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FOR PANAMA ROUTE

Commission Now Makes Unanimous Report to President.

COMPANY CAN GIVE CLEAR TITLE

Company's Offer to Sell For \$40,000,000 Has Completely Changed Canal Situation, Says Report.

A Washington special says: The canal commission on the proposition of the Panama Canal Company to dispose of its property to the United States for \$40,000,000 was delivered to President Roosevelt Saturday evening. The members of the commission decline to discuss the nature of the report and like reticence is maintained at the white house, but it was stated on excellent authority that the report unanimously recommends that the offer of the Panama company be accepted.

The report, it is stated, is very voluminous, going into all phases of the question and attempting to meet the objections that any legal complications will arise out of the purchase or that there will be any international difficulties should the deal be consummated.

The report was completed about 6 o'clock Saturday evening, and after being signed by the members of the commission was carried by Admiral Walker, chairman of the commission, to Secretary Hay, who transmitted it to the president. The latter will send the report to congress immediately.

The report goes fully into the steps which must be taken in order to insure a perfect title to the United States, for in addition to the present Panama Canal Company, the old organization and the Colombian government must be reckoned with. The report finds, however, it is said, that the new company can give a clear title.

It is stated that the report says that when the commission made its recent report favoring the Nicaragua route no offer to sell to this government had been made by the Panama company. The offer of \$40,000,000 made in behalf of the company by M. Lampre, it is said, changes the situation completely.

It is further stated that the report shows that a little over one thousand shares of Panama railroad stock is owned by individuals outside the Panama Canal Company, and that these can be purchased for a comparatively small sum. Other obstacles to the sale, the report says, have also been removed.

May Delay Congressional Action.
The probability of the latest developments, so complicating the situation as to make impossible the passage of any canal bill at this session of congress, is being seriously advanced in congressional circles in view of the understood action of the isthmian canal commission in giving its indorsement to the Panama purchase. Extreme reticence is being maintained at the white house concerning the contents of this report, and members of the commission decline to discuss it in deference to the expressed wish of the president.

There seems no question, however, that this supplemental report is a more or less strong indorsement of the Panama project. While a great many people here do not care particularly as between the different routes, just so long as there is a canal, they feel that the negotiations over the Panama route are so backward, as compared with those over the Nicaragua route, that even if the former does appear the better thing on its face, it will be impossible to set the work going by legislation at this session. There is no disposition, except on the part of a few people, to charge the Panama project is put forward solely in the interest of delay.

Machinists Finally Give Up.
The machinists' union at Salisbury, N. C., has declared the strike in the Southern shops, at Spencer, near there, terminated.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Spike Caused Engine to Leave Rails, But No One Was Hurt.

An attempt to wreck the eastbound passenger train on the Southern railway near Watauga, Tenn., Saturday afternoon, was almost successful.

Some one placed a spike in the joint between the rails and the engine of the train, carrying forty passengers, left the track while running at a high rate of speed. The engine, however, clung to the ties until it came to a standstill, and no one on the train was hurt.

SIX DIE INSTANTLY.

Fatal and Disastrous Explosion in Colorado Coal Mine.

News reached Walsenburg, Col., Monday that a terrible explosion occurred in one of the mines operated by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at Picton, in which six men were instantly killed and ten or more wounded, many of them perhaps fatally. The mine caught fire and was soon a seething furnace.

BIG BUILDINGS COLLAPSE.

Four Stores in Detroit, Michigan, Fall and Cause Heavy Loss.

Four buildings, each four stories high, located in the heart of the whole sale district of Detroit, collapsed without any apparent cause, and all that now remains is a heap of ruins. The buildings were occupied by five concerns, and the loss on their stocks, which is total, is estimated at \$152,000. The loss on the buildings amounts to \$50,500.

GREAT FISSURES ARE YAWNING.

Further Earthquake Shocks Leave Fearful Conditions in the Stricken Mexican Cities.

A special of Sunday from Mexico City says: Chilpancingo, the capital city of the state of Guerrero, has had two days' indescribable panic and consternation, for on Friday there came a repetition of the earthquake shock of Thursday, razing to the ground many houses spared in the first earthquake. The people are camping out on the Alameda and in the fields. Hundreds of families are ruined.

The buildings destroyed include a barracks, from which the soldiers were marched, thus saving their lives. The school buildings were wrecked, but luckily the children were all saved, their teachers having rare presence of mind and giving the order for them to march to the street when the first trembling of the earth began on Thursday.

