

**EVANS WRITES TO TILLMAN.**

State Chairman Cautions the Senator Not to Become Unduly Alarmed as to Course of Committee.

Spartanburg, Sept. 17.—John Gary Evans, chairman of the State executive committee, today gave out the following letter to Senator Tillman: "Spartanburg, Sept. 14, 1912. "Hon. B. R. Tillman, Trenton, S. C. "My Dear Senator: I have your letter of September 12, concerning the political situation. As I wrote you before, I am satisfied that every member of the subcommittee appointed by me to investigate the charges of fraud in the late primary election is an honest man, anxious and willing to do what is right and to save the primary. It is very unfortunate that Chairman Stevenson could not meet with the committee on the day it was called. He wrote me that it was impossible for the reason that his wife was quite ill and it was necessary to place her in a hospital in the North, where I learn he has gone. I am informed that he expects to return to the State within a week's time, but in order not to delay the committee he called Mr. Butler and W. B. Wilson to meet him in Charlotte that he might give them his views as to the method of procedure. I had presumed that the committee had been informed of the situation. I have stated my position clearly to both sides of the committee, as there appears to be two sides. I am sure that none of them desire to delay a matter so important to our people one moment, but the committee could not be expected to make undue haste to the neglect of its duty. I think you are unduly alarmed and trust that you will do all in your power to prevent any undue excitement to our people, as both candidates for governor have expressed a desire that this investigation be had and we wish to give the nominee a clean title so that our people may go to the polls united. They will not do so under the charges of fraud. The great thing now to be accomplished is the preservation of our white man's primary and I am sure this is the feeling of every member of the executive committee. You may rest assured that this committee is incapable of counting out anybody and they feel the gravity of the situation as much as you do. Do not get excited and lose confidence in men who have been selected to direct the affairs of the party until you have direct evidence of wrong doing. If the subcommittee does not report within a reasonable time I shall take the necessary steps to preserve the rights of all parties concerned. With best regards, Truly yours, "John Gary Evans."

**EXPERIMENTAL FREE DELIVERY**

Second and Third Class Postoffices to be Benefitted.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Postmaster General Hitchcock is preparing to establish a limited free delivery service at postoffices of the second and third class. The experiments will effect deliveries to nearly 30,000,000 people now obliged to call at the local postoffice for their mail. An appropriation of \$100,000 was made by Congress for experimental free delivery in small communities, the amount to be expended at any one office not to exceed \$1,800 a year. Delivery carrier is confined now to cities having a population of 10,000 or more, or annual postal receipts of at least \$10,000.

**TO INSURE FULL RETURNS.**

Uncle Sam Wants all Corporation Taxes He Can Get.

Washington, Sept. 16.—To insure the Federal Government receiving its just income from the corporation tax law this year, Royal E. Cabell, commissioner of internal revenue, left Washington today on a trip from coast to coast for conferences with collectors of Federal revenue. The commissioner will consider improvements in methods. He is accompanied by Luther M. Speer, chief of the corporation tax division.

**"JOSH" BIT HIS TONGUE.**

Anderson, Sept. 17.—Hon. J. W. Ashley was in the city yesterday. When asked about his recent stroke of paralysis, Mr. Ashley said: "That was all a mistake about me having a stroke of paralysis. I'll tell you how it was: One night I got to dreaming, and dreamed I was in a fight. I reached around to bite the other fellow and made a grab for him, with my teeth, and then I woke up and found I had bitten my tongue."

**Two Big Buildings.**

Columbia, Sept. 18.—The skyscraper race has started in Columbia. The excavations for the fourteen and twelve-story buildings to be erected at the corner of Main and Streets and Washington and Main streets have been completed and all preparations are being made for the steel frame work. The buildings will cost several hundred thousand dollars.

**HAYWOOD ASKS FOR TRIAL.**

Through Counsel, He Says He Wishes to Face Court After Etter-Giovanitti Case Ends.

Lawrence, Mass, Sept. 17.—Counsel for William D. Haywood, general organizer of the Industrial Workers of the World, said today Haywood desired to be tried right away after Joseph J. Etter and Aturo Giovannitti, accused of complicity in the death of Anna Leopizzo. Haywood is charged with conspiring to prevent textile operatives from working during last winter's strike.

Haywood, under bond, left Lawrence today.

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.**

What Has Been Accomplished at Recent Meeting.

