STATE FINANCES SAFE.

BANK EXAMINER HOLLEMAN MAKES A STATEMENT.

State Banking Institutions Reported to be in a Splendid Condition—Mr. Holleman Favors Clearing House Certificates.

Columbia, Nov. 8.—Mr. Lee G. Holleman, the State bank examiner, was very much pleased to learn yesterday of the action of the South Carolina bankers' recommending the issue of clearing house certificates by Columbia and Charleston.

"I believe that it will give us the circulating medium we need just now," he said, "and therefore will relieve the situation entirely. I have no hesitancy in saying that the banks of this State are in splendid condition and there is not the slightest danger of any trouble. The guarantee of the credit of the Charleston and Columbia banks would be behind such certificates and of course this is all that is needed to make the paper just as valuable as government money.

"The banks in other sections have been taking the currency away and in order to move the cotton and in fact to secure enough for the ordinary everyday business it may become necessary to make currency more elastic. Therefore, I am very much pleased with the action of the bankers, and hope that the Columbia and Charleston banking institutions can see their way clear to comply.

"The panic in the country will be over within 30 days. I believe that matters are getting easier now, but it will be fully 30 days before confidence is restored. And that is all the panic means—lost confidence."

AUTOMATIC TYPEWRITER.

Stenographers in Danger of Losing Out on Account of This Wonderful Invention.

Among the labor-saving devices of the century, the comparatively recent invention of the automatic typewriting machine which is intended to be combined with a phonograph attachment for dictation, bids fair not only to revolutionize the present systems of office work, but to rob as well thousands of young women of profitable employment. This new machine as described by a writer in the Circle Magazine would seem to combine human intelligence with hitherto unknown accuracy and rapidity of movement.

This machine, the invention of a Columbus man, will produce any number of letters in the original form. It will fill in name and address, and will do the work even more accurately than the ordinary operator. Most remarkable is the speed with which letters are turned out; hundreds of words have been written by this invention in a few seconds over a minute.

The statements sound preposterous, but the accomplishments of this wonderful machine have been proved, and while the model that is at present actually at work performs these wonderful feats, another model, in course of construction, will eliminate entirely the stenographer and transcribe, from dictation, a business man's mail without the slightest attention further than that of turning on the electric current. The machine will automatically break the circuit and stop working when all of the letters have been written.

In appearance the machine is not unlike an ordinary typewriter, except for the fact that it is somewhat larger than the more familiar models. When it is in operation the keys strike against the paper in front of the platen exactly the same as though it was being actuated by the finger movements of a human operator. The speed obtainable is from ten to fifty times as fast as that acquired by a stenographer, and it will write both from left to right and right to left. This, in a measure, accounts for the wonderful speed acquired. The movement of the carriage is thus in both directions, and while it writes the left to right line forward, the next line is written backward, providing a continuous line movement.

Lines may be justified like type. This is impossible on any typewriter made today, but with this machine it is possible, and may be done as easily and accurately as when the lines are permitted to run unevenly at the right-hand margin.

Names and addresses may be changed at will. A circular letter to be written to any number of people may be put on the machine, the light switch connected with the motor, the current applied, and it will write until the work is done. When the last letter is finished a mechanical device will ring a bell and the mechanism will stop. Tihs feat alone is wonderful in itself, and has never before been accomplished. With this machine every letter is an original and actually typewritten letter.

The other model machine—that is being completed, and that early tests have proved to be practical—is even more astounding in its performances than the first. With this a business man may dictate his letters just before he goes home at night, turn on the electric current, and the next morning come down and find all of his letters written and ready for signature. A device similar in appearance to the phonograph, except for the fact that it uses a paper record instead of wax or rubber, receives the impressions of the conversation directed toward it. This is recorded as it goes along, and when the record is placed on the transcribing apparatus, the machine writes the same way a stenographer would, except for the fact every single portion of the letter is perfect in every particular. This latter device is still in the experimental stage, although it has been proved that it will work, and the inventor is at work perfectoing it at the present time.

