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The announcement on behalf of the Southern Cotton Holding company, that this organization will not solicit cotton until after the first day of May is significant. Mr. Brown understands very well that unless the acreage is reduced the holding company will be a farce and he does not propose to make a fool of himself. If the Government shall report in June that there has been a reduction of from 20 to 30 per cent in the acreage cotton will be worth whatever the holders care to ask for it.—Yorkville Enquirer.

The persistent and untiring energy displayed by the ladies of Lancaster constituting the United Daughters of the Confederacy in their efforts the past three years to raise an amount of a character fitting in a small degree to commemorate the uncomplaining sacrifice, the chivalric valor and heroic deeds of the Confederate soldier, is equalled only by the brave deeds of those soldiers themselves, and should bring a blush of shame to the men of the county, who, so far as we know, have manifested very little interest up to this time, in the laudable work these good women are doing.

Our information is that they now have on deposit about \$1,000, which they have made in small amounts from time to time by dint of hard work. Now isn't it about time for the men of Lancaster county to come forward with their contributions and help these noble and devoted women to reap a speedy and highly creditable fruition of their cherished hope. All can give a dollar, some can and will give much more, but the point is, give as much as you can and give it now, and thus prove devotion as your fathers proved theirs by risking and sacrificing their lives, and as their daughters are doing by sacrificing labor in an effort to aid in the perpetuation of their memory.—Kershaw Era.

Mr. A. W. Brabham, a farmer of Bamberg county, in a communication to The State predicts that "the South will plant 35,000,000 acres in cotton this year, and under normal conditions will make 14,000,000 or 15,000,000 bales." He says that "every farmer is increasing his acreage and phosphates, while he hopes that the other farmers one and all will stand by the association and reduce the acreage," and hence his prediction. It Mr. Brabham is correct then it is a pity that the cotton association was ever organized for cotton would only now be bringing about 5 cents and reduction of acreage would certainly have resulted. Five cents cotton now would be far better than five cents cotton next fall. If farmers are doing as Mr. Brabham says, then only some widespread disaster to the crop will prevent the staple dropping to rock bottom next fall. In any event the farmer who reduces his cotton acreage will be the best off. In Lancaster county there are many who will reduce acreage but there are also many, no doubt, who will follow the suicidal course of planting the same amount, or even increasing their cotton acreage. Mr. Brabham was the first man, either in this country or Europe, who predicted the rise in cotton some years ago. He proved a

prophet then, and it may be his prediction now of a moderate drop this year and rock bottom price next fall is correct. He says he makes his prediction only after a careful study of the true situation as it now stands just as he made the prediction of a rise in cotton some years ago after a careful study of the situation at that time. Take heed farmers while it is day ere the night comes when you fall once more into the clutches of "your Wall Street enemies."

## Confederate Flags Returned by Federal Government to This State.

Columbia cor. The News and Courier: Governor Heyward to-day received by express a box containing fourteen Confederate flags that have been returned by Federal Government to the State of South Carolina. Gov. Heyward does not yet exactly know what disposition will be made of the flags, and does not care to assume the authority to make such disposition. He has received numerous inquiries asking when the flags are to be presented to the survivors, and individuals have asked that they be allowed to receive the returned flags.

Gov. Heyward is disposed to think that the desire ought to be to get all of the flags together at Columbia. He thinks it best to have some expression from the veterans themselves or the General Assembly before anything definite is done, and in the meantime he will ask the ladies of the relic room in the State House to take care of the flags, as they are now caring for other flags in their custody.

It is the opinion of Governor Heyward that suitable arrangements ought to be made to care for these and other flags that have been placed in the custody of the State of South Carolina.

The following is an attached list of the flags that have been returned:

8th regiment infantry.  
11th regiment infantry.  
16th regiment infantry.  
27th regiment infantry.  
Sumter flying artillery.  
Sumter heavy artillery.  
Garrison flag, Castle Pinckney.  
Garrison flag, Fort Moultrie.  
Garrison flag, Citadel.  
Garrison flag, Secessionville,  
James Island.

