-  
acter, whom chance acquaintance  
would not properly estimate or ap-  
preciate. He does not seem to know  
it, but without pretense or show he is  
a philanthropist of the finest type, for  
while others make gifts of charity  
that only benefit the few, and that of  
those who are in some position to take  
care of themselves, this man does  
that which reaches out to the many,  
having no respect to class, color, or  
condition, the help being of such  
character, and kind, as will in every  
way result in the greatest possible  
blessing to all.

It was remarked last year, when  
Mr. Williamson appeared before the  
farmers of your county, that a most  
praiseworthy thing was that he was  
not in the seed corn business.

For the information of some it may  
be well to state that he is not now.  
He knows, as few men do, that he has  
done that for our country, not simply  
South Carolina, but the south, which  
is, and will prove, of incalculable ben-  
efit, and he is only anxious and am-  
bitious that the method come into  
practice as quickly, and generally, as  
possible. True genius, true merit,  
like a fair taper shines to all the rest  
while about its own station it casts  
a shadow. Undesignedly, unconscio-  
usly, this man is a philanthropist of  
the best type, satisfied with the consci-  
ousness of duty done, with help be-  
stowed, accepting which as his suf-  
ficient reward.

I am pleased to know him, will be  
better pleased if he does not take  
umbrage at these brief remarks  
which I have felt constrained to per-  
as introductory to what shall follow.

To begin, these feet of mine have  
trod, and these eyes have seen the  
Williamson farm, now celebrated the  
country over, and I am glad I can  
tell the farmers of Sumter county,  
whose lands I am fairly well ac-  
quainted with, that almost any of it  
is superior, in a natural way, to Mr.  
Williamson's, which is a light, sandy  
soil, of a character difficult to keep  
up.

Mr. Williamson practices what he  
preaches and does what he claims.  
His rows are six feet wide, and his  
corn anywhere from 12 to 18 inches  
in the drill. He aims to get a small  
stalk with a large ear, which, as  
shown by samples of corn, he as  
often accomplishes as otherwise.  
Some of your readers may not know,  
he is a bachelor, and his house is a  
storeroom for samples of corn, stalk  
and all. He keeps convenient a pair  
of scales, where he does all that  
weighing he tells you about. My  
message to the farmers of Sumter is  
that they may follow him to the very  
letter in all that he tells them with-  
out fear. I have written this for the  
benefit of many friends, and lest I tire  
them, I close. Hagood.

### A Splendid Record.

We doubt if there is another town  
the size of Bishopville, or even larger,  
that can boast of owning its own wa-  
ter works and electric light plants  
with a bond indebtedness as small as  
hers.

In fact by a good financing  
stroke, council obtained the electric  
light plant without adding one cent  
more to the bond indebtedness. By  
an economical administration, the  
council has in the bank \$5,000, to  
meet the first payment and before  
the next payment falls due in five  
years, it is expected that the invest-  
ment by judicious management will  
be able to meet it out of its own in-  
come.

Besides this the council has just  
paid \$1,100 for the street sprinkler  
and fire hose and reels.  
The plant will not be turned over  
to the town until August 1 and by  
that time, council will have addition-  
al power house ready by the water  
works.—Bishopville Vindicator.