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TRIAL OF THE BROXTON BRIDGE MURDERERS AT AIKEN.

Over Fifty Witnesses in Attendance and a Brilliant Array of the Pest Lawyers for the Defense, Solicitor Bellinger Alone

AIKEN, S. C., Oct. 27 - The famous, or more properly speaking, the inia mother and her son, had simply been mous Broxton Bridge murder case is now on trial in the court of sessions at this place, having been begun here this morning. There is not in the criminal annals of the State of South Carolina, noted for its many horrible murders, a more truly revolting crime than that for which six of the most prominent citizens of Colleton county are now on trial for their lives.

Already have these men been tried for the murder of an aged and inoffending negress and have been cleared ; now they are on trial for the killing of her son. Of course there is no say ing what a petty jury will do, but So licitor Bellinger. on the part of the State of South Carolins, the peace, good order and dignity thereof, will do all in his power to convict these

On the night of the 2nd of last De-Colleton county was the scene of two brutal murders. Isham Kearse and his mother, Hannah Wa'ter, were so foully maltreated that they died from their wounds. These wounds were inflicted upon them by means of a buggy trace, and the two were literally beat en to death. Their bodies were found in the frozen ground the morning after reduced almost to a pulp, cut, lacerated and scarcely recognizable. There could be no doubt but that these

human shape.
A State dispensary detective, W. H. Newbold, was sent by the authorities to investigate the case, and his investigation brought to light one of the most horrible stories ever in print. The inquisitors of the dark ages could have been no more diabolical in their treatment than were the murderers of old Hannah Walker and her son, and of Rose Kearse, whom they unmercifully beat. It developed that on the 2nd of December, 1895, certain white men had gone to the houses of these negroes, secured them, tied them with ropes to their buggies and literally dragged them for over a mile. Here the three were beaten with a buggy

Rosa Kearse, who was the wife of Isham Kearse, for whose murder there are now on trial here Dr. W. B. Ackerman, Frank Jenny, Wyman Kearse and Frank Brant, escaped from the mob of villainous men and fled through the woods, not however, before she too, was terribly beaten. Rosa Kearse was terrified, and though she still remained in the neighborhood she was at the house of a relative and afraid to speak of the affair at all Finally, however, she told her uncle and then little by little the detective was enabled to make out his clue. There was no reason assigned why these men should have committed the crime that they are charged with. While it has never developed in court it is said that there was missing from a nearby church a Bible. Be cause these negroes were supposed to be the ones who stole the Holy Book, so the theory has it, they were taken out and flogged. It was not the inten-

that the men mentioned were the guilty ones. They were accordingly arrested and in February last, before court of sessions, holding at Walterfirst count in the case, that of the never leave the court room. murder of Hannah Walker, whose body was found in a pool of water, not

noted ever had in the State for the reatrouble, and his life was threatened. In spite of this, however, he later not known any of them very long. went to Walterboro on campaign Had met them in jail. He was there business, and then defied the men who because hearing there was a warrant had threatened him. After the men for him in the case he had surrenderwere acquitted of the murder of Han- ed to the sheriff. Mr. Falk stated that

Judge Earle here. Ever since court opened in Aiken over a week ago, the calling of the case has been anxiously expected, and the yesterday. Mr. Falk knew Mr. P. H. ling and beaten with a buggy trace by little town has been overrun with Hiers, who lived about 800 yards from witnesses and others who are interest- him. He was at the inquest over the man until she could not stand up. ed. There are in all about fifty-five bodies of the two negroes, but as he

witnesses in the case. The prisoners, who are all intelligent looking men, comparatively well Hannah Walker and Isham Harris. dressed and prosperous looking, have

The following jury was sworn: J. Williams, D. T. Gantt, J. J. Taylor, H. P. Johnson, S. P. Kitching, A. H. Asbell, R. E. Corley, B. F.

Before going into the evidence in Hannah Walker or the stolen prothe case as far as it went today, it will perty. be well to state some further particulars. There were three indictments at first. One charging the four defendmaking Stanley and Hiers parties de-

ing him. Dr. C. W. Hiers was the first wit ness on the stand; said that he had exresulted from wounds and bruises.

Kearse. That the man and the woman Then she said the books were with she was afraid were both buried in the same pine box and before had been left on the ground all night in the cold.

Dr. Martin Bellinger was the next witness on the stand. He stated that at the request of the solicitor he had gone to the place of burial and had conducted an examination of the bodies of Hannah Walker and John Kearse, after having them exhumed. This was on the 11th. He found that | necks. the two murdered persons, the old dumped into a plain pine box, and over them there was nothing but a strip of cloth. Both bodies were in a terrible state. They were cut and bruised in a terrible manner. The wounds, he stated, were evidently strument, perhaps a buggy trace.

H. M. Ward stated that he lived near Broxton Bridge. He was only acquainted with Dr. Ackerman. On the 4th of December he heard that Isham Kearse was dead. Saw Dr. Ackerman on Monday night about 8 o'clock before the Wednesday on which the inquest took place. Dr. Ackerman called to buy a pair of shoes, but did not get them. Sent the shoes to him at Walterboro after he was imprisoned at Walterboro.

Allen Hayes on Monday night was passing the place of Mr. Preston Hiers and he was in his lot hitching up a cember, a cold, clear moonlight night, horse. There was a buggy and a road cart standing in the road and there were several men standing around. He did not know what time it was then, but after walking half a mile to his own place it was 11 o'clock. Several other witnesses testified to the fact of Mr. Hiers hitching up a buggy on the night of the killing.

Sandy Campbell stated that he had been in jail charged with the killing of Hannah Walker and Isham Kearse. two were beaten to death by fiends in Hiers's place. On the day of the inhuman shape.

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He nad at that time day of the inhuman shape. He had at that time lived on Mr. before he was at his own house. He was also home on Monday night before the inquest.

On that night he had seen Isham Kearse and Rose Kearse at his house. Ie came there about two hours after ark. Campbell walked out with him oward his home. As they got by Mr. Hiers's house three or four men ran out and said we arrest you. In the crowd were Mr. Hiers, Mr. Brant, Dr. Ackerman and Mr. Stan'ey. They showed no warrant. The men put a rope around him and a sother about Isham. The men said they wanted the man who had their property, which was some books. Later the men unied him and let him go. They took Kearse off. Campbell went home and after that some white men came to his place and asked for Rosa Kearse. They took her off with them. He saw a ouggy in the road when Rosa went that night, until he was in jail at Walterboro with them. On that night dred yards from his house. She was with some one he did not know. When asked it he had made all this statement at Walterboro he said no for the reason that he was warned not

When Campbell was asked i that in testifying in Walterboro, (when the same men were on trial for the killing of Hannah Walker) he had not said he did not know who it was that knocked on his door. He did not retion of the mob who whipped them to member. Campbell was then asked if said, "d-n ycu, none of you know whip them to death, but they carried the did not in Walterboro say that anything about it." After this Ackerthe matter further than they thought. Kearse had gone off by himself. This From the circumstantial evidence he did not remember. Campbell was in the case there seemed no doubt but further asked why he did not tell the whole story at Walterboro as he was doing it now. Campbell replied that he had been advised not to by Mr. Judge Aldrich, tried in the Colleton Hiers. Further Campbell said that Mr. Hiers and others had told him boro. This trial was had upon the that if he told what he knew he would

SECOND DAY OF THE TRIAL. AIKEN, S. C., Oct. 28 .- The first witness up today was Mr. J. J. Falk, who very far from that of her son.

This first trial was one of the most was last night put on the stand, was again up. Falk stated that he was a acquainted with the defendants. Had petitioned for a change of venue, and also been acquainted with Rosa Kearse, the case was set for a hearing berore who lived on his place with her husband, Isham Kearse. Witness was acwas one of the witnesses on the stand had not examined them he could not

swear that the bodies were those of

On the night of the 2ad he was been incarcerated in Aiken jail since awakened by persons calling at his Saturday the 17th, when they were gate. He asked the three men he saw brought up here from Walterboro by there what they wanted. They told Sheriff Black of Colleton county. Pre- him that they had a man there they December night they beat her un nervious to that time they had been in wanted him to identify. He asked Walterboro jail. Attempts to get who it was, and was told that the man ping her one of them handed her a them out on bond were made, but was Isham Kearse. He dressed and there was never any attempt either on went to the gate. There was a buggy of the men helped Isham to put on his their part or that of their friends to there and a man was tied to it. This break jail. All of them had given man he identified as Isham Kearse af themselves up, and so, though incon- ter striking a light. He asked the men venienced preferred to remain in cus | what they were doing with Isham and tody than to flee the county or State. they said that they wanted him for of negroes. Then they said good not called upon to open their mouths They are all in splendid condition and rape. They also said that they wanttheir confinement does not seem to ed Hannah Walker for stealing books, have in the least affected their health. and asked him to go with them to When the case was called for the so- Hannah Walker's house. When he licitor announced that he would try got to the woman's house, which was mained there. the case against Ackerman, Jenny, on his place, there were four vehicles Brant and Kearse, being that known there standing in front of the house. as the first case, for murdering Isham | One man met him at the steps and Kearse by beating with a buggy trace. said that he would go in and search the house for the stolen property. He W. W. Toole, foreman; J. S. Mc- was unable to see who the man was ness was almost insolent. Her an-Kie, John H. Redd, G. L. Toole, P. In the house he struck a match and swers were mostly in monosyllables found that the house was apparently and insisted on calling all of the empty. This surprised him. Finally

Atterward they found Hannah Wai ker at a house on the place of Mr. that she told two men named Smith money to the defence. Adam Falk. At that time Isham ants with the murder of Hannah Wal | Kearse was tied behind one of the ker, another charging them with the buggies. He heard a man tell Hanmurder of Isham Kearse, and a third nah Walker that they wanted to know where the books were. Hannah Walfendant on the grounds that if the ker replied that she did not know man Kearse was not killed by the where the books were unless they were whipping, he was beaten into an un- at Isham's camp. The people then conscious state, and left in the cold of drove off. A little below the place defence asked her the question. a December night, the exposure kill- where Hannah was gotten the roads branched off At the forks of the road that while she was in jail Varn had reputation was bad and that he would ed with two bullet holes through his one party took Isham one way and come to her and advised her to say not believe him on oath. He had paid body. One of them struck and instantthe other went toward a woods. Mr. that she knew nothing of the men who money in order to allow the defendamined the body of Kearse and death Falk said he was in the party that whipped her if she wanted to save her ants to employ counsel, further he took Hannah Walker in the woods. life.

they found an old lamp which he lit.

After a search they could find neither

then drove toward Broxton Bridge. that they did not intend doing any-

Mr. Folk could not identify any of thought he recognized the voice of Preston Hiers.

Tom Kirk stated that on Monday night Mr. Jake Folk, who had just knocked on his door. Mr. Folk asked made by some round edge, pliable in- if Hannah Walker was there. Kirk swore that there were two buggies and a road cart outside and that in one of them he recognized Preston Hiers. He saw Isham Kearse, tied by the neck, standing behind one of the buggies. He was at the Seymour house when Hannah Walker was secured. She was tied by the neck behind one of the ouggies after the men had told her to consider herself under arrest. There was no conversation among the white men that was heard. The witnesses stated that he was unacquainted with the defendants except Mr. Hiers, whom he saw in the crowd. He did not see Hannah Walker or Isham Kearse after that until they were buried, when he was present. On the cross examination nothing was developed. Solomon Grant stated that on the

Monday night previous to the killing he was at his home on the place of Mr. Adam Folk. About 10 or 11 o'clock some men stopped at his house and asked if Hannah Walker was there. He did not know any of the at first, but later did recognize Dr. Ackerman, Hiers and Jake Folk. When he crowd got to the Seymour house Dr. Ackerman told her to consider she did not know who did it.
herself under arrest. Then he heard I. D. Walker swore that he was a Dr. Ackerman ask for a line. He then ied her around the neck. As he was Witness heard Dr. Ackerman say to and she could not see. her: "You haven't done anything, and that is the reason we are going to give you hell." On the cross-examication the defense endeavored to show the detective and threatened with arrest if he did not make certain statements. Pompey Grant corroborated the statements of Solomon Grant.

Ben Seymour, at whose house Hannah Walker was taken from, was the next witness put on the stand. He was at his house on the night of the killing of Kearse. Mr. Folk Seymour was at the Walterboro jail. She had stated they called to him and told him that they wanted to see Hannah. Hannah went out and as she did so Dr. out but did not know what became of Ackerman told her to consider herself Kearse. He did not see any of the white men mentioned by him as being see Hannah again. He knew that Dr. the ones who stopped him and Kearse Ackerman was there because of his red moustache.

Rosa Kearse, man, and one of the three beaten on the night of the 2nd of December, was put on the stand. Her story was one of horror in its details. Rosa Kearse swore that she was the wife of Isham Kearse. On the night of the 2nd of December she was at the house of her uncle Sandy Campbell. Jenney and Ackerman came to her uncle's house and asked for her. She went out and then was asked by Ackerman if she knew anything of the books She told them no and then one of them ground. She was unable to gain her with the jury.

feet for the horse was going too fast, Col. Aldrich, who spoke first this feet for the horse was going too fast, and prevented the rope from strang-

ling her, while her body was dragged helplessly over the rough road. After about a half mile they got to were the four other men. Press Hiers out of jail free men. had a gun- At the side of the fire was were made to strip. First the aged quainted with Sandy Campbell, who negro woman, the mother of Isham, was stripped of every vestige of cloththe white men. They beat the wo-Then Isham was made to strip himself.

He was beaten until he dropped. Rosa Kearse was the last to be whip ped. She was then but 17 years old, ently gotten up from a bed of confinement, but she was stripped of all of 'not guilty.' her clothes. There in the cold of a cifully. After they had finished whipmatch and told her to build a fire. One coat and shirt. Ackerman then told to be innocent until he is proved to be Isham that if he didn't find the books guilty, and until proof of guilt, beby Wednesday night he would come | youd a reasonable doubt, has been adback and kill the whole d-n creation duced against the prisoners they are night and left her. Isham was then in their defence. on his all fours unable to move at all. This was about two hours before day. She went to her uncle's house and re-

On the cross examination she stated that she was placed in Walterboro jail for safe keeping. Mr. Gruber was conducting the cross examination for the defence, and to him the witwhite men by their names without any prefix at all. The cross examination sought to show that while in Walterboro jail Rosa Kearse had told several perons that she did not know who had done the whipping. She admitted and admitted that he had subscribed that she had no idea who the persons were that whipped her. This was somewhat of a surprise for previously Rosa Kearse had so persistently stuck

On the redirect Rosa Kearse said The next witness was J. E. Vain. After searching there and finding no why she told Smith that she did not and Kearse. He saw the bodies, one of which was books, they brought Hannah out. know who beather, she did so because Dr. W. B. Rice, of Barnwell, a Black made his escape.

Rosa Kearse, who was staying at Sheriff Blalock, of Colleton county, Sandy Campbell's The men drove to stated that the prisoners had surren-Sandy's house and he followed them. dered to him on the 16th of December When he searched Sandy's house the at the office of Howell & Gruber. men had gotten Rosa Kearse. They Rosa Kearse was in jail as State's wit ness. With the conclusion of Sheriff He left them after the men told him Blalock's testimony Solicitor Bellinfier announced at 1 o'clock that it rest-He had contributed nothing to the de

thing with the women. Both women ed its case. The defense asked for a were tied with a strap around their few moments to confer before putting up witnesses, which was granted. The attorneys were in conference for the men in the crowd, though he some twenty minutes after the State rested its case. FOR THE DEEENCE.

The first witness for the defence was left the stand, came to his house and county supervisor and as such visited the jail. He had asked Rosa Kearse if the men then in jail were the ones who had whipped her, and she had replied "no."

On the cross examination by the State Mr. Bellinger said that Rosa Yearse had told bim on the 20th of told any one about it at the February term of the court. He replied that he did not want to be a witness, but as he had told his brother, who was one of the attorneys in the case, had him summoned.

D. L. Smith was at the Walterboro jail in January and had talked with Rosa Kearse. Here it was found that when Rosa had been asked of a conversation had with D. L. Smith at the jail in December she said that she had none. She was recalled to the stand in order to answer the questions as they related to his visit on the 12th or 15th of January, instead of in Decem ber. She denied having even had

conversation with Smith. D. L. Smith was again put on the stand and he swore that he had seen people who were in the three vehicles Rosa Kearse in the jail. That he had asked her why she was there and she replied that she did not know, that she had been whipped and put there, and

constable and had taken Rosa Kearse to jail. He had conversation with her tieing the rope Hannah Walker said and she told him she did not know 'Lord what has I done to the buckra." who whipped her, because it was dark

J. W. Varn stated that he had seen Rosa Kearse on the railroad and asked her what she was doing there, because he had learned that she had been that Grant had been approached by whipped nearly to death. She had told him that she was not whipped much. She further told him that she did not know who whipped her. Jim Green had a conversation with

Rosa Kearse, in which she said it was so dark that she could not see who it was that whipped her. John Kearse (colored) said that he

told him that she did not know who it was that whipped her, and she did not think the men in jail looked like the C. A. Walker, a trial justice of Col-

leton county held the inquest and of the men who came to his house that night. He was the acting coroner and held the inquest. On the cross examination he said he had the mother and son buried in one box, and had issued a warrant for the arrest of the four defendants, and turned it over himself to the sheriff.

At 6 o'clock court adjourned for the night to meet at 9:30 tomorrow morn-

THIRD DAY OF TRIAL.

AIKEN, S. C., Oct. 23 - The defence devoted it time today in proving the man tied a line around her neck and good character of the witnesses in the tied it to the buggy in which he and community in which they lived, and Jenny were seated. They drove the put up an almost interminable numhorse off in a trot. She followed as ber to swear to it. The witnesses best she could, being compelled to run were all the best people in the counto keep up. After running for some ties of Colleton, Barnwell and Hamptime she tripped up and fell to the ton, and their testimony had its weight

and so she was dragged by her neck. afternoon, said that if the prisoners She clutched at the line with her hands were dealt with according to the newspaper reports they would have already been hanged, and the jury smiled in a way that lead those who saw them to believe that Ackerman, Kearse, Jenny, son that at it the solicitor had great resident of Colleton County, and was a piece of woods, and there by a fire Brant, Stanley and Hiers will walk

The argument in the case began toher husband and Hannah Walker. day at 3 o'clock, with Col. Aldrich up When they got up to the other four for the defence. He spoke an hour, men Rosa said she was bound to one and was followed by Mr. Howell, of of the tree near the fire. Then the Walterboro. Col. D. S. Henderson, nah Walker, there being still another the woman Hannah Walker, who was men advised all three of them to tell of Aiken, closed for the defence. The indictment against them, the solicitor killed, resided on his place. He had about the books if they knew any argument was on the line that no case thing about them. No information had been made against the prisoners could be given by the negroes and they at the bar. Solicitor Bellinger closed. The request of the charge for the defence was as follows:

"That if any material fact in the case depends upon the testimony of a witness who has been successfully contradicted, and whose general reputation is proven to be bad and such proof of contradiction and of bad character, raises in the minds of the jury a doubt as to the reliability of the testibut large for her age. She had but re- mony of such witness that is a reasonable doubt, and the verdict should be

"That it is not advisable for the ju ry to draw any inference prejudicial to the defendants by reason of their failure to take the stand and testify in the case as witness.

"That the law presumes every man

"That in doubtful cases where the minds of the jury may be wavering between the guilt or innocence of the prisoners the proof of good character should be thrown into the scales in favor of innocence and resolve the doubt in behalf of the accused. This morning at 11 o'clock the de-fence closed. The evidence was begun

this morning by the testimony of H. N. Folk, who swore that Sandy Campbell's reputation was bad and that he would not believe him on oath. On the cross examination Folk admitted that he was interested in the case and had subscribed money to the defence. D. N. Varn swore the same as Folk

Dr. D. M. Hiers swore that he would not believe Sandy Campbell on oath. He too had contributed to the defence. W. N. Jones swore Sandy Camp lid not have a conveasation with interested in the case and had paid negro named Bad Black began shoot-John Varn on the railroad when the money for the defence. All of his bias ing at another negro named Frank

was in their favor. O. P. Folk swore Sandy Campbell's When the solicitor asked ner said that he was related to Jenny

member of the Legislature, was put up to testify to the character of Kearse and Jenny, which he stated was good. Dr. D. H. Rice also testified to the good character of Kearse and Jenny. Capt. H. S. Batchelor, clerk of the Colleton County Court, was acquaint ed with Dr. Ackerman, whose reputa tion for peace and order was good.

R. E. Jones had known Kearse and Ackerman all of their lives and knew their reputations were good. He had chipped in for the defence.

Col. B. R. Lewis, of Barnwell, was acquainted with Brant, Jenny, Kearse consequently prove of considerable in Mr. J. O. Griffin, said that he was the and Ackerman. Their reputation, he terest: said, were good.

On the cross-examination Col. Lew is was asked if Frank Brant's reputa tion was as good as the rest of the people of the county. Then the solicitor asked Col. Lewis if Brant had not been in several scrapes in court, among lant, good-looking and gentlemanly them a shooting scrape and a fight at young southerners come north to December. He was asked if he had a church. "Do you call that good steal away the daughters of northern-cold any one about it at the February reputation?" said the solicitor. Col. ers and take them to their faraway Lewis admitted that it was not exactly homes to become their blushing and in keeping with the law. Capt. J. Kinard, a member of the

Legislature fram Colleton, swore that the reputation of the defendants were good. On the cross examination he stated that he was interested and had paid out money for the defence-H. W. Deer swore the same as all

the others. J. W. Bell, a trial justice and excounty treasurer, was put up to show that Sandy Campbell had been convicted of stealing cotton. Solicitor Belinger objected to the testimony and ask ed that the jury retire while argument was being had. The court ruled that the testimony be wricken out, because a trial justice had no jurisdiction in the case of larceny, therefore testimony was incompetent. Failing in that the jury was recalled and the witness was allowed to swear to Mr. Ackerman's eputation.

All swore that the general reputa tion of the defendants was good. Dr. J. H. Roberts was put on the stand to testify as to character and did

Dr. J. B. Whatley testified that the eputation of the defendants was good. When asked by the solicitor if he did not know that Brant was a turbulent man Dr. Whatley said that he did not know of Brant doing anything to hang or be put put in the penitentiary

L. G. Owens was the last witness put up to testify as to character, and udge Earle remarked that he thought it was about time, for he did not think the Brass city society, will become Mrs. head of Peniston street. It was unit necessary to put up the whole of Colleton county to prove character of the defendants.

A SURPRISE.

After a few moments consultation the attorneys for the defence decided that they would introduce no more Their announcement testimony. seemed somewhat sudden, as the delit is understood that the affair is setfence had introduced absolutely no tled and society, the upper ten portion in the court room who believed the them were put on the stand to make a States and he is every inch a gentlewere utterly indifferent to everything smiled at one another.

In rebuttal the State placed Court the stand to testify as to the statement | having. of a witness, Solomon Grant, who at Walterboro swore he recognized four men and at Aiken only three.

Tom Haynes, colored, who was in tempted to tamper with the witnesses. W. H. Newbold, the chief detective of the State, was put up. Detective Newbold stated that he knew Solomon Grant and A. C. Walker. seen the two together on Folk's place in Colleton county. He heard Grant heard Solomon Grant say that he recognizd Ackerman. Mr. Newbold de- Bryan and free silver. sired to make a statement regarding Walker's affidavit which he had taken down. The solicitor then took the stand to testify as to the loss of the af fidavit. The solicitor stated there that he wished to prove the contents of the paper. The court told him that the paper had not been found. The detective was again put on the stand and the paper was proven. The solicitor contents of the lost affidavit Grant had

stated that he had seen A kerman in the crowd. The defence announced that it would have three speeches in argument, and the court allowed e e hour for each. The solicitor had, therefore, three hours if he chose, but did not consume

but half of that. Julge Earle's charge was a judicial masterpiece and he gave the defendants the full benefit of the law, as is shown in the request for charge, which Judge Earle allowed.

All of the many witnesses will go home tomorrow.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 28.—It does seem sometimes that a man will go to any extent and to any expense just for the purpose of evading the Dispensary A case in point was learned of yesterday when a man in Charlest-n and shipped to him a barrel of liquor from Savannah. It was not a large quantity for the keg was put up in a sugar barrel. But the shipment got to harleston and fearing that the consta oles would get it, they evidently being on the lookout, it was sent on to Columbia. Here the eagle eyes of Constable Moorehead fell upon it and it was captured and confiscated. It was to be shipped back to Charleston yesterday and the consignee will be without his liquor or the pleasure of outwitting the officers. Even had he got his liquor it would probably have cost nim more in the end by reason of freights than it was worth. The stull came from M. M. Solomon, dealer in fish, of Savannah. At least that is what was written on the barrel which was a sugar barrel. It was consigned to J. K. Keith, Charleston.

shots and Martin fell mortally wound-

body. One of them struck and instant-

ly killed Squire Robert Laughlin, a

Riot at a Meeting. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 27.-A

St. THOMAS, Ont., Oct. 28 .- The gov ernment cruiser l'etrel has arrived at special from Coal Creek, the famous Port Stanley with the news that the rioting mining town 30 miles from schooner Sandill, loaded with lumber here, says a very sensational shooting for Tonawonda from Wiarton, went affray occurred there last night in down in Lake Eric Friday and all which two men were killed and others hands were lost. The Sandill carried to her statement that the six men had bell's reputation was bad. On the wounded. The fight occurred at a crew consisting of captain, mate, done whipping. She swore that she cross-examination he stated he was McKinley and Hobart meeting. A three seamen and cook. RICHMOND, Mo., Oct. 27,-Mrs. Eva Martin. They exchanged several

Gov. Eyans to Wed a Connecticut Young IN SEVERAL STATES. There have been many rumors

about Governor Evans' probable mar riage while in office. They were rife even before the governor had been elected, but all along he has kept and Mary People Killed and Injured. his own consul. The following arti

Waterbury, Conn., of recent date, which has been sent The State, will "And the little birds go south also." Things have changed considerably since the war closed. In the days of '61 the northern soldiers and sailors went south to battle with their south ern brethren, but nowadays the gal happy brides.
For several months a tall, goodlooking young man has been paying frequent visits to the Brass city. For some time Waterburyians wondered who he was, but they finally learn and a baby were killed by lightning

ed that he was Gary Evans, governor of South Corolina, and one of the brightest or blown into the lake. The next place reached was Johnand most promising young men in the Plametto State. He is the kind of a man | son's Bend, on Lake St. Joseph. The that the ladies would call very hand- scene is one of desolation. Johnson's some, as he is tall, wellformed and Bend is leased by Mr. A. Bland. The sanguine friend of the institution did gin house contained a great quantity As soon as it was discovered that of hay and was totally wrecked. Three have been crowned with so great a the stranger was such a distinguished barns containing cora were also des- success, for on July 24th there was man he found that he had his hands troyed and a great deal of the corn full attending to the calls of socity and answering the questions asked by inquisitive and enterprisin; Water were blown into Lake St. Joseph. are enrolled. Every class in the col-Several persons were badly cut and At first the governor kept the object bruised, but no lives were lost. The of his frequent visits a profound secret, in fact he does not as yet publicly declare why he came to Waterbury, away. Telegraph and telephone wires trial departments, including the agribut the ever-ready gossips soon discov- are down and the public road on Lake

ered why he came and their wagging St. Joseph front is covered with frag-matriculating students for the last tongues have already mapped out his ments of houses, furniture, clothing, three months. Hence any young man excellency's future years and they are cotton, corn and household effects. NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 30.-About 4:30 sure that he will spend them as the husband of one of Waterbury's fairest o'clock this afternoon a cyclone struck this city on the river front, just above Peniston street, and swept over a dist-When the governor first came to town it was noticed that he practical ance of about a mile and a half, or ly made the D. L. Plume homestead thirty blocks, from Peniston street to Robin street, the track of the storm and painting, iron-working and mahis abiding spot and most of his time was spent in the residence of that well being about fifteen hundred feet wide from the river to Annunc ation street. Now the gossip says Mr. Plume's The first building damaged was the daughter, Emily, one of the belles of Independence Oil Mill, situated at the Gary Evans before the snow flies, and roofed and building and contents that along with the little birds she will were damaged to the amount of \$60. go south to spend the wintery months | 000. The conveyors of the new elevainder the blue skies of the good old tor of the Illinois Central Railroad were slightly damage I, and John W. Hitemayer and John J. Buck, em-The engagement of the young southern statesman and Miss Plume has not ployed at the elevator, were lifted as yet, been announced publicly, but elevator and the latter was severely hurt. Hundreds of buildings in the ances for the future and pledges for

heard witnesses, among them Pompey testimony going to prove an alibi or of it, are on the qui vive, anxiously track of the storm were damaged. Its support and continuence of the two many being partially unroofed and races of the State in a united phalanx. men innocent, especially since none of the best old timber in the southern and fences blown down. statement. The prisoners themselves man. His prospects in life are said to tonight, owing to the prostration of be exceedingly bright. He is a clever

there were no clothes on them. He going on about them, they simply fellow and since he has governed are difficult to obtain. At first a num-South Carolina the people of that ber of lives were reported lost, but so State have had it proven to them that far these reports have not been veri-Stenographer Claude E. Sawyer on they have had a chief executive worth fied. Miss Emily Plume is so very well known to Waterbury people that it is situated on Robin street near the rivhardly necessary to say very much in er front, used by the Texas and Pacific

society during the last few years. governor has in his own right, will

keep all the wolves away from this knocked off and fortunately got out make a statement to Walker. He happy couple's door even if both Con- of the sheds before they collapsed. necticut and South Carolina do go for The Waterbury young men should feel ashamed of the fact that they have noon at 4 o'clock, demolishing farm allowed a stranger to come from away down South and carry back home with The news has just reached here, being

tween the North and the South. These der the grand old stars and stripes. It was thought at one time that Miss Plume would marry a Waterbury gentleman, but it has been proven that for once, at any rate, the know-it alls were somewhat off the track. The wedding ceremony will un-

doubtedly be the event of the year and will satisfy that craving Waterbury society people have for excitement and bor ton events, owing to the fact that they have such a small number of them from one New Year to the other.

What did the governor of South Carolina say to the Northern maiden, or hasn't he spoken yet, is a question all interested people are asking. But what the governor did or didn't say is his business and will draw the curtain.

Murdered His Wife.

Norristown, Pa., Oct. 29.-A murler unparalleled in the annuls of crime in Montgomery county was committed early last evening on a public road in Upper Marion township near Bridge port. Emma Kaiser, the young wife of Charles O. Kaiser, Jr., was shot down as she rode along with her husband, who an hour later was receiving the condolence of friends, but who today stands accused of crime. From inmates of the boarding house where the couple lived it was learned that Kaiser and his wife carried a joint insurance of \$10,000 on their lives, the policies being so written that the death of either would make the other the beneficiary; and that several weeks ago Kaiser and his wife each executed a will, each making the other executor and sole legatee.

Winner, wife of Jessse Winner, and her two children, a girl aged 3 and a boy aged 18 months, were murdered last night. The woman's head was justice of the peace, and one of the cut with an axe and the throats of the leading citizens of the town. Others children were cut and their spinal were hit, but not seriously hurt | cords severed. Bloodhounds are beling used to track the murderer.

DEVASTATION AND DEATH. WROUGHT BY A TERRIFIC CYCLONE | Harrison Jones will die of his injuries.

The State of Louisland, Mississippi, Wis-

NEWELLTON, LA, Oct. 30.—Tensas Parish has again been visited by a most destructive cyclone. The atmosphere had been heavy and sultry all day, the clouds growing blacker and lacker, and at 2 o'clock a terrific wind and rain storm reached Lake St. Joseph. Telegraph wires were torn down, and a most unsatisfactory re-port reaches here from the lower part of the parish, where the tornado originated. Information is that the immense brick gin on the mound plantation, belonging to Mr. Joe Curryn. was practically destroyed. The course of the storm was from Southwest to Northeast, striking Bruen Lake at Locust Land, tearing down and des-troying the public bridge over Cheraw Bayou. Twelve cabins on Locust Land were completely demolished and two colored men and two colored women

The storm swept section of the city is in darkness electric wires, and details of damage

The property loss is estimated a \$100,000. The Skylot cotton sheds, regard to the lady. She has always Railroad for cotton storage, were damcharge of the State's witnesses, was been considered to be one of the aged to the extent o \$10,000. A numput up to swear that persons had at brightest and most popular young ber of other sheds were completely dewomen who have graced Brass city stroyed. George Bealer, a switch tender, was seriously injured, an arm D. E. Plume's fortune is estimated and hip being broken, and Joseph to be away up in the millions and her Hennesy, laborer, was also injured at He had share, united with what the young the sheds-all the other laborers, about forty in number, having just

Oxford, Miss., Oct. 29.—A terrific cyclone passed through the eastern part of LaFayette County this afterhouses and uprooting trees of all sizes him one of the fairest of the fair reported by Hon. W. V. Sullivan, daughters of a Northern citizen, but Democratic candidate for Congress, we are glad to see another union be- and T. J. Harkins. Mr. Sullivan had been speaking at Tula and was returnweddings will help considerably to ing to Oxford, expecting to speak, at further assist the good feeling that Abbeyville to-night. He and Harkins wished to show by a copy that in the now exists between the two great were caught in the storm's path, the countries that once fought under two wind swooping down upon them dags, but now enjoy perfect peace un- without warning. They were driving a double team buggy. The wind lift ed the vehicle, horses and all, and carried them two hundred yards. buggy was completely demolished by falling timber but neither men or horses were seriously hurt, Harkins sustaining a slight injury by a flying

fence rail. The storm passed throughout the out skirts of the town of Delay and demolished several houses. The house of Mil ton Eskridge was blown away, but his wife and seven children, who were in the house miraculously escaped with slight bruises. The extent of the damage cannot be given, but no casualities have as yet been reported. Not a tree was left standing in the cyclone's path. Further details can also be got without difficulty. not be had to-night.

cyclone swept over a stretch of coun- all 200 miles-equipped and running ry about 20 miles East of here at 7:30 o'clock last night, devastating a district several miles long and probably a hundred yards wide. The farm and house of Wm. Toby was first in the path of the storm. The building was destroyed and Toby was probably fatally injured. The other members to fall into our hands and complete of his family escaped.

Half a mile further North, Mitchel postoflice and store was lifted bodily into the air, carried a hundred yards and dashed into the earth. The killed. Their bodies were found this magnifies his intentions. morning. They died clasped in each other's arms. Two sticks were driven through Mr. Mullin's skull, but there was not a scratch on the body of his wife. The mullins came here from Rock Island, Ill. The farm house of Abner Jones was also wrecked and many smaller buildings were destroyed, trees uprooted and crops ruined. Rumors are current here that the same storm did frightful damage fur-

ther in Payne County and that several persons were killed there, but up to a late hour to-night no particulars are obtainable. There was a tremendous fall of rain

ere and considerable damage was done by washout and the carrying off of crops. At Wewoka, I. T., the cyclone destroyed Governor Brown's store, a new church and four other buildings.

Several persons were hurt but none

seriously.

In Lincoln County Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin have been found dead in the ruins of their home, and VICKSBURG, Miss., Oct. 29.—Tensas Parish was frightfully afflicted by a tornado today about noon. Six ne-groes were killed and there was great destruction of buildings on various plantations. Seven houses were destroyed in the town of St. Joseph. The parish was generally visited and full details are not obtainable to night. Madison, Miss., Oct. 29.-A severe wind storm struck this this city to-night, doing much damage. A por-tion of the roof of Fuller's Opera House was blown off and carried across the street. Many telegraph and elec tric light poles were blown down and communication by wire with the sur-

rounding country is almost entirely cut off. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 29 .- A cyclone passed over LaFayette County, Mississippi, late this afternoon destroy ing farm houses, uprooting trees and doing other damage.

The State Colored College. The Orangeburg correspondent of

the Columbia Register says under date of October 28: "This has been a red letter day in the history of the Colored Normal, Industrial, Agricultural and Mechanical College of South Carolina. or the Colored State College. The announcement was made in August that the college would open in all of its departments on this day, but the most not dream that these efforts would legiate, normal and college preparato ry departments, with eight classes in the Model School and English depart cultural, are equipped and have been or woman coming here can get in addition to the literary training any of the following trades to wit: Sawing, dress-making and millinery, cooking and domestic economy, carpentry and wook-work; bricklaying and plaster ing, architecture, mechanical drawing chinery, housekeeping, farming up holstering and cabinet-making, saddlery, harness-making and shoe-making, saw milling and manufacture of hard and soft lumber, type-writing. printing, tailoring and tinning, also instructions in orchestral and brass band music. At 10 o'clock the trustees faculty and students convened in the chapel. The devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. W. R. A. Palmer, after which the president addressed the from the ground, dashed against the body, reviewing the history of the struggle for the school, making assurof Kershaw, Hon. Arthur Kibler of Newberry, Dr. W. R. Lowman and Hon. C. D. Kortjohn of Orangeburg made fitting and eloquent addresses. The occasion was enlivened with music furnished by Miss Rowence E. Andrews, professor of music. The singing was grand. glorious and soul inspiring. Students are from nearly every county in the State, four are from Georgia, and by the last of this week Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Kentuc ky will be represented. The correspon dence of the faculty shows that mem

> Solicitors and State Judges had all been at work in securing students from their respective localities. Can an; one wonder at the large attendance for the opening day-when the best white people of the State have been working for the school? All of the daily and weekly papers of the State for the last five months rendered great aid and support to the institution. The State canvasser, Dr. Palmer. left no stone unturned to arouse and enthuse the colored people in the interest of the school and they have unitedly responded to the call from every portion of the State. At the

close of the exercise, the four hun-

dred and thirty students, the presi-

dent, faculty and students formed in

line and marched through the princi-

pal streets of Orangeburg. It was a

bers of the late Constitutional Conven-

tion, State Legislature, circuit Judges

grand and imposing spectacle. The News and Courier's Model. Office of the Attorney General.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 5, 1870. My Dear Kimpton: Parker arrived last evening and spoke of the G. and C. matter etc. I told him that I had jurt written you fully on that matter and also about the old Bk bills. Do you understand fully the plan of the G. and C. enterprise? It is proposed to buy \$350,000 worth of the G. and C. stock. This with the \$433,000 of stock held by the State will give entire con trol to us. The Laurens branch will be sold in Feburary by decree of the court and will cost not more than \$50,-000 and probably not more than \$40. 000. The Spartanburg and Union can shall then have in G. and C. 168 miles. GUTHRIE, Oklahoma, Oct. 29.-A in Laurens 31 and S. & W. 70 miles, -put a first mortgage of \$20,000 a mile on this-sell the bonds at 85 or 90 and the balance, after paysng all outlays for cost and repairs is immense over \$2,000,000. There is a mint of money in this, or I am a fool. we will soon compel the S. C. R. R. the connection to Ashville, N. C. There is an indefinite range for expansion of power before us. Write me fully and tell me of anything you want done. My last letter was very building was smashed into splinters full. Harrison shall be attended to at and postmaster M. T. Mullin and his once. I don't think Neagle will make wife, who lived in the building, were any trouble. Parker hates Neagle and Yours truly, D. H. Chamberlain.

No, "Sir Hubert" is no fool. He knows a good thing when he sees it. The idea of the writer of the above letter presuming to address a South Carolinian on the question of morality. It is sickening in its hypocrisy and The News and Courier publishes this indirect reflection on gentlemen whom it knows to be pure and upright, heeds it: "Praise from Sir Hubert."-Edgefield Advertiser.

Cadis, Oct. 27 .- A number of Cuban prisoners who were landed here vesterday evening were followed from the harbor to the jail by a mob. The Cubans were hissed and stones were thrown at them, the mob finally becoming so excited that it was with the greatest difficulty that the police landed the prisoners safely in the jail.