CONGRESS AT WORK

Lawmaking Body Organizes and Gets to Work

WILLIAMS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Speaker Cannon is Re-elected and Rules of Last Congress Are Adopted After Humorous Speech in Opposition by Mr. Williams.

Washington, Special--Congress convened with little of the pomp and circumstance of other days. The presence of so much fuss and flowers conflicted with the idea of the eternal fitness of things entertained by the slder statesmen. Hence, the formality of the opening session has become a somewhat less spectacular affair. However, much fine raiment in the ralleries relieved the sombre aspect of the floor, where flowers were bare, and the event proved as interesting in many respects as of yore. The following cancus nominations

were elected: Clerk-Alexander McDowell, Penntylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms-Henry Cassoin, Wisconsin. Doorkeeper-F. B. Lvon, New York.

Postmaster-Joseph C. McElroy, Chaplain-Rev. Henry N. Couden,

Michigan. The rules of the Fifty-eighth Con-

gress, including the standing orders relating to the consideration of pention and claim bills on Fridays, on motion of Mr. Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, were ordered centinued during the Fifty-minth Congress. This resolution will be offered by Mr. Dalzell, when the House is organized next Monday.

Several New Senators Sworn In.

Washington, Special--In the Senate Monday several new Senators were sworn in, including Mr. Frabler, of Tennessee. The credentials of Senator Taliaferro, of Florida, were precented by Senator Mallory. Senators Allison and Morgan were appointed as a committee to wait upon the President, together with a similar committee from the house.

The Message Read.

President Roosevelt's message to Congress received the attention of the House for two and a half hours Tuesday. Its reading was listened to with marked attention and at its conclusion the documents was applauded. Preliminary steps were taken toward appropriating the needed emergency funds for the Panama Canal. Should manimous consent be refused for its consideration, a special rule from the committee on rules will be available which will put the bill on its passage after a limited period for discussion.

Mr. Webb, of North Carolina, introduced a bill to have daily reports made on the amount of cotton ginned, during the ginning season.

In the Senate.

The Senate was in session for almost three hours Tuesday and gave practicially all of its time to listening to the reading of the President's annual message. There was a large attendance of Senators and the galleries were well filled, most of the time with representatives of the general public. The document received close attention from both classes, senators following the reading from beginning to end with printed copies in their hands. Wednesday in the House.

With an opportunity for unlimited debate on the subject of the Panama Canal, the House exhausted its oratory on that subject in a session of four and three-quarter hours Wednesday. The bill appropriating \$16,500,-900 for the canal work, which was the ment in the local service. subject of discussion, will be read for amendment and placed on its final

passage . The feature of the debate was the criticism indulged in by both Republicans and Democrats regarding the incompleteness of the statement of expenditures and estimates furnished by the canal commission. Mr. Hepburn (Iowa) reviewed the

canal work, stating that \$10,009,000 had been expended and that particular attention had been paid, to housing employes on the isthmus and in the jury stood, but members of the rehabitating the machinery the French company had left there.

In the Senate.

Senator Latimer re-introduced his good roads bill. Senator Simmons introduced a bill providing for a permanent commission to investigate the executive departments. Senator Overman presented a bill providing for a commission whose duty it shall be to enlarge the foreign market for American cotton.

Senator Culberson introduced a bill making it a felony for an insurance company or any other corporation to contribute money or anything of value toward the election of a President or a Vice-President of the United States.

To Apportion Direct Tax.

Mr. William Kitchin has introduced the following joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution relating to direct taxes:

Resolved by the Senate and House of the Representatives of the United States of America in Congress as sembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that the following amendment be proposed to the States shall become, and be a part I from the past."

of, the Constitution, to wit: "Direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States according to the real and personal property, as assessed for taxation, situated in each State not belonging to each State or to the United States."

For Public Buildings.

Congressman Blockburn has introduced a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a public building at Salisbury, and a bili appropriating \$50,000 for a public building at Mt Airy. Representative W. Kitchin has introduced a bill appropriating \$50, for a public building at High Point.