Inventors and manufacturers have been striving for years to devise some means of producing circular letters having the appearance of originals, but they have always fallen short, although there are a number of devices on the market now for producing fac simile work. The great drawback to the most improved devices has been that in order to get in the name and address it is always necessary to insert the letters in a typewriter after they are written, and to fill in the same. The difference in the density of the color of the ribbon and the impossibility of lining up the letter and the address perfectly have been a give-away in most cases. Besides, it has been slow and very expensive. This new device solves every problem, and goes further in making every letter an original.

Besides handling letters, this machine will also automatically address envelopes or wrappers in the same way, and in addition to doing the writing, will feed itself automatically and keep count of the letters, envelopes or wrappers as they go through. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

A DARLINGTON MEDLEY.

"Hagood" Writes of Various Things From Blind Tigers to Funerals.

Darlington, Nov. 4.—Darlington is a dry town—only in name. But there is not much whiskey sold here, pure and unadulterated. There is stuff sold as whiskey that is almost innocent of the spirit. Some time ago the authorities (?) ran down fourteen blind tigers—not much of a job, if they were blind, but they have more eyes than anybody or thing about the town, so it is said. There is no such thing as coming upon their blind side. With tigers at large, blind or no, Darlington is a fearful place to live in.

"The best people in Darlington are in sympathy with them." That is utterly false. But let me teach you a thing. Evidence gotten up by a town is not available for the courts, but thereby hangs the tail. Do you see it? Yes, sir, it is a fact that the authorities (?) here "ran down" quite a number of blind (?) tigers.

The carnival is here, and crowds of people are in attendance. Some day we may see the unrighteousness of it all. Who pays the fiddler?

There has been only one case of scarlet fever here, and the patient is now well.

Dr. Bethea has been seriously ill with quinsy. He is recovering slowly.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, Darlington laid away in his last resting place old "Daddy" Brown, a negro who served in the Confederate war as a drummer, also in the Spanish-American war, notwithstanding he was rejected on account of age, and at the time of his death was drummer of the Darlington guards. Parties who attended his funeral say the procession was immense, the whites being fully as numerous as the negroes, Mr. Fulton, Presbyterian pastor and chaplain of the guards, taking part in the exercises. Burial according to the Masonic ritual. He was laid away as a soldier, three shots being fired over his grave. He was never anything but a Democrat. Any negro who will can go and do likewise.

Much cotton is being held here for better prices. Hagood.

A Hard Debt to Pay.

*"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry, hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equaled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by Sibert's Drug Store. 50c and $1. Trial bottle free.

Senator Christensen of Beaufort is in favor of letting the dispensary law stand as it is.

*When the stomach, heart, or kidney nerves get weak, then those organs always fail. Don't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the heart or kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Free sample test sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. Sibert's Drug Store.

SUMTER MAY HAVE WHOLESALE BAKERY IN NEAR FUTURE.

Sumter Bakery Company Propose to Establish a First Class Wholesale Baking Establishment in This City—Concern Has Strong Backing.

With Mr. C. W. Kingman as general manager, the Sumter Bakery Company has opened an up-to-date bakery on Live Oak street. It will pay anyone to visit this plant and see for themselves what a neat and modern baking plant has been installed at this place. All visitors are cordially welcomed by Mr. Kingman and his expert baker, who comes from New York and has studied the business from beginning to end in the largest bakeries of this country. That this man knows his trade cannot be doubted when anyone sees him at work and then tests his products.

The bakery is fitted up with all of the most modern mixing and baking equipment and is a model for cleanliness. An immense Middleby's portable tile oven has been installed and the amount of bread, cakes and pastry that can be cooked in this oven and the short time taken to cook them would astonish anyone. Everything is run by electricity in this plant.

Housekeepers need no longer go to the stores for products that are prepared by New York concerns, or other places, for everything delicious known to the baker's trade may be obtained here. The baker employed by the Sumter Bakery Company turns out, in addition to superb bread and rolls, all kinds of fancy pastries such as macaroons, kisses, lady fingers, Napoleons, cream-puffs and numerous other varieties of delicacies

But this is not all. This concern is backed by some of the strongest business men of this city and they intend to enlarge the business at an early date and eventually operate a regular wholesale bakery, such as is conducted in the larger cities, both North and South. All varieties of bread, cakes, crackers and fancy goods will then be turned out and Sumter will have an enterprise of which it may well be proud. All that is necessary now is the supoprt of the public in this enterprise and great things will follow. Sufficient capital is behind it to insure success and this city may soon see a great business in operation that will mean much toward the development of Sumter.

