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ENUMERATORS TEST EASY.
Census Director Durand Sets Feb-
ruary 5th as the Date.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Any person
of good judgment, who has received
an ordinary common school educa-
tion, can readily and easily pass the
test to be given applicants for Census
enumerators' places on Saturday Feb-
ruary 5th, the date finally set by U. S. Census
Director Durand, according to an
announcement from the census bu-
reau today. This will be a comfort-
ing assurance to the several hundred
thousand who are believed to be
contemplating application for the
places.

It was emphatically stated at the
bureau that the test will be an em-
phatically reasonable and practical one,
similar to that applied to applicants
at the Twelfth Census. It will con-
sist of filling out a sample schedule
of population from a description, in
narrative form, of typical families;
and, in the case of enumerators whose
work will be in the rural districts,
will be called upon to fill out an ad-
ditional sample schedule of agricul-
tural information furnished by
the Census Bureau.

Persons, whether women or
men, who are believed to be
contemplating application for the
places, should be prepared to
submit to the test, which will be
held in the supervisor's district to which they
wish to be appointed; must be not
less than 18 or more than 70 years
of age; must be physically able to do
the work; must be trustworthy, hon-
est and of good habits; must have
at least ordinary education and must
be able to write plainly and with
reasonable rapidity.

Those who can comply with these
requirements are invited to put in
their applications, as there will be at
least 65,000 enumerators' places to
be filled by the middle of March in
preparation for the enumeration be-
ginning April 15th.

Application forms, with full
instructions for filling in and com-
plete information concerning the test
and the method of appointment, can
be secured by writing to the super-
visor of census for the supervisor's dis-
trict in which the applicant lives. All
applications, properly filled in must
be filed with the supervisor not later
than January 15th as any received
after that date cannot be considered.
The Supervisor of the 7th District,
S. C., which includes Lexington, Sum-
ter, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Lee and
Richland Counties, is Ernest M. Du-
Fre, whose office is at Columbia, S. C.

LANCASTER MERCHANT KILLED.
J. C. Howell Fatally Wounded by A.
C. Carnes.

Lancaster, Dec. 25.—Jesse C. Sow-
ell, of the grocery firm of Ferguson &
Howell, was shot and killed here this
afternoon by A. C. Carnes, of the
firm of Carnes Bros. The shooting
occurred at Heath-Elliott Company's
stables. Howell was shot in the left
side, between the fifth and sixth ribs,
just below the heart, and died within
half hour of internal hemorrhage.
Carnes was arrested just after the
shooting and lodged in jail.

Particulars of the tragedy are hard
to obtain. Those who are supposed to
know anything about it being reluc-
tant to talk. One report is that the
trouble began in a friendly tussle. Carn-
es, it is understood, claims that How-
ell was choking him when he fired the
fatal shot.

A search for Howell's persons by
Sheriff Hunter revealed the fact that
he had no weapon.
Howell, who was a man of remark-
able fine physique, was 43 years old
and leaves a family. He was engaged
in business in Columbia a few years
ago. Carnes is a young man, and
unmarried. He and Howell are said
to be good friends.

The Christmas celebration being
over taxpaying is now in order.

MURDER AT GREENVILLE.

**J. E. Liddell Dies Within Sight of
His Home—Almost on Spot Where
Mill Worker Was Struck Down
Thursday Night. Real Estate Man
Yields Up Life.**

Greenville, Dec. 24.—J. E. Liddell,
a real estate promoter, was found
dead tonight at 10 o'clock, near the
spot in the southeastern part of the
city, where Wesley Russell, a mill
worker, was found wounded Thurs-
day night. Liddell had been dead an
hour or more when found as the
body was almost covered with snow.
Liddell was a married man and had
been engaged in the development of
Cherokee Park, a suburban property
at the end of Augusta street.

Last night he had been in the city
shopping and started for home about
8 o'clock. He is a married man, and
his wife becoming alarmed at his fail-
ure to arrive sent a neighbor to look
for him, with the result that his body
was found within a stone's throw of
his home, a terrible gash in the
man's head told the story of the trag-
edy, the wound evidently having been
made with an axe or some sharp
heavy instrument. Scattered all about
the dead man were toys for his little
children and a number of gifts for
his wife.