RUSSIAN GENERAL KILLED

Former Minister of War Sakharoff is Assassinated With a Revolver in the House of the Governor of Sarato See Him.

London, By Cable.-The St. Petersburg correspondent of The Daily Telegraph, in a dispatch dated December 5, sent by way of Edytkulmen, Prussa, says:

"Lieutenant General Sakharoff, former Minister of War, was assassi-

"The government had deputized General Sakharoff to visit the province of Saratoff, for the purpose of quelling the agrarian riots there.

"A woman belonging to the socalled 'flying columns' of the revolutionary movement, called at the house of the Governor of Saratoff at

"She ared three revolver shots at the general, killing him on the spot, "The tidings reached St. Peters burg. Count Witte charged Lieutenant General Rudiger, Minister of War, with the task of breaking the news to

Mme. Sakharoff. "The event has created a profound impression in St. Petersburg, owing to fears that the revolutionists here will follow the the example thus set.

"The spectre of a military distatorship, which has been looming on the horizon, is slowly gaining consistency and sharpness of outline.

"I am personally convinced that Count Witte's faith on the good sense and political tact of the Russian thinking classes, which recently was as firm as a rock, is gradually weakening, and with it his hopes for the carrying out of the Aberties promised in the Emperor's manifesto."

Fearful Conditions Prevail.

St. Ptersburg, Special.—Intense alarm prevails here. Communications with the outer world by telegraph ceased when the Finnish operators joined their Russian comrades. The embassies, legations and banks are hastily organizing courier services to both Finnish and German frontiers. The population is almost in a state of panie, fearing that the railroads will stop running and that the inhabitants therefore will have no mode of flight in the event of the cataclysm which they seem to fear is imminent

First Train to Knoxville.

Nashville, Special.—A big crowd gathered at the Tennessee Central depot to see the first Illinois Central and Southern trains leave. This first Illinois Central train left at 8.05 o'clock. It will run regularly between Nashville and Princeton, Ky. At 9.40 o'clock the first Southern train left going on to Knoxville, instead of stopping at Harriman as heretofore. The American Express company also entered Nashville along with the Illinois Central railroad. It is expected that by December 10, through services in both directions will be inaugurated, as well as a great improve-

Architects Win.

Columbia, S. C., Special.-A mistrial was ordered in the celebrated \$200,000 suit of the State agginst Architect Frank P. Milburn and Contractors McIlvain, Unkefer & Company for alleged faulty and fraudulent completion of the State capitol. The jury had been out since 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

It cannot be said with cerainty how panel say that the vote stood throughout eight for a verdict against the defendants of \$65,000, three for a verdiet for the defense and one willing to compromise on a small verdict against the defendants.

Ginners' Association Says 9,623,000.

Dallis, Special.—The report of the National Ginners' Association on this year's cotton crop was made public here. The report gives 9.623,000 bales as the season's vield.

President J. A. Taylor, issued a statement saying that the crop report has been practically completed and he has allowed two per cent. for an under estimate.

Rumored Depew Has Resigned.

New York, Special .-- A rumor has gained circulation that Channeev M. Depew had resigned from the United States Senate. When questioned concerning the rumor, the Senator said, "I am tired of making denials of unpleasant questions, and am resolved Leglislatures of the several States not to talk further to newspapers. I which when ratified by the Legisla- will deny nothing nor will I affirm tures of three-fourths of the several anything. I have learned a lesson

The First Female Legally Executed in Years

LEGAL EFFORT FOR MRS. ROGERS

Mary Rogers Left Her Husband Over Two Years Ago-Afterwards Af-.fecting Reconciliation at a Meeting Place Agreed Upon.

Windsor, Vt., Special.-Mrs. Mary Rogers, the woman who murdered her husband some 2 years ago and for whom so much has been done to have the sentence of death changed to life imprisonment, was hanged Friday toff by a Woman Who Had Asked afternoon at 1:40 o'clock, at Windsor, Vermont. This ends one of the most celebrated cases in the criminal history of this country.

