Fine Pictures Displayed-Stephen Gazing Into Heaven; Stephen Looking at Christ Stephen Stoned; Stephen in Ris Dring

ING OF STEPHEN

Prayer and Stephen Asleep. The discourse of Dr. Talmage which we send out is a vivid story of martyr dom and a rapturous view of the world to come; text, Acts vii, 56 60. "Behold I see the heavens opened,"

Stephen had been preaching a rousing sermon, and the people could not stand it. They resolved to do as men preacher of righteousness-kill him. of the city, and with curse and whoop and bellow they brought him to the cliff, as was the custom when they wanted to take away life by stoning. Having brought him to the edge of the cliff, they pushed him off. After he had fallen they came and looked down, and, seeing that he was not yet dead, they began to drop stones upon him, stone after stone. Amid this hor-

rible rain of missiles Stephen clamto his garments, from his garments to the ground, and then, looking up, he I want to show you today five pict

ures-Stephen gazing into heaven, Stephen looking at Christ, Stephen stoned, Stephen in his dying prayer and Stephen asleep. First look at Stephen gazing into

heaven. Before you take a leap you want to know where you are going to land. Before you climb a ladder you want to know to what point the ladder reaches. And it was right that Stephen, within a few moments of heaven, should be gazing into it. We would all do well to be found in the same posture. There is enough in heaven to keep us gazing. A man of large wealth may have statuary in the hall, and paintings in the sitting room and works of art in all parts of the the art gallery, and there hour after hour you walk with catalogue and glass and ever increasing admiration. Well, heaven is the gallery where God has gathered the chief treasures of his realm. The whole universe is his palace. In this lower room where we stop there are many adornmentstessellated floor of amethyst, and on the winding cloud stairs are stretched out canvases on which commingle azure and purple and saffron and which the chief glories are gathered. There are the brightest robes. There are the richest crowns. There are the highest exhilarations. John says of "The kings of the earth shall bring their honor and glory into it." And I see the procession forming, and in the line come all empires, and the stars spring up into an arch for the nosts to march under. The hosts keep step to the sound of earthquake and tains, and they flag the bear is the flame of a consuming world, and all heaven turns out with narps and trumpets and myriad voiced acclamation of angelic dominion to welcome bring their honor and glory into it.

there.

There is not a man in this house to day so isolated in life but there is some one in heaven with whom he once shook hands. As a man gets older the number of his celestial acquaintances very rapidly multiplies. We have not had one glimpse of them since the night we kissed them goodby, and they went away, but still we stand gazing at heaven. As when some of our friends go across the sea we and on the dock or on the steam tug and watch them, and after awhile the hulk of the vessel disappears, and then there is only a patch of sail on the sky, and soon that is gone, and they are all out of sight, and yet we stand looking in the same direction. so when our friends go away from us into the future world we keep looking down through the Narrows and gazing and gazing as though we expected hat they would come out and stand on some cloud and give us one glimpse of their blissful and transfig-

heaven? We have many friends

While you long to join their companionship, and the years and the days go with such tedium that they break your heart, and the viper of pain and sorrow and bereavement keeps gnawing at your vitals, you stand still, like Stephen, gazing into heaven. You wonder if they have changed since you saw them last. You wonder if they would recognize your face now, so changed has it been with trouble. You wonder if amid the myriad delights they have the care as much for you as they used to when they gave you a helping hand and put their shoulder under your burdens. You wonder if they look any older, and sometimes in the eve ning tide, when the house is all quict through long deserts before it reaches you wonder if you should call them the good land? If we should loose by their first name if they would not our pathway, will there be a castle at answer, and perhaps sometimes you whose gate we may ask the way to the city? Oh, this mysterious spirit within us! It has two wings, but it do make the experiment, and when no one but God and yourself are there is in a cage now. It is locked fast to keep it, but let the door of this cage you distinctly call their names and listen and sit gazing into heaven.

