

Free speech is unrestricted at a baseball game.

The unloaded revolver kills more than the unsinkable ship, for it never rests.

Hay is selling in Cincinnati at \$20 a ton, but what of it? What's the price of gasoline?

In pay-as-you-enter cars the particular woman to pay fares must be selected on the spot.

Letter paper is to cost more, but the lover will be expected to write long letters just the same.

Europe reports an eclipse of the sun, but China's Sun continues to shine and break into the newspapers.

The rain falls more on the just than the unjust, for the latter attach themselves to any umbrella in sight.

A scientist announces that coffee is frequently the cause of divorce. Some coffee is capable of worse things than that.

Harvard knows a lot, but she has had to acknowledge that she doesn't know how to keep the college elms alive.

Los Angeles chorus girls are said to be out on a strike. If they don't like their jobs why don't they go into politics?

The hide of the whale is said to be two feet thick in some places. This makes the whale the politician of the sea.

The baseball season of 1912 bids fair to be quite as highly seasoned as the baseball seasons of other years have been.

Cincinnati women want a curfew for men only. When a man has to be chased home it is plain he needs other inducements.

A train ran a race with a cyclone in Kansas—and won. The cyclone must have rubbed the earth too close and got full of friction.

"Imports of diamonds have fallen off heavily," says the New York World. Perhaps all the hotel clerks are now supplied with 'em.

A society woman in New Jersey died while playing bridge. The game is often a shock to its players, but not often such a fatal one.

The Princeton student who has invented a pocket for a woman's silk stocking evidently isn't devoting all his attention to his studies.

In Ohio it has been held criminal for a candidate to give a voter a cigar. The recipient of the cigar very generally endorses that principle.

Massachusetts man who fell heir to millions has bought a farm. He is now in a position to raise chickens and still keep out of the poorhouse.

The Hagerstown, Md., public library keeps an automobile that delivers books from door to door. Those books must have been ordered by telephone.

An optimist is a man who believes that the anthracite trouble will soon be settled, so that coal will be plentiful and reasonably cheap next winter.

On Mars a year is 730 days long. It seems evident that some of the ladies have adopted the Martian calendar without saying anything about it.

The price of eggs in China now is five cents a dozen, but unfortunately for economical housekeepers, it is 8,000 miles to China by the shortest way.

It is said that the Egyptians knew about appendicitis 7,000 years ago. Which may afford a clew to how they got the money with which to build the pyramids.

According to a scientist the older a star is the faster it moves. Long practice in dodging vegetables and other similar tokens from audiences surely ought to count.

A college professor has discovered that a woman scratches a match with an outward movement. Those sheath gowns are certainly doing their share in emancipating the sex.

The famous Mona Lisa is said to be in the United States. The only clue the art detectives have to trace her is that she wears a smile which will not come off. In these days that is some identification.

"Chicago has discovered a girl with a perfect foot," says the Toledo Blade. Did the poor girl lose the other one?

A preacher informs us that no man has a right to tell his wife a lie—not even a harmless one. And yet we have been told that self-preservation is the first law of nature.

Writing paper is to advance in cost, but it is too much to expect that the rise will teach some impetuous statesmen the excellence of the old rule, "Never write; send a man."

It is only fair to call attention to the fact that the Pennsylvania judge who ruled that a husband's home is where his wife abides is not the one who sent an Allentown woman to jail for having nine husbands.

Boston reports that the marriage license bureau there shows that no Hub ladies took advantage of leap year. Does the Boston marriage license bureau examine applicants as to which side popped the question? If so, it seems to add a new terror to the task of contracting matrimony.

FROM OVER PALMETTO STATE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Have Been Gotten Together With Care By the Editor.

St. Matthews.—Unless the presiding judge who now has two very long drawn out cases on appeal in his hands for a review, shall find where some error has been committed below, Magistrate Prickett at this place will have a perfect mark on the appeal side of the court. He has been magistrate for more than two years.

Lexington.—Lexington peaches are ripening rapidly now and the farmers are beginning to haul them to the Columbia market. The crop this year will be good and the fruit of a very high class. There will be no apples of consequence on account of the blight, which has practically killed all of the fruit.

