[illegible] conference, went into effect [illegible] morning on all railroads operating in South Carolina. The [illegible] charged on interstate traffic [illegible] increased 25 per cent. by the order of the interstate commerce commission in the southern zone, of which South Carolina is a portion. This imposes a blanket increase of 25 per cent. on the former charges on all class and commodity freight at long as both the point of origin and the destination are within the southern territory.

Columbia, August 25—Appeal has been sent from headquarters of the dollar democracy campaign urging every Democrat in South Carolina to contribute as much as $1 on August 31, the date of the first primary election. It is expected that many thousands of dollars will be contributed by loyal members of the party on that date.

The county chairmen of the dollar democracy campaign have been requested to have contribution boxes placed at all polling places. The workers are requested to have some [illegible] and make appeal to every voter to give as much as $1.

Clemson College, August 25—Clemson College will [illegible] unit basis for entrance requirements without conditions at the opening of the session of 1920-21. Students who have 12 units may enter conditionally, which means that they will be required to carry the regular freshman work, and will be given a chance to remove the conditions or entrance units during the college year. Students who failing to do so will not be permitted.

Charleston, Aug. 26.—The petition [illegible] order an election looking to the establishment of commission form of government [illegible] the abolishment of the aldermanic form with [illegible] from each ward, was presented yesterday to Mayor [illegible] on the forms they the petitioners did not contain a sufficient number of signers. Sonds [illegible] R. F. Ramsey filed the petition with the mayor and the mayor [illegible] to grant the petition [illegible] to Captain Ryan. The petition contained 117 names.

Aiken, Aug. 26.—The cotton dust demonstration being conducted under the auspices of the South Carolina Cotton association and Clemson [illegible] are creating a great deal of interest. The demonstration at Aiken, which began at 11 o'clock this morning, was attended by a large number of farmers and business men and the [illegible] have been much [illegible] business [illegible] to attend [illegible] demonstration [illegible] on the farm of Henry [illegible] a mile from town. Great [illegible] were shown by those present [illegible] investigating the various machines. The meeting was held in the cotton field and notwithstanding a drizzling rain the audience held together and plied the speakers with innumerable questions. It is evident that Aiken is thoroughly aroused by the cotton situation and the gathering today showed that the farmers and business men are serious in doing everything possible to meet the situation.

Columbia, Aug. 25.—The Columbia corps of Salvation Army has bought the home and lot at 2101 Lady street and will use it as its permanent headquarters. The deal for the building was closed yesterday, the purchase price being $10,000. The place was bought through the McCrory-Proseley company and $10,000 of the purchase price was paid in cash. The remaining $10,000 will be paid in the future.

Spartanburg, Aug. 25.—Fire broke out in the second story of the John Olin hospital for negroes early today. There were 14 patients in the hospital at the time, all of whom were removed safely. Hospital authorities state an attempt was made Sunday night to set fire to the institution and that a letter of threat was received several days ago. Firemen put the fire out in a short time and the damage was confined to the second floor.

Charleston, Aug. 25.—The first bale of cotton sent here this season is on its way from Bamberg, according to a telegram received today from A. Rice by F. W. Wagener & Co. The wire instructed an immediate sale of the staple by auction. No details were given as to the weight or grade of the bale. Lively bidding for its possession will be indulged in.

Charleston, Aug. 28.—Offered at auction at the cotton exchange yesterday morning, the season's first bale of cotton brought a high bid of twenty-eight cents a pound, which was refused. F. W. Wagener & Co., who received the bale from A. Rice, of Bamberg, took the bale on account at thirty cents. It weighed 460 pounds and was classed as middling.

Mr. Alfred Howell, bookkeeper of the Carolina Coca Cola Bottling Co., who was suddenly stricken with paralysis several weeks ago and was taken to his home in Atlanta, has so far recovered that he returned last week and was given a hearty welcome back by his many friends of Bishopville. He is not able to resume his place with the company, but will spend his time alternately at the homes of his daughters, Mrs. A. T. Heath of Sumter and Mrs. J. C. Mason of Bishopville.—Leader and Vindicator.