This is but another step forward in the commercial and industrial strides that this city is making.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION MEETS.

Doctors of Sumter County Held Interesting Meeting at Hotel Sumter Thursday.

The Sumter County Medical Association held an interesting meeting at the Hotel Sumter on Thursday. Discussions on subjects of interest to the "meds" were indulged in and routine matters were disposed of. Altogether, the session was both pleasant and profitable to those in attendance.

The following physicians were present: F. M. Dwight, L. M. Parler, Walter Cheyne, S. C. Baker, H. M. Stuckey and F. K. Holman.

A delightful supper was served in the hotel dining room after the meeting was adjourned.

Letter to R. W. Bradham.

Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: This is short:

Every job painted Devoe takes less gallons than of any other paint.

If not, no pay.

Yours truly,

56 F W DEVOE & CO

P. S.—Durant Hardware sells our paint.

*The Postmaster of Gasconade, Mo., Daniel A. Bugh, says of DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills, "I am doing so well, and improving so fast in health, that I cannot say too much for your Kidney and Bladder Pills. I feel like a new man." DeWitt's Kidney and Bladder Pills are sold by all druggist's

Greenwood is holding a floral fair which is so far a grand success.

*Chapped hands are quickly cured by applying Chamberlain's Salve. Price 25 cents. For sale by DeLormes Pharmacy.

Eleven thousand people attended the Spartanburg county fair Wednesday.

This is Worth Remembering.

*As no one is immune, every person should remember that Foley's Kidney Cure will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. Sibert's Drug Store.

Foster B. Hamilton, a native of Columbia, died in Bluefield, W. Va., on Sunday.

*The finest coffee substitute ever made, has recently been produced by Dr. Shoop, of Racine, Wis. You don't have to boil it twenty or thirty minutes," says the doctor. "Health Coffee" is really the closest coffee imitation ever yet produced. Not a grain of real coffee in it either. Health Coffee Imitation is made from pure toasted cereals or grains, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—were he to knowingly drink it for coffee. Levy & Moses.

JAPANESE ARE FRIENDLY.

MINISTER GIVES OUT INTERVIEW THAT IS REASSURING.

Declares That Important Causes Demand a Lasting Friedship Between the United States and Japan—Sentiment of Japan is Stated.

Tokio, Nov. 7.—The official silence so long consistently maintained by Japan on the subject of the relations of the United States and Japan in connection with the persistent reports of friction, was broken today by an Associated Press interview with Minister of Foreign Affairs Hayashi.

He prefaced his statement by expressing the hope that a sincere pronouncement by the foreign minister of Japan and its publication through the Associated Press would prevent further misrepresentations and finally result in discrediting those who are constantly circulating false and harmful reports. He spoke not only as a foreign minister but as representing the sentiment of the entire cabinet and the public.

Minister Hayashi then said that the relations between Japan and America were as smooth and cordial as ever and the cause of civilization as well as community of interest demanded their lasting peace and friendship. That full weight may be given the interview, it is proper to state that it was granted by the foreign minister only after lengthy consideration of the propriety of an official statement at this time. His pronouncement confirms the views expressed to the Associated Press on every hand by politicians, newspapers men and others.

Minister Hayashi admitted that the immigration question was the most serious matter and was uppermost in the public mind but he was positive that it would be settled without friction. Already it practically has been decided. One thing certain is that the Japanese government is not solicitous for the immigration of its people into any country. During the interview Minister Hayashi said:

"The only thing causing doubt in the mind of the public here is the immigration question, but far from being unduly excited, the people of Japan are satisfied to rest the case, in full confidence that it will be adjusted in a manner worthy of both nations, by the fair-minded people of America, who have earned the name by a preeminently just and liberal policy in the extreme East during the last half century. According to reports from various sources dealing with what is called the Japanese situation, it appears certain that a portion of the press of the United States, bent on representing an ultimate conflict with Japan is inevitable and in order, apparently, to subserve this special purpose, events of trifling importance are magnified into matters portending grave consequences. Facts that can be explained are commented on and called into question on some far-fetched, impossible hypothesis, and the uninitiated public gradually is led into the vague belief that the relations of Japan and the United States are anything but cordial and smooth. These misrepresentations are incomprehensible and we are unable to explain them except upon the ground of financial nature.