Residents of the neighborhood,
where the two tragedies have occur-
red one so quickly following the other
are greatly wrought up over the
crimes. Russell and Liddell were
both struck in much the same man-
ner, except Russell had four gashes
in his head, while Liddell had but
one. Russell died tonight from his
wounds.

Police and county authorities are
now investigating.

NICARAGUA BANKRUPT.

**Madrid Finds Country With an
Empty Treasury.**

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 26.—
The new president of Nicaragua, Jose
Madriz, is taking hold of affairs with
the discovery of an empty treasury and
soon after President Madriz had
publicly announced in effect that the
country was practically on the verge
of bankruptcy, the arrest of Joaquin
Penas, Zelaya's son-in-law, and
Ernesto Martinez, Zelaya's last finance
minister, was ordered. They are
now in the hands of the author-
ities charged with misappropriation
of public funds, failure to register
government bonds and the circulation
of unissued paper money.

Francisco Baca, who has replaced
Dr. Julia Irias as minister general,
is preparing a decree establishing a
commission for the purpose of re-
voking the franchise under which a
score of monopolies, given to individ-
uals by Zelaya, have been operated.

The monopolies poured into Zela-
ya's purse vast sums of money for,
they were ostensibly in the hands of
others, it was to the former presi-
dent that the greater portion of the
returns was transferred. Penas is
looked upon as the creator of these
monopolies and the dummy utilized
by Zelaya to cover his large stock in-
terest therein. His arrest has been
enthusiastically received.

Santos Ramirez, Zelaya's chief
of telegraphs, has also been arrest-
ed. He is charged with having sent a
telegram in the name of the Presi-
dent Madriz, ordering the government
troops to abandon their strong posi-
tions. Renita Chavarria and Paulano
Godey, who were banished by Zela-
ya in 1896, have been recalled by Mad-
riz.

SHOT WHILE HUNTING.

**Mr. Thornwell Parker Severely Wound-
ed To Day.**

Mr. Thornwell H. Parker, of Dal-
zell, was seriously wounded while
out bird hunting this morning in
company with his brother, Mr. E. W.
Parker, Jr., and Mr. J. W. Simon, A.
load of bird shot from the gun of
Mr. Simon struck him in the side of
the face inflicting a serious, but not
necessarily fatal wound, and his con-
dition several hours after the acci-
dent and after his wound had been
dressed, was in such as to afford
ground for hope that he will recover.
The shooting was entirely accidental
and like all such accidents is difficult
to account for. When shot Mr. Parker
was about fifteen or twenty feet from
Mr. Simon and slightly in front of
him, and the entire load lodged in
the side of his face and head. One
eye, it is feared was injured, but as
it was closed by the swelling it is
impossible to ascertain whether or
not the sight was destroyed. Mr. Parker
will be brought to hospital
on the afternoon train.

SENATOR McLAURIN DIES.

**United States Senator Succumbs to
Heart Failure.**

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 22.—United
States Senator A. J. McLaurin died
suddenly tonight at his home in
Brandon. Death was due to an at-
tack of heart failure and came with-
out the slightest warning at 6.30
o'clock.

When the fatal stroke came upon
him, Senator McLaurin was seated
in a rocking chair in front of the
fire place in his library. He sudden-
ly fell forward without speaking a
word, and life was extinct when
members of his family reached his
side. The swift summons of death
followed within a few moments a
remark by Senator McLaurin that
he was then feeling better than he
had felt at any time since his recent
severe illness, resulting from an at-
tack of ptomaine poisoning.

PENITENTIARY MAKING MONEY.

**The Annual Report Will Show Bright
Conditions.**

Columbia, Dec. 27.—The high
price of cotton, coupled with good
management generally and with the
fact that the institution pro-
duced a greater quantity of cotton
this year than usual, will enable Su-
perintendent Griffith of the peniten-
tiary to make a record-breaking fi-
nancial report to the legislature this
year.

The report has not yet been draft-
ed, but it will show a surplus and
net profit for the year's business of
\$80,000, which the superintendent
has on hand to turn into the State
treasury. It is likely that about a
third of the amount will be used to
put up a modern brick stockade for
the DeSaussure and Reid farms,
which adjoin each other and which
together are located partly in Sum-
ter and partly in Kershaw county.

