A HORRIBLE ORGANIZATION THAT HAS TAKEN ROOT HERE.

Murder its Purpose and Cardinal Principle-Its Awful Power at Home-Some Facts of its Origin, Composition and Methods-How it Has Worked in this thought they were doing well when they

The Cincinnati Enquirer of Sunday last gives the following interesting operations of La Mafia in this country. sketch of the dread Mafia organization, to which the assassination of Superin- of their profession of crime, could not tendent Hennessy is attributed:

composed almost entirely of Sicilians, ings with a regular group at 95 Thompand was founded by an Italian cut son Street, New York City, sold Matia throat named Mafia at Palermo a hun- counterfeits at forty cents on the dollar dred years ago. The members are for to colored people, boys, girls, his own the most part criminals and counterfeiters, and hesitate at no atrocity. The inhuman cruelty of some of the Mafia agents is almost beyond human credence, and savors of the brutal barbarity of the middle ages. Vincenzo Arditi purned a victim's house in New Orleans, hoping to burn the owner at the same time. He was sent to the penitentiary, organized a branch of the Mafia—for house breaking purposes only—among his felicar religious purposes. Language well accommend with the Mafia only—among his feliow prisoners, got out, went to St. Louis and murdered a

foe of the Masia there. He went to Chicago, onened a saloon, enticed an obnoxious fellow countryman into it and stabbed him in the ance. back with a knife so long that it stuck out on both sides of the dying man as he fell to the floor. He came to New York, opened a store, fired it to get the insurance and was unsuccessful. He vowed vengeance and La Malia on a fellow countryman whom he believed instrumantal in causing his defeat. He beaker with one hand, and with the forehead to the point of his chin. When the wounded man, almost by a miracle, recovered, and was able to leave the Chambers Street Hospital, he was afraid to complain against Arditi, who went scott free.

In October, 1888, Antonio Flaccomio was assassinated in the shadow of the Cooper Union building, in New York city. Flaccomio had been adjudged a traitor to the organization, of which at one time he was a prominent member, and it was said that Carmello Farach, who was murdered in the Staten Island woods four years before, had been enrolled in the same society. The unjustifiable killing of Farach was one of the causes that led to Flaccomio's removal, but the cause of his assassination was the testimony that he gave shortly before his assassination against some of his countrymen, who were counterfeiters, as well as brother members of La Mafia. Flaccomio was sentenced to death, and two brothers, Carlo and Vincenzo Quarrara, were selected to kill him. The former plunged the stiletto into the doomed man's heart. Signor Rafflo, of New York city, the

Italian consul, is authority for the statement that the first that was really known of the order was at the beginning of the present century in the town of Silini, Sicily, where a family of nine, named Giavanni, of considerable social position, were murdered in as many The father went first, being found at his very doorstep. Seven days cation as that of her husband. The authorities were unsuccessful in tracing the murderers, and several days afterward the bodies of the two eldest. children were found dead in bed. The others followed in regular order, until Sipoli, was arrested on suspicion and confessed. He revealed the existence and his family had incurred the anger of the band by betraying a criminal, who was a Mafia, to the authorities. Sipoli had been instructed, among others, to commit the murder. He was tried, and although the best counsel was and sent to prison for life.

The government becoming aware of the lawless nature of the organization, at once took measures to have it suppress-Mafia continued to grow. A police officer in 1863, in Milan, discovered a mark by which a member of La Mafia could be known. It consisted of a small ber of criminals were afterward run down and brought to justice. The sodead, stabbed to the heart.

based on medieval sentiment. It is related to the Camorra, of Naples. It is a society confined not to Italians, but to Sicilians, the baser kind of Greeks, who bring their national customs, their secret societies and traditions of murmailer, a murderer, but in whatever he does the public opinion of Sicily sup-from their position on the bridge, were ports him still. The code of ethics unable to render help." which maintains him is called "omerta," or manliness.

Not long ago a wealthy proprietor was driving to his home in the neighborhood of Palermo. Six bullets whizzed by him. None of them hit him. No complaint was made to the police. Yet within a few months everybody who had taken part in the attempted assassination was himself assassinated. A Mafia had attacked a Mafiosa. He was most respectable man—a highly respectable man, sir. The other day he killed his cook. One of the most respectable men in these parts, sir."