Pass on now and see Stephen looking upon Christ. My text says he saw the Son of Man at the right hand of God. Just how Christ looked in this world, just how he looks in heaven. we cannot say. A writer in the time of Christ says, describing the Saviour's personal appearance, that he had blue eyes and light complexion and a very graceful structure, but I suppose it was all guesswork. The painters of the different ages have tried to imagine the features of Christ and put them upon canvas, but we will have to wait until with our own eyes we see him and with our own ears we can hear him. And yet there is a way of seeing and hearing him now. I have to tell you that unless you see and hear Christ on earth you will never see and hear him in heaven. Look! There he is. Behold the Lamb of God. Can you not see him? off your eyes. Look that way-try to to you this day-comes down to the his hand could transport me. sal amnesty for all rebels! Belshaszar lords of England at a banquet, Napo- which John Quincy Adams, 70 years largest in the world. The Japanese to use any text book which has been leon III welcomed the case of Russia of age, said every night when he put fleets will have something to say condemned or disapproved by the lord the sultan of Turkey to his feest his head approved by the lord the sultan of Turkey to his feest his head approved by the lord the sultan of the baby would not bave Spain. War may or may not come— lord the sultan of the baby would not bave Spain has raised sixty million possession of the heaven-voiced mock-base of the purchase of war ships. In the sultan of the purchase of war ships. and the sultan of Turkey to his feast, his head upon his pillow:

the emperor of Germany was glad to have our minister. George Bancroft, sit down with him at his table, but tell me, ye who know most of the world's history, what other king prayer of Stephen is so short, is ever asked the abandoned and concise is so earnest is so compreh the forlorn and the outcast to come sive, we surely will be able to say the and sit besides him?

"Come! Clothes for your rags, salve us a great deal better than we deserve for your sores, a throne for your eternal reigning." A Christ that talks there should break the light of like that and acts like that and par- better world we shall have no me dons like that-do you wonder that regret about leaving a small, Stephen stood looking at him? I hope damp house for one large, be to spend eternity doing the same and capacious. That dying m thing. I must see him; I must look in Philadelphia some years ago upon that face once clouded with my fully depicted it when in the less sin, but now radiant with my pardon. I want to touch that hand that knock out, "I move into the light!" ed off my shackles. I want to hear sometimes would like to do in this that voice which pronounced my deday, if they dared, with some plain liverance. Behold him, little chil- asleep. With a pathos and simplici dren, for if you live to threescore peculiar to the Scriptures the text says The only way to silence this man was years and ten you will see none so of Stephen, "He fel! asleep." to knock the breath out of him. So fair. Behold him, ye aged ones for you say, "what a place that was to they rushed Stephen out of the gates he only can shine through the dimness of your failing eyesight. Behold falling down upon him, the blood him, earth. Behold him, heaven. streaming the mob howling. What What a moment when all the nations a place it was to sleep!" of the saved shall gather around my text take that symbol of slumber Christ! All faces that way. All to describe his departure, so sweet was thrones that way, gazing on Jesus!

His worth if all the nations knew Sure the whole earth would love him too I pass on now to look at Stephen stoned. The world has always wanted to get rid of good men. Their very bers up on his knees and folds his life is an assault upon wickedness. hands, while the blood drips from his Out with Stephen through the gates of temples to his cheeks, from his cheeks the city. Down with him over the precipices. Let every man came up and drop a stone upon his head. But makes two prayers—one for himself these men did not so much kill Ste died I know he was a laborious Chrisand one for his murders. "Lord phen as they killed themselves. Every Jesus receive my spirit!" That was stone rebounded upon them. White for himself. "Lord, lay not this sin these murderers were transfixed by "Lord phen as they killed themselves. Every to their charge:" That was for his the scorn of all good men Stephen assailants. Then, from pain and loss lives in the admiration of all Christenblood, he swocned away and fell dom. Stephen stoned, but Stephen alive. So all good men must be palted. All who will live godly in Christ must suffer persecution. It is no eulogy of a man to say that everybody likes him. Show me any one who is doing all his duty to state or church, and I will show you men who utterly abhor him.

If all men speak well of you, it is because you are either a laggard or a dolt. If a steamer makes rapid progress through the waves the water wil boil and foam all around it. Brave carbines click. When I see a man with voice and money and influence all on the right side and some caricature him and some sneer at him and some wink at him and some denounce him and men who pretend to be actuhouse, but he has the chief pictures in ated by right motives conspire to cripple him, to cast him out, to destroy

him, I say, "Stephen stoned!" When I see a man in some great moral or religious reform battling against grogshops, exposing wicked ness in high places, by active means him and men-even good men-oppose him and denounce him because. though he does good, he does not do | twilight of heaven's morn. gold. But heaven is the gallery in it in their way. I say, "Stephen ston-which the chief glories are gathered, ed!" The world, with infinite spite, took after Frederick Oberlin, Paul and Stephen of the text, but you notice. my friends, that while they assaulted him they did not succeed really in