Columbia, Sept. 16.—State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen Saturday afternoon announced the results of the meeting of the State board of education, which was held Friday afternoon and Friday night in the office of the Governor. The two new members of the board, Superintendent D. T. Kinard, of Dillon, and Superintendent Lueco Gunter, of Rock Hill, were present and all of the members were in attendance except Prof. Daniel, of Clemson College. The announcement of the results of the meeting as given out by Superintendent Swearingen, the secretary of the board, show many matters of importance transacted.

The State board of education met in the Governor's office at 5 p. m. yesterday. All the members were present except Prof. Daniel, who was detained at Clemson.

"Superintendent D. T. Kinard, of Dillon, representing the 8th Congressional district, and Superintendent Lueco Gunter, of Rock Hill, representing the 5th Congressional district, the two new members of the board, were in attendance.

"The committee to examine the curriculum, standing, faculty, and equipment, of Coker College recommended that this institution be placed on the list of accredited schools whose graduates are entitled to teachers' certificates upon the presentation of their diplomas. In their visit to Hartsville, the committee found Coker College to be in admirable condition and doing excellent work. The report was unanimously adopted and this institution now takes rank with the accredited schools of higher learning for girls.

"No other change in the list of accredited schools was made at this time, but the board will announce a revised list both of white and of negro colleges in 1913. All accredited institutions will be expected to require a full and accurate knowledge of Bueher's grammar from all applicants. The president of each institution will be asked to furnish a complete list of new students showing the school each applicant attended and the grade completed in this school.

"The new reading circle course for teachers was adopted, and will be ready for distribution in a few weeks.

"The date of the next regular teachers' examination was set for Friday, October 4. The board hopes to avoid the necessity of ordering an extra teachers' examination in January, as was done last year. All teachers without certificates, and all prospective teachers were requested to confer with the several county superintendents in order to inform themselves fully respecting the date and scope of this examination.

"The State supervisor of elementary rural schools reported the appointment of Peabody supervisors of normal methods in Dorchester, Marlboro, Laurens, Aiken, Calhoun, Colleton, Oconee and probably in two other counties. The Southern education board, through the South Carolina educational committee, has contributed the salary of this supervisor in Lexington county. The pioneer work of this kind was begun in York County in 1910, and is now maintained by the State through the agency of Winthrop college. The county superintendent and the county supervisor of Dorchester have signaled their year's work by securing a local school tax of 8 mills or less in every district of the county. This achievement makes Dorchester the banner county of the State in special taxation for schools, although a dozen others collect more school revenues from this source than from the constitutional tax of 3 mills.

"The report of the high school inspector showed gratifying progress in the field. Some important amendments to the high school regulations were adopted, and will be sent at once to high school principals and trustees."

Professor Arthur Holmes, psychologist of the University of Pennsylvania, says: "Long flaring ears are one of the indications of mental deficiency." There are exceptions. The Democratic animal has ears like that but he is long headed and sure-footed. —Wilmington Star.

**NEW RULING BY COURT.**

Decision Given That an Insulting Proposition Does Not Constitute Crime of Criminal Assault.

Columbia, Sept. 15.—The Supreme Court has held in a decision that an insulting proposition does not constitute the crime of criminal assault. This conclusion has been reached in the case of the State against John Henry Sanders, who was convicted in Hampton county upon an indictment charging him with criminal assault. The opinion is by Associate Justice Woods. A dissenting opinion was filed by Associate Justice Fraser which was concurred in by Chief Justice Gary. The verdict of the Hampton county was reversed.

"If A. goes to the house of B." says the supreme court, "with the intention to beat him and on arrival expresses that intention to B. but makes no effort to execute his purpose, but on the contrary runs away when B. makes a hostile demonstration, it would not be contended for a moment that A. was guilty of an assault. So in this case, whatever may have been the purpose of the defendant, he made no effort to carry it out, but took to his heels at the prospect of resistance. To hold that the acts of the accused in this case constituted an assault with intent to ravish would be to give a new meaning to the crime of assault and thus, by judicial legislation, create a new crime—and that too when the punishment may be death. If there be need for such a change in the law, it is the concern of the general assembly."

**CASE NOT SETTLED.**

Nolan's Fate Lies With Assistant Secretary Wilson.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Harry E. Nolan, recently appointed secretary of the American legation at Panama, is now in Washington to answer to a notice from the State department to appear and receive a course of instruction in diplomatic duties before departing for his post.