Murder is the corner-stone of the social fabric of Sicily. A Sicilian wishes to sell a farm. A Copo Mafia wishes to buy it. Nobody dares to bid against him. If anybody is so foolhardy he would be shot next day from behind a terling, residing in Roseland, a suburb, wall or the corner of a house.

election. His hands may be red with a stitution. Her husband is a mechanic, a dozen murders, and his pockets filled sturdy man of 35. Osterling gave birth discharged without reference to the unseen Mafia. The Mafiosi rule their discharged. Then followed twins and talking at appropriate intervals. tricts as despots. If they have rivalries triplets at appropriate intervals. She theknife decides it. The Camorrista of the signer of triplets and of the signer of triplets are also triplets. Naples live in Italy and thrive, just as the Mafiori of Sicily.

A novice in the first garde is called reason why she should not continue to "Gazzone di Malavita." (a youth of bad | multiply. The father, however, is not life). The more advanced pupil is enthusiastic. styled, "Piccotto di Sgarra." The finished scholar is the Comorrista. The novice marks out the victims, follows him and plays detective on him. The Kemp, of New York, has a fine heard Piciotto is initiated into the secrets of of deer at his summer place on the Rumthe fraternity. He merely gets a hand- son road. Thomas Breen went into the ful of sous from the Comorista. He pen to feed them, and was attacked by lives in hopes of reaching the third two large bucks, which were angered by in the hands of an agent and leave. He grade, and some day, by means of an a dog. Breen tried to climb the fence, has not had complete crops for five grade, and some day, by means of an a dog. Breen tried to climb the fence, artistic stab or unusually long term in prison, he is advanced to the sacred band. He takes the oath on crowned knives with his hands immersed in his own blood. He is then licensed to murder whomsoever he pleases. The Comorista has two degrees of punishmentone is the spreggio or slash from a razor, the orther is the collettatti or stab right knee-cap was dislocated and his ocratic party, but that is just what he

witn a knife.

In old days the police delegated their authority to the Camorrista. Just before the advent of Victor Emmanuel they were placed in charge of the whole For a time they did their work. The thieves being well paid crime worth 40,000 ducats to the State, returned their fostering care barely 1,000 du cats. The collectors of internal revenue

The secret service of the United States has been aware for several years of the Their counterfeiting, which is their diversion as well as a part of the duties fail sooner or later to bring them before The La Masia is a secret organization the eye of the government's detective

returned 20 per cent, into the treasury.

Each counterfeit distributer organizes a group around him and turns his revenues into the general Mafia treasury. Lanza was watched and arrested on the charge of counterfeiting. A steam engine couldn't pull from him an admission of his connection with the Mafia offense counterfriting is against the laws of the United States. But the average Mafia counterfeiter pretends the most dense innocence and ignor-

WINNIE DAVIS'S HERO-

Nothing of a Mercenary Character in a Broken Engagement.

fred Wilkinson, who was until recently engaged to be married to Miss Winnie invited his victim to a private apart-ment to have a glass of beer, offered a eracy," has came out in a card which completely sets at rest the financial phase other, by one stroke of the razor, laid of the broken engagement. The general the poor wretch's face open from his feeling here is that the situation resemfeeling here is that the situation resembles the relations of an Orlando and a Rosalind rather then those of a Romeo and a Juliet. The card of Mr. Wilkinson is as follows: "Having seen in a local paper of yes-

erday a somewhat long report from New York in regard to the breaking of her engagement by Miss Davis, I take the liberty of asking a correction of some of the statements therein. What is said by Miss Davis is, of course, correct in every particular; but there are some suggestions at the end of the report in question that would be annoying to any one were they not so absurd. She broke her engagement with me for personal reasons only, as she is reported to state, and it is ridiculous to suppose that political or financial reasons had anything to do with it. The imputation of motive to her is any mercenary false, and would be dignified by calling it unjust. Any one who knows Miss Davis, or who has ever known Mr. Davis or any of his family, knows that by no possibility could they be influenced by a mercenary motive. I am certain that the same is true of all their intimate

"Furthermore, Miss Davis has known for a year or two, if not longer, that I was poor, and within the last year my circumstances have been much improved. The burning of our house, though a serious loss, had nothing to do with her later the mother followed. Her dead body was found in almost the same loour engagement be fore that happened.

"When a lady decides to break her engagement the gentleman has nothing to do but submit, and I feel that any inquiry into Miss Davis's motives is impertinent. My only reason, therefore, for this state-A tough character of the town, named have been circulated—some purporting ties that new parties may be created. to come from my friends-imputing to Miss Davis motives entirely foreign of the order, and said that Glavanni to one of her high birth and character. Alfred Wilkinson."