Since Superintendent Griffith as-
sumed office, the penitentiary plant has
been improved. These improvements
include a big granite building for the
interior arrangement of modern cells,
a costly guards' quarters, the finest tubercu-
losis hospital in the South and various
improvements around the ground
and on the three farms operated by
the penitentiary management. The
Lexington farm has a fine brick
stockade and boiler plant worth
about \$17,000.

Superintendent Griffith this year
produced over 900 bales of cotton
and will get an average of over \$60
a bale for it. His other money crops
were 23,000 bushels of corn and 20,
000 bushels of oats. The price of
oats this year has been about the
same as last year, but corn was
much more valuable than it was last
year.

It is understood that the position
of Superintendent Griffith and the
board of directors with respect to
the legislature is that the manage-
ment will be grateful to the law
making body for the privilege of be-
ing allowed to continue this good
work without any change in the law
as it now stands. Superintendent
Griffith's report will probably lay all
the facts before the legislature.

There has been some talk and
there were some good resolutions
proposed at a recent good roads
gathering to the effect that the legis-
lature should be induced to provide
for road building by the penitentiary
convicts. The management does not
look with favor on this
proposition, as it looks upon this as
a dangerous departure from the pre-
sent method of handling convicts,
and would, as it is argued, lead to all
the abuses of the lease system. Con-
victs would be poorly fed and cared
for in many cases, it is said. Though
Superintendent Griffith is firm and
a fine disciplinarian, these who have
watched his administration have been
impressed with the fact that his suc-
cess has been due no little to the
fact that he uses kindness and con-
sideration whenever it can be used
to advantage. It is said there are at
least 385 convicts who could not
safely be allowed to work out in this
way. Many of these are dangerous
men, and not a few of them have to
be kept in chains even on the grounds
and watched with great care. Many
of these are not now even worked on
the farms. There are many objec-
tions, it is claimed, to the present
law allowing the leasing of convicts
to the county authorities at the rate
of \$4 a month for each convict. Less
than 200 are let out in this way.

People are still talking of the big
modern hotel that Sumter needs and
that is going to be built.

WHOSE WAR IS IT?

**IS CONTEST IN NICARAGUA UN-
CLE SAM'S JOB.**

**American Red Cross Society Will
Give \$10,000 for Needy Soldiers—
Expected That Consul's Work in
Giving Out Supplies Will Draw
Support From Zelaya Forces.**

Washington, Dec. 23.—Following a
peremptory warning to President
Madriz that the United States will
hold him personally responsible for
the safety of Americans in the west-
ern part of Nicaragua, the state de-
partment today extended more than
moral encouragement to the revolu-
tionists. Under orders from Secre-
tary Knox, American Red Cross funds
are to be expended in caring for
the sick and wounded troops of both
the Estrada and Zelaya armies,
more than 2,000 of whom are inca-
pacitated in Bluefields.

The move on the part of the Unit-
ed States is expected to be more effi-
cacious than the dispatch of a
strong force. "Bread instead of bul-
lets" is the watchword of the state
department, and it is generally be-
lieved that the prospects of food and
medical attention will win over more
men from the government ranks
than any other plan that could be
adopted.

According to the last reports, the
medical corps of the various war ves-
sels now at Bluefields has installed
hospitals ashore, where scores are be-
ing cared for. The procession of sick
and wounded men through the town
is said to be pitiful and although
Estrada is doing everything in his
power to relieve the suffering, his
resources are meagre.

With a view of relieving the situ-
ation, Secretary Knox tonight con-
sulted with the American Red Cross,
and immediately dispatched the fol-
lowing dispatch to Thomas H. Moffat,
United States Consul at Blue-
fields.

"The American National Red Cross
will send you tomorrow
24th, \$5,000, and they will send
another \$5,000 if needed. Navy de-
partment has instructed Capt. Ship-
ley to land whatever surplus supplies
can be furnished from the ships now
at Bluefields and orders will be given
the Praire, now at Colon, to trans-
port immediately to Bluefields from
the stores intended for the marines
or from the commissary depart-
ment such supplies as you may
need within the limit of \$5,000, to
be cabled tomorrow. You will co-
operate with Shipley in the distribu-
tion of supplies, payment for all of
which, both those landed from ships
at Bluefields and those sent from Col-
on, will be recouped from Red Cross
funds."

The dispatch of this telegram fol-
lowed close on the receipt of a re-
port from Consul Moffat, depicting
the state of affairs in Bluefields. His
story of the suffering of the defeated
Zelayan soldiers was brief, but graph-
ic. Incidentally, he reported that
more than 900 men were killed on
both sides in the recent battle at
Rama.