Hopmont.—Considerable excitement was caused here when a telephone message from Camp Branch to Judge Murdaugh announced that two negro women had killed two white children at Stone & Patrick's mill. Judge J. G. Murdaugh, J. Reid Fitts and Dr. C. A. Rush set out at once for the scene, which is six miles away.

Charleston.—Forty electrical workers employed by the Charleston Railway & Lighting Company, which operates Charleston's electric power and street railway plants, struck for higher wages and a nine-hour day. The company has no strike-breakers here. No trouble is anticipated as the question of compensation will be settled amicably, it is said.

Orangeburg.—Candidates for cotton weigher for the various towns of this county and candidates for magistrate for the different districts of Orangeburg county are coming out fast, and the races for these offices are going to be interesting. All the cotton weighers are elected by the voters of that section, but the two cotton weighers for the city of Orangeburg are voted for by the whole county.

Greenville.—George Benson was fined \$50 in recorder's court on a charge of storing illicit liquor. This particular blind tiger is very ingenious. When arrested he had an ordinary lard bucket. When the officers opened they found a pan on top filled with real lard, but when the pan was lifted they found two gallons of "moonshine dew" resting intact below. The case was heard by a jury.

Leesville.—The Methodist conference of the Columbia district is now in session in the Methodist church of Leesville. About 85 delegates are in attendance. This is about an average attendance for this season of the year. Rev. W. M. Duncan, presiding elder of the district, is in charge. Rev. Hamlin Etheridge is acting as secretary. A spirit of harmony and concord prevails and all seem to enjoy the meeting to the fullest.

Newberry.—The friends of Newberry college are rejoicing at the success that has crowned the efforts of the president, Dr. J. Henry Harms, to raise \$50,000 for the endowment fund. He began the canvass in January of this year, and has just completed it. His success in raising this fund secures in addition \$25,000 from Andrew Carnegie, who contributed that amount on condition that the college would raise \$50,000 by June 1.

Darlington.—The annual July 4th celebration for Darlington is assured for another year. The business men of the town who have always given liberally to this movement have decided that the horse show and races must be pulled off again this year, and the only change that will be noticed will be in the added features of the occasion not heretofore seen. It is certain that there will be more prizes and larger prizes, and more and better stock than has ever been shown or raced here on this occasion.

Chester.—It is reported here that the Seaboard Air Line railway has under advisement the monumental project of lowering its tracks, in the Hemphill avenue section of the city, and then tunnelling under the Carolina and Northwestern and Southern railroads at the crossing above Chester. This arrangement, if carried through, will be a bonanza to the real estate men here, giving them an opportunity to develop a section that owing to the deep and precipitous railroad cut has kept Chester from expanding in that direction.

Columbia.—Council convened in special session and disposed of much business. A committee from the Young Men's Christian Association presented a petition asking for sewers and drain on the property in connection with its new buildings on Sumter street.

Swansea.—The buggy house of C. B. Jecofat, R. F. D. carrier No. 2 of Swansea, who lives about two miles from town, was destroyed by fire. The fire was evidently the work of an incendiary, as a bicycle track from about one mile east of his home, to the buggy house and back, was noticed.

Columbia.—David Senters of Moultrieville has been appointed as a game warden by the governor. There is no salary attached.

Orangeburg.—Mr. W. W. Watson, proprietor of "Carolina Farms," near the city of Orangeburg, has received report of sales of two bales of "Allen's upland long staple cottons," which sold at 21 1/2 cents a pound, the proceeds of the two bales amounting to \$277.35, an average of 138.67 per bale. This lot of cotton was compressed in Charleston on or about the 31st of last December and shipped to Mr. Watson's agents in Boston, Mass.

Columbia.—The details of the Scottish Rite reunion to be held in Columbia on Thursday and Friday, June 6 and 7, have all been completed. The Lodge of Perfection will convene at 9:30 on Thursday morning and continue until Friday night with recesses for refreshments and sleep.

Lancaster.—Fire from an unknown cause broke out in the Lancaster Oil mill's immense seed house, and for several minutes before the fire department could reach the scene the flames raged furiously on until the fire department quickly extinguished the blaze.

PLANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A DOLLAR DINNER WILL BE GIVEN IN COLUMBIA ON NINTH OF JULY.

URGE BUSINESS MEN TO COME

Temporary Organization Has Been Completed With Lewis W. Parker, President, and A. McP. Hamby Secretary—Address Issued to Public.