A Heroic Southern Girl.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Oct. 29 .- Judge James T. McTeer, a member of the bar of Virginia, and who happened to be on employed to defend him on a plea of in- the Louisville and Nashville train comsanity by the Mafia he was convicted | ing to this city tonight, furnishes the following. "I was a passenger today on Several witnesses for the prosecution the Louisville and Nashville train, which were afterward murdered by the Maria. was five hours late. Before reaching the long bridge beyond Biloxi the engineer. running at full speed, observed a negro on the trestlework near the north end. ed, but the efforts proved futile. La The negro, observing the approaching train and hearing the warning signals, turned and clung for a moment to a telegraph pole. He then lett his place of scar immediately under the ear, caused safety and ran for the next pole, in his by burning. In this way a great num- excitement forgetting to jump to the water, a distance of perhaps fifteen feet. Despite the engineer's warning singals, ciety then gave up the mark, and the he stopped, bowed his head, and the pilot police officer one year after was found of the engine crushed his skull and knocked him into the water, where he La Mafia is a modern organization floundered and struggled about for some minutes. The water was two and a half feet deep, and five or six big, stalwart negroes stood by and refused to run in and try to save the unfortunate man's life. "From a house near by a beautider with them. If a Sicilian believes ful girl of 18 summers was seen to run that be can provide for the protection with all possible speed. She dashed into of his person and property without the water and pulled the dying man to having recourse to law that person is a | the shore, where he died in a few mo-Maflosa. He may be a bully, a black- ments. This daring, heroic deed was observed by a train full of passengers, who,

> Panic in a Church. Jonesboro Ga., Oct. 29 .- Sunday

morning at 11:45 o'clock, a severe windstorm struck this place from the northwest, stirring things up generally. No particular damage was done, except to the Baptist church. Services

were going on at the time, and when the church began to crack the congregation more powerful than his assailant. Sici- almost stampeded. People rushed pelllans justify these crimes. Everybody | mell in every direction to escape, and in knows the authors, yet nobody inter- | the rush Mr. N. R. Hamrick fell to the feres. Said a guide of a recent traveler floor, bruising himself quite badly. It in Sicily: "Yonder home belongs to v was a miracle that he escaped serious injury, as the crowd went wild for a few minutes. The church is so badly damaged that it will not be safe to use until it is repaired. It will be torn down and rebuilt from the ground, with all modern mprovements.

Eighteen Babies in Fourteen Years. CHICAGO, Oct. 24 .- Mrs. Jacob Osgave birth yesterday to a female child, If a Copo Malia runs for the may oral- the eighteenth offspring of a married life ity of a village nobody runs against of fourteen years. Mrs. Osterling is him. He invariably has a unanimous about 33 years of age and of robust conwith blackmail. Not a servant can be to her first child ten months after her triplets at appropriate intervals. She one set of triplets, and of the eighteen children fourteen are yet alive. Dr. P. The political power of the Cammorals W. Holman, the physician who attendis broken, yet it maintains an under- ed Mrs. Osterling at the last birth, and ground existence, and has three grades. several previous ones, says there is no

> Attacked by Two Angry Bucks RED BANK, N. J., Oct. 25 .- Edward but one of the bucks got its antlers in years, and he will go to Louisiana his clothing, and threw him heavily to the ground, and while in this helpless condition both bucks struck him with their autlers, and had it not been for the arrival of one of the gardeners, Breen

hands and arms were badly cut.

A Cotton Seed War.

The Charlotte News says: A report comes from along the line of the oil Death of One of the Wild West's Most mills South of us, that the old cotion seed war has broken out again and diminished. After a while their old promises to be worse than ever-the instincts were too strong for them. farmers against the oil mills. The cotton seed oil manufacturers lost money inches in height, straight as an arrow, last year. They attribute this largely and at the time of his death nearly to the Conger Compound Lard Bill. which, although it did not pass Congress, yet caused such agitation against cotton seed oil that it depressed prices. A still more important cause of the losses of the mills, however, was the high price paid for seed, some \$14 to \$16 a ton. The competition between the American Oil Trust mills and the independent mills sent up the price of seed higher than was ever known before, and the result was that, although the production was greater than ever, there were heavy losses all along the line: indeed, the more oil made, the greater the loss.

With this experience the cotton seed oil men resolved to avoid a similar loss this year, and early last month met and resolved to act together. The trust and the independents combined so as to reduce and fix the price of seed. They decided on SS or S9 a ton for the seed a little more than half the amount paid last year. This has naturally aroused great opposition, and has brought on the same old war waged between the farmers and the mills three years ago. The low price offered has naturally cut down the supply of seed for the mills. Not half as much has been received as at this time last year, although the cotton itself is pouring in very fast. The chances are that the war will grow even warmer, and the cotton seed oil product of the country be materially reduced in consequence.