Mrs. Rogers went to her death without any show of emotion. She made no statement or confession. A short religious ceremony was held with Father Delaney, just before the march to the gallows. Before the signal was given to spring the trap she nod-

ded her head that she was ready. Every ingenious device, known to law, was used to save Mary Rogers from the gibbet, and it was not until the case was disposed of by the Supreme Court of the United States late last month that all hope was given up of saving the woman's life. Had there been one mitigating circumstance; had there been one spark of womanliness in Mary Rogers, had she shown slight possibilities of regeneration, Governor C. J. Bell, of Vermont might have interfered. The murder was as brutal as that of Mrs. Martha Place, who hacked her stepdaughter to pieces because of jealcusy, in Brooklyn. Gov. Rosseveit declined to interfere and save her from electrocution in March, 1899.

Ginners' Association Report.

Dallas, Special.—The following is the cotton report of the National Ginners' Association.

Reports sent us from the whole cotton belt, every postoffice represented, indicates a total crop of 9,623,000 bales, with 8,486,000 bales ginned up to December 1. The crop thus far picked is 92.4 per cent., and 88 per cent. has been ginned.

The reports by States is as follows: Alabama, 1,061,000 ginned; 95 per cent picked.

Arkansas, 420,000 ginned; 89 per cent picked. Georgia, 1,594,000 ginned; 97 per

cent picked. Indian Territory, 242,000 ginned; 90 per cent picked. Louisiana, 344,000 ginned; 90 per

cent picked. Mississippt, 820,000 ginned; 87 per cent picked. Missouri, 31,000 ginned; 90 per

cent. picked. North Carolina, 561,000 ginned; 96 per cent. picked. Oklahoma, 234,000 ginned; 87 1-2

per cent. picked. South Carolina, 975,000 ginned; 98 per cent picked.

Tennessee, 198,000 ginned; 89 per cent. picked. Texas, 1,978,000 ginned; 92 per

cent picked. (Signed) N. T. BLACKWELL, Secretary.

J. A. TAYLOR, President.

Died of Lockjaw.

Wilmington, Special.—An eightyear-old son of Capt. and Mrs. W. A. Sanders died as the result of lockjaw, following a wound from a toy pistol received Wednesday a week ago. It is probable that the board of aldermen in view of other accidents recently from the same cause, will pass an ordinance forbidding the sale of toy pistols of the kind that carry the deadly blank cartridge.

Pat Crowe Acquitted.

Omaha, Neb., Special.-Pat Crowe, who has been on trial on a charge of shooting, with intent to kill Officer Albert Jackson, on September 6, was acquitted. Crowe was remanded to jail to await trial on the charge of highway robbery, in connection with the kidnapping five years ago of Eddie Cudahy, son of E. A. Cudahy, a mil-

By Wire and Cable.

At Greensboro, N. C. Dr. Joseph B Mathews was held for action of the Criminal Court without bail on the charge of having caused the death of his wife by administering poison to

Vice-President Eldridge of the Mutual Reserve Insurance Company told of what he termed "hold-ups" by various persons before the Armstrong committee.

To Reduce Naval Force.

Washington, Special .- Reduction of the American naval forces in Dominican waters form a squadron of protected cruisers to a "mosquito fleet" of gunboats, has been determined upon by the President. Rear Admira Royal B. Bradford, commanding the squadron will be ordered North. His squadron will be relieved in Mominican waters by a squadron consistin of the cruiser Dixie, flagship and th gunboats Yankee. Dubuque, Paducal Nashville and Scorpion. The Dixie will cary a guard of several hundre.

APPOINTMENTS READ OUT

North Carolina Methodist Conference Adjourns-Several Changes in Pre siding Elderships.

Wilson, Special.—The annual sesion ter. of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which has been in sesion here for several day: adjourned Monday noon. The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Rev. A. C. Bundy. A number of committees, which failed to report Saturday, submitted their re ports. Bishop Wilson made a brief talk before reading the appointments RALEIGH DISTRICT-W. H MOORE, Presiding Elder.