Columbia.—A South Carolina Chamber of Commerce will be organized in Columbia at a dollar dinner to be given on July 9. The idea is for not only the commercial organizations of South Carolina but for all citizens to get together and work for the state. At a preliminary meeting Lewis W. Parker of Greenville was elected temporary president and A. McP. Hamby secretary of the Columbia chamber of commerce was selected temporary secretary. A call to the business men of South Carolina was issued.

"Those who attended the meeting of the Ad Clubs of America in Dallas, Texas," said Mr. Hamby, "were impressed with it in South Carolina. Petty financial and other jealousies should be dropped and everybody should work for the whole state. After the permanent organization has been perfected meetings will be held from time to time, and members from every section will be urged to attend and tell their troubles or what they have done to advance their interests. The dues will be very light and every good citizen is urged to join, whether he be a member of a chamber of commerce or a board of trade or not."

The towns and cities represented at the meeting either by proxy or in person included Charleston, Columbia, Sumter, Florence, Orangeburg, Georgetown, Laurens, Spartanburg, Greenwood and Greenville. The dollar dinner for the dinner must be sent in to Secretary Hamby not later than June 26.

Magistrates Have Been Ousted.

Holding that they are usurping and unlawfully holding office the supreme court in a decision by Associate Justice Watts ousted J. M. Bowden and A. H. Kirby, S. S. Tiner and D. T. Gossett, T. O. Fowler and W. C. Harrison, W. R. Tanner and E. Potter from the office of magistrates in Spartanburg county. Bowden, Tiner, Tanner and Fowler were appointed by the governor as magistrates without the recommendation of the county delegation. The others ousted were hold-over officials and had been confirmed by the senate. The court ordered the defendants to pay the costs assessed.

Bring in Verdict of Manslaughter.

William F. Martin, who last January shot and killed James Harris, a lineman, at a boarding house on Assembly street, Columbia, was tried for murder in the Richland county court and found guilty of manslaughter with a recommendation to mercy. A motion will be made for an appeal of the case. Martin's plea was self-defense. He did not take the stand. The state had six witnesses, and the following jury brought in the verdict: J. G. Poozer, J. B. Urquhart, J. E. Young, G. B. Scott, S. B. Hyatt, H. W. Entzinger, W. C. Klugh, Preston Hooper, W. D. Raybon, E. E. Faust, J. H. Jones and G. S. Swygert.

Dispensary Trials Are Closed.

Attorney General Lyon, discussing the recent dispensary trials in Richland county, said that he did not expect the jury to convict, and that he did not believe a Richland county jury would convict in the dispensary cases no matter what testimony might be presented. A verdict of not guilty was returned in the cases of H. H. Evans, former member of the dispensary board, on a charge of receiving a rebate and conspiracy to receive a rebate, and against John Zell Towill, W. O. Tatum and W. Boykin in the label deal.

Fire Does Damage in Lexington.

The large turpentine still of J. Press Clarke in the town of Lexington was destroyed by fire and the ringing of the fire bell caused considerable excitement for awhile. The turpentine and rosin made a tremendous black smoke, which caused many people to think that the fire was far more disastrous. A lot of turpentine and a few barrels of rosin were consumed, causing a heavy loss. The fire originated while the still was in operation from a spark, and the flames spread rapidly.

Shooting Scrape at Greenwood.

A young man named Hayne was shot in the neck by a young farmer, Dupre Sheay at Greenwood. The shooting took place in Lee & Blake's drug store on Main street. Sheay was trading when Hayne walked in and started toward him. Sheay, according to eye witnesses, retreated warning Hayne not to come upon him. Hayne continued, it is said, until Sheay had reached a brick wall and could not retreat further whereupon Sheay pulled a pistol and fired, the ball making double perforation in the neck.

Convict Killed By Falling Tree.

Joe Hagens, working on the county chain gang, under a ten-year sentence for shooting Mr. Frank Nienuesse on the 31st day of last December, was killed at the long bridge over Little Pee Dee River, one mile east of Dillon. The gang was clearing the right of way for the new steel and concrete viaduct, when, in cutting a large tree, Hagens was caught as it fell. His neck was broken and death was instantaneous. Another negro convict, John Clark, was painfully injured at the same time.