In many of the parishes farmers' organizations have been formed to tight the mills. The planters are pledging themselves to hold their cotton seed and use it as fertilizers rather than sell it at present prices. They also propose to adopt the plan successfully pursued in South Carolina of putting up and working small co-operative oil mills of their own, and thus freezing out the big mills. They seem determined not to sacrifice their seed, and have already greatly re duced the supply for the New Orleans and other mills.

The Work of the Alliance. An "Allianceman," in the Southern Cultivator says "the character of the purposes of the Alliance was fully emphasized in the fundamental organism of the organization. The honor and integrity of the order was pledged to each member that there should be no conflict with their political or religious views. The base of the organization was to render the lives of farmers and laborers more attractive, country life less lonely and more social, and to better their financial condition.

There are two theories as to the cause of agricultural depression. One theory (held by politicians largely) is that the depression is due solely to legislation, and to remedy the evil legislation must be controlled, and to control legislation the farmers must form a political party. The other theory is that the depression is caused jointly by bad legislation by the political parties on one sides and want of economy on the part of the farmers on the other, and that the remedy lies in reform on both sides moving in parallel lines. The last theory is the foundation stone of the Alliance movement. Their work lies in educating the farmers in the economical conduct of their own affairs, in the proper understanding of the science of government, and in bringing all classes together in harmony and good will. Not theirs to inculcate the spirit of hostility to any class; not theirs to impute dishonesty to any class; not theirs to breed dissension and sow discord among the people; not theirs to enter ment is the silly and unjust report which | the political arena and disrupt all parof the Alliance. Write in letters of living light this quotation from their declaration of purpose: "Its laws are reason and equity; its cardinal doctrines inspire purity of thought and life; its intention is 'Peace on earth and will toward men." He who good would prevent this purpose would degrade the organization by destroying the honor and integrity of the brotherhood solemnly pledged to each member. Brothers let us "protect the prin-

ciples of the Alliance unto death.' Removal of the Alliance Exchange, COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 30 .- The stockholders of the State Alliance Exchange met vesterday in Agricultural Hall and, after some discussions, decided to move the State Exchange from Greenville to Columbia January 1st. It was also concluded to establish a farmers' bank in this city. A committee was ap-pointed to memorialize the Legisla- age of 194, and an aunt died at the age ture at its coming sess on to obtain the of 102. Her father was killed during

use of Agricultural Hall for the bank. This move was taken as the result of a meeting of the County trustees of the shareholders of the State Alliance Exchange held in this city Tuesday evening, twenty-three Counties being represented. It was suggested that the exchange be located at Green-ville, Blackville, Charleston and Columbia, but the latter place was finally decided on yesterday. It was voted as the sense of the meeting that the here this afternoon. An immense stock of \$50,000 subscribed to the State crowd had gathered to witness the per-Exchange be used as the capital stock of an Alliance bank, and this bank, it s proposed, will do the business of the Alliances of the State. The arrangements for the bank will be perfected at a meeting to be held the second Tues-

dry in December.—Register. A Cat and Diptherla. family of Robert Paul at Middleton have been afflicted by diphtheria, which was brought into the house in a singular manner. About four weeks ago a stray cat came to their home and one of the children handled and played with it. Although it was noticed at the time that it discharged at the nose and mouth, nothing was thought of it until soon after, when the little boy came down with black diphtheria-one of the most malignant kind-that the doctor said he had caught from the cat. The boy died. Then the second took the disease and died. The father, mother and daughter were also stricken down and recovered. Albert, the only remaining son and support of his parents. cared for them all through their terri-ble sickness, holding one of the boys when dying and preparing them for their last resting place with his own hands. When the others were recovering he was taken down and died.

Hard Times in Western Kansas. The exodus of people from the Western part of the State, where the corn crop was a total failure, continues. The most of the inhabitants are poor, and all who can are leaving the country. In addition, many are going who have property, although they must sacrifice their possession to get away. An Atchison railroad man, who is just from the country which includes the Fifth Congressional District, says people are leaving by train and wagon, and so many are getting ready to leave before winter sets in that the railroads have agents working among them to carry them. One man who lives about twenty-miles South of Superior told the Globe's in formant that he was offering for \$3,000 a fine farm which he had lived upon and improved for twenty years, and if he could not dispose of it he would put it

are going to Oregon.-Atchison Globe.

has done.

where he can raise two crops of rice a year. Louisiana is the land of promise of most of the people, but a great many It is a pity for a man like Judge

HE KILLED SEVENTY MEN.

peradoes in this country, is dead. He vas a Cherokee Indian, six feet four I have just returned from the North with the largest and best assorted stock of General Merchandise