Raleigh-Edenton Street: R. F. Bumpas. J. O. Guthrie, Supernumerary. Central: C. W. Robinson. E. Pope. Snpernumerary.

Brooklyn and Garner: G. W. Star-

Epworth: C. L. Read. Cary: G. B. Starling. Clayton: J. J. Renn. Smithfield: J. H. Shore. Selma: F. A. Bishop. Kealy: Supplied by R. H. Whitaker

Wakefield and Mission: Supplied by F. F. Eure. Millbrook: G. T. Simmons. Youngsville: D. B. Parker. Franklinton: N. E. Coltrane. Louisburg: L. S. Massey. Tar River: A. L. Ormond. Granville: J. D. Pegram. Oxford Station: F. M. Shamburger. Oxford Circuit: W. H. Pucket. Raleigh Christian Advocate: T. N.

Methodist Orphanage: J. W. Jenkins, superintendent. Student in Vanderbilt University G. R. Rood.

Presiding Elder. Durham--Trinity: R. C. Beaman. Main street: T. A. Smoot. (Carr Church: M. D. Giles.

DURHAM DISTRICT-J. T. Gibbs

Bronson: Supplied by J. W. Aut Mangum Street: E. M. Hoyle. West Durham: J. H. McCracken. Durham Circuit: G. W. Fisher. Chapel Hill: M. T. Plyler. Hillsboro: M. M. McFarland. Mount Tirzah: J. B. Thompson. Leasburg: M. D. Hix. Roxboro: K. D. Holmes. Milton: J. A. Dailey. Yanceyville: W. H. Kirton. Burlington: E. M. Snipes. Burlington Circuit: S. F. Nieks.

East Burlington: Graham and Haw River; N. C. Yearby. Alamance: C. M. Lance. Trinity College: J. C. Kilgo, Pres ident. E. A. Yates, lectureship. FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT—J B. Hurley, Presiding Elder.

Fayetteville--Hay Street: D. H. Tuttle. Fayettevilia Circuit: V. A. Royall Hope Mills: T. J. Dailey. Cokesbury: L. H. Joyner. Sampson: D. A. Watkins. Bladen: E. B. Craven. Buckhorn: J. H. Buffalo. Dunn: J. A Lee. Duke: J. M. Daniel. Newton Grove: N. H. Guyton. Pittsboro: C. P. Jerome. Haw River: E. E. Rose.
Goldston: C. O. Durant.
Siler City: R. W. Bailey.
Carthage: R. H. Broom. Elise: J. W. Hoyle. Sanford: J. H. Frizzelle. Jonesboro: J. C. Humble. Lillington: Supplied by L. B. Pat-

ishall. ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT—J. N Cole, Presiding Elder. Rockingham Station: J. E. Under-

wood. Roberdel: A. J. Groves, Richmond: N. L. Seabolt, Mt. Gilead: S. T. Moyle. Pekin: W. A. Jenkins. Troy: W. R. Royall. Montgomery: Supplied by W. J. F.

Stubbs. Aberdeen: D. N. Caviness. Hamlet: Rufus Bradley. St. John and Gibson: F. B. Mc

Laurinburg Station: R. A. Willis. Maxton and Caledonia: E. Mc-Red Springs: S. E. Mercer. Rowland: J. W. Broadley. Lumberton: Z. Paris. Elizabeth: W. Y. Everton.

Robeson: J. M. Ashby, R. W. Townsend, Supernumerary; W. H Townsend, Supernumerary. WILMINGTON DISTRICT - M. Brawshaw, Presiding Elder. Wilmington-Grace: N. M. Watson.

Market and Bladen Streets: A. J Scott's Hill: Y. E. Wright. Onslow: D. C. Geddle. Jacksonville and Richlands: R. R.

Fifth Street: A. McCullen.

Magnolia: W. E. Brown. Kenansville: J. W. Martin. Burgaw: W. F. Sanford. Clinton: A. S. Barnes. Whiteville and Chadburn: J. T.

Columbus: C. W. Smith. Carver's Creek: Supplied by J. M. Waccamaw: L. E. Sawyer. Shallotte: J. M. Wright. Town Creek: A. D. Betts.