Garrison flag, Fort Ripley.  
No number, regiment flag.  
No number, S. C. regiment.  
No numbers, S. C. volunteers.  
There is a public document containing the correspondence regarding the return of the battle flags. This says that other South Carolina battle flags were captured, but no mention is made of what disposition has been made of them.

The following is the description given in this record of the battle flags that were today received by Governor Heyward for the State of South Carolina:

No. 172 Confederate battle flag, captured by Gen. Sheridan's forces, September 13, 1864, from 8th South Carolina infantry.

No. 530 Confederate flag to the 11th South Carolina volunteers, inscribed "Port Royal, Cedar Creek, Swift Creek, Petersburg, June 24, Weldon Railroad."

No. 277 Flag of the 16th South Carolina volunteers, was captured by Capt. J. W. Scott, Co. D, 157th Pennsylvania volunteers. It was taken from the hands of the color bearer on the line during the engagement of April 1, 1865, at Five Forks, Va.

No. 159 Confederate battle flag of the 27th South Carolina regiment, captured by Private

S. O. Anderson Co. A, 18th Massachusetts battalion.

No. 658 Battle flag of Sumter flying artillery, captured in the battle of Appomattox Station, April 6, 1865, by Chief Bugler Charles Sloan, 1st Virginia Veteran volunteer cavalry, 31 brigade, 3d cavalry division, Gen. Custer commanding.

No. 339. Battle flag of the Sumter heavy artillery, captured in the battle of Sailor's Creek, April 6, 1865, by Sergt. George J. Pitman, Co. C, 1st New York Lincoln volunteer cavalry, 3d brigade, 3d division, Gen. Custer commanding.

No. 503 Garrison flag "Secessionville," James Island, S. C., defences of Charleston, captured February, 1865. Presented to the war department by Brig. Gen. A. Shimmel Jennig.

No. 508 Garrison flag of the Citadel of Charleston S. C., captured February 18, 1865. Presented to the war department by Brig. Gen. A. Shimmel Jennig.

No. 504. Garrison flag, "Fort Moultrie," Charleston harbor, captured February 18, 1865. Presented to the war department by Brig. Gen. A. Shimmel Jennig.

No account is given of the capture of the other flags.

## Awful Tragedy Near Conway

White Man Shoots Girl Five Times and Kills Himself.—Woman Cannot Recover.

Special to The State.

Conway, March 30.—One of the most awful and sickening tragedies which has ever occurred within the borders of this county took place this morning about 7 o'clock, at Homewood station, on the Coast Line railroad, four miles north of this place. In the yard, almost in the spot where he fell, lay F. O. Sessions, commonly known as "Buddie" Sessions, dead, with a bullet through his brain by his own hand, and on a table within the cabin, was stretched the prostrate form of Belle Sessions, a young girl of 18 or 20 years of age, wounded in five places by the hand of the dead man lying outside. She and her mother, Betsy Sessions, lived alone in the cabin, which is on the land of Mr. George Bray, for whom they worked as day laborers. From all that can be gathered, Sessions had been persecuting this woman with his attention for some time past, having threatened on several occasions to kill her if she would not marry him, although she was the mother of two illegitimate children, the younger of whom is said to be his child. It seems that there was another man in the case, now living in Florida or Georgia, who was the favored lover, and who had sent on tickets for her and her mother to join him; and they were to have gone yesterday, and had their trunks hauled into this place, but were unable to leave on account of some mistake or irregularity in the tickets.

A jury was empaneled before whom a number of witnesses were examined, both as to the actual facts of the tragedy and also as to the causes and events leading up to it. The shots were heard by several, all of whom testified to the fact that they immediately surmised what had happened upon hearing the firing. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by means of a pistol wound inflicted by himself. The woman was still conscious when the doctors reached her and was able to make a statement concerning the shooting. Upon her suggestion, a search was made in the pockets of the deceased which revealed a note he had written, making disposition of what little money he had, and providing for the payment of certain small debts; and which showed, beyond all question of a doubt, that he went to the house with the fully formed purpose of killing both her and himself.

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