

Reunion of South Carolina Veterans.

Charleston, S C April 27.—The annual reunion of the South Carolina division, United Confederate Veterans, opened here today. About 1,500 old soldiers were in attendance and great enthusiasm is displayed by them in spite of very inclement weather. The reunion continues tomorrow.

Water and Light for Kershaw. Kershaw, April 26.—Mayor Floss and the council seem more interested just now about supplying the town with an abundance of water and electric lights. They mean business and will no doubt at an early day have waterworks and electric lights. The mayor and council are wide-awake business men.

Although we have felt for a long time that the war was coming, we did not want it, because we did not consider it necessary. But it is on now, and we are Americans. The Spaniards must be whipped, and no matter what complications may arise, or with whom, the stars and stripes must not suffer dishonor in the enterprise. Up to the breaking out of the late war, many of our best citizens were Union men until the fight commenced. After that they made as good soldiers as the most enthusiastic secessionists. South Carolina will do her duty as she has ever done, and if she has the opportunity when this trouble is over, there will be other stars in the crown of her military glory.—Yorkville Enquirer.

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Brought Into Prominence.

Deacon Comstock, of Hartford, Conn., is well-known as being provided with an enormous handle to his countenance in the shape of a huge nose, in fact it is remarkable for its great length. On a late occasion, when taking up a collection in the church in which the deacon belongs, as he passed through the congregation every person to whom he presented the bag seemed to be possessed by a sudden and uncontrollable desire to laugh. The deacon did not know what to make of it. He had often passed around before, but no such effects as these had he ever before witnessed. The secret, however, leaked out. He had been afflicted for a day or two with a sore on his nasal appendage, and had placed a small piece of sticking plaster over it. During the morning of the day in question the plaster had dropped off, and the deacon seeing it as he supposed, on the floor, picked it up and stuck it on again. But alas for men who sometimes make great mistakes, he picked up instead one of those pieces of paper which the manufacturers of spool cotton paste on the end of every spool, and which reads: "Warranted to hold out 200 yards." Such a sign on such a nose was enough to upset the gravity of even a Puritan congregation.

Speaking of lions, that was quite an idea of the hard-shell preacher who was discoursing of Daniel in the den of lions: "There he sat all night, looking at the show for nothing; it didn't cost him a cent."

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AN OPEN LETTER TO MOTHERS.

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March 8, 1897. *Samuel Pitcher, M.D.*
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Nov. 23, 4m.

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Schedule in effect Daily except Sunday on and after July 26, 1896.

WESTBOUND		EASTBOUND	
No's. 9 and 11.	No's. 10 and 12.	No's. 9 and 11.	No's. 10 and 12.
A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.	A. M. P. M.
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8 50	5 15	Orr's	11 20
8 43	5 05	Knox's	11 30
8 35	4 55	McDaniel's	11 49
8 25	4 46	Rieburg	11 50
8 15	4 35	Bascombville	12 05
8 05	4 25	Cedar Shoal	12 15
7 55	4 15	Fort Law	12 25
7 38	4 00	Hydes	12 40
7 28	3 50	Miller's Crossing	12 20
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Train leaving Lancaster at 3 40 p. m. connects at Lancaster with O R & C from Camden, and Chester with Southern going north and south and with C & L north.
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A \$5,000 Cash Offer!

This paper announces, in connection with The Atlanta Weekly Constitution, a new offer in which everyone may have a chance, SEND IN AN ESTIMATE ON THE GOTTON CROP SEASON OF 1897-98 CONTEST BEGAN MARCH 1—ENDS SEPT. 1, '98.
TO ENTER THIS CONTEST YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE FOR THE ATLANTA WEEKLY CONSTITUTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE LEDGER, AT THE EXTREMELY LOW PRICE OF \$2.00
In connection with this Clubbing Rate, we will, if you send your guess with the subscription price, forward all for you and thus GIVE YOU A CHANCE AT THE SPLENDID CASH PRIZES

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Here it is, read it all very carefully and be sure you understand the terms:

First Award:	Second Award:	Third Award:
To the subscriber or subscribers naming the exact number of bales in the cotton crop of 1897-98 we will give if the estimate is received	To the subscriber or subscribers naming the first next nearest we will give if the estimate is received	To the subscriber or subscribers naming the second next nearest we will give if the estimate is received
During March, 1898	During March, 1898	During March, 1898
\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000
If During April, 1898	If During April, 1898	If During April, 1898
2,000	1,250	750
If During May or June, 1898	If During May or June, 1898	If During May or June, 1898
1,500	1,000	500
If During July or August, 1898	If During July or August, 1898	If During July or August, 1898
1,000	750	250

SO, THAT THE FIRST THREE PRIZES AMOUNT TO \$5,000 IN CASH.