Whether the difficulty in which young Nolan became involved in New York in connection with the Scotch girl, Marion McVicker, will affect his entry into the diplomatic service will depend upon the decision of Acting Secretary Huntington Wilson, who is expected to give his attention to the matter immediately upon his return to Washington from New York.

**PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE.**

Turco-Italian Negotiations Proceeding Favorably.

Ouchy, Switzerland, Sept. 18.—Pietro Bertolini, former minister of public works and one of the delegates representing Italy at the Turco-Italian peace negotiations in Switzerland, described briefly today possibility of a settlement satisfactory to both Italy and Turkey being reached. "The negotiations," said Signor Bertolini, "are proceeding favorably, and I hope they soon will be successfully ended. I can not, however, discuss the proposed terms. The Italian delegates have full power to conclude peace here in Switzerland. The long delay in the negotiations has been the result of having in the earlier stages to refer the more important questions to headquarters."

Signor Bertolini, who has been in Rome laying before the premier and foreign minister the latest phases of the negotiations, rejoined his fellow delegates here today. He declared the alleged basis of peace as published in the Paris Temps was a mere fantasy. He declined, nevertheless, to specify wherein it was faulty.

The question of sovereignty over Tripoli and Cyrenecia seems to be the chief stumbling block.

**TO LEARN OF COUNTY FAIR.**

Sub-Committee of Chamber of Commerce Visits Orangeburg

A sub-committee of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to look into the feasibility of holding a county fair here went to Orangeburg Wednesday evening to investigate the workings of the county fair at that place and to obtain information which will be of use in case it is determined to have a county fair in Sumter county.

The committee consisted of Messrs. W. B. Boyle, J. M. Brogdon and Secretary A. V. Snell. These gentlemen after making their observations in Orangeburg and obtaining what information they can, will report to a full committee meeting here which will determine to hold or not to hold a county fair.

A man in New York who stood on a street corner and distributed his savings of \$500 to an eager mob was arrested on suspicion of suffering from mental weakness. That he is nutty will admit of no successful contradiction. —Charleston Post.

The woman in the case is always the principal figure. —Wilmington Star.

**MACVEAH HAVING TROUBLE.**

Finds it Difficult to Decide What Articles Come Within Panama Free List Provisions.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Secretary MacVeagh is wrestling with the question of whether to admit free of duty food for use on board American ships under the amendment to the Panama canal act abolishing duty on all ship building material and equipment imported into the United States.

Is food equipment that is what bothers the treasury department. There are other articles in doubt and Secretary MacVeagh is drafting regulations which will define the scope of the free list in this connection.

It is conceded by treasury officials that all furniture for ships and even the American flag to be flown by them are entitled to free entry under the new law.

**A Practical Way to Check Extravagance.**

Government expenses will not be materially reduced until there is a check on appropriations. Congress holds the money bag. The President cannot disburse a dollar without its authority. Though the Senate usually manages to pile on a few millions, money bills must originate in the House, and it is to the lower branch of Congress we must look for reform.

Governor Wilson favors a business-like system to replace present chaotic conditions. Twenty-five years ago he urged the adoption of the budget plan. The necessity is much more urgent today.

Appropriations are made in a haphazard way. The Committee on Appropriations has lost its supreme authority over expenditures. Army, Navy, River and Harbor, Agriculture and other committees each makes up in its own way the budget for that particular branch. A struggle follows, in which each committee gets all it can. Especially in regard to rivers and harbors and public buildings is legislation affected by local interests—the result of numerous deals and dickering. "Log-rolling" has led to the waste of many millions on waterways that carry no commerce, as Senator Burton pointed out. Distribution of public buildings as favors has become a scandal.

The Democrats propose to lay away with all this by making up a clear statement of the absolute needs of the Government, estimating the probable receipts and not allowing appropriations outside this budget except for emergencies. The idea is, first, to compel the Government to live within its income; second, to consider the needs of all branches of the service, not favoring one at the expense of another; third, to cut down expenses and relieve the taxpayers of part of the heavy burden they bear.

Perhaps this sensible plan was not adopted thirty years ago because it was too businesslike to suit the politicians whose favorite cry was: "Hurrah for the old flag and big appropriations!" —Baltimore Sun.