killing him. You may assault a good man, but you cannot kill him. On the day of his death Stephen spoke before a few people in the sanhedrin. Now he addresses all Christendom. Paul the apostle stood on have it very rough now, It may be the pitch of avalanche from the moun- Mars hill addresing a handful of phi- this week one annoyance, the next rent shall be reasonable and not too losophers who knew not so much about science as a modern school-girl. Today he talks to all the millions of Christendom about the wonders of has passed you may have to beg for sustained by the tenant whose goods justification and the glories of resurthem in, and so the kings of the earth rection. John Wesley was howled bring their honor and glory into it. down by the mob to whom he preach-Do you wonder that good people often | ed, and they threw bricks at him, and stand, like Stephen, looking into they denounced him, and they jostled him, and they spat upon him, and yet today, in all lands, he is admitted to lift the night, the odors of God's reserved and due upon any lease or be the great father of Methodism. hanging garden will regale your soul, contract whatsoever, and the tenant Booth's bullet vacated the presidential chair, but from what spot of coagulat. chariots of the King. No more rents not, within five days after such dised blocd on the floor in the box of Ford's theater there sprang up the new life of a nation. Stephen stoned,

but Stephen alive! Pass on now and see Stephen in his dying prayer. His first thought was not how the stones hurt his head, nor what would become of his body. His first thought was about his spirit "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!" murderer standing on the trapdoor. the black cap being drawn over his head before the execution, may grimace about the future, but you and I have no shame in confessing some anxiety about where we are going to come out. You are not all body. There is within you a soul. I see it gleam from your eyes, and I see it irradiating your countenance. Sometimes I am abashed before an audience not because I come under their physical eyesight, but because I realize the truth that I stand before so many immortal spirits. The probability is that your body will at last find a sepulcher in some of the cemeteries that surround your town or city. There is no doubt but that your obsequies will be decent and respectful, and you will be able to the blossoming fir, but this spirit about cort it? What gate will open to receive it? What cloud will be cleft for its pathway? After it has got beyond the light of our sun, will there be torches lighted for it the rest of the way? Will the soul have to travel

open the least, and that soul is off. Eagle's wing could not catch it. The lightnings are not swift enough to take up with it. When the soul leaves the body, it takes 50 worlds at a bound. And have I no anxiety about it? Have you no anxiety about it? I do not care what you do with my body when my soul is gone or whether you believe in cremation or inhumation. I shall sleep just as well in a wrapping of sackcloth as in satin lined with eagle's down. But my soul-be fore this day passes I will find out where it will land. Thank God for the intimation of my text, that when we die Jesus takes us. That answers all questions for me. What though there were massive bars between here shown by a canvass yesterday, and the city of light, Jesus could remore them. What though there were great Saharas of darkness, Jesus could illume them. What though I get Then pray to God to take the scales | weary on the way, Christ could lift me on his omnipotent shoulder. What look that way. His voice comes down though there were chasms to cross, blindest, to the deafest soul, saying, let Stephen's prayer be my dying "Look unto me, all ye ends of the litany. "Lord Jesus, receive my earth, and be ye saved, for I am God, spirit." It may be in that hour we "Lord Jesus, receive my and there is none else." Proclama | will be too feeble to say a long prayer. tion of universal emancipation for It may be in that hour we will not all slaves! Proclamation of univer- be able to say the "Lord's Prayer," for it has seven petitions. Perhaps gathered the Babylonish nobles to we may be too feeble even to say the ers and twenty-three torpedo boats. his table. George I entertained the infant prayer cur mothers taught us, which will make her navy the third

Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. We may be too feeble to emp

either of these familiar forms, but concise, is so earnest, is so compreh "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Oh, wonderful invitation! You can if that prayer is answered, how sweet take it today and stand at the head of it will be to die! This world is clever the darkest alley in any city, and say: enough to us. Perhaps it has treated to be treated, but if on the dying pill ment he threw up his hands an

Pass on now, and I will show one more picture, and that is Stephen sleep! A hard rock under him, stones streaming, the mob howling. it, so contented was it, so peaceful was it. Stephen had lived a very laborious life. His chief very ness and distress he blessed with ministeries of kindness and love I do not know, but from the way he lived and the way he preached and the way he tian. But that is all over now. He has passed the cup to the last fainting lip. He has taken the last insult from disciples come. They take him up.

phen asleep! tempest drop and the waves crouch gage said goods and chattels. and everything become smooth and burnished as though a camping place autre vie and leases for years or at for the glories of heaven. have seen a man whose life has been demised after the determination of tossed and driven coming down at last such leases, it shall and may be lawto an infinite calm, in which there ful for any person or persons having was the hush of heaven's lullaby.