WILL HAVE FELDER ARRESTED

Please Stated That He Would Instruct Sheriffs of Two Counties to Arrest Thomas B. Felder.

Columbia.—Governor Blease stated that he would shortly instruct the sheriffs of Greenville and Spartanburg counties to arrest Thomas B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney who has won such a name in this state and who is charged with conspiracy and attempt to bribe an official of this state, as he passes through this state on his way from Atlanta to Baltimore, en route to the national Democratic convention. He further stated that if Felder should be arrested in Baltimore he would issue a requisition on the governor of Maryland for his return to this state. Mr. Felder is a delegate at large from Georgia to the Baltimore convention.

In going from Atlanta to Baltimore Mr. Felder will almost certainly have to pass through South Carolina. He will in so doing either use a Southern train stopping at both Spartanburg and Greenville, or else he will take a Seaboard Air Line train passing through Abbeville, Greenwood and other towns.

There are rewards outstanding for the arrest of Felder in this state amounting to \$200 and there are three warrants for his arrest in this state, these being held by officials of as many counties. There is one warrant for his arrest in the hands of the sheriff of Lexington county. A warrant for his arrest is in the hands of a magistrate in Newberry county and there is also one in the hands of a magistrate in Richland county. These warrants charge Felder with conspiracy to defraud the state of South Carolina and with attempting to bribe a state official. The whole is the outgrowth of the affairs of the old state dispensary.

South Carolina New Enterprises.

The secretary of state has issued a charter to the Bank of Hemmingway with a capital stock of \$15,000. The officers are W. C. Hemmingway, president; F. E. Higgins, vice president; H. Edward Eddy, secretary and treasurer. A general banking business will be conducted. A charter has been issued to the Lee Mercantile Company of Angelus, with a capital of \$3,000. The officers are: W. K. Lee, president; W. S. Lee, vice president; J. E. Lee, treasurer. A commission has been issued to the Charleston-Summerville Development Co. of Charleston with a capital of \$1,000. The petitioners are Edw. H. Hughes and J. M. Phillips.

Additional Postal Saving Stations.

Additional postal saving stations have been designated to be ready to receive deposits July 1 next, at the following South Carolina postoffices: Lamar, St. Matthews, Timmonsville, Brunson, Dorchester, Elloroe, Eutawville, Fairfax, Furman, Greelyville, Holly Hill, Kline, Loris, Neeses, Nichols, North, Norway, Olar, Ridgeland, Ridgeville, Scranton, Springfield, Williston, Varnville. In the interest of Postmaster Murphy, the incumbent, an effort is being made to hold up the confirmation of Editor A. W. Knight, of the Bamberg Herald, to be postmaster at Bamberg. Mr. Knight is a Democrat. While there may be a brief delay to see what those who are objecting to Mr. Knight may have to say, if they say it quickly, there is little prospect that the nomination will not be confirmed.

Call Meeting to Fix Assessments.

The state Democratic executive committee has been called to meet in Columbia in the library at the state house by John Gary Evans, state chairman, when the assessments for the candidates entering the campaign will be fixed. It is estimated that the campaign this year will cost over \$4,000. This will necessarily cause the assessments to be raised as there are a small number of candidates in the field. The itinerary which has been prepared by the subcommittee is permanent as the committee was authorized by the state executive committee to map out the campaign. The first meeting will be held at Sumter on June 18 and the steady grind will be kept up until August 22 at Greenville with a recess of one week beginning on July 26.

Booker's Plan Falls Through.

Although Norton W. Booker had announced that he would meet the people of the upper portion of the county at Summerland on June 1 for the purpose of pushing the agitation of his scheme to consolidate the county of Lexington to Richland, or to talk over the proposition of forming a new county out of portions of Lexington, Saluda and Aiken, with Summerland as the county seat, less than half a dozen people met him. To be candid, there were no persons present to help Mr. Booker.

Automatic Sprinklers At All Mills.

All cotton mills in South Carolina are equipped with automatic sprinklers. Their value as a protection against fire is invaluable. The following report indicates from actual experience their absolute security. As a result of investigations completed recently with reference to fires which have been extinguished by automatic sprinklers, it is stated that during the last ten years 505 of these fires have resulted in such slight damage either by fire or water that no claim was made on insurance companies.

Escaped Convict Has Been Captured.