**The First Kiss.**

"It is related that a pretty girl, who does newspaper work, wrote this: "The greatest surprise to a girl who gets kissed for the first time is that there is no taste to it." How she found that out is not related, and it may be in bad form to inquire. However, an old bachelor who has read her unsupported statement, roars back in this fashion:

"No taste to it? By the great hen feather in Cupid's dart, that girl must be color blind in the palate! They tell us, those who have tried it—we have not—that it tastes like double distilled essence of honey spread on pumpkin pie. Away back in the dim and joyful years long ago, before we lost our teeth and our pinch on the beautiful prize, the prettiest girl in all the world told us that it felt like a covery of frightened quail flying out of each ear and ended up with a sensation similar to that which might be produced by a flock of angles pouring a golden stream of molasses down one's back."

"No taste to a first kiss? Great Scott! It would make a wooden Indian's hair curl."

And they faint would tell us also that the taste thereof is like unto the strained quintessence of the divinest nectar that was ever served up by the youthful Hebe for the delectation of the immortals on old Olympus' brow, combining the fresh, dewy sweetness of the new-blown rose, and half opened lily, the modest violet, the blushing peach, etc and so on ad-infinitum. We refer the above description to our married brethren for approval and correction and suggest to our friends who have not forsaken the ranks of celibacy, that if the above sensations are in any respect true, then the experiment might be well worth the trying. —Greensboro, N. C., Daily News.

The beautiful stained glass windows of Temple Sinai have arrived and are being placed in position.

Love's young dream is all right in its place—but it's only a dream

**JUDGE'S RULING SUSTAINED.**

Refusal to Pay Whiskey Detective Appointed by Governor Has Been Sustained.

Columbia, Sept. 18.—The Supreme Court in a decision yesterday by Associate Justice Woods affirmed the verdict of the Edgefield county court in the case of Matthew Banks, detective, against W. G. Wells, county supervisor; J. O. Herin and N. L. Broadwater, of the county commissioners, and James T. Mims, treasurer of Edgefield county.

Banks was appointed by the governor several months ago as a whiskey detective to work in Edgefield county. His claim for salary was refused and Judge DeVore signed an order requiring the above-named officials to appear and show cause why they should not be made to pay the salary. Upon the return of the officer Judge DeVore dissolved his previous order and turned down the petition of Banks. An appeal was taken to the Supreme Court and Judge DeVore was sustained.

**TO BE BIGGEST FLEET.**

Taft to Review Largest Collection of Warships Ever in United States Water.

Washington, Sept. 17.—Admiral Andrews, acting secretary of the navy, today made public the revised list of the vessels which will comprise the great fleet to be reviewed by President Taft October 15 in New York harbor. This will be by far the largest naval force ever gathered in American waters, not only in numbers but in point of size.

The 127 ships in the reviewing line will have a total tonnage of 741,590. There will be 32 battleships, aggregating 491,508 tons; four armored cruisers, 58,000 tons; four protected cruisers, 156,663 tons; 21 special type ships, 61,993 tons; six naval militia vessels, 4,581 tons; eight fuel ships, 88,355 tons; 26 destroyers, 18,431 tons; 16 torpedo boats, 3,029 tons, and ten submarines, the latter having no rated displacement.

**What Tariff Revision Means.**

Augusta Chronicle.

It has been carefully and accurately estimated that a just revision of the tariff downward would save the consumers in this country not less than \$2,000,000,000 the year, which would be more than \$22 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Commenting on this Col. J. C. Hemphill says: "It is one of the monstrous results of the present tariff that it cuts the people both ways—a 'a comin' an a gwine,' as they say in Georgia—the trusts, which have been built up by the tariff for the protection of American industry, sticking the domestic consumers for all the business will stand and selling their 'surplus products' to foreign customers at lower prices than their regular output is sold for in our own beautiful home market." It has been said that American-made goods can be bought in foreign markets, re-shipped to the United States, paying freight both ways, and delivered to buyers here for less than the same goods can be purchased at home in the first instance. It is claimed by the System that this can be done because only the surplus is disposed of in foreign markets, which claim was somewhat disfigured by Governor Marshall when he offered the suggestion that the direct product be marketed abroad and the surplus be kept at home. Of course, it will be protested by the beneficiaries of the present method of handling the surplus that this is trifling with a very sacred subject, but this is the plan many of the plain people of the fields have followed for years in disposing of their crops. It often happens, as a cloud of witnesses would testify, that the family has to get along with 'the leavings,' which is only another name for 'surplus,' while the main crops are sold to outside buyers."

**Senator Tillman.**

Honest Ben Tillman came out in the South Carolina primaries with a tremendous majority. The heat of the gubernatorial race was not enough to make the people of South Carolina forget their obligation to fighting Ben, and while his physical condition is such that he will probably never again be able to use his pitchfork with the old-time dynamic force, still his fellow citizens want him to die at his post. —Charlotte News.

Senator Tillman has made the State a valuable senator and he is highly esteemed as a senator throughout the country. —Columbia Record.

A Chicago girl, suing a fellow for failure to marry her according to agreement, has asked a court for damages. She demands \$450 for 30 visits, which is \$5 a visit, but that is only her estimate of what it is worth to bank in her presence. There are real spruce and vain girls who wouldn't think of charging less than \$1,000 a visit. —Wilmington Star.

**SHIP ARKANSAS IN COMMISSION.**

Another Great Battleship Placed in Service of the Government at Philadelphia Yard.

Philadelphia, Sept. 17.—Another great warship was put into the service of the government at the Philadelphia navy yard here today when the battleship Arkansas was placed in commission with the usual simple ceremony.

The officers and men assigned to the ship were drawn up on deck while the order of the navy department placing Capt. R. C. Smith in command were read.

**TRAIN ROBBERS STILL FREE.**

Two Men Who Held up Memphis Special at Large—Postal Inspectors Busy.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 17.—The two white men who early this morning held up and robbed the Memphis Special on the Southern railway near Stevenson, Ala., still are at large tonight. It is understood postal inspectors from Memphis and Chattanooga will meet in this city tomorrow to take action toward the apprehension of the robbers. They have a complete description of the men and it is expected they will be in custody within the next 24 hours.

It is stated tonight that the robbers secured less than \$100 from the registered mail, and overlooked the fact that the four clerks whom they left tied on the floor had in their pockets over \$400.

**SNEED KILLS AL BOYCE, JR.**

Terrible Aftermath in Famous Fort Worth Murder Case.

Al Boyce, Jr., the young cattle man whose elopement last October from Fort Worth with the wife of John Beal was shot to death last week. A few moments later, Sneed, clad in overalls, and hardly recognizable because of a hairy growth of beard, surrendered at the coroner's jury, and was formally charged with the killing. Preliminary examination was waived by the banker, and he was ordered held to await the action Sneed, Amarillo banker, was followed by the detention of the couple in Canada, the return of the woman to Fort Worth and later the killing of the young man's father by Sneed, of the grand jury, which will convene in regular session Monday.

Boyce, who recently returned from Canada, was walking along one of the principal streets of Amarillo, when Sneed advanced to the middle of the street and opened fire with an automatic shotgun, firing three charges. Boyce fell in the doorway of a church and died in a few minutes from the effects of thirty buckshot, which struck him in the right side. Boyce's aged mother and his two brothers were on the scene in a few minutes.

In the meantime Sneed voluntarily made his way to prison and submitted to arrest. Besides the weapon with which Boyce was killed, Sneed was armed with two revolvers. He announced to the newspaper men that he had no statement to make.

The disappearance of Mrs. Sneed from a Fort Worth sanitarium last fall was later followed by her detention with Boyce in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Mutual friends brought about a reconciliation between the banker and his wife, and Boyce was released from custody after the couple had returned to Fort Worth.

Boyce, Sr. was shot and killed in a lobby of a Fort Worth hotel on January 13 last, because of remarks he is alleged to have made derogatory to Mrs. Sneed. Sneed was tried for the killing, but the jury was unable to agree, and pending a second trial, which is set for November 12, he was released under bond.

**MANNING SCHOOLS OPEN.**

Exactly Same First Day Enrollment as Last Year.

Manning, Sept. 17.—The Manning graded and high school opened auspiciously yesterday morning. The new superintendent, Prof. Ralph L. Newton, seemed to take hold very happily and all the faculty were present and in good spirits. There was a good attendance of patrons and friends at the opening exercises besides a good quota of pupils. The exercises were opened with the reading of a scripture lesson and invocation by the Rev. F. H. Shuler, after which there were impromptu addresses appropriate to the occasion by the Rev. A. R. Woodson, the Rev. F. H. Shuler, Capt. D. J. Bradham, E. J. Brown, county superintendent of education, and the new superintendent, Prof. Newton. The enrollment was 310, exactly the number that enrolled on the first day last year.

The ice man has had his own way during the past several months, but now the coal and wood man is getting ready to take up the householder's attention and to put a quietus on the ice man.