Stephen asleep! I saw such a one. He fought all his days against poverty and against abuse. They traduced train for such arrears, after the deterhis name. They rattled at the door | mination of the said respective leases, knob while he was dying with duns in the same manner as they might trying to purify the church and better for debts he could not pay, yet the have done if such lease or leases had the world's estate, and I find that peace of God brooded over his pillow, some of the newspapers anathematize and while the world faded heaven | vided, that such distress be made withdawned, and the deepening twilight in the space of six calendar months afof earth's night was only the opening | ter the determination of such lease, sigh; not a tear; not a struggle. Hush! | landlord's title or interest, and during Stephen asleep!

> weather. I can never tell by the setting sun whether there will be a drought or not. I cannot tell by the blowing of the wind whether it will be fair weather or foul on the morrow but I can prophesy, and I will proph esy, what weather it will be when you the Christian, come to die. You may and, though there may be no hand to close your eyes and no breast on which to rest your dying head and no candle hanging garden will regale your soul, and at your bedside will halt the has gone up, no more struggle with "the world, the flesh and the devil," peace. Stephen asleep!

> > Asleep in Jesus! Blessed sleep, From which none ever wake to weep! A calm and undisturbed repose, Uninjured by the last of foes.

Asleep in Jesus! Far from thee Thy kindred and their graves may be, But there is still a blessed sleep

From which none ever wake to weep. You have seen enough for one morn. ing. No one can successfully examine more than five pictures in a day Therefore we stop, having seen this cluster of divine Raphaels-Stephen gazing into heaven, Stephen looking at Christ, Stephen stoned, Stephen in

his dying prayer, Stephen asleep. AGAINST ADJOURNMENT.

Some of the most pronounced Cuban pillow your head under the maple, or the Norway spruce, or the cypress, or ing very impatient. They say that the propositions for solving the Cuban which Stephen prayed—what direction will that take? What guide will esattention, are similar to those sug gested as long ago as the adminis tration of President Grant, and hav ing failed utterly, are unworthhy of serious consideration now. Some believe that the report of the naval court of inquiry is being delayed, not for the purpose of putting the country in an adequate condition of defense, but in order that congress may be out of the way and the president settle the question on some basis which will satisfy the financial interests of the country and prevent war at any cost. This belief has its only origin the undoubted activity of leadi men who are regarded as represtatives of the administration, in t direction of securing a speedy ad journment of congress. Senator Han na expressed himself as certain tha nothing better could be done than to leave the whole matter in the hands the president. Senator Platt, of New York, sings the same song. "Nothing could be better," said he, "than to have congress speedily adjourn and allow the president to handle this question in his own way. Senator Elkins talks in the same strain On the other hand, there are at least ten Republican senators. will not agree to adopt this programme.

"Fighting Bill" Chandler. Senator Chandler seems to worked himself up to the fighting point. He is much more bellicose no than he was when Joe Blackbu grabbed his ears, but Joe had a prett good hold on him and some advan age. He would keep his ears out o the way of the Spaniards.

Japan has under construction four immense battleships, ten large cruis about future affairs on the Pacific.

of this Act.

State board of education.

THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY.

The Text in Full of Some of the Principal Additions to the Statutes of South Caro-

DISTRESS FOR RENT

RECENT SESSION.