The parish church, which was being repaired, having been injured in a recent earthquake, is destroyed. When the shock began it was nearly filled with worshippers, who fled in dismay, women being knocked down by men, but fortunately all had gained the street when the heavy stone arches fell in. It is believed that every one escaped.

Great fissures run across the streets. The church of San Mateo, in one of the outer districts, was nearly destroyed.

Among the dead already found are four young men and two young girls. The list of gravely wounded is a long one, including many prominent citizens. No official list of dead and wounded has been given out as yet. In the town of Chilpan many buildings were badly wrecked and three persons were killed outright, while four were injured.

In the towns of Tixtla and Machitan many buildings were cracked. In Inguala several arches fell in and there was general wreckage in shops. At Zumpango del Rio three persons were badly injured and the prison, town hall, schools and courts are wrecked.

The whole region affected by the earthquakes of Thursday and Friday had been the scene of marked seismic movements for several years.

SCHLEY BAGS DEER.

An Inviolable Custom Followed—Nimrod Fear Game Warden's.

Admiral W. S. Schley and party returned to Savannah Sunday afternoon from St. Catherine's island, 30 miles from the city, where a deer hunt was had Saturday and the day before. The party bagged twenty deer, one of which fell as a trophy to the gun of Admiral Schley.

It was his first deer, and the inviolable custom that is followed when a huntsman kills his first was not overlooked. Other members of the party placed their hands in the blood of the slain buck and smeared it liberally over the face of the admiral, who stood the ordeal without flinching.

No member of the party would talk about the trip, nor would they admit that they had gone for deer. This reluctance grew out of the knowledge that they had violated the game laws of the state, which says that deer shall not be shot after January 1.

The members of the party claim, with a wink, that they shot sheep and calves on St. Catherine's, which is owned by Jacob Rauhers and used as a game preserve. They fear that the game warden of Liberty county, of which the island is a part, will prosecute them for the violation of the law.

BRIEF HOUSE SESSION.

Urgent Deficiency Bill Reported, Charleston Given Money.

The house of representatives was in session less than an hour Saturday. Only routine business was transacted, the most important of which was the reporting by Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, of an urgency deficiency bill.

The senate amendments to the house bill appropriating \$30,000 for government exhibit and floor space at the Charleston exposition were agreed to and the bill passed.

FARO BANK HELD UP.

At Point of Pistols Two Men Successfully Loot a Gambling Joint.

Two unmasked robbers held up a dozen men in a gambling room over a saloon in Omaha Saturday and secured the cash box and \$200 in money from the owners of the place.

They were captured ten minutes later, however, by the police and locked up. They gave their names as Frank Williams and Frank Jones. The robbery occurred in the heart of the city. Then men drew revolvers and ordered the men in the room to hold up their hands.

POPE IN A BAD WAY.

Old Man is Growing Weaker According to Report From Rome.

A London paper's correspondent at Rome, Italy, says: "The death of Pope may be expected any day, as his holiness can be said to be just alive. He takes little nourishment and is generally half unconscious. He suffers no pain and simply dozes the hours away without comprehension of what is going on around him."

THEBAUD IDENTIFIES THIEF.

Man in Louisiana Jail is Valet Edward Kern, Jr.

Mr. P. G. Thebaud has fully identified T. E. Manners, the prisoner in the jail at Gretna, La., as Edward Kern, Jr., his late valet, who robbed the Thebaud mansion in New York some time ago of \$90,000 of diamonds and jewelry. The identification was prompt and complete. Kern will be taken back to New York.

BOERS BEG TERMS?

Negotiations for Peace Reported As Being Under Way.

KING ED OPENS PARLIAMENT

First Move in House of Commons is Attack on Government's War Policy—King's Speech of Little Importance.

A strong belief prevailed in financial circles in London Thursday that negotiations for peace had been reopened between the leading Boers and the British government. South African stocks rose in sympathy with the reports.

The exact nature of what was going on was not known, but a representative of the Associated Press learned that leading Boers had indirectly approached the government, protesting against the appropriation of farms in the Transvaal and Orange River colonies by British settlers, which system is now being rapidly pushed, and that strong influence had been brought to bear on the Boer leaders to save at least a vestige of property for their followers.

War Discussed by Commons.
In the house of commons the liberal leader, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, spoke in general terms against the course of the government in South Africa, urging conciliation in place of brute force. He said the same, to a large measure, was true of Ireland, where the government at present was "fouling between concession and coercion," and urged the adoption of the most liberal program toward Ireland.

Edward Opens Parliament.
King Edward opened parliament with a ceremonial in all essential respects similar to that of February last. The procession to the house of lords was of the same character as the former opening by King Edward, while within the upper house were seen the same state pageantry, the same high tunic dresses and the same revival of ancient forms.

King Edward's speech was not an important utterance. His majesty referred in terms of gratification to the world tour of the prince and princess of Wales, expressed regret at the fact that the war in South Africa was not concluded, said he trusted the decision of the sugar conference would lead to the abandonment of bounties, and noted the conclusion of the isthmian canal treaty.

Referring to Great Britain's relations with foreign countries, the king said: "My relations with the other powers continue to be of a friendly character."

Contrary to expectations, the king's reference to the war was just as indefinite as the statements on the subject made in the last half dozen messages from the throne.

"I regret," said his majesty, "that the war in South Africa is not yet concluded, though the course of the operations has been favorable to our arms, the area of war largely reduced and industries are being resumed in my new colonies. In spite of the tedious character of the campaign, my soldiers throughout have displayed a cheerful incident in the endurance of the hardships incident to guerrilla warfare, and a humanity, even to their own detriment, in their treatment of the enemy, which are deserving of the highest praise. The necessity for relieving those of my troops who have most felt the strain of war has afforded me the opportunity of again availing myself of the loyal and patriotic offers of my colonies and contingents will shortly reach South Africa from Canada, the commonwealth of Australia and New Zealand."

In regard to the canal treaty the speech says: "I have concluded with the president of the United States a treaty, the provisions of which will facilitate the construction of an interoceanic canal under guarantee that its neutrality will be maintained and that it will be open to the commerce and shipping of all nations."

"Five Georgia military companies will be disbanded on recommendation of the military advisory board.

LONG STAPLE GROWERS.

Hold Convention at Alachua, Florida, to Perfect Organization.

The long staple cotton growers of the state of Florida met in convention at Alachua Thursday for the purpose of perfecting organization and uniting with the Southern Interstate Cotton Growers' Protective Association.

The long staple growers in that section of the state have whipped the fight for better prices this season by co-operation and now feels that by organizing on a strictly business basis that they will hereafter be able to regulate the price of their staple.

ALL QUESTIONS GO TO CAUCUS.

Democratic Steering Committee Agree on Line of Policy.

The democratic steering committee of the house of representatives reached a decision Saturday on a line of policy to be recommended to the caucus of the minority in the house.

It is understood that the agreement is to the effect that all questions shall be referred to the full caucus, so that the latter body will have an opportunity to discuss the various questions of party policy.

CREAM OF NEWS

Summary of the Most Important Daily Happenings Tersely Told.

The celebration of Lee's birthday Monday proved one of the most successful ever held in Atlanta, Ga. Governor A. J. Montague, of Virginia, was the guest of the occasion.

Lucian L. Knight, of The Atlanta Constitution's editorial staff, will leave journalism to enter the Presbyterian ministry.

Confederate veterans of Macon, Ga., have adopted resolutions administering a stinging rebuke to the Rev. R. J. Cooke, of Chattanooga, who in a recent editorial assailed the Daughters of the Confederacy.

A serious fire occurred in Valdosta, Ga., Monday night. It started in an oil mill, and serious apprehension for a time was felt for the city's safety. The loss was kept down to about \$50,000.

In many cities of the south the birthday of General Robert E. Lee was observed with appropriate ceremonies. Crosses of honor were presented to many veterans.

Admiral and Mrs. W. S. Schley left Savannah Monday for Washington.

P. G. Thebaud, of New York, confronted the man held in Gretna, La., and fully identified him as Valet Kern who stole \$90,000 in jewelry from him.

President Roosevelt transmitted the supplementary report of the isthmian canal commission to congress Monday. The commission unanimously urges the acceptance of the offer of the Panama company.

In the debate on the urgency defecency appropriation bill in the house Monday, Representative "Champ" Clark made a humorous attack on the embassy appointed to attend the coronation of King Edward.

The Colombian and rebel fleets met in the bay of Panama Monday. One of the government vessels was sunk and General Alban, the governor of Panama, was killed.

Admiral Schley and party returned to Savannah Sunday night from the deer hunt on St. Catherine's island. The admiral killed his first deer, and, following the inviolable custom, his face was smeared with the blood of the slain buck.

An analysis of the scum on water from the newest artesian well at Albany, Ga., has been declared by State Chemist McCandless to be crude petroleum. Much enthusiasm has been aroused.

Mrs. Eliza Preffer, who came south as a missionary to the negroes, was criminally assaulted by an 18-year-old black at Norfolk, Va. A mob stormed the jail, but dispersed when told of the illness of Jaller Hybert's wife.

Mrs. John Linker, of Rowan county, North Carolina, while going to her father's home, was pursued by a negro. She ran and leaped a barbed wire fence, escaping and giving the alarm. The negro was caught in the meshes of the fence.

An injunction granted against sulphur plants at Ducktown, Tenn., on account of the objectionable fumes from the works, may close them down. This, it is said, would be a visit a dread calamity upon the operatives.

Prince Henry of Germany, is delighted to know that Rear Admiral Evans has been appointed to receive him on his visit to the United States.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that news has been received that Miss Stone and Madame Tsilka, who were captured by brigands, will soon be released.

Eleven men of the Second infantry, who were traveling in a canoe in the waters of the Philippines, have either been captured or have perished.

By the explosion of a boiler near Barcelona, Spain, half of a village was destroyed and about sixty lives lost.

The serious situation in Cuba now before the home mission board of the southern Baptist convention is said to have been brought about by Rev. A. J. Diaz, a native of the island.

A Good Roads Association was organized at Columbus, Ga., Friday. Thirteen counties of Georgia and Alabama were represented in it.

Joel E. Smith, formerly editor of The Monticello (Fla.) Constitution, has been arrested, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Dispatches from Amsterdam are to the effect that Mr. Kruger and the other Boer leaders are willing to make tentative overtures for peace.

The Rev. John Hewitt, of Columbus, Ohio, chaplain of Ohio camp, No. 1181, United Confederate veterans, has found the battle flag of the First and Fourth Florida regiments, captured by the One hundred and seventy-fourth Ohio at Murfreesboro. Steps will be taken for the return of the flag.

J. E. Asbury, a negro physician in charge of the West Mitchell street sub-postoffice station in Atlanta, Ga., is in jail charged with embezzling funds of the government.

The transfer of the Parsons street railway interests, including all such lines of Savannah and Chatham county and consolidation with the Edison Electric Illuminating Company is now an accomplished fact.

H. H. Kohlsaat, editor of the Chicago Record-Herald, has retired from the paper owing to the pressure of other business. He still retains a controlling interest in the paper.

Native preachers in Cuba under Southern Baptist church are in open opposition to American was instituted by home mission board of Southern Baptist convention.

A FIEND INCARNATE

Drunken Alien Sot Proceeds to Exterminate His Family.

BUTCHERED RIGHT AND LEFT

Mother Made Heroic and Desperate Fight to Save Babies, in Which She Received a Fatal Blow.

A ghastly discovery was made at Pittsburg, Pa., Wednesday when some neighbors hearing cries coming from the residence of Vincent Venzelsick, a Pole, at 209 Spring alley, broke open the door and found the bed room of the house saturated with blood. Mrs. Venzelsick lay beside the bed, her face and head almost crushed beyond recognition, dead. Three little children, their heads and bodies covered with cuts and gashes, and the husband, Venzelsick, almost dead.

From what could be learned, it appears that Venzelsick came home intoxicated Tuesday night and assaulted his wife with a rail cutter. The first blow inflicted an ugly gash on her shoulder and knocked her down, but she was on her feet again in an instant and with such weapons as she could find in the room she defended herself.

The three children were asleep in one of the beds, and the brutal father, coming so angry at his wife, rushed to the bed and rained blow after blow on the sleeping little ones. The sharp edge of the cutter hacked the children in a frightful manner, and the hospital physicians say that there is little hope of their recovery.

The attack on the children infuriated the wife, and with a knife in each hand she sprang at her husband and stabbed him a number of times. He managed to get in a number of blows during the close battle, and seeing that she was getting weaker, he gave her a shove and as she staggered back brought the cutter down on her skull with all his force, crushing her skull, and she fell to the floor dead.

By the time he had killed his wife, Venzelsick was exhausted. He sank on the floor and lay there throughout the night unable to move. The means of the children Wednesday morning and one of them crying was what attracted the neighbors.

Venzelsick, it is said, was not married to the woman, whose name, it developed later, was Rosa Lick.

A strange man who was found in the house by the police was locked up. He refused to talk.

Developments Wednesday night add mystery to the tragedy. Three Poles who were boarders at Venzelsick's house are under arrest, and the police are scouring the city for John Okeniski, who was also a boarder, but who has not been seen since the murder. It is learned that the woman had \$1,200 on her person and this is missing. Okeniski is accused of having set fire to a mattress in the house a week ago, and later Venzelsick tried to have him arrested because he had threatened to rob the house.

When found the woman was lying across a couch which belonged to Okeniski, with her face and head battered almost to a jelly. Venzelsick's head was beaten in and his skull fractured. The children's heads were also crushed, and physicians at the hospital say that none of the injured can recover.

PAYNE TAKES OATH.

New Postmaster General Sworn into Office at the White House.

In the presence of the cabinet, the entire Wisconsin delegation in congress, Governor Burbin, of Indiana; Senator Hanna, retiring Postmaster General Charles Emory Smith, and a number of other friends, Henry C. Payne, of Wisconsin, was sworn in as postmaster general at 10:05 o'clock Wednesday morning in the cabinet room of the white house.

The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Fuller.

HOWARD'S TROUBLES CONTINUE

The Reverend Gentleman Begins serving Another Prison Term.

At Detroit, Mich., Friday, Judge Swan, of the United States district court, sentenced Rev. G. F. Howard, who had previously pleaded guilty to using the mails to obtain money under false pretenses, to two and a half years in the Detroit house of correction.

Howard, who is well known throughout the country, was arrested by a United States marshal at Columbus, Ohio, several months ago as he left the Ohio penitentiary after serving a nine-year sentence.

TRAGEDY AT NEGRO DANCE.

Woman Demanded Ragtime Music and Refusal Brought Death.

William Slaughter and Ralph Johnson, colored musicians, were shot and instantly killed, and Powell Calloway, white, mortally wounded at Morris Creek, West Virginia, Saturday midnight by Lillian Williams, who used a revolver with deadly results, each of the four bullets she fired taking effect, save one.

No Peace Overtures Made. The colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, in the house of commons at London, Monday afternoon, said there was no foundation for the reports that overtures for peace in South Africa had been made by the Boer envoys.

Schley Leaves Savannah. Admiral and Mrs. Schley left Savannah, Ga., Monday for Washington after a very pleasant visit of ten days to General and Mrs. W. W. Gordon.

SCHLEY IS THEIR HERO.

Mississippi Lawmakers Go on Record. Bill For Total State Prohibition is Introduced.

The Mississippi legislature Wednesday adopted unanimously a resolution by Mr. McAllister, of Madison, declaring Admiral Schley hero of Santiago. After the preamble the resolution reads:

"Be it resolved by the Mississippi house of representatives, That Admiral Schley is the real hero of Santiago; that he is one of the world's greatest naval commanders, and is entitled to unflinching gratitude of his country.

"Resolved further, That we condemn the majority report aforesaid, and recoil at the injustice done Admiral Schley; that we indorse the report of Admiral Dewey and commend him to emulation of future ages of just and enlightened men.

"Resolved further, That we extend a most cordial invitation to Admiral Schley to visit the state capital during his contemplated southern tour, and receive public manifestation of the exalted respect, confidence and admiration in which he is held by the people of Mississippi."

Governor Longino has let down the bars for a discussion of the question of state prohibition. Immediately after the governor's message giving permission to consider the matter, bills were introduced in both houses providing for a repeal of all local option laws on the state books and providing heavy penalties for the sale of liquor in any county in the state.

Immediately following a speech by Miss Belle Kearney, vice president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, a bill was introduced in the legislature Wednesday afternoon providing for state prohibition. The fight promises to be fraught with much spirit and bitterness.

ON A SPECIAL GALLOWS

Will Mathis Asks to Be Hung—Stickler For Social Equality.

A special from Oxford, Miss., says: The verdict of the jury in the second trial of Whit Owens for the murder of Hugh Montgomery was "guilty as charged in the indictment." The court at once passed the death sentence, naming the time for the hanging as Friday, February 14, the same date as fixed for the hanging of Will Mathis and Lester.

When asked by Judge Lowry what he had to say before he was sentenced Owens said, "I am not guilty." He received his sentence with an unmovable countenance and in no way manifested any feeling. His wife and daughters screamed wildly and seemed almost frantic at the terrible doom of their husband and father. Judge Stephens immediately made a move for a new trial, which was overruled by the court. Owens' attorney will appeal the case to the supreme court.

Will Mathis has his hanging at a different hour from the time at which the negro, Orlando Lester, will be hanged and on a different gallows. He says he is opposed to social equality and that is why the request is made.

BRUNSWICK POSTMASTER OUT.

Removed For Alleged Grave Irregularities in Office.

A Washington dispatch says: Postmaster F. McC. Brown, of Brunswick, was removed for alleged grave irregularities in office. His successor, Albert M. Smith, is awaiting confirmation by the senate, his name having been sent to the senate by the president.

The charges against Brown, who has served only fifteen months, grew out of an alleged shortage said to have been found by an inspector several months ago. The irregularity was straightened out immediately, it is said, but the department records were inscribed and the movement for a new postmaster was started.

Chote Off For England.

Joseph H. Choate, ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, who has been home on vacation since October, sailed from New York Wednesday for the British capital to resume his official duties.

POSTMASTER GOES WRONG.

Colored Physician in Charge of Sub-Station Placed in Jail.

An Atlanta, Ga., dispatch says: Dr. James E. Asbury, a well-known negro physician, who has had charge of the sub-postoffice at 182 West Mitchell street, was arrested Thursday morning by United States inspectors on the charge of embezzlement.

It is alleged that Asbury is some \$500 or \$600 short in his accounts, the money having been received by him for stamps and money orders, which he failed to turn over to the postoffice department.

Judge Stretches Color Line.

Chief Justice Burford, of Oklahoma, has issued an order that if there be only one colored child of school age in the district, the authorities must provide a separate school house and teacher. This order takes in the entire territory.

Explosion Causes Death. Two men were killed and three badly injured in an explosion Wednesday near the town of Mackay, Idaho.

FEIGNS TO BE HORSE THIEF.

Man Assumes Guilt and Sentence to Save His Friend.

A dispatch from LaPorte, Ind., says: Albert Gilmore, until recently a prominent postmaster in southern Indiana, and a member of a leading family, will be received at the Michigan City prison in a few days to serve an indeterminate sentence for horse stealing. Gilmore made no defense. He feigned guilt in order to save the real criminal, who was his friend.

SOUTH CAROLINA

STATE NEWS ITEMS.

Of Interest to Farmers. The spring meeting of the Agricultural and Mechanical Society of South Carolina will be held in the auditorium on the exposition grounds, Charleston, on the 5th day of February next, at 12 o'clock m.

Sligh Files Bankruptcy Papers. T. E. Sligh, who owns stores in Darlington and Florence, and who is one of the largest interior merchants in the state, has filed papers in voluntary bankruptcy. The liabilities are \$33,000, and the estimated assets about \$35,000.

Legislators Praise Schley. W. J. Johnson, in the house of representatives introduced a resolution condemning the verdict of the Schley court of inquiry and the "defamers of the noble chieftain who almost single-handed held to the breeze the American flag at Santiago."

The resolution also commended Admiral Dewey for his support of Schley.

Burglaries Galore. Numerous burglaries have been committed in Laurens county within the past two weeks, a considerable amount of money being secured in several instances.

One night recently the store of Marshall A. Leaman, of Cross Hill, was entered, his safe blown open and relieved of \$70 and a quantity of jewelry. The postoffice, which is located in his store, was also robbed of \$80.

No clew to the robbers has been obtained so far. It is thought an organized gang is at work in the county.

To Meet in Charleston.

Director Martin Dodge, of the office of public roads inquiries, United States department of agriculture, has issued a circular directing attention of the southern interstate good roads convention to be held in Charleston February 5, 6 and 7 next. The South-eastern states, the mayors of all southern municipalities, presidents of boards of trade and road associations and all other societies and bodies working for the improvement of the common roads, are requested to appoint delegates to this convention.

Charleston Gets the Money.

The senate Thursday passed the house resolution appropriating \$30,000 to pay the expenses of the government exhibit at the Charleston exposition.