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sissippi, between two factions known as the Ridge and Ross parties. "Old Tom's" father belonged to the Ridges. He was shot down in his own door by a party of the enemy. Tom killed three of the party on the spot, and then he Dry Goods Store. began a war on the enemy in which I also have the best assortment of GENTS seventy people, as estimated by the FURNISHING GOODS in town, and my Cherokee Council, were slain by him. About fifteen years ago the Cherokee Council entered into a treaty with Tom, Clothing and Hats

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During the days of his warfare against his Indian foe there were many deeds of desperate daring placed to his eredit. By him a tax collector in Crawford County, Ark., was overtaken in the mountains, murdered and robbed of \$19,000. Watt Grayson, a Cherokee, was robbed of \$32,000, and a subsequent suit against the government to recover the money developed "Old Tom" as the brains of the gang who did the neat job in a most romantic way, aided by the cunning of Bill Reed. After the robbery Reed went to Texas, where he met a tragic death, and Belle and Tom quarreled over the Grayson booty. Belle married Sam, Tom's pet son, to spite "Old Tom" and his wife. Three years ago Sam Starr and Bill West, ousins, killed each other in a duel over family matters, and a little later Belle Starr was shot while on horseback, near her home in "Younger's Bend," pre sumably by friends of her husband who believed she conspiried with West

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er's death, but he rarely spoke of his other exploits. Manager Against Editor.

to kill Sam. Old Tom-would talk free-

ly of his deeds in revenge of his fath-

ATLANTA, Oct. 23 .- The Hon. W. A Hemphill, the well-known business manager of the Constitution, in a speech before the Confederate Veterans Association a night or two ago, alluded to the fight being made on Governor Gordon as a blow at the Confederate cause. He said he indorsed everything the farmers had done except that fight To-day the other end of the Constitu-tion—the Livingston end—took issue with Business Manager Hemphill in an extremely long editorial, in which it was claimed that the alliance was making no fight on Gordon and that to fight him politically did not mean to fight

him as a Confederate soldier. When Mr. Hemphill saw the editorial, his first idea was, he says, to publish a card in answer to it, but this plan he abandoned. But without receding from his position in the slightest, to-day he

"I think that the old Confederate sol diers are with me, and they certainly endorsed my views at the meeting the other night. I stand by what I said. and believe that a fight is being made on General Gordon, and without a just cause; and I reiterate, that a blow at John B. Gordon is a blow at the sacred cause of which he is to-day the greatest living representative. To strike at fordon means to strike at every Confederate soldier. So the business end of the Constitu-

tion and the Livingston end seem to be just as far from reaching an understand-

Exciting Adventure. PARIS, Oct. 26 .- The Aeronauts, Valies, Lelice, Truelle met with an exciting adventure, which nearly terminated fa tally. They left the gas would be tally. They left the gas would be tally clock yesterday afternoon villette at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to make They left the gas works at La a brief ascent. When in an altitude of three thousand yards, a hurricane drove the balloon Northeast, the wind violently rocking the car, and the occupants clinging to the sides. When over the villiage of Bourey, one hundred and fifty miles from Paris, grappling irons were thrown out and broken. The wind tore the covering off the balloon and sank the car, which struck the ground so forcibly that it rebounded, throwing Lelice on the telegraph wires and companions on the ground. All were injured.

She Remembered the Revolution. BALTIMORE, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Mary Jane Mills died at Snow Hill, Md., aged 102 years and six months. Mrs. Mills was born in Delaware June 15th, 1788, and lived the greater portion of her life in that state. Her family were noted for one of the engagements with the British in the war of 1812, while serving as a private soldier in one of the Delaware militia companies. Mrs. Mills distinctly remembered the battle of North Point having heard the cannonading, as at that time she was living near Baltimore.

An Awful Death. MACON GA., Oct. 29 .- There was a balloon ascension at the State fair formance, and in the vicinity of the big gas bag was a mass of people. When the aernonaut was ready to start, the order was given to close the

ropes. The balloon was a hot air vessel, and was upheld during the inflation process by tall poles. As the air ship was released everybody shouted "Look DODGEVILLE, Wis., Oct. 29 .- The out," as the great poles, having released the balloon, fell to the earth. Among those who cried "Look out," was J. W. Robertson, a former state senator from Talbot county, but while giving the warning to others the old

man failed to look out for himself, and as one of the tall timbers descended, to the horror of the gazing thousands, it struck him full on the head, crushing him to the ground and crushing his body into a shapeless mass. The affair threw a gloom over the whole day's program.

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