An Act to establish and declare the law as to distress for rent. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Ganral Assembly of the State of South arolina: That in case any lessee for ife or lives, terms of years, at will or therwise, of any messanges, lands or enements, upon the demise wherof my rents are or shall be reserved or ade payable, shall convey or carry off from such demised premises his goods, or chattels, it shall and may be number of days that town convicts lawful to and for such lessor or work on the public works of the counlandlord, or any person or persons by nim for that purpose lawfully empowered, within the space of five days next ensuing such conveying away or carrying off such goods or chattels as aforesaid, to take and seize such goods and chattels whenever same shall be found, as a distress for the said arrears of such rent, and the same to sell or otherwise dispose of, in such manner work had been to care for the as if the said goods and chattels had poor. How many loaves of bread he actually been distrained by such lesdistributed, how many bare feet he sor or landlord in and upon such de had sandaled, how many cots of s.ck mised premises for such arrears of rent, any law, usage or custom to the contrary, in any wise, notwithstand-Section 2. That nothing herein con-

to extend, to empower such lessor or landlord to take or seize any goods or chattels as a distress for arrears of rent his enemies. The last stone to whose | which shall have been sold bona fide crushing weight he is susceptible has and for a valuable consideration bebeen hurled. Stephen is dead! The fore such seizure made, no property shall be seized under a distress war-They wash away the blood from the rant for such, except such as belongs wounds. They straighten out the to the tenant in his own right: Probruised limbs. They brush back the vided, that nothing herein contained tangled hair from the brow, and then shall interfere with or in any manner they pass around to look upon the calm abridge the right of such lessor or countenance of him who had lived for landlord to take or seize any or all of the poor and died for the truth. Ste- such goods and chattels whenever they may be found as distress for ar-I have seen the sea driven with the rears for rent, when any tenant so in hurricane until the tangled foam arrears shall make an assignment for caught in the rigging, and wave rising the benefit of his creditors, or when above wave seemed as if about to storm any tenant after the contract of tensoldiers of Jesus Christ will hear the the heavens and then I have seen the ancy has been entered into shall mort-

Section 3. That when tenants pur So I will hold over the tenements to them any rent in arrear or due upon any lease for life or lives, or for years, or at will ended or determined, to disnot been ended or determined: Pro-Not a and during the continuance of such the possession of the tenant from I have not the faculty to tell the whom such arrears became due.

Section 4. That any person or persons having any rent in arrear or due upon any lease or demise for life or ives, may bring an action or actions of debt for such arrears of rent in the same manner as they might have done in case such rent were due and reserved upon a lease for years.

Section 5. That every distress for another annoyance. It may be this great, and any lessor or landlord who year one bereavement, the next an makes unreasonable and excessive disother bereavement. Before this year tress shall be liable for all damages bread or ask for a scuttle of coal or a are distrained by reason of such excespair of shoes, but at the last Christ sive distress. That such damages will come in, and darkness will go out, may be recovered by an action in any Court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 6. That when goods and whose goods have been taken shall shall cause the goods distrained to be same, in the same manner as goods taken under execution are required by

law to be sold. Approved the 19th day of February, A. D. 1898.

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-A. D. 1897, be, and the same is hereby fair.—Louisville Post. amended in Section 1, line 4, by striking out the word "empowered Congress Not in Favor of Leaving the and by substituting in lieu thereof the word "required," so that said section when amended shall read as follows,

tual cost, or exchange prices." Section 2. Said Act is hereby further amended, in Section 3, by adding to the end of said section the following, viz: 'And the places where said school text books are kept and sold and shall be deemed depositories, under the con- dent at this critical moment, and feel trol of the State, as provided in the that he will do the proper thing." seventh article or provision in the contract made in 1893 with the publishers of school text books," so that aid section when so amended shall writes to The Rural World as follows: read as follows, viz: "Section 3. "Have just had some interesting ex-That the amount so set aside by the perience with mange or scab on pigs. county board of education shall be Lost 14 out of 36, from doseing them cellent point when it says: "Depend and remain a permanent fund in the with everything I heard or read hands of the county superintendent about .- Was in dispair, until comof education, to be used in purchasing mon sense came to my aid. I figured and keeping on hand school text it out that it was a parasite under the those who go to the great reunion in books for sale to pupils attending the skin, and to cure the pig the parasite Atlanta. We hope that all the Vetfree public schools of his county, for must be destroyed. So I mixed up cssh, at actual cost or exchange prices, some turpentine and coal oil, half and and to be used for no other purpose half, and added quite a bit of culphur. and in no other manner; and the Then, while the pigs were at the places where said school text books trough, I squirted the mixture all are kept and sold shall be deemed de- over them, from nose to tail, by positories under the control of the means of a machine oil can. Have State, as provided in the seventh arti- not lost a pig since, and have not been cle or provision in the contract made obliged to repeat the dose." in 1893 with the publishers of school

