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STOLE GOLD FROM THE MINT.

Negro Employe Confesses to Having Taken Precious Metal in Granulatod Form.

New Orleans, May 9 .--- A daring and unusual offense against the Federal covernment was revealed today by the confession of Lorenzo D. Cuningham, a negro employe of the Unted States mint at New Orleans, who was arrested Saturday as he was exibiting a real gold brick of comparaively small size to members of his

Cunningham signed an admission that he had stolen the gold in granuated form from the separating divison of the mint and then modified it into the real shape in which it was found. It is valued at about \$300.

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Mrs. Augusta Evans-Wilson Succumbs to Attack of Heart Failure-Long Literary Carcer.

Mobile, Ala., May 9 .--- Mrs Augusta Evans-Wilson the well-known Southern authoress, died at her home here this morning at 6 o'clock from an attack of heart failure.

Columbus, Ga., and was 74 years old. heart and stomach trouble. For the past year she has been in retirement at her beautiful suburban home, "Ashland."

She was the daughter of Matt Ryan and Sarah Howard Evans. She began

continued her writings until about a year ago, when her last book, "De-

December 2, 1868, she was married to Col. L. M. Wilson, a prominent citisuburban home was a literary and social centre from that day till his death in October 1891.

Among her writings are such wellknown books as: "Inez," St. Elmo," "Beulah," "At the Mercy of Tiberius," "The Speckled Bird."

Mrs. Evans-Wilson is survived by of Mobile, Mrs. J. W. Bush of Birmingham and Mrs. Leo Tarleton of New York city. She had many relatives throughout

the South.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN FLORIDA.

"oman's Assilant Put to Death by Mob, His Throat Being Cut and Body Riddled.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 9.-Mrs. John Deas, wife of a well-known farmer residing at Camden, 15 miles from Jacksonville, was criminally assulted early last night by an unknown negro, who was later captured by a mob of citizens and lynched. Mrs. Deas was driving the cows hom

Attorney Who Represented United States in Numerous International THE Cases Dies After Long Illness.

JUDGE W. L. PENFIELD DEAD.

Washington, May 9-Judge William L. Penfield, formerly solicitor of the department of state and an authority on international law, died here today after a long illness. His Mrs. Evans-Wilson was a native of death was due to a complication of

Indiana.

her literary career early in life and won the complete confidence of Sec- had increased to 689,000 tons. reary of State Hay.

before The Hague tribunal in 1903. zen of Mobile, and their beautiful and general counselor for the United 498, or 73,972 tons. States in the Emery claim against Nicaragua. He was counsel for the are within \$2,680 of the total for last secured the rowboat in midstream government in arbitration between year, and if the business for the re- had filled and sank. None of the octhe United States and San Domingo, mainder of this year is as good as for cupants could swim and were swept Hayti, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Sal- the same remainder of 1908 (when down the river to their death by the vador and Mexico, wherein awards \$21,273 had been received), the total running current. None of the bodies amounting to \$2,000,000 were given for 1909 would be \$169,553.87, alin favor of the United States. In ready received, plus the \$21,273 esthree sisters, Mrs. Virginia E. Bragg 1905 he was special commissioner to Brazil.

PHONE FACTORY EXPANDING.

The Sumter Telephone Company Finds it Necessary to Increase Its Facilities-Another Large Addition.

The Sumter Telephone Manufacturing company is doing a very big business and during the past six months the orders have increased to such an extent that it has been found necessary to build another large addition. to its large plant, which now covers over 400,000 square feet of space.

Orders are now in for telephones for shipments to all portions of the United States, the Philippine Islands THIS YEAR BREAKS RECORD.

Six Men, a Woman and Two Children SALE OF FERTILIZERS Swept to Death by Rushing Current WINDING-UP COMMISSION TO LARGER THAN EVER. of Susquehanna.

Privilege Tax of 25 Cents a Ton on Fertilizers Has Brought in \$169,- a woman and two children were drowned this afternoon in the Susquehanna river near this city by the The farmers of South aCrolina are capsizing of a row boat in which they

becoming more and more progressive had started for an outing. each year. This is apparent from the The dead are: Thomas Andrews, Mr. Penfield was 63 years old and growth of the privilege tax receipts. William Andrews, Theodore Andrews,

NINE PERSONS DROWNED.