C. Whedbee. Student at Vanderbilt: J. M. Cul-NEW BERN DISTRICT-E. H. Davis, Presiding Elder.

New River: To be supplied by J.

Goldsboro-St. Paul, W. L. Cuninggim/ St. John: W. P. Constable. Goldsboro Circuit: Supplied by J. M. Carraway.

Mount Olive Circuit: P. Greening.

Mount Olive and Faison: J. W. Pot-LaGrange: H. E. Tripp. Hookerton: J. P. Pate. Snow Hill: J. M. Benson. Kinston: J. D. Bundy. Dover: W. A. Forbes. Grifton: L. S. Etheridge.

Craven: G. B. Webster. Jones: Supplied by F. S. Becton. Pamlico: D. A. Futrell. Oriental: J. J. Booker. Carteret: W. A. Piland. Morehead City: R. H. Willis. Beaufort: H. M. Eure. Atlantic: C. C. Brothers. Straits: Supplied by B. F. Watson Ocracoke and Portsmouth: To be

supplied by E. W. Read. Missionary Secretary: R. H. Wil-WASHINGTON DISTRICT-R. B. John, Presding Elder.

Washington Station: L. E. Thomp-Bath: J. M. Lowder. Aurora: J. H. M. Giles. Swan Quarter: Supplied by W. H.

L. McLaurin. Mattamuskeet: J. E. Saunders. Fairfield: J. Y. Old. Greenville: J. A. Hornaday. Farmville: W. F. Galloway. Grimesland and Vanceboro: B. E. Stainfield. Bethel: E. C. Sell.

Tarboro: R. C. Craven. Robersonville: B. B. Holder. Elm City: J. L. Rumley. Rocky Mount: First Church, W. S. North and South Rocky Mount: R.

Nashville: H. G. Stamey. Spring Hope: W. O. Davis. Wilson Station: F. D. Swindell. Fremont: D. L. Earnhardt. Wilson Circuit: T. J. Browning.

WARRENTON DISTRICT-G. F. Smith, Presiding Elder. Warrenton: W. W. Rose. Warren: B. C. Allred. Ridgeway: L. M. Coffin. Henderson and Mission: L. L. Nash. R. D. Daniel.

Littleton: G. B. Perry. Weldon: H. A. Humble. Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary: J. T. Stanford. Roanoke: Supplied by W. B. Hum-Enfield and Halifax: H. B. Ander-

Battleboro and Whitakers: R. F. Taylor. Scotland Neck: J. E. Holden. Hobgood: J. J. Porter. Willimston and Hamilton: P. I. Kirkton.

Garysburg: J. G. Johnson, Northampton: T. H. Sutton. Rich Square: B. C. Thompson. Conway: W. F. Craven. Murfeesboro: P. D. Woodall. Harrellsville: C. A. Jones. Bertie: W. C. Merritt. Littleton Female College: J. M. Rhoder, president. ELIZABETH CITY DISTRICT-J. H. Hall, Presiding Elder. Elizabeth City—

First Church: A. P. Tyer. City Road: H. M. North. Weeksville Station: E. N. Harn-Pasquotank Circuit: W. T. Usrv. Camden: R. L. Davis. Maycock: B. H. Black. Currituck: H. M. Jackson. North Gates: W. H. Brown. Gates: T. A. Sykes. Perquimans: F. L. Church.

Hertford: N. H. D. Wilson, Edenton: L. P. Howard. Plymouth: L. B. Jones, Roper: S. A. Cotton. Pantego and Belhaven: W. E. Ho-

Dare: P. B. Robinson. Roancke Island: E. R. Welch. Kitty Hawk: To be supplied by J. F. Halliford. Hatterns and Kennekeet: R. A.

Columbia: A. W. Price. Director Corespondence School of Vanderbilt University: J. L. Cun-

Chowan: Wm. Towe. Missionery to Cuba: R. E. Porter. E. S. Hursey transferred to West-Texas Conference. A. R. Surratt transferred to Western North Carolina Conference.