Greenville, Aug. 27—Protesting against the proposed reclassification of freight rates by Southern railroads, the Greenville chamber of commerce, through its board of directors, has gone on record as being strongly opposed to the suggested changes. It was pointed out that in view of the advanced freight rates the proposed changes in classifications would result in increases on some commodities of as much as 100 per cent, or more. Appeals have been made to the executives of each of the lines serving this territory to take steps to prevent consideration of a reclassification until the new rates have had a fair trial.

Charleston, Aug. 28.—Since undertaking the rat survey which is being made of Charleston 4,200 rodents have been taken to the laboratory. Of this number 2,700 were rats and the others mice, according to Dr. C. V. Akin, assistant state health officer, who is supervising the survey. The rats examined so far have shown no indications of having become infected with the bubonic plague.

Columbia, Aug. 27—State highway officials have begun in earnest to put the Columbia-Newberry road in condition for travel and if the necessary cooperation is forthcoming it is believed this highway can be made one of the best in the state. Much criticism has been voiced against the road lately and many travelers have stuck in the mud on the stretch between the Richland county line and Little Mountain in Newberry county.

Charleston, Aug. 27—The final business session of the South Carolina association for the deaf was held this afternoon at the chamber of commerce, and balance of the evening and all of tomorrow will be devoted to entertainment features. A trip to the navy yard, a picnic and reception at the residence of a local member of the association were among the pleasure events announced. George Warren, candidate for the United States senate, delivered an impromptu address this afternoon, in sign language to a number of the delegates at their hotel.

Columbia, August 29—The condition of the cotton crop on August 25, was 61 per cent, according to the crop report of the American Cotton association issued yesterday. It is declared by officials of the association however, that there has been a deterioration in the crop since August 25. Acreage abandonment is given as 4.4 per cent. The crop is declared to be small, poorly fruited and subject to marked deterioration in September.

"The condition of cotton to the close of August 25," says the report, "was 67 per cent. A supplementary investigation, however, shows a startling deterioration and were this report to be issued up to the close of the month of August instead of to the 25th of the month it would show an additional deterioration in records in any similar period."

Manning, August 29—Work on the local hotel is going ahead rapidly and it is expected that the building will be completed early in November. When completed the building will compare favorably with any in the state. There will be 26 bed rooms, each equipped with electric lights, telephone, and steam heat. There will also be a number of rooms with private baths. The spacious dining room will be on the first floor. There will be a large sample room in connection with the hotel. The construction is being handled by the Jackson Construction company of Columbia, J. C. Wallace being in charge.

Columbia, August 29—Monument dealers in the two Carolinas will meet at the Jefferson hotel this morning at 10 o'clock for the purpose of forming a bi-state association of all representatives in this line in South and North Carolina. A preliminary meeting was held at Greensboro some weeks ago and tentative plans drawn up for the forming of the association.

Prices for marble and other material used in the manufacture of monuments have advanced so much lately the dealers will enter into a discussion of this phase of the game today. The ever increasing prices must be fought, the dealers say, and something will be done today to help the individual dealer beat the advancing wave.

Spartanburg, August 29.—A statewide campaign of Sunday school evangelism is to be launched by Dr. Wm. A. Brown of Chicago in a series of conventions and conferences which are to be held in various sections of the state from September 1 to 8. Dr. Brown is director of Sunday school evangelism for the International Sunday School association and is considered one of the most inspiring speakers on the American platform. The evangelism committee of the South Carolina Sunday School association under whose auspices these meetings are to be held is expecting that many Sunday school workers from all denominations will avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing Dr. Brown.

Columbia, Aug. 29.—P. F. Henderson, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, expects a great gain in membership following the action of the supreme lodge in changing the age limit from 21 to 18 years of age. The youth of the Palmetto state will give the order an impetus and a record breaking year is anticipated. Suitable rewards will be given to lodges and Pythians that take the lead in increasing the membership roll.

Dillon, Aug. 29.—The last lap of the Dillon county campaign was covered yesterday when the candidates spoke in Dillon. The campaign has been conducted on a high plane for all the county offices except that of sheriff, which alone has been rather bitter. The present incumbent, S. V. Lane, is being strenuously opposed by Steve Proctor, C. S. Bethea, Don Martin and Ben Edwards.

Anderson, August 29—Thieves ransacked the home of Miss Mary Wilhite, who has been away for several months in New York and Chicago. Miss Wilhite's brother, Dr. J. O. Wilhite, decided to go around to see if everything was all right and found that thieves had entered through a back window and the entire house had been gone through. Things were flung all over the rooms, bureau drawers were opened and contents scattered and a pile of the old family silver in the middle of the floor of one of the rooms. Dr. Wilhite was unable to say what was missing, as he did not know just what his sister had left in the house. This home is situated on one of the main streets of the city and in a few blocks of the business district. It was supposed that the thieves were looking only for money.

Columbia, Aug. 30—An unusually heavy vote especially for a year when there is so little iterest in politics, is expected to be cast in the primary, according to officers of the state Democratic executive committee. The enrollment was heavier than two years ago, 152,035. Keene t interest, so far as state politics are concerned, lies in the race for the United States Senate. Many political observers predict that Senator Smith will be re-elected on the first ballot. Others predict a second race between him and Warren. Still others predict Warren's success.

Columbia, August 29—To increase the average loading of cars to 30 tons per car is the second aim of the railroads in their program to increase the transportation and relieve the coal shortage, according a bulletin received yesterday by Columbia freight officials. The first effort made under this program was to attain an average daily minimum movement of freight cars of not less than 30 miles per day.

Alas, Too True!

An egg expands when it is frozen and breaks its shell. Apples contract so much that a full barrel will shrink until the top layer is a good deal below the brim. When the frost is drawn out the apples assume their normal size and fill the barrel again.

The Desert's Silence.

No quality of nature is more absolutely fulfilled than the desert's silence. Even the sea, with all her mystery, fails to keep her secrets as the sifting, sifting sands. And with the cool of the desert nights the heavens are uncovered as nowhere else. The wonderful desert night, when the hot sands turn cool and the heavens are revealed in their perfect glory and rest, the perfect rest of that eternal quiet which succors the soul.—R. S. Carroll.

Expensive and Unnecessary.

The fact that of all the buttons that have been given out to be testimony to the wearers' participation in the performance of public duty few are worn should be admonition to put the time consumed in the making of such buttons, and the money spent to pay for them, to better use.—Albany Journal.

None Foredoomed to Failure.

Hold up your head! You were not made for failure, you were made for victory. Go forward with a joyful confidence in that respect sooner or later, and sooner or later depends on yourself.—George Eliot.

Queer Epitaphs.

Queer epitaphs are frequently fakes; but the following really appears in a Salop churchyard: "Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Barklamb, passed to eternity on Saturday, 21st of May, 1797, in the seventy-first year of her age. Richard Barklamb, the Antespouse Uxorious, was interred here, 26th Jan., 1806, in his eighty-fourth year." What an antespouse uxorious may be is not explained.—Cardiff Western Mail.

Spins Glass Thread.

A method has been perfected for spinning glass into practically endless thread which can be wound on spools like ordinary thread and used for many purposes.

Had Origin in America.

There has been much controversy over the song, "The Red, White and Blue," but the logical conclusion is that the English adapted their words from the American song, which was written by Thomas A. Becket, an Englishman, after he had made America his home. Before this song was written, in 1830, no similar version was known in England.

Baseball's Beginning.

Abner Doubleday of Cooperstown, N. Y., in 1839, was the first to prepare a diagram of the baseball diamond. The Knickerbocker club, founded in New York city in 1845, is said to have been the first baseball organization.

Nemesis.

Nemesis was a goddess of justice and retribution. In Greek mythology Nemesis was a goddess personifying allotment, of the divine distribution to every man of the precise share of fortune, good and bad.

Boers Long Opposed Railways.

For a long time the Boers refused to sanction the construction of railways in the Transvaal on the ground that nowhere were such contrivances mentioned in the Bible.

Where They Err.

Men err not so much in prompt action as in hasty judgment.—Louis Napoleon.

Largest Pineapple Canneries.

The largest pineapple canneries in the world are located in Honolulu.

Legal Aid Bureaus

A Municipal Department is Needed to Help the Weak, Ignorant and Poor

St. Louis, Aug. 27.—There is a demand in all the great cities of the United States for the establishment of municipal legal aid bureaus, Ernest L. Tustin, of Philapdelphia, toold the America Bar Association at its annual convention here today. Mr. Tustin is director of public works in Philadelphia. He said the purpose of such a bureau or department would be to enable the poor to obtain justice and the foreigner to be relieved from imposition, to establish a place where where the weak, helpless and ignorant would have their wrongs righted.

"The development if a viriel legal aid association within our great municipalities is a question of vital concern to every patriotic citizen", declared Mr. Tusttin "The need has become imperative and its creation and careful development should be undertaken by all of our large cities.

"In the past our best authorities have agreed that social injustice is responsible for the creation of more radical enemies to our givernment than any other cause.

"The mayor of one of our largest cities, who has had great experience, has stated within a few weeks that trifling misunderstandings concerning municipal and social injustice is responsible for 90 per cent. of the extreme radicalism in the country.

"Immgration in the future will come largely from Eastern European countries and the opportunity for imposition and unlawful practices will be much increased.

"Despite the excellent arguments advanced we believe that legal aid should be made a municipal function, rather than connected with the administration of our courts. The tendency in many comunities to impose extra judicial duties upon our judges has not only resulted in a distinct lowering of the judicial dignity, but also in many cases has interfered with the ability of our judges to render prompt, correct and impartial decisions upon legal questions.

"The duty of the municipality, on the other hand, to conduct a legal aid bureau is just as much a civic duty as cleaning streets and providing water. A bureau to investigate and defend impositions upon the poor and the ignorant and to furnish a proper and rational defense for men, women and children without means is just as much an obligation as to fill the office of District Attorney for the prosecution of crimes, or to provide a city solicitor to enforce health mandates and building restrictions."

Owing to the large number of first offenders in crime, Mr. Tustin said, "there is a great eed of a public defender in all our large municipalities." He foresaw, however, that it would be many years before this office would be generally adopted and said that until this was done, duties of the office should be performed by a municipal aid bureau.

Local Bar Associations should take on the bureau of cultivating public sentiment so as to prevent the legal aid bureaus from becoming tainted with political partisanship and should appoint a committee to advise and cooperate with the legal aid bureaus. Such a bureau, he said, had been authorized in Philadelphia.

Search For Negro

Insults White Girls and Shoots Man

Danville, Aug. 26.—Halifax county citizens with bloodhounds are scouring the vicinity of Buffalo Lithia for an unidentified negro who shot and wounded James Baptist, a wealthy citizen. Baptist pursued the negro after the latter was charged with insulting some white girls.

The negro was surrounded and shot to death today after wounding another pursuer.

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Charge Cement Dealers With Profiteering

State Highway Department Wants an Investigation

Columbia, Aug. 27.—Complaint has been made by the South Carolina state highway department to the Cement Association, an organization of cement manufacturers, of profiteering in cement in South Carolina. The department charges that certain cement distributers in the state are charging exorbitant prices for the material.

Raven L. McDavid of Greenville, who represents the cement association, was in Columbia today and Chief Engineer Moorefield of the highway department took the matter up with him. Mr. McDavid stated that he understood the government was investigating this matter through the department of justice.

Highway department officials state that the high prices paid for cement are in many cases hampering the work of the department in road construction in various parts of the state. Cement cannot be had in sufficient quantities, except at prices too high for highway boards to pay, state these officials. In some cases, it is stated, profit is made on the cement far above that authorized by the cement association.

It is likely that the state highway department will handle the matter further with the department of justice.

Charges British Money

Chicago, Aug. 24—Charges that $87,500 appropriated by the British Parliament for entertainment purposes at the British embassy in Washington had "found its way into the Democratic national committee" were made today by Congressman Bitten, of Illinois, in a signed statement. Proof of this assertion will be brought before the Senate campaign investigating committee when it reconvenes next Monday, he said.

"Evidenc will be introduced at the pending investigation to show that the British Parliamend recently appropriated $67,500 in favor of the British ambassador at Washington for entertainment purposs, and that this fund already has found its way into the Democratic national comittee, where it, no doubt, will be followed by ten times that amount should it be made evident that the disciple of Wilson can win with money," the statement read in part.

New Cotton Sold

The first bale of new cotton was sold Thursday by W.P.Briggs of Silver S. C. to O'Donnell Co. Weight 473 pounds. Price 30 cents.

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