While the nine persons who started out in the small craft remained close to the shore, all went well, but

case," in the Venezuelan arbitration 554, against \$151,061 for the same cupants became panic-stricken and time last year; an increase of \$18,- called frantically for assistance. Some boys at play on the bank heard the

The receipts so far for this year screams but before a boat could be has been recovered.

Judge Prince Out Again.

Anderson, May 10 .--- Judge Geo. E. Prince, who was stricken with paralysis several weeks ago has so improved as to be able to be out at the Anderson-Winston base ball game this afternoon. The Judge has regained

centrol over all parts affected and his friends and physicians hope it will not be long before he can resume his duties on the Bench.

He who waits to do good in some notable way will never have any good to note.

nicely, with good stands of both cotton and corn; and as yet we do not hear the cry of unfavorable weather conditions.

PROBE CLAIMS. Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 9 .- Six men, Investigation Interrupted in February, 1908, by Federal Judge Pritchard. Will be Resumed Next Monday, According to a Decision Reached at a Conference in At-

torney General Lyon's Office Yes-

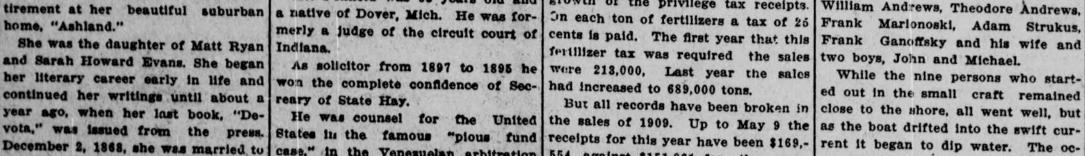
THE DISPENSARY HEARING.

Columbia, May 10 .--- After a preliminary conference in the office of Attorney General Lyon today, it was announced by the dispensary windingup commission that the alleged graft probe would be resumed next Monday, May 17.

The commission arranged the docket of hearings and conferred with Mr. Henry Samuels, mayor of Chester, and Mr. M. E. Rutland, of Batesburg, who were witnesses before the commission. Aside from this nothing was given out from the conference, which was behind closed doors. Chairman W. J. Murray, Mr. A. N. Wood, of Gaffney; Mr. John McSween, of Timmonsville; Mr. Avery Patton, of Greenville, of the commission, were present, also Attorneys T. B. Felder, of Atlanta; Malvern Hall, of Atlanta, and W. E. Stevenson, of Cheraw.

The liquor houses, whose claims will be passed upon have been notified to produce various kinds of accounts, books and copies of letters from members of the State dispensary board and others, connected with the dispensary. Those desiring their claims reopened are required to filenotice.

The calendar of cases set for themeeting, beginning May 17, was given. out for publication today as follows: Monday, May 17, Fleishmann & Co., Cincinnati; Gerson-Seligman Company, Cincinnati; Richards & Co., Washington; Belair Distilling Company, Baltimore: E. A. Sar The Summerton Mercantile com- Co., Richmond; Big Springs Distilling



554 for Clemson College.

timated, or \$190,826,87.

The income in 1908 as shown by the books of Mr. J. Fuller Lyon at the office of the State treasury was \$172,-224,76. The receipts for each year since the tax was created are as fol-

lows: 1890-91.. \$53,285.85 1891-92.. 36,108,98 1892-93.. 50,248.95 1893-94.. 43,423.88 1894-95.. 30,135,93 1895-96.. 54,524,37 1897.. 59.352.33 1898.. 65,494.33 1899.. 62,123.88 1900.. 75,214.34

1901.. 84,073.43

1902.. 81,744.94

98.909.80

1903..

Con Guerry will preside. About 200 were expected to be in atdance. From several points of tow this as an important meeting of council. Many are advocating tvision of the State into two dioceses th two bishops, making possible s ore intimate Episcopal supervision of the church. Not least in importance in the work of the council this wear will be the elections. There are cuite a number of vacancies to filltreasurer of council; trustee of the University of the South, trustee of St Mary's school, trustee of the diocese. and trustee of the General Theological seminary.