Found in N. C. Papers.

Richmond, Va., Special.-The State library here is in receipt from London of a complete record of the Virginia House of Burgesses for 1776 which was published in the trade papers of North Carolina instead of those of Virginia, and thus remained undiscovcred for many years. It completes the records of the House of Burgesses and contains the proceedings of a heretofore unknwn session of the Burgesses The record is one of the utmost his terical value.

Law Against Betting.

Nashville, Special .- On the first day of this month the law enacted by the last Legislature, prohibiting betting on horse races run on tracks in this State, went into effect. Tuesday a race was run on the Fair Grounds track at Shelbyville, Tenn., on which books were made. The race was in tended to test the law. The parties arranging the race were arrested by the sheriff of the county and wil be given a hearing at once in Shelby

One-sixth of the members of Camp Nome, Arctic Brotherhood, are col-New Bern Centenary: G. T. Adams. | lege graduates.

Items of Fereign and Domestic News Gathered For Busy Readers.

In the South.

Miss Susan Williamson died at Warrenton at the age of 104 years. The Franklin School building, at Parkersburg, W. Va., was burned, and citizens believe it was set affre. North Carolina is preparing to send

a car load of agricultural exhibits to New England and other Northern States. William Gallagher, who claims be was held a prisoner on a Chespeak bay

oyster boat, reached Richmond in care of a United States deputy marshal. Colored Altamont Moses, an leadng politician and prominent legislator of South Carolina, died at his home on Friday.

A conference has been called between the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association and the Southern Cotton Growers' Association to be

held at Charlotte, N. C. Fire destroyed a large portion of the business section of Wayne, W.

Capt, William J. Tyler, yardmaster of the Cherapeake and Ohio Railroad at Staunton, was struck by the yard engine, his left arm being crushed off near the shoulder.

National Affairs.

Senitor Depew sent in his resignation as director of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and the investigation before the Armstrong commit-

Secretary Root and Senator Lodge presented plans for the complete reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service. In the Senate 820 bills were intro-

duced, including a large number of important measures.

At the North. There are rumors of possible criminal action following the completion of the insurance inquery in New York. An unfounded rumor that the First National Bank of York, Pa., had failed started a run on the institution. Gov. Robert E. Le Follette was elected United States Senitor by the

Legislature of Wesconsin. Mrs. Ira Barry, who defied the authorities of Girriard, Kan., to remove her from a railway car, which she defended with a pistol for five

days, was captured by strategy.

Foreign Affairs. While it is generally admitted that Premier Witte is rapidly losing his influence, it is believed that he may yet extricate the Government by a grand

In the German Reichstag the Secretary of the Admiralty stated that more and larger cruisers are needed to protect that country's growing foreign trade.

All of Col. William F. Cody's horses were killed at Marseilles, France, to allay a fear among farmers of the spread of glanders. Field Marshal Oyama was accorded

an ovation upon his return to Tokio. It is stated that in order to avoid anarchy, martial law must be declared in Russia. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman,

the Liberal leader, accepted the task of forming a new British cabinet. Turkey has agreed to yield in principal to the demands of the powers for financial reforms in Macedonia. The Irish Nationalist Convention

assembled in Dublin and resolutions

demanding an Irish legislative assembly were unanimously adopted. According to reports of special commissioners sent by a relief committee, places.

Miscellaneous.

Lord Roberts is expected to command the delegation from the British army which will attend the James-

town Exposition. Charles A. Peabody will be elected president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company.

A strike of the students of the

Pennsylvania State College was ended by a compromise. Not less than four mysterious assaults or deaths was called to the at-

tention of the New York police Thurs-Eleven men lost their lives when the steamer Lunenburg struck on the rocks in Amhearst harbor, near Cape

Brenton.

Two workmen were killed and many njured by the collapse of the Charing Cross (London) station roof. Albert T. Patrick, son sted of the

murder of William Marsn Rice, was sentenced to be electrocuted in the week of January 22. The German census gives the popu-

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lation of Berlin as 2,033,900.