Said Mr. Moffat:
"The sight of the sick and weary
tottering through the streets is hor-
rible. Half are mere boys. The
emergency hospital established by
the Des Moines and Tacoma, contains
90 wounded, the city hospital 60. Few
of the surrendered army have coats or
blankets. Scores were almost naked.
All are in a pitiful condition. Estr-
ada is furnishing them with blankets,
clothing, shoes and food as best he
can. Flour, beans, rice, sugar, cof-
fee and condensed milk are needed
instantly to feed the starving Zela-
yan soldiers. Disease and death
threatens, unless they are properly
given best of food and care.

"The great and sudden demand for
proper clothing and food for the suf-
fering is a problem for the provision-
al government, whose resources
are exhausted, their own men, num-
bering 3,000, are well fed and clothed,
but they can not find means
whereby to care for their increased
burden.
"I have discussed the seriousness
of the situation fully with Capt.
Shipley of the Des Moines and believe
and suggest that a ship should be
sent to Colon immediately to bring
sufficient quantities of the provisions
to feed 2,000 men for 30 days. Present
situation threatens starvation
and disease. It is estimated that
over 900 were killed on both sides."

Orders were issued tonight to the
Praire to be in readiness to call at
once from Colon with supplies.

Victory No Surprise.
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Passengers
are arriving tonight on the

RUSSIA GATHERING TROOPS.

**Said to Have Assembled Half a Mil-
lion Soldiers Near Lake Baikal in
Siberia.**

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 26.—Russia
is gathering troops in Siberia ac-
cording to statements of travelers,
published in Shanghai newspapers,
received by the Blue Funnel lines
Ning Chow, which arrived today
from Liverpool and the Orient. Half
a million troops are said to be en-
camped near Lake Baikal and 15
submarines are said to have been
sent to Vladivostok.

The building of the Amur railroad,
1,530 miles long at a cost of \$150,-
000,000, is hurrying because of rep-
resentations of Russian officers that
there is danger of a second war with
Japan in consequence of the strug-
gle for control in Manchuria.

A Texan Serving.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 23.—Associated
Press dispatches announcing that
Capt. Godfrey Fowler is leading the
insurgents forces in Nicaragua caused
great surprise in the adjutant gen-
eral department here, as Capt. Fow-
ler is not only a member of the
Texas National guard, but a mem-
ber of the governor's staff and under
the law all such officers have to ob-
tain permission to leave this coun-
try to join any kind of revolutionary
movement in any other country. This
permission has not been secured and
the department has started an inves-
tigation. It thought possible that
complications may arise and an ef-
fort will be made to recall Fowler.

Fowler is a grandson of the late
Judge John H. Reagan, who was
postmaster general in the Jefferson
Davis cabinet during the Civil War.

QUICK ON TRIGGER.

**Georgia Policeman Kills Angry In-
truder.**

Cordele, Ga., Dec. 23.—W. H.
Tripp, a stock dealer of this city, was
shot and killed this morning by Po-
liceman W. P. Kendal in the latter's
bedroom at his home. Tripp was
arrested by the officer last night on
charges of drunkenness and spent
several hours in the city jail. Smart-
ing under his incarceration and what
he regarded as the officers' inconsid-
erable treatment, Tripp went to
Kendal's home, was admitted by
Mrs. Kendal and then walked into
the officers' bedroom. Tripp told
Kendal he was not treated right by
the latter last night, and exhibiting a
pistol, remarked:
"You had the advantage of me
then but I've got it now and you
might as well get ready to die."
Instantly Kendal, who was lying in
bed, flashed two revolvers and fired
nine shots in quick succession, kill-
ing Tripp instantly. Every one of
the officer's shots made a vital wound.

The coroner's jury turned a ver-
dict of justifiable homicide.

ST. PETER'S LODGE.

**The Masons of Manning Install New
Officers.**

Manning, Dec. 23.—At a regular
communication of St. Peter's Lodge,
No. 54, A. F. M., Wednesday night,
December 22, the following officers
were inducted into office: W. M.,
F. L. Wolfe; S. W., L. H. Harvin; J.
W., F. F. Coffey; Treasurer, R. B.
Jenkinson; Secretary, Fred Lesene;
S. D., E. C. Horton; J. D., Geo. M.
Smith; Tiler, J. M. Barwick.