Note Specially. If the EXACT figures are not given during this contest, the money will be paid out to the NEAREST TO THE EXACT figures. Somebody will get the money, it does not go back to the Constitution by any means. Those who solve the problem at the longest range will receive proportionately the highest prizes, as you notice the figures grow less as the time expires and because the number of bales received up to certain dates, as the time advances, can be known exactly, leaving shorter time and probabilities to figure against.
In all three of the cases submitted it is distinctly understood that, should more than one correct or equally correct estimate be filed in the contest, the amount of the prizes so earned will be divided equally among the correct answers. The prizes are offered in cash. There is no "missing word" in this, no probability for someone to know absolutely the correct answer, but this is brain versus brain, skill versus skill, pencil versus pencil, figures versus figures. Every man is interested in the cotton crop, the amount of the crop varies the price and the price of cotton in our territory is the barometer of the people's prosperity.
On Such a Vital Problem You Ought to Make Figures.

THE CONTEST CLOSES SEPT. 1st

The estimate is to be made upon the total United States Cotton Crop for 1897-98, the crop that has already been gathered and is now in the country as official figures of receipts will show it from Sept. 1, 1897, to Sept. 1, 1898. This is not the crop that is to be planted this spring, because the figures thereon will not be obtainable until Sept. 1, 1899. It is for the crop already in and marketed, official figures of which will be announced in September. As a guide for making your estimate we give official figures for each of the last ten crops. The conditions under which this last crop was grown and its probable output are elements for you to compute from and will aid in the correctness of your present estimate.
The figures given by Latham, Alexander & Co., of New York, are generally received throughout the South as official, and we give an exact copy from their latest edition of "Cotton Movement and Fluctuations" as follows:

Season	Acres planted	Bales in crop	Season	Acres planted	Bales in crop
1887-88	18,961,897	7,046,833	1892-93	18,067,924	6,700,305
1888-89	19,362,073	6,938,290	1893-94	19,654,000	7,549,817
1889-90	20,171,896	7,311,322	1894-95	21,454,000	9,901,251
1890-91	20,809,053	8,652,597	1895-96	18,882,000	7,157,346
1891-92	20,714,937	9,035,379	1896-97	22,341,000	8,757,994

Their figures will be used in deciding this contest.
Their Estimate of the Acreage for the Crop of the Season of 1897-98 is 23,320,000 Acres.

Following Are the Conditions of the Contest:
FIRST—If the prize offered under the EXACT estimate upon the number of bales, the prize proportion will go to correctly the exact figure, then the second prize would come in for the second nearest estimate and the third prize for the third nearest estimate.
SECOND—If someone should submit a correct estimate in one division of the time shown above and someone should send a correct estimate in our later division, this last estimate would take rank only among the second prizes, because the first had been previously awarded to someone who named the amount correctly in the former period.
THIRD—The condition precedent for sending an estimate at the Cotton Crop is that each and every paper publishing this advertisement in acceptance of our clubbing offer, the estimate of the cotton crop will be forwarded. This must be sent in the identical envelope that brings the money that pays for the issue by a client or otherwise, and knowing the content at the time you subscribe, or any other reason, will entitle one to send an estimate afterward. The estimate must come with the subscription, or not at all, in sending your estimate by a agent of the Constitution, you make him your agent and not ours in forwarding our estimate, both as to the correctness of the figures as you intended them and will be entitled to a share of the prize fund in which it may secure a prize for each correct estimate sent. Prizes may enter the contest as many times as they send subscriptions, and under the rules the same person may receive a prize in each of the three propositions.
FOURTH—In making your answer just state simply "I estimate the number of bales of cotton to be 18,000,000." Make your figures very plain. If you want to make sure, as our having based our estimate on how made, send other subscriptions. Don't forget every subscription for yourself or your relative will entitle you to an estimate.

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