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MINOR ITEMS OF NEWS NOT REDUCE ACRES

Harvie Jordan Issues Letter to Cotton Growers

NORMAL PRODUCTION AND PRICE

President Harvie Jordan Issues Circular to Planters Stating That a Reduction From the Present Estimated 27,000,000 Acres Will Not Be Asked But That the Association Urgently Insists on No Increase.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.-President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association, issued the following letter to the farmers of the South regarding a reduction in cotton acreage for 1906. The letter says in part:

"The Southern Cotton Association will not ask the farmers of the Southto reduce the cotton acreage for 1996 less than that planted in 1995. The association does ask and insist with all the force at its command, however, that the acreage planted in cotton throughout the belt in 1905 be not increased during the planting season of 1906. Let the watchword of every Southern farmer be "diversification" and through that agency produce an abundance of food supplies to main-

tain each farm. "The present estimated twentyseven million acres planted in cotton is sufficient under normal conditions to produce enough cotton to meet the demand for the American staple. Any material increase in the cotton acreage for 1906 will tend to stagnate the cotton market and depress prices below their legitima e value. The legitimate law of supply and demand is the only true medium of regulating fair and legitimate prices for our great staple

President Jordan closes the letter with a strong appeal to the farmers o plant an abundance of small grain, orn and side crops and urges them o raise more hay, cattle and hogs, that the farmers may become self-sus-

Ramey Acquitted of Marder. Manassas, Special .- A. J. Ramey.

on trial here for two days charged with the murder of Locian Beavers last August, was acquitted. Beavers, who seemed to be half crazed with drink, made an attack on the family of a neighbor, who called in Ramey's assistance. Beavers followed Ramey home, where, Ramey claimed, he killed Beavers in self-defense. The ommonwealth's attorney was assisted at the trial by A. B. Nicol, of Alexandria, and J. J. Davies, of Manassas. The defense was represented by John M. Johnson, of Alexandria; Thomas P. Lion and Robert A. Hutch-

son, of Manassas.

Senator Mitchell Dead. Portland, Ore. Special .-- United States Senator John H. Mitchell died at the Good Samaritan Hospital, in this city, at 11:49 o'clock Friday forenoon, death resulting from complications which followed the removal of four teeth at a dental office Thursday morning. A hemorrhage of unusual severity followed the removal of the teeth and, despite the application of the most powerful stypties known to dental science, the flow

of blood could not be stayed.

Coal Famine in Norfelk. Norfolk, Special .- Norfolk is threatened with a soft-coal famine. There is plenty of hard coal, but there are coastwise vessels, including the big schooner Thomas W. Lawson, having a capacity of 100,000 tons, waiting cargoes at the Norfolk and Western piers, here. There is no steam coal at the city piers. In addition to Jewish massacres occurred in 171 | these, there are six big barges, two towns, not to mention many small or three three-masted schooners and several large steamers off the pier.

Store Building Wrecked.

Saluda, special.-A furious wind has been sweeping over the mountains in this section Sunday and considerable damage will likely result. One store building here filled with general merchandise was blown down and a vacant storehouse hoved from its foundation. The former belonged to Mr. T. C. Fonner and the stock was worth about \$2,000. The loss on goods is probably \$500, while the building, which was a large new strueure, is a total wreck. The vacant house is the property of Mrs. Conner and is damaged about \$25.

Towboats Caught in Storm.

Hawsville, Ky., Special.-The towboats Harry Brown and Raymond Horner with tows of coal for New Orleans were caught in a severe wind torm and the Brown lost 27 barges while the Horner lest seven. Each barge contained 25,000 bushels of coal. The coal was valued at \$120 .-090 and the barges at \$64,000. No lives were lost. The boats are owned by he Monongahala River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company of Pittsburg.

taky Schooner Puts Into Charleston. Charleston, S. C., Special.-The schooner James D. Dewell, Captain Hammond, lumber-laden from Satilla river, Ga., bound for New York put in for harbor, having sprung a leak Friday night off Frying Pan Shoals. She met the gale and high seas off Frying Pan and strained her beams.

on her voyage.