Sheriff Thomas is in receipt of information to the effect that a negro named Will Sarratt, wanted in Cherokee county for escaping from the chain gang in 1906, is being held by the officials in Washington, D. C. A deputy has been dispatched to Washington to identify the negro and if the suspect is the party wanted here, the officer will secure the necessary papers and return with the prisoner. In 1901 in a game of "skin" near Blacksburg, Will Sarratt shot and killed another negro.

BEACH IS INDICTED

GRAND JURY FOUND TRUE BILL AGAINST THE NEW YORK CLUB MAN.

GRAND JURY DELIBERATES

The Trial of Frederick O. Beach Will Be Held in Aiken in September.—He is Charged With Slashing His Wife's Throat.

Aiken.—After deliberating four hours and 25 minutes, the grand jury returned a true bill against Frederick O. Beach of the New York "400" charged with assault and battery with attempt to kill his wife, Mrs. Camilla Beach, last February, when the Beaches were occupying their winter home here.

None of the New York witnesses were present nor was Detective Baughn, who worked up the case for the city, but his brief, covering every detail of his three weeks' investigation, was placed before the grand jury.

When Solicitor Gunter placed the case in the hands of the grand jury he told that body that in addition to the witnesses he would place at their disposal, there were a number of others who are in other cities, and he instructed them that if they could not return a true bill from the evidence which would be laid before them not to make a report on the matter at all until the next term of court when all the witnesses will be here. The solicitor also requested Judge Rice, who is presiding at the June term of general sessions court, to excuse from service any of the grand jury who have formed or expressed an opinion regarding Beach's guilt or innocence.

Judge Rice stated to the foreman of the grand jury that if 12 of the grand jurors could not agree from the evidence laid before them, that there is enough in the Beach case to warrant it going before a petit jury he would excuse such men who have formed or expressed an opinion. The case went to the grand jury at noon and at 4:25 o'clock the true bill was returned.

Beach will be tried at the September term of court.

Conference On Public Health.

Columbia.—Dr. Jas. A. Hayne, state health officer and secretary of the state board of health, has returned from Washington, where he spent a day in conference with other state health officers and the public health and marine hospital service. This was the tenth annual conference of state and territorial health authorities with the public health and marine hospital service. In addition to the surgeon general of the public health and marine hospital service, and other members of that service, there were representatives from many states of the Union.

Decrease Shown in Child Labor.

Columbia.—There has been a decrease of 32 per cent in the number of children in the cotton mills of South Carolina according to reports furnished Commissioner Watson by 79 companies. In 1911 the total number of children in the mills under 16 years of age was 4,221 and the reports this year show, the number to be 2,734. The reports filed show that no children under 12 years of age, are employed, while in 1911 there were 168. These figures will be used by Commissioner Watson in an address to be delivered before the annual gathering of the International Association of Factory Inspectors in Washington.

Watson Makes Cotton Report.

Columbia.—That the most conservative figures for the eleven principal cotton growing states show a total reduction of 6,071,750 acres, was the statement contained in a report by E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of the Southern Cotton Congress on the results obtained under the "Rock Hill plan" for reduction of cotton acreage, which was inaugurated by John G. Anderson of Rock Hill.

Young Man Shot To Death.

Hartsville.—Dalton Gilbert, a young man, son of A. J. Gilbert, a farmer of good standing who lives about five miles west of Hartsville, was shot to death by another man, Barney Wallace. The killing occurred in the woods of a byroad from the public road, leading from Hartsville to McBea, about three miles from Hartsville. The spot was an isolated one, and there were no witnesses. It appears that Wallace and Gilbert had been driving together and apparently had been friendly.

Politics in Lexington County.

Lexington.—The political pot in Lexington county is beginning to simmer, and the candidates are "covering" the field at a lively rate. There has been, however, up to the present less interest shown in the politics of the county than at any time in many years, due no doubt to the fact that the people have had other things of more serious and vital nature to occupy their thoughts. The interest in the gubernatorial race between Cole L. Blease and Ira B. Jones is overshadowing everything else.

A Destructive Railroad Wreck.

Cheraw.—A deadly and destructive wreck occurred here when a through freight train, consisting of 26 coal cars on the Winston-Salem south-bound division of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad coming from Winston-Salem and bound for Florence jumped the switch at the pumping station just outside of this city, killing the negro brakeman, George Eddy, whose home is in Florence, and badly scalding the engineer, E. P. Epting, also of Florence. Epting's injuries are not fatal.

NEWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

The Latest News of General Interest Collected From Many Towns and Counties of the State.

Anderson.—G. Cullen Sullivan of Anderson, president of the South Carolina League of Building and Loan associations, announces the program of the fifth annual meeting, which is to be held at the Isle of Palms, beginning Wednesday, June 19.

Jonesville.—The John Hames chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy and the children's chapter, which has been recently organized held a joint meeting to celebrate Jefferson Davis' birthday. Five crosses of honor were presented to veterans.

Moultrie Clement, candidate for the Legislature; E. H. Towels, candidate for magistrate of St. Paul's Parish; Mr. Venning, candidate for magistrate of Christ Church Parish; Crosskey Royal, candidate for magistrate of James Island; Samuel J. Padgett, candidate at Ten Mile Hill.

Lexington.—Fine showers have fallen throughout the county during the last few days, which are welcomed by everybody, and especially the farmers. Crops are growing rapidly and are in a fine state of cultivation. The stand of cotton is the best in years, and while the crop is several weeks later than last year the prospects are very bright.

Union.—Swallowing a nickel, which his mother had given him to buy something with, little Guy Kirby the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Landrum Kirby living in South Union, after being so nearly choked that he could not eat any solid food for five days, was taken to Columbia where he was X-rayed and the coin located.

Lexington.—Fire of an unknown origin destroyed the barn and stables together with other outbuildings of C. H. Roof, a prosperous farmer residing about six miles from the court house. Three wagons, two bugles, harness, fertilizer and a large amount of food—all that was on the place—were totally destroyed, entailing a loss aggregating \$1,500, with no insurance.

Columbia.—Officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railway company have notified the railroad commission that an investigation of the conditions at the Elmwood crossing here will be started. The commission recently condemned the crossing as a menace to public safety and "directed" that it be abated. The Taylor street crossing on the Southern railway was also condemned.

Greenville.—At Park school Greenville charter, No. 53, United Daughters of the Confederacy, tended a picnic luncheon to the Confederate veterans, the occasion commemorating the birth of Jefferson Davis. It was one of the most pleasant affairs of this nature ever given in Greenville, and the veterans and their families enjoyed a day long to be remembered.

Columbia.—Allusion was made to the abnormal condition obtaining in the fine goods mill in New Bedford. The better conditions prevailing in the print cloth and export mills have not yet reached this type of goods, but conditions are getting better. Two new mills in South Carolina, the Westervelt and the Duncan, are of this type, and those capable of judging say that there are none better in the world.

Columbia.—The special committee of the sinking fund commission left New York to confer with bankers relative to the refunding of the state debt amounting to over \$5,000,000 as authorized by the Browning measure of the last general assembly. The members of the committee are Lowndes J. Browning, chairman of the house; Comptroller General Jones and Attorney General Lyon.

Greenville.—The 58th session of Furman university came to a close with the graduating exercises in Judson Alumni hall. The main points of interest to the exceptionally interesting programme were the announcement by the board of trustees, the conferring of degrees, the announcement of winners of various medals and the president's remarks to the graduating class.

Washington.—Just before the Senate adjourned Senator Smith, of South Carolina, secured the passage of his resolution authorizing the commissioners of Horry county to construct a bridge across Kingston Lake, at Conway.

Columbia.—The Supreme Court, in a decision by the Chief Justice Gary, has affirmed a verdict of \$5,000 punitive damages, in the case of Henry R. Geddings against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and C. E. Henry and Alger Hawkins for damage received.

Newberry.—The subscription to the capital stock of the Newberry County Hospital have now reached about \$8,000, and are steadily climbing.

Summerville.—A lineman, Charles Barfield, from Charleston, working for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, met with a very serious accident here. While up on a pole on Carolina avenue he in some manner fell and fractured his hip and was severely injured otherwise, it is feared. He was given every medical attention possible and carried to Charleston.

Gaffney.—As evidence of the fact that Cherokee and Gaffney officers are on the jobs, some ten gallons of corn liquor went down the gulleys of Gaffney. The booze had been seized by the officers during the past two weeks.

Lancaster.—The annual meeting of the taxpayers of the Lancaster School District was held here in the Court House. The following were elected trustees for the ensuing year: Leroy Springs, D. Reece Williams, J. D. Funderburg, John T. Green, O. C. Blackmon. The tax levy was fixed at five mills.

COMMERCE COURT GETS A BODY BLOW

THE SUPREME TRIBUNAL RULES THAT IT HAS EXCEEDED ITS RIGHTS.

THE OPINION IS BY WHITE

The Chief Justice Makes a Scathing Arraignment of the Body In Its Attempt to Override the Commerce Commission.—Had No Such Powers.

Washington.—Blow after blow was given the new commerce court by the Supreme Court of the United States which upheld the executive jurisdiction of the Inter-state Commerce Commission over the administrative machinery of the Federal rate laws.

The principal decision was announced by Chief Justice White in the so-called "Proctor and Gamble case." He was sustained by the entire court. In substance he held that the commerce court was not to substitute its judgment for the interstate commerce commission in the administration of the rate laws. The specific point ruled on was that parties who failed to get relief before the Interstate Commerce Commission have no right to go into the commerce court and have that court pass upon the facts to ascertain if they should have been granted relief.

In his opinion Chief Justice White, however, went further. He showed that the commerce court was not given "new and strange" powers, but succeeded to the powers of the circuit courts in existence when the commerce court was created, and that the commerce court was limited in reviewing the commission's orders to question of law. In cases yet to be passed upon it is claimed that the commerce court went out of the domain of law and gave its judgment on pure questions of fact.

Chief Justice White stated the question for decision to be whether the authority of the commerce court was confined to enforcing and restraining, as the case might be, affirmative orders of the commission, or whether it had the power to exert its own judgment by original interpretation of the administrative features of the act to regulate commerce.

Have Refused to Appropriate.

Washington.—The House voted 72 to 47, not to include in the sundry civil appropriation bill the money necessary to continue President Taft's tariff board during the coming fiscal year. The vote was preceded by a debate that grew acrimonious at times and was strictly along party lines. Another brisk battle marked the consideration of the appropriations for public buildings. The committee had cut \$13,500,000 from the estimates and a score of members sought to have the appropriations for their special pet projects increased. None succeeded.

Million in Bonds For Revolution.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—Bonds in the sum of one million dollars and for any additional amount that may be found necessary for the successful prosecution of the revolution against the Mexican government were authorized by the legislature of the state of Chihuahua. Two agents have left here for New York City to negotiate the sales of the bonds, which are guaranteed not only by the state of Chihuahua but by General Pascual Orozco, as chief of the liberals.

Twelve Killed By Explosion.

Vienna.—Twelve persons were killed and many injured at the Woellersdorf ammunition factory in Wiener Neustadt, when an explosion occurred in a shed containing scabrite, the Austrian equivalent for melinite. The victims were soldiers and workmen. The shock broke windows throughout the town and did much damage in the neighboring watering places of Baden Wiener Neustadt is a manufacturing town thirteen miles south of Vienna.

Five Thousand Troops Go To Cuba.

Washington.—The general staff of the army issued preparatory orders for the despatch of a military expedition of 5,000 troops to Cuba. Four army transports at Newport News were ordered provisioned and supplied. The troops will be taken from Plattsburg barracks, forts Porter, Niagara and Governor's Island, N. Y. At the war department it was emphatically stated that if the expeditionary force did go to Cuba it would not be with any thought of political interference in the affairs of the island.

Count Tizza Had Narrow Escape.

Budapest.—Count Tizza, president of the lower house, had a very narrow escape from assassination. He was fired upon three times by Deputy Julius Kovacs, who then shot himself, probably fatally. Count Tizza was unscathed. Kovacs was one of the most militant members of the opposition and was among those who were ejected from the chamber because of disorderly conduct. He was suspended for several sittings but when the chamber reconvened he managed to get into the press gallery.

Violence Marks Traction Strike.

Boston.—Violence marked the beginning of a strike of several thousand of the employes of the Boston elevated railway. Those who refused to work demand recognition by the company of a recently formed union. The company's reply is that they have treated the men unusually well for many years and refuse to deal with them other than individuals. The street railway service and the elevated road were being operated on about half time. Five arrests have been made for assaults on motormen.