There was a large attendance, and
the officers chosen indicates that this
banner lodge of Eastern South Carolina
will continue to flourish like the
green bay tree and so may it be.
Then mantle of Past W. M. Charlton
DuRant, a highly distinguished 32
degree Mason has fallen on worthy
shoulders, so Clarendon County sends
greetings to the accomplished broth-
er in the East.

Florence is actively at work rais-
ing money for the purpose of build-
ing a railroad to the Pee Dee river
with Georgetown as the ultimate ob-
jective and also for the purpose of in-
ducing the Alderman railroad to
build from Lynchburg river to Flo-
rence. The business men of Florence
are enthusiastic and are working
with a vim that preneges success. If
the Alderman road would be a good
thing for Florence it would be good
for Sumter for it contains possibil-
ities that few people understand or
appreciate.

Miss Ina Louise Young, sporting
editor of The Trinidad (Col.) Chron-
icle News enjoys the distinction of
being the only young woman in all
newspaperdom who makes a special-
ty of writing sports. Miss Young's
special line is baseball, and she is
thoroughly versed in all of the de-
tails of the big American game.

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SIXTEEN CENTS COTTON.

**Steady Rise in the Price of the
Staple.**

New York, Dec. 23.—The bullish
enthusiasm which has attended the
cotton market in its recent advances
today realized for the first time in
five years 16 cents a pound for the
staple on the New York exchange.
While the May option at 16.01 today
was the only cotton on the list to
reach the 16-cent quotation, the en-
tire list advanced steadily and still
holds higher than at any time since
the Sully boom in 1904.

The bull campaign now is said to
be headed by Col. W. P. Brown and
Frank G. Hayne, of New Orleans,
who were associated with Sully five
years ago, and by E. G. Scales and
James A. Patten, the Chicago grain
operator. The aggregate profits of
this "big four" are rumored to
amount to about \$12,000,000.

Gold and Silver Popular Dress Deco- rations.

One of the most beautiful dresses
that I have designed this year
is a white net over a black dress,
Miss Simcox in the Delinesto, for
January. The straight overdress of
the net was embroidered solidly with
crystal and rhinestones so that the
lovely shimmering thing was almost
as heavy as a skirt of mail.

It reached about to the knees
where it was held in by a narrow
band of skunk. The décolletage of
the neck was outlined by a wonder-
ful collar of rhinestones, turquoise
and baroque pearls and the waist
was caught up and draped under three
roses of blue and silver.

Another was a gown of gold bro-
cade made very simply so that no de-
tail of the dress detracted from the
very beautiful arabesques of beaten
metal on the background of pale-
gold tissue. The skirt was severely
plain with a long, square-cut train
that lay fully thirty or forty inches
on the floor. The waist was almost
equally simple, with its trimmings of
lace and fur and flowers that did not
break the close, dignified lines of the
dress.

MOB IN GREENVILLE.

**Two White Men Taken From City
To Prevent Lynching.**

Greenville Dec. 26.—Jesse Fuller
and Joe Barker, two white men of
bad reputation in this vicinity were
arrested this morning for the mur-
der of J. E. Liddell, who was found
dead just outside the city limits Fri-
day night. The arrest was made on
confession of the whole transaction
alleged to have been made by Fuller
to W. O. Stover, a contractor.

Fuller was taken to the police sta-
tion, and a large crowd gathered. It
was feared for a time that the pris-
oner would be taken from the guard
house and lynched. He was finally es-
corted to the jail by the mayor and
other citizens in company with the
police. The crowd gathered around
the jail, and two squads of the local
military company were stationed
around to keep down any tendencies
toward lynching. The prisoner was
finally spirited away in a large auto-
mobile by C. M. Wing, and taken to
Spartanburg.

Liddell was well known by the
mill people and it was feared as soon
as the arrest of Fuller became known
in the mill village, the operator would
bring into the city and make trouble.
It is stated the prisoner was carried
to Spartanburg. Barker is in custody
somewhere in the county, but the
place is not known.

That confession alleged to have
been made to Stover was made Sat-
urday night while Fuller was drink-
ing with Stover. It was very full and
said robbery was the motive. Fuller
said he did not mean to kill Liddell,
but hit harder than he expected.