Approved the 21st day of February,

An Act to authorize town authorities steamship Virginus she is sadly mis-

TOWN AND COUNTY CHAIN GANGS.

to exchange labor of town convicts taken. This case should be kept in SOME OF THE LAWS PASSED AT THE with county authorities. Section 1. Be it ordained by the General Assembly of the State of South try sustained in the Maine affair. Carolina: That from and after the passage of this Act whenever any own or municipal authority in this State have not a sufficient number of convicts sentenced to work on the can be achieved with her by determinapublic works of the town to warrant | tion and prompt action. the expense of maintaining a town late war the Virginius was a blockade chain gang, the town authorities runner into Southern ports and in of said town shall be authorized to place said convicts on the county chain gang for the time so sentenced, resumed the old occupation, only with a change of base. For three years it and the county authorities of the county in which said town is situated shall be authorized and empowered to exchange labor with said town authorities and place county convicts on the public works of the town for the same

> Section 2. That this Act shall go ino effect immediately upon its approv-Approved the 21st day of February A. D. 1898. DOCKETS OF MAGISTRATES

An Act to require all magistrates to submit their dockets to the county board of commissioners quarter ly, and said board to report on same to Court. Section 1. Be it enacted by the Gen-

eral Assembly of the State of South Carolina: That all magistrates be, and are hereby required to submit their dockets to the county board of commissioners at their regular quarterly meetings, and that said boards, tained shall extend, or be construed respectively, shall make report annually, prior to fall term of Court, to the foreman of the grand jury as to said dockets, and any irregularities shown thereby.
Section 2. That magistrates shall

not hereafter be required to make reports or file transcript of their dockets han herein prescribed, any law to the contrary notwithstanding. Approved the 19th day of February, A. D. 1898.

Democratic Convention in May. The Columbia State has discovered hat according to the constitution of the Democratic party, the only State Democratic convention to be held this year will be on the third Wednesday in May. Says the State: The present constitution provides for the holding of a convention on the third Wednesday in May, and for no other. It also provides for the holding of eounty conventions in the several counties in the State on the first Monday in May for the purpose of electing delegates to that convention. Of course the

reorganization of the precinct and ward clubs will take place prior to that time throughout the State. It is thus seen that State and county politics will be stirring much earlier than any one expected. When the convention meets there will doubtless be no end of political log-rolling. The convention will have to elect a new State Executive Committee, and attend to such other matters as may come before it. Those who were talking of the outlook, expressed the view that the liquor referendum plan would be laid before the convention when it meets, the legislature having declined to take action in regard to it on the ground that the proper body to consider it was the State Democratic Convention. How much of an issue this will become and the probable action of the convention in regard to it, are

A Remarkable Gander. One of the most remarkable birds in the state is owned by Mr. James A. Kinkead. secretary of the Hardin county fair association. It is a gander, and everybody in the neighborhood is acquainted with it. The gander's name is "Solid Silver," and it chattels have been distrained for rent answers to its name as quick as any hand on Mr. Kinkead's farm. The garder acts as a watchdog would about the place, and no stranger dares enter the yard unattended by a memto pay, no more agony because flour tress and notice thereof, replevy the ber of the family, as those who have same with sufficient security, to be tried to and been forced to beat an iggiven according to law, then, in such nominious retreat will attest. The but peace-long, deep, everlasting case, the person making the distress gander has sense, like a horse, and learns new tricks almost every day in appraised by two sworn appraisers, the week. This gander goes to the and, after such appraisement, sell the granary and shakes a plank when the yellow corn will roll out for its daily food. It follows its owner to and from the field just as a dog would do. When the bell is rung calling the hands to their meals his gandership sets up a quacking and continues it An Act to amend an Act entitled an until all have come in, when he him-Act to provide the pupils attending self goes to the granary and, by shakthe free public school with school a loose plank with his bill, shakes now corn for his dinner. If, pergown corn for his dinner. chance, 'Solid Silver' is in the house eral Assembly of the State of South and any member of the family leaves Carolina: That an Act, entitled "An the door ajar, he does not rest until he Act to provide the pupils attending has closed it. His owner will be prethe free public schools with text books vailed on to have 'Solid Silver' on exat actual cost," approved February 17, hibition at the next Elizabethtown