The following are the delegates from the Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter: Rev H. H. Covington. R. I. Manning, H. G. Osteen, Mark Reynolds, Geo. D. Shore.

AMERICAN MISSIONARIES TO BE TRIED FOR LIBEL

Row. William Morrison and Rev. W H. Sheppard Accused of Exaggerata Reports of Kongo Cruelties.

ondon, Thursday, April 29.-All white men in the Kongo Free States are interested in the trial for libel of two American missionaries, Rev. William Morrison and Rev. W. H. Shep pard, which will begin in Leopoldville May 20. This case is expected to be a test between the Bigian government and the American missionaries, who have long made themselves a thorn in its flesh by their charges of maladministration and oppres sion of the natives.

The suit is brought by one of the concessionaire companies called the "Kasai Trust" which has a monopoly of rubber gathering in the Kasal region.

in substance the charges of the missionaries are that the officials levy on the natives oppressive socalled taxes to be paid in rubber, that whole villages, including women and children are impressed by the soldiers for gathering the rubber; that they often are compelled to travel many miles to the rubber forests and sleep there for more than a week under unhealthy conditions; that they are cruelly punished for failure to pay the taxes imposed, and that so large

Summerton Hardware company Plowden on Saturday and Sunday. Messrs, Morrison and Sheppard At the time of the arrest Conyers was has Mr. S. R. Abernethy, of Henderson, just received a car load of mowers, will be paid. This was considered one Mr. W. C. Davis, of the Manning of the important test cases in the procharged with assault and battery with N. C., has accepted a position as binders, and other farming imple- Bar, was town last Thursday in atmembers of the American Presbyterintent to kill, resisting an officer and bookkeeper with A. A. Strauss & Co. ian mission. Some 20 American misceedings in the Federal court's involvments. Judging from the quantity of tendance on Judge Richbourg's sionaries are stationed in the Kongo inciting a riot, but when it came time ing the right of the commission to binding twine which we have seen beand as nearly all of them have made for a trial the fact developed that the court. have jurisdiction over the funds of Unmuzzled dogs are to be see on ing carried off daily, it must be supthe same accusations the outcome of whole affair grew out of a fight and Main and Liberty streets every day, posed that an unusually large crop of a few days before leaving for Walhal-Rev. Mr. John Kershaw is here for the old State dispensary. this suit will have an important bear- that Conyers was not altogether in frequently several are seen at one oats will be gathered this year. Other la, where he and Mrs. Kershaw will Sensible men show their sense by time. farm work is likewise progressing spend the summer months. saying much in few words .- Franklin

afternoon when the negre upon her. Mrs. Deas' scream

cue but the negro had made his escape from the scene. The sheriff in this city was notified, but when he reached the scene the mob had capturd the negro. Mrs. Deas identified him and his throat had been cut from ear to ear and his body riddled with bullets. The sheriff could gain no information as to the identity of the mob and no one seems to know the negro, all claiming that he was a stranger in those parts. The body was brought to Jacksonville today.

ARKANSAS "DRIES" RALLYING.

Preparing for Strong Fight to Get State-wide Legislation Through at This Session.

Little Rock, Ark., May 9 .- Following the special message from the governor recommending the passage of the submission of State-wide legislation, prohibitionists are rallying for a last fight to get State-wide legislation of some kind through the legislature before the end of the session. Members of the house are showing no disposition to take up the Gann measure as some of them claim they have passed three prohibition measures and the senate has shown no disposition to take them up.

CASTRO RISING ATTEMPTED.

Passengers From Venezuela Say Deposed President's Friends Tried to Start Revolution.

just arrived here from state that friends of Castro attempted to start a revolution there but met with failure. The situation in Venetime they left. Although in their and Thomas. opinion the army favors Castro, the reelection of Gomez as president appears to be certain.

LINDSAY CONYERS DISCHARGED.

The Mayesville Trouble Not So Serious After All.

Lindsay Conyers, the negro who favorably by the suspreme court of this county and has a splendid record lina. was arrested in Mayesville on the afquite a little sum for the city. this State, but the Ray Brothers were of a long and successful service. Bridget Ramsy, colored, was fined Messrs. Ramsome and Henry Richternoon of April 27th and brought to liable to contempt before Judge A recent observation made by the a portion of their time is taken for \$20.00 or 30 days in jail for illicit sale ardson, of Sumter, spent several days jail that night by Sheriff Epperson, Pritchard in that he had already correspondent seems gathering these taxes that they are of liquor; Dave Sanders was fined \$50 to indicate in our community last week. was discharged Saturday afternoon charge of the dispensary funds. The steady business progress along variunable to cultivate crops and raise by Magistrate Harby, the prosecuting Misses Mattie Thomas and Sallie decision of the court of last resort, or 30 days on the same charge. ous lines in our community. The Anderson were the guests of Mrs. J. M. however, means that the judgment. food necessary for their support. witness failing to appear against him.

and to South America. One order from one of this company's customers calls for nearly 4.000 telephones.

art 14 years ago Mr. Charles T. Mason, now president of the company, started the manufacture of telephones in a small wooden building almost across the street from the present brick buildings, and to this day may be found throughout the Southern States numbers of the first instruments made in Mr. Mason's small shop.

Here Sumter did its part in the ploneer work under adverse conditions to build up the independent and rural telephone systems of the South. The little business grew and extensions were made from time to time.

Mennwhile Mr. Mason secured a number of basic patients of much value covering various vital parts of the telephone, and soon he became associated with the present officers of the company, whereupon the present plant, occupying over 400,000 square feet of floor space, was begun.

In this factory is employed a corpse of mechanical and electrical engineers, tool makers and mechanics. The dies, jigs and various parts necessary to produce a uniform product are made in this factory from the raw material. The plant is equipped with the latest type of automatic machinery necessary to the production of a high-class product .-- Sumter Cor. The State.

In a Snappy Game.

Friday the Bull Dogs were defeated by a score of 10 to 1 by the fast Church Street nine. DesChamps for the Bull Dogs was hit freely and was Bordeaux, May 9 .- Passengers on very wild at times. H. Stokes and the steamer Guadeloupe, who have B. Scott's heavy slugging for Church Venezuela, Street, were the features. E. Roland and Stokes for Church did not let the Bull Dogs get a hit. Batteries for Church: Roland, Stokes and McKay; zuela appeared satisfactory at the for Bull Dogs: Barnett, DesChamps

Recorder Hurst Monday. The majority of them were charged with public drunkedness and disorderly conduct, and when the docket was cleared Recorder Hurst had taken in

1904.. 118,974.15 1905.. 130,429.80 1906.. 167,157.89 1908..... 172,234.76 This revenue goes to Clemson college. where the fertilizers are inspected. A great deal of fertilizer was used last year to grow corn on the Williamson plan of intensive farming.

farmers in all of their plantings are using the intensive method, deep plowing and liberal application of fer- hope to have this kind of well. tilizer .- The State.

OUR SUMMERTON LETTER.

Druggist Indicted for Selling Essence of Ginger-Fine Crops of Oats and Facilities for Harvesting-Enjoyable Social Events.

heathen rage and the people imagine a vain thing?" This Scriptural, but I trust not irreverent, introduction brings us to a recent occurrence in our town, which is and has been ex-Several days ago a resident of this community undertook, presumably ginger. The prosecutor's brother had very lately been severely fined in the derly conduct on our streets; and it is cedure is merely one of retaliatory spite, backed by others actuated by trate, Judge Richbourg; but on the appointed day, the defendant with his lawyer, Mr. W. C. Davis, of Manning, being present in court, the prosecutor made another affidavit claiming the fear that justice could not be had because of our magistrate's sympathy with the defendant. Consequently the hearing will be had in Manning. It will be found a hard task to bring any prejudicial evidence against Judge Richbourg, either as to his ability or integrity of pur-

pose. He is the oldest Magistrate in

pany has installed a system of cash Company, Savannah; Strauss-P carriers in their dry good and grocery Co., Cincinnati. departments, which is quite an ad-

dition to the store. Others of our Philadelphia; Jack Cranston thriving merchants who have not this convenience already will probably follow suit.

An attempt is being made by Mr. C. M. Davis of this place to procure Tobacco growing has also taken a an artesian well. Mr. Allen Harvin new start in the State and, in fact, the is now at work making borings, and should an over-flow be obtained there are a number of other residents who

Last week witnessed two of the pleasantest social events of the season. 'On Wednesday night Mrs. T. J. Davis entertained at progressive whist, the evening being one of keen enjoyment to all participating. Owing to the apparent sentiment of our community that the giving of prizes might be harmful in its effect, the practice is being gradually discourag-

Summerton, May 10 .--- "Why do the ed, and at the more recent entertainments this feature was wisely ignored. Mrs. James, however, may be said to have taken first honors on this occasion, in token of which she was presented with a lovely boquet of flowers. citing much interest and comment. Mrs. Davis' guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Capers, Dr. and Mrs. A. F. Doty, Mr and Mrs. J. M. Plowden, as the action of a law-abiding citizen, Capt, and Mrs. J. A. James, Misses to swear out a warrant against our Bertha Davis, Hutteau, Uldine Vaienterprising druggist and intendant den, Sallie Anderson and Messre. for the sale of essence of Jamaica Armistead, Morris, McClary, Welis. Anderson, and Dr. D. O. Rhame.

On Friday evening at the home of municipal court for drunk and disor- Capt. J. A. James, a very informal, but none the less enjoyable dance was thought by those familiar with the given by the young men of the town. facts in the case that this legal pro- Eecause of the limited number of dancers here, such entertainments are always in reality only social gatherthe same feelings. A preliminary ings with dancing as a feature. The hearing was to have been held last cordial hospitality of Capt. and Mrs. Thursday in the court of our magis- James is a guarantee of a pleasant evening in their home, let the form of amusement be what it may. Those present were: Misses Mannie Scar-

> borough, Uldine Vaiden, Bertha Davis. Mildred James, Sallie Anderson and Miss Mattie Thomas, of Charleston; Messrs. McClary, Armistead, Morris, Anderson, Mason, Plowden, Bike and Mr. and Mrs. Ellison Capers. Rev. Mr. Wallace Carnahan and Dr. Ellison Capers leave this afternoon

for Spartanburg, where they will attend the meeting of the Episcopal Council of the Diocese of South Caro-

pany, Augusta; Arthur Lehman & Co., Peoria, Ills; Clark Brothers & Co.,

May 18. M.

Feoria, Ills. May 19, W. W. Johnson & Co., Cincinnati: New York and Kentucky Company, New York and Rochester; Garrett & Co., Norfolk; Darley Park. Brewing Company, Baltimore; Johns T. Barbee & Co,. Louisville; H. Rosenthal & Sons., Cincinnati.

May 20, Moyse Brothers, Cincinnati; Acme Brewing Company, Macon; Green River Distilling Company, Owensboro, Ky; J. W. Kelly & Co. and King & Co., Chattanooga; Rheinstrom Brothers, Cincinnati; Gallagher & Burton, Philadelphia: Cook & Bernheimer Co., New York.

May 21, William Lanahan & Sons. Baltimore; Savannah Brewing Company, Savannah; Joe Schlitz Brewing Company, Milwaukee: Roseneck. Brewing Company, Richmond; Wilson Distilling Company, Baltimore.

The session of the commission will. be held in the senate chamber. It will be recalled that the auditing of the claims of the whiskey houses. was interrupted by the action of the United States court in assuming control of the dispensary funds. This cut short the work of the -winding-up commission which will be resumed. next week. There is about \$600,000 of the fund on deposit in banks of the State and in the State treasury. It is expected that half of this amount will be saved to the State. The decision of the highest court of the land now makes it possible for the work of the winding-up commission to proceed. without interruption.

Ray Claim to be Paid.

Columbia, May 10 .- Attorney General Lyon has received a telegram from the clerk of the United States. supreme court stating that the mandate in the case of Ray Erothers against the Murray Louisville Distilling Company would be forwarded at once. This was the case in which an order was issued and the appropriation made to pay a claim purchased by the Columbia attorneys held by the distilling company against the dispensary commission. It was decided

In the Recorder's Court. A number of cases were up before