Appendicitis

*Is due in a large measure to abuse of the bowels, by employing drastic purgatives. To avoid all danger, use only Dr. King's New Life Pills, the safe, gentle cleansers and invigorators. Guaranteed for headache, biliousness, malaria and jaundice, at Sibert's Drug Store. 25c.

HIDDEN DANGERS.

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Sumter Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

Danger Signal No. 1 comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

Danger Signal No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy, or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently.

J. L. Hollis, residing at 221 Cheeves street Florence, S. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills which I used for kidney and bladder trouble have greatly benefitted me. I was very badly hurt on the railroad a number of years ago, had my back sprained, and I think my kidneys were badly hurt at the same time. Mr. back got well enough for me to get around, but being paralyzed from my hips down I am unable to walk. I have suffered greatly with backache during the past eight or ten years. The secretions from the kidneys were in bad condition, very dark colored, full of sediment and accompanied with burning pain. I used numberless remedies, but none of them did me any good until I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and sent to a drug store for them. They gave me relief. The kidney secretions cleared up, the burning sensation left me and I do not suffer from the terrible backaches, I attribute these satisfactory results entirely to the use of Doan's Kidney Pills. You are welcome to use my name as an endorser of the claims made for them."

Plenty more proof like this from Sumter people. Call at A. J. China's drug store and ask what customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other. No. 51.

900 DROPS
CASTORIA
A Vegetable Preparation for Assimilating the Food and Regulating the Stomachs and Bowels of
INFANTS CHILDREN
Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.
Recipe of Old Dr SAMUEL PITCHER
A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Convulsions, Feverishness and LOSS OF SLEEP.
Fac Simile Signature of
NEW YORK.
At 6 months old
35 DOSES – 35 CENTS
EXACT COPY OF WRAPPER.

CASTORIA
For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.
In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA
THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.

SKINNER IRON WORKS
For Everything in the MACHINERY LINE.
PLUMBING, STEAM-FITTING AND ALL KINDS OF MILL AND ENGINE REPAIRING AND MILL SUPPLIES.
FOUNDRY WORK A SPECIALTY.
—CASTINGS ALL SIZES AND PATERNS.—
Manufacturer of the Famous SKINNER Portable Steel Cages for Chain Gangs.
Edgar Skinner.
PHONE 141. SUMTER, S. C.

THE Bank of Sumter.
Capital, $75,000 -:- Surplus, $47,000
Does General Banking Business. Four Per Cent. Interest, payable Quarterly, on Deposits in Savings Department -:- -:- -:- -:-
PROMPT AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT GUARANTEED.
RICHARD I. MANNING, President. MARION MOISE, Vice President. W. F. RHAME, Cashior.

THANKSGIVING TURKEYS
Are More Delicious When Cooked in one of our
Lisk Sanitary Self-Basting Roasters.
This roaster is fast commanding the attention of the best cooks as a great labor-saving device. We claim that it will save one-half the labor in cooking and 20 per cent in the weight of meat over any other roaster made In fact it is the only up-to-date Self-Basting Sanitary Roaster in the market. Makes tough meat tender and juicy and retains all its flavors. No basting, no waste. Nothing to watch but the clock.
"LISK'S;" That's it.
The Durant Hardware Co.

THE FARMERS BANK AND TRUST CO.
IS THE PEOPLE'S BANK.
Does a General Banking Business, allowing interest 4 per cent. per annum compounded quarterly in its Savings Department. Centrally located and conservatively managed. We invite your patronage.
C. G. ROWLAND, President. R. F. HAYNSWORTH, Vice President.
R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier.