

...the week. If a...  
...other six days in other directions, how long before the steamer will get to Southampton? It will never get there.  
And though a man may seem to be voyaging heavenward during the holy Sabbath day, if during the following six days of the week he is going toward the world, and toward the flesh, and toward the devil, he will never ride up into the peaceful harbor of heaven. You cannot eat so much at the Sabbath banquet that you can afford religious abstinence the other six days. Heroism and princely behavior on great occasions are no apology for lack of right demeanor in circumstances insignificant and inconspicuous. The genuine Christian life is not spasmodic; does not go by fits and starts. It toils on through heat and cold up steep mountains and a long dangerous deliv-eries, its eye on the everlasting hills crowned with the castles of the blessed.  
In the first place, we want to bring the religion of Christ into our conversation. When a dam breaks, and two or three villages are overwhelmed, or an earthquake in South America swallows a whole city, then people begin to talk about the uncertainty of life, and they imagine that they are engaged in positively religious conversation. No. You may talk about these things and have no trace of God at all in your heart. We ought every day to be talking religion. There is nothing glad about it, anything beautiful about it, anything important about it, we ought to be continually discussing it. I have noticed that just in proportion as their Christian experience is shallow, talk about trials and graveyards and tombstones and heathens. The real, genuine Christian talks chiefly about this life and about eternity beyond, and not so much about the insignificant pass between these two residences. And yet circles there are where the religion of Christ is welcome.  
The religion of Christ and heaven and immediately silenced. As when the forests are and chirr and carol and an orchestra—if a every voice stores still; just so I have anything like religious some old patriarch room, who really ought to be said ces, so he puts one and leaves a long Oh, yes; that's so  
...the religion of Jesus something to talk about with a  
It is brighter than the sun-ore cheerful than the sun-ot so around groaning a out when you ought to be sing-ing it in cheerful tones. It often is that we find men who are utterly inconsistent, who talk religion, and always of it! My friends, we on, or we cannot talk it, nky and cross and uncon- in his dealings, and then about Christ and heaven, pelled by it.  
I heard such men say, "We are miserable sin-ors bless you." "The on you," their conver- with such expressions, hing but canting, and ist form of hypocrisy. I felt the religion of us, let us talk it, and ated contenance, re- when two Christian special attention they say. Mal- that feared the to another; and d heard it, and a was written."  
...must bring the or employments. is very well if a of money, or it ratic, but in my in my troublingumble work in the sphere is too ch grand, heav- told you? Do God watches the urance as cer- of a blazing creep in the much impres- as the waving Lebanon cedar; under the cow's God's ear as the flagration. When do in life, however to be, God is al- to do it.  
...churches should be first turn of the chief ly. I tell great sticklers for they say: "You and surprise and ch like an angel, here and attend things. Don't a in the same your matters rs." They do very cheat they

...God on a great scale, would do it, but we can't in this every-day life."  
Do not think that any work God gives you to do in the world is on too small a scale for you to do. The whole universe is not ashamed to take care of one little flower. I say: "What are you doing down here in the grass, you poor little flower? Are you not afraid nights? You will be neglected, you will die of thirst, you will not be fed. Poor little flower!" "No," says a star, "I'll watch over it to-night." "No," says a cloud, "I'll give it drink." "No," says the sun, "I'll warm it in my bosom." Then I see the pulleys going, and the clouds are drawing water, and I say, "What are you doing there, O clouds?" And the reply, "We are giving drink to that flower."  
Then the wind rises and comes bending down the wheat and sounding its psalm through the forest, and I cry, "Whither away on such swift wing, O wind?" And it replies, "We are going to cool the cheek of that flower." And then I bow down and say, "Will God take care of the grass of the field?" And a flower at my foot responds, "Yes; he clothes the lilies of the field, and never has forgotten me, a poor little flower." Oh, when I see the great heavens bending themselves to what seems insignificant ministrations, when I find out that God does not forget any blossom of the spring or any snowflake of the winter, I come to the conclusion that we can afford to attend to the minute things in life, and that what we do we ought to do well, since there is as much perfection in the construction of a spider's eye as in the conformation of flaming galaxies.  
Plato had a fable which I have now nearly forgotten, but it ran something like this: He said spirits of the other world come back to his world to find a body and find a sphere of work. One spirit came and took the body of a king and did his work. Another spirit came and took the body of a poet and did his work. After awhile Ulysses came, and he said, "Whir, all the line bodies are taken, and all the grand work is taken. There is nothing left for me." And some one replied, "Ah! the best one has been left for you." Ulysses said, "What's that?" And the reply was, "The body of a common man, doing a common work and for a common reward." A good fable for the world and just as good a fable for the church. Whether we eat or drink, or whatsoever we do, let us do it to the glory of God.  
Again, we need to bring the religion of Christ into our commonest trials. For severe losses, for bereavement, for trouble that shocks like an earthquake and that blasts like a storm, we prescribe religious consolation; but, business man, for the small annoyances of last week, how much of the grace of God did you apply? "Oh," you say, "these trials are too small for such application!" My brother, they are shaping your character, they are scouring your temper, they are wearing out your patience and they are making you less and less of a man. I go into a sculptor's studio and see him shaping a statue. He has a chisel in one hand and a mallet in the other, and he gives a very gentle stroke—click, click, click! I say, "Why don't you strike harder?" "Oh," he replies, "that would shatter the statue. I can't do it that way. I must do it this way!"  
So he works on, and after awhile the features come out, and everybody that enters the studio is charmed and fascinated. Well, God has your soul under process of development, and it is the little annoyances and vexations of life that are chiseling out your immortal nature. It is click, click, click! I wonder why some great providence does not come, and with one stroke prepare you for heaven. Ah, go find says that is not the way. And so he keeps on by strokes of little annoyances, little sorrows, little vexations, until at last you shall be a glad spectacle for angels and for men. You know that a large fortune may be spent in small change and a vast amount of moral character may go away in small depletion. It is the little troubles of life that are having more effect upon you than great ones. A swarm of locusts will kill a grain field sooner than the incursion of three or four cattle.  
You say, "Since I lost my child, since I lost my property, I have been a different man." But you do not recognize the architecture of little annoyances that are heaving, digging, cutting, shaping, splitting and interlacing your moral qualities. Rats may sink a ship. One locust may send destruction through a block of houses. Catherine de Medicis her death from smelling a poisonous rose. Columbus, by stopping and asking for a piece of bread and a drink of water at a Franciscan convent, was led to the discovery of the New World. And there is an intimate connection between trifles and immensities, between nothings and everythings.  
Now, be careful to let none of those annoyances go through your soul unarrested. Compel them to administer to your spiritual wealth. The scratch of a sixpenny nail sometimes produces lockjaw, and the clip of a most infinitesimal annoyance may damage you forever. Do not let any annoyance or perplexity come across your soul without its making you better.  
Again, we must bring the religion of Christ into our commonest blessings. When the autumn comes and the har-

...The crown of...  
...river looks like the smoke...  
...sacrifice. Oh, that we were as respon-...  
...Yet who thanks God for the wa-...  
...that gushes up in the well, and that...  
...form in the cascade, and that laughs...  
...over the rocks, and that patters in the...  
...the showers, and that claps its hands in the...  
...sea? Who thanks God for the air, the...  
...fountain of life, the bridge of sinbeams...  
...the path of sound, the great fan on a...  
...hot summer's day? Who thanks God...  
...for this wonderful physical organiza-...  
...this sweep of the vision, this chime of...  
...harmony struck into the ear, this soft...  
...of a myriad delights over the ner-...  
...vous tissue, this rolling of the crimson...  
...tide through artery and vein, this drum-...  
...ming of the heart on our march to im-...  
...mortality? We take all these things...  
...as a matter of course.  
But suppose God should withdraw...  
...these common blessings? Your body...  
...would become an acquisition of torture...  
...the cloud would refuse rain, every...  
...thing would crumple up, and the...  
...earth would crack open under your...  
...feet. The air would cease its healthful...  
...circulation, pestilence would swoop...  
...and every house would become a place...  
...of skulls. Streams would first swim...  
...with vermin and then dry up, and thirst...  
...and hunger and anguish and despair...  
...would lift their scepters. Oh, compare...  
...such a life as that with the life you...  
...live this morning with your families...  
...about you! Is it not time that, with...  
...every word of our lips and every action...  
...of our life, we began to acknowledge...  
...these every day mercies? "Whether...  
...ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do...  
...all to the glory of God." Do I address...  
...a man or a woman this morning who...  
...has not rendered to God one singl-...  
...fering of thanks?  
I was preaching one Thanksgiving...  
...day and announced my text, "O, give...  
...thanks unto the Lord, for he is good;...  
...for his mercy endureth forever." I do...  
...not know whether there was any bless-...  
...ing on the sermon or not, but the text...  
...went straight to a young man's heart...  
...He said to himself, as I read the text...  
...for he is good—Why, I have never render-...  
...ed him any thanks. Oh, what an in-...  
...grate I have been! Can it be, my...  
...brother, that you have been fed by the...  
...good hand of God all these days—that...  
...you have had clothing and shelter and...  
...all beneficent surroundings and yet...  
...have never offered your heart to God?  
Oh, let a sense of the divine goodness...  
...shown you in the everyday blessings...  
...melt your heart, and if you have never...  
...before uttered the earnest note of...  
...thanksgiving let this be the day which...  
...shall bear your song. What I say to...  
...one I say to all of this audience. Take...  
...this practical religion I have recom-...  
...mended to you every day. Make...  
...everyday a Sabbath and every meal a...  
...sacrament and every room you enter a...  
...holy of holies. We all have work to...  
...do; let us be willing to do it. We all...  
...have sorrows to bear; let us cheerfully...  
...bear them. We all have battles to fight;...  
...let us courageously fight them.  
If you want to die right, you must...  
...live right. No indulgence and indolence...  
...will win. No everlasting scorn, while...  
...faithfulness will gather its gar-...  
...lands and wave its scepter and sit upon...  
...its throne long after this earth has put...  
...on ashes and eternal ages have begun...  
...their march. You go home today and...  
...attend to your little sphere of duties...  
...I will go home and attend to my little...  
...sphere of duties. Every one in his own...  
...place. So our every step in life shall be...  
...a triumphal march, and the humblest...  
...footstool on which we are called to sit...  
...will be a conqueror's throne.  
Why Child Poliozized.  
LONDON, Jan. 28.—The Times pub-...  
...lished the following dispatch yesterday...  
...from Santiago, Chili. The dispatch...  
...reads: The Chilean Cabinet is still dis-...  
...cussing its reply to the ultimatum from...  
...America, which, it is expected, will be...  
...as conciliatory as possible. It will...  
...probably reject any differences men-...  
...tioned in the note Egan delivered on...  
...Saturday, which the Ministers them-...  
...selves fail to settle, to the arbitration...  
...of the United States Supreme Court...  
...Nothing, however, is as yet definitely...  
...known. But for the appearance of...  
...American cruisers coming from the...  
...Atlantic this sudden recrudescence of...  
...the difficulty might be considered only...  
...as one of the many phases through...  
...which this strange crisis has been pass-...  
...ing for months, according to exigencies...  
...of American home politics. The im-...  
...pending arrival of an American squad-...  
...ron at Valparaiso, however, imports an...  
...element of danger. The British Min-...  
...ister arrived at Santiago to-day from...  
...Vina del Mar. A later telegram from...  
...Santiago says: "It is confidently at-...  
...tended that the Chilean Foreign Min-...  
...ister, in accordance with the decision...  
...arrived at by President Montt and Cab-...  
...inet, after consulting with the council...  
...of state, has replied to the American...  
...ultimatum in terms which will satisfy...  
...the President and government of the...  
...United States. In view of the disparity...  
...between the forces of the two powers it...  
...would seem that Chili had no other re-...  
...source than to make sacrifices of digni-...  
...ty necessary to satisfy a more powerful...  
...nation."  
The Sub-Treasurer.  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Mr. Living-...  
...ston of Georgia introduced a bill in the...  
...House today providing for a system of...  
...sub-treasuries for storing agricultural...  
...products. The measure is identical with...  
...the bills introduced by Senator Vance...  
...and Representative Pickler in the last...  
...Congress, except that it reduces from...  
...\$500,000 to \$300,000 the value of prod-...  
...ucts that must be raised by a county...  
...before it can be entitled to a sub-treas-...  
...ury.

...spotting the...  
...were put under arrest and...  
...brought to headquarters.  
Chief Hood was waiting for them and...  
...a most pathetic tale did he hear from...  
...the lips of the young girl, and while it...  
...was being told the man sat apparently...  
...unconcerned in a rocking chair calmly...  
...smoking a cigar.  
Miss Blaton is a very pretty girl, mo-...  
...dest, and was nicely dressed. With...  
...tears in her eyes, she told the story of...  
...her error. She said she was 16 years old...  
...and lived with her father and his family...  
...at Johnson, where she was happy and...  
...surrounded with friends. Sometime in...  
...November last she met Carpenter, who...  
...was at the time depot keeper for the...  
...North, Columbia and Augusta Road.  
She knew him to be a married man, as...  
...his wife was living in Johnston, but she...  
...thought he was divorced, as he was not...  
...living with her. The two soon became...  
...very intimate. He finally proposed to...  
...her to go with him to Georgia, where...  
...they could easily be married, and live...  
...happily together in some quiet place.  
She decided to go with him, and as she...  
...knew her parents would seriously object...  
...they had to escape secretly. This was...  
...easily done. Carpenter and his victim...  
...secured a buggy and drove to Trenton...  
...about seven miles distant. They stop-...  
...ped at the hotel in Trenton and spent...  
...the night in the same room. In the...  
...morning they took the train and came to...  
...Augusta. Then the arrest followed.  
Several times she could hardly speak...  
...and was forced to stop to keep back her...  
...sobs and tears while telling her sad...  
...story.  
She was turned over to her uncle, Mr...  
...Louis Russell, of this city, until her...  
...father came for her.  
In an interview with a reporter of the...  
...Chronicle Carpenter said he was very...  
...sorry he had gotten mixed up in such...  
...an affair, but he was entirely inno-...  
...cent. In the first place he was married...  
...but was not separated from his wife. He...  
...had lost his position in Trenton and had...  
...decided to go to Thomson, Ga., to work.  
He told the girl of his proposed trip, and...  
...as she wanted to come to Augusta to see...  
...the Carnival he was perfectly willing to...  
...bring her, leaving her in Augusta with...  
...her relatives, while he went on to Thom-...  
...son. They drove from Johnston to Thom-...  
...son, but missing the train they spent...  
...the night at Trenton. He had not prom-...  
...ised to marry her, but he was already...  
...married. He said the case looked...  
...very ugly against him, but he thought...  
...he would come out all right, as he did...  
...not think they could prove much against...  
...him, but if they did he could stand the...  
...consequences.  
A constable arrived in the city Tues-...  
...day and took Carpenter back with him...  
...on Wednesday.  
The unfortunate girl returned home...  
...on Tuesday. She told the same tale to...  
...her mother that she told in Augusta...  
...only adding that she had been ruined by...  
...Carpenter before. When asked what...  
...caused her to run away with Carpenter...  
...she replied that she was induced to do...  
...so by his "sweet chat."—Chronicle.  
A Great Oil Fire.  
ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 28.—The ex-...  
...tensive plant of Borne, Strymer & Co.,...  
...lubricating oil manufacturers, at Eliza-...  
...bethport, was almost entirely destroyed...  
...by fire to-night. An explosion of one...  
...of the stills occurred soon after the day...  
...force had left their work. The works...  
...are in the suburbs, where there is lack...  
...of a water supply, and this made the...  
...efforts to quench the flames ineffectual...  
...Still after still exploded and in a short...  
...time much of the plant was in a mass of...  
...flames. The blazing oil floated out on...  
...the surface of Staten Island sound and...  
...endangered the tug boats which had...  
...steamed to the scene to be of assistance...  
...The Staten Island meadows were fired...  
...and the fire crested the Baltimore...  
...and Ohio bridges which spans the sound...  
...near this point. The works covered...  
...ten acres, and were almost entirely...  
...destroyed. The frontage on the sound...  
...The wharves along the full length of this...  
...frontage were consumed, also the...  
...cooper shop and barrelling, filter and...  
...pump houses. Forty-five thousand...  
...new barrels, many thousands of barrels...  
...of manufactured oil and six immense...  
...stills were destroyed as well, the loss...  
...aggregating \$300,000, partly insured.  
Erskine College Burned.  
DUE WEST, S. C., Jan. 27.—Erskine...  
...College, the theological seminary of the...  
...Associate Reformed Presbyterian...  
...Church, was burned this morning.  
Only a few benches, desks and chairs...  
...of the boards were saved. The library of...  
...theological seminary, containing over...  
...two thousand valuable volumes, was...  
...destroyed together with the college li-...  
...brary and furniture. The loss is over...  
...\$25,000 and no insurance. The halls of...  
...the literary societies, exhibition hall...  
...and the chapel, three separate buildings...  
...on the college campus, were not injured...  
...and the exercises of the college will...  
...be resumed without delay. Erskine col-...  
...lege celebrated its semi-centennial two...  
...years ago, and is one of the oldest and...  
...best schools in the South. It is under...  
...the control of the Presbyterian Church...  
...The origin of the fire is unknown.  
Factory Burned.  
COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 26.—A special...  
...to The Register from Chester says: The...  
...Chester Cotton Factory, with all its...  
...contents, was burned this morning at...  
...2 o'clock. The fire caught in the dry...  
...log room and fanned by the breeze...  
...quickly spread to the rest of the build-...  
...ing. All the cotton gins, ready for...  
...shipment, were destroyed. Total loss...  
...is \$220,000; insurance, \$151,000. Over...  
...two hundred operatives are thrown out...  
...of work. The company will rebuild at...  
...once.

...OFFICE OF...  
...To Hon. B. R. Tillam...  
...South Carolina, Colum...  
...DEAR SIR: About two w...  
...information was received at...  
...that the Auditor and Treasurer of...  
...Union County were guilty of irregularities...  
...that needed attention. I appointed...  
...Thursday, the 14th instant, to make the...  
...investigation, but was called away on...  
...business of importance, and at my re-...  
...quest Hon. W. D. Mayfield made the...  
...investigation for me, and I beg to sub-...  
...mit herewith his report.  
Respectfully,  
W. H. ELLERBE,  
Comptroller General.  
Mr. Mayfield's report is as follows:  
OFFICE OF STATE SEPT. EDUCATION,  
COLUMBIA, JAN. 18, 1892.  
Hon. W. H. Ellerbe, Comptroller Gen-...  
...eral, Columbia, S. C.  
DEAR SIR: As requested by you I...  
...went to Union on Thursday for the...  
...purpose of examining into the finances of...  
...that County, Friday and Saturday...  
...15th and 16th instant, were given to...  
...this purpose. I only examined the books...  
...for the fiscal year 1889-90. I did not...  
...have time to do more.  
The County Treasurer has been in...  
...office for the last six years, the County...  
...Auditor for the last eight years, and the...  
...clerk, who serves both the Treasurer...  
...and Auditor, (which should not be al-...  
...lowed) for the last two years or more...  
...as I am informed. They are quite fa-...  
...miliar with their books and the duties...  
...of their respective offices. The books...  
...as might be expected from the above...  
...are neatly kept.  
The Treasurer's books for 1889-90...  
...show the following:  
STATE TAXES.  
Original assessments... \$2,837,300 \$14,896.14  
Additional assessments... 111,740 556.64  
15 per cent. penalty on 13,210 10.40  
\$15,463.18  
COUNTY TAXES  
Original assessments... \$2,837,300 \$12,768.12  
Additional assess-... 111,740 502.83  
Original assessments... 2,837,300 17,024.16  
Special County on... 111,740 670.44  
15 per cent. penalty, Ordinary County, 13,210 8.92  
15 per cent. penalty, Special County, on 13,210 11.89  
\$18,422.48  
SCHOOL TAXES  
Original assessments... \$2,837,300 \$ 6,763.00  
Additional assessment... 111,740 256.20  
15 per cent. penalty on 13,210 4.66  
Original polls... 2,458.00  
Additional polls... 310.00  
15 per cent. penalty on 161... 24.15  
\$ 9,815.41  
Total... \$36,761.07  
Recapitulations of the original and...  
...additional assessments with the pen-...  
...alties, as given above, were made, and...  
...the County Treasurer settled for the same...  
...as appears from the settlement sheets...  
...with the County Commissioners, School...  
...Commissioner, County Auditor and...  
...Comptroller General on the 10th day of...  
...July, 1891.  
A further investigation, however...  
...revealed the fact that the Treasurer...  
...collected other taxes than those for...  
...which he had settled. These were not...  
...included in the recapitulations made by...  
...the Auditor and the Treasurer's books...  
...and did not enter into the settlement...  
...made July 10, though they were entered...  
...on the Treasurer's books long before...  
...and were, in fact, collected in the fall...  
...and spring previous; nor, were they re-...  
...ported to the Comptroller General by...  
...the Auditor in his abstract of the prop-...  
...erty and persons in Union County liable...  
...for taxes. The Auditor, therefore, by...  
...which the comptroller General and...  
...other officers settled was defective to...  
...the extent that it did not include these...  
...taxes. The entry of these taxes is in...  
...the back part of the Treasurer's books...  
...and no recapitulation of them has ever...  
...been made. I found them while check-...  
...ing off the names of certain persons...  
...who had paid their taxes (having the...  
...receipts in my possession) whose names...  
...were thought not to be on the books.  
It is, perhaps, well enough to state...  
...here that I found all of these names on...  
...the books except eight, and they may...  
...be there entered in the wrong town-...  
...ship, which is sometimes done upon wrong...  
...information. I examined the town-...  
...ships where the persons reside, and the...  
...adjoining ones, but did not have time...  
...to examine those of the whole County.  
The amount of each of the eight receipts...  
...is small.  
A statement in detail of what consti-...  
...tutes this (I suppose we may call it)...  
...second additional would be too long...  
...and I therefore give but the aggregates...  
...which are as follows: State, County and...  
...school taxes \$435.94, polls \$516; total...  
...\$1,002.94. For this amount, \$1,002.94...  
...the Treasurer has not accounted and is...  
...still liable.  
It is, perhaps, but proper for your in-...  
...formation that I give you the explana-...  
...tion given me as to how the matter...  
...came about. The Treasurer claims...  
...that it was the Auditor's fault in not...  
...properly making up his books. The...  
...Auditor says that he was sick in bed at...  
...the time the books were completed, and...  
...left their completion to his clerk. The...  
...clerk, who as I have before stated serv-...  
...es both the Auditor and Treasurer, says...  
...that at the time he was complet-...  
...ing the books for the Treasurer, which...  
...are but duplicates of the Auditor's...  
...books, he received a telegram calling...  
...him home on account of the sickness of...  
...his mother, and that he supposed he for-...  
...got it. He says he did not include it in

...to assist...  
...others more unfortunate. Citizens...  
...turned in to help in the work of rescue...  
...Cots were rudely constructed from...  
...mattresses and strong armed policemen...  
...picked up unfortunate ones and carried...  
...them across the street to the new annex...  
...but recently purchased by Doctors Al-...  
...len and Wilson.  
An immense crowd gathered about...  
...and great anxiety was felt, for it seemed...  
...improbable that every one could have...  
...gotten out of the burning mass alive...  
...and their fears were justified.  
Two women jumped from windows...  
...One of these was badly injured, but...  
...another who was caught by a man...  
...standing in the crowd escaped serious...  
...injury. Two others threw out their...  
...babies which were caught by firemen...  
...One or two men jumped from the roof...  
...and were badly hurt. Many rescued...  
...people were taken to the nearest shelter...  
...Two large restaurants soon had five or...  
...six hundred inmates, among whom...  
...scenes were indescribably pitiful. The...  
...majority of patients in the hospital...  
...were children under treatment for de-...  
...formities or disease which rendered...  
...them helpless. A very large number...  
...had been more or less burned in addi-...  
...tion to their former misfortunes and had...  
...become separated from their mothers and...  
...nurses. Among these occurred most...  
...pitiful and touching scenes.  
Griffith's restaurant held the great-...  
...est number of sufferers. It is hardly...  
...possible to tell how many owing to the...  
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...tion that a train had struck him, or in...  
...order that a train should run over him...  
...This afternoon Studebaker became...  
...conscious enough to remember what hap-...  
...pened, and Johnson was taken to the...  
...almshouse, where Studebaker identified...  
...him as the man who beat and robbed...  
...him. Johnson was committed to jail...  
...Studebaker is in a critical condition.  
They Could Not Marry.  
ROANOKE, Va., Jan. 23.—News has...  
...been flashed here of a double suicide in...  
...Franklin county. John T. Pinkard, the...  
...son of a well-to-do farmer of...  
...Franklin county, was engaged to be...  
...married to Miss Delia Nicholas, an at-...  
...tractive young lady of the same com-...  
...munity. Miss Delia's parents objected...  
...to the match and guarded against every...  
...opportunity of elopement. The young...  
...lady procured a rope yesterday morn-...  
...ing, proceeded to the woods near her...  
...home, and after making two attempts...  
...was successful in hanging herself to a...  
...tree. A younger sister, who missed...  
...her from the house, went in search and...  
...discovered her before life was extinct...  
...but not in time to save her. Young...  
...Pinkard soon heard of his sweetheart's...  
...untimely taking off, and at once took...  
...a dose of arsenic, from which he soon...  
...died. The bodies of both unfortunates...  
...were buried today.  
A Gale off New York.  
NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The tug Web-...  
...ster and four scows containing street...  
...cleaning refuse were blown out to sea...  
...Tuesday beyond Sandy Hook and...  
...heavy off shore gales has blown...  
...since. It is scarcely possible that...  
...the still aloft and ten men on the...  
...and eight on the scows are supposed to...  
...have been drowned. Searching tugs...  
...were scarcely able to live today. The...  
...wind blew eighty to one hundred miles...  
...an hour. Ten scows of Gravesend Bay...  
...have yesterday with fifty men aboard...  
...and nothing has been able to reach...  
...them short of a life boat. They are in...  
...great danger of freezing to death if not...  
...of being drowned.  
Steamers Burned at Sea.  
LONDON, Jan. 22.—It was generally...  
...admitted today that there was no doubt...  
...that two American steamships have re-...  
...cently been burned at sea, and it is...  
...probable that in both cases every soul...  
...on board of them lost their lives. The...  
...incoming steamers have reported...  
...burning steamers, and the...  
...expressed is that they were A...  
...tank steamers, conveying peo-...  
...Europe. But this fact is...  
...established in the case of one...  
...second vessel may be a passenger steamer

...DEAR SIR: About two w...  
...information was received at...  
...that the Auditor and Treasurer of...  
...Union County were guilty of irregularities...  
...that needed attention. I appointed...  
...Thursday, the 14th instant, to make the...  
...investigation, but was called away on...  
...business of importance, and at my re-...  
...quest Hon. W. D. Mayfield made the...  
...investigation for me, and I beg to sub-...  
...mit herewith his report.  
Respectfully,  
W. H. ELLERBE,  
Comptroller General.  
Mr. Mayfield's report is as follows:  
OFFICE OF STATE SEPT. EDUCATION,  
COLUMBIA, JAN. 18, 1892.  
Hon. W. H. Ellerbe, Comptroller Gen-...  
...eral, Columbia, S. C.  
DEAR SIR: As requested by you I...  
...went to Union on Thursday for the...  
...purpose of examining into the finances of...  
...that County, Friday and Saturday...  
...15th and 16th instant, were given to...  
...this purpose. I only examined the books...  
...for the fiscal year 1889-90. I did not...  
...have time to do more.  
The County Treasurer has been in...  
...office for the last six years, the County...  
...Auditor for the last eight years, and the...  
...clerk, who serves both the Treasurer...  
...and Auditor, (which should not be al-...  
...lowed) for the last two years or more...  
...as I am informed. They are quite fa-...  
...miliar with their books and the duties...  
...of their respective offices. The books...  
...as might be expected from the above...  
...are neatly kept.  
The Treasurer's books for 1889-90...  
...show the following:  
STATE TAXES.  
Original assessments... \$2,837,300 \$14,896.14  
Additional assessments... 111,740 556.64  
15 per cent. penalty on 13,210 10.40  
\$15,463.18  
COUNTY TAXES  
Original assessments... \$2,837,300 \$12,768.12  
Additional assess-... 111,740 502.83  
Original assessments... 2,837,300 17,024.16  
Special County on... 111,740 670.44  
15 per cent. penalty, Ordinary County, 13,210 8.92  
15 per cent. penalty, Special County, on 13,210 11.89  
\$18,422.48  
SCHOOL TAXES  
Original assessments... \$2,837,300 \$ 6,763.00  
Additional assessment... 111,740 256.20  
15 per cent. penalty on 13,210 4.66  
Original polls... 2,458.00  
Additional polls... 310.00  
15 per cent. penalty on 161... 24.15  
\$ 9,815.41  
Total... \$36,761.07  
Recapitulations of the original and...  
...additional assessments with the pen-...  
...alties, as given above, were made, and...  
...the County Treasurer settled for the same...  
...as appears from the settlement sheets...  
...with the County Commissioners, School...  
...Commissioner, County Auditor and...  
...Comptroller General on the 10th day of...  
...July, 1891.  
A further investigation, however...  
...revealed the fact that the Treasurer...  
...collected other taxes than those for...  
...which he had settled. These were not...  
...included in the recapitulations made by...  
...the Auditor and the Treasurer's books...  
...and did not enter into the settlement...  
...made July 10, though they were entered...  
...on the Treasurer's books long before...  
...and were, in fact, collected in the fall...  
...and spring previous; nor, were they re-...  
...ported to the Comptroller General by...  
...the Auditor in his abstract of the prop-...  
...erty and persons in Union County liable...  
...for taxes. The Auditor, therefore, by...  
...which the comptroller General and...  
...other officers settled was defective to...  
...the extent that it did not include these...  
...taxes. The entry of these taxes is in...  
...the back part of the Treasurer's books...  
...and no recapitulation of them has ever...  
...been made. I found them while check-...  
...ing off the names of certain persons...  
...who had paid their taxes (having the...  
...receipts in my possession) whose names...  
...were thought not to be on the books.  
It is, perhaps, well enough to state...  
...here that I found all of these names on...  
...the books except eight, and they may...  
...be there entered in the wrong town-...  
...ship, which is sometimes done upon wrong...  
...information. I examined the town-...  
...ships where the persons reside, and the...  
...adjoining ones, but did not have time...  
...to examine those of the whole County.  
The amount of each of the eight receipts...  
...is small.  
A statement in detail of what consti-...  
...tutes this (I suppose we may call it)...  
...second additional would be too long...  
...and I therefore give but the aggregates...  
...which are as follows: State, County and...  
...school taxes \$435.94, polls \$516; total...  
...\$1,002.94. For this amount, \$1,002.94...  
...the Treasurer has not accounted and is...  
...still liable.  
It is, perhaps, but proper for your in-...  
...formation that I give you the explana-...  
...tion given me as to how the matter...  
...came about. The Treasurer claims...  
...that it was the Auditor's fault in not...  
...properly making up his books. The...  
...Auditor says that he was sick in bed at...  
...the time the books were completed, and...  
...left their completion to his clerk. The...  
...clerk, who as I have before stated serv-...  
...es both the Auditor and Treasurer, says...  
...that at the time he was complet-...  
...ing the books for the Treasurer, which...  
...are but duplicates of the Auditor's...  
...books, he received a telegram calling...  
...him home on account of the sickness of...  
...his mother, and that he supposed he for-...  
...got it. He says he did not include it in

...to assist...  
...others more unfortunate. Citizens...  
...turned in to help in the work of rescue...  
...Cots were rudely constructed from...  
...mattresses and strong armed policemen...  
...picked up unfortunate ones and carried...  
...them across the street to the new annex...  
...but recently purchased by Doctors Al-...  
...len and Wilson.  
An immense crowd gathered about...  
...and great anxiety was felt, for it seemed...  
...improbable that every one could have...  
...gotten out of the burning mass alive...  
...and their fears were justified.  
Two women jumped from windows...  
...One of these was badly injured, but...  
...another who was caught by a man...  
...standing in the crowd escaped serious...  
...injury. Two others threw out their...  
...babies which were caught by firemen...  
...One or two men jumped from the roof...  
...and were badly hurt. Many rescued...  
...people were taken to the nearest shelter...  
...Two large restaurants soon had five or...  
...six hundred inmates, among whom...  
...scenes were indescribably pitiful. The...  
...majority of patients in the hospital...  
...were children under treatment for de-...  
...formities or disease which rendered...  
...them helpless. A very large number...  
...had been more or less burned in addi-...  
...tion to their former misfortunes and had...  
...become separated from their mothers and...  
...nurses. Among these occurred most...  
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