Gen. Joseph L. Stoppelben, of Summerville, writes as follows to the Hon. . W. Stokes: "The people of South viz: "Section 1. Be it enacted by the Carolina stand ready and willing to General Assembly of the State of South shed their blood in defense of the Carolina: That the county boards Stars and Stripes, and if ever our of education of the several counties of people were united, they are today. this State be, and they are hereby, We know no factional or party lines authorized and required to set aside when the honor of the country is at from the public school funds of their stake. As you know, I command the respective counties an amount not ex- largest body of cavalry in the United ceeding five hundred dollars, for the States. My command and I are at the purpose of providing the pupils at services of the president, and, while I tending the free public schools of their understand militia cannot be pressed counties with school text books at ac- into service for a longer period than 90 days, I now, through you, formally tender my services to the the grand old party when in power. president in the volunteers for 90 months, if need be. The people of of South Carolina have implicit confidence in the wisdom of the presi-

John Cruze, of Lee county, Iowa,

the city of Sumter: Provided, that in the counties of Beaufort, Charleston, Chesterfield, Edgefield, George At Quitman, Ga., Wednesday night an unknown party slipped up to the window of the house of Henry Raines, a prominent negro and that himself, and though he fortunately missed her he came near scaring her to death. She will never play burglar to death. town, Marlboro and Richland, the his two-year old baby to death. Elevby authorized and empowered, but not four lodged in the baby and twelve in ration for the destruction of the Maine tween her teeth while she gets her and it is seen in the north only in caprequired, to carry out the provisions the wall. Raines' wife was sitting be is going to be settled, and settled right. purse open," and he further intimates tween him and the window, and it is The question of securing for Cuba that that such a girl is only fit to kiss a pug Section 4. That in all schools and believed that the murderer intended independence to which she is entitled dog. Of course bachelors are not alcolleges within this State which are to kill her also. Raines had been under the laws of nations is going to ways responsible critics. supported in whole or in part from the trotting the baby on his knee, and had free school funds it shall be unlawful the gnn been fired while that was

The Virginius Case If Spain expects the United States to get now as she did in the case of the

mind now by all persons who desire to

see the honor and dignity of this coun-

shows just exactly what may be ex-

pected by a government that handles

Spain with too much consideration in

diplomacy. It shows also what results

1870 when the Cubans were trying to

break away from Spain, the Virginius

succeeded in carrying on its business

without being captured. She was un-

der the command of a citizen of the

United States, Captain Fry, who had

served with distinction first in the

United States navy and then in the

Confederate States navy. The crew consisted of Americans, Englishmen

and Cubans. On one of her trips the

Virginius was run down and captured

by a Spanish gunboat called the Tor-

nado. Captain Fry protested that his was "an American ship, carrying American colors and papers, with an American captain and crew." All this gas true, but far from being "sav-ing truth." The vessel and all on poard were taken to Santiago de Cuba. They were immediately tried by a drumhead court. The United States consul at the place was not allowed to leave the consulate or have any intercourse with the prisoners until the last day. The trials, condemnations, and executions were in squads. In the first batch was a gallant soldier, who had served in the Federal army during the war, but who was then a brigadier general in the Cuban army. In the second batch the gallant Fry nimself was shot. Not a man would have escaped the fury of the cruel Spaniards, but before the butchery was completed a British cruiser, the n any manner and at any other time Niobe, which happened to be in the vicinity, steamed into Santiago. Lambert Larraine, the commander of the Niobe, had heard of the butchery, and without the slightest ceremony demanded that the butchery seace. He told the Spanish butchers that he represented the United States as well as Great Britain and that if another man was executed he would shell the town. That settled it, and ninetythree men under sentence of death were saved by the brave and humane interference of the brave commander of the British cruiser, Sir Lambert Larraine, who should be held in high esteem by all Americans. Then followed a series of diplomatic negotiations, Secretary Fish took the sensible position that the Virginius, having been registered as an American vessel carrying official documents regular upon their face, and bearing the but that it will pay. United States flag, was entirely be-yond the jurisdiction of any other power on the high seas in the time of peace; if she had secured fraudulent against the laws of the United States and not for her to be captured and great deal nearer to Augusta thun at punished by some other power. This was a good beginning to a pitiful ending. The final result must have made all Spain chuckle with delight. The the Port Royal and Western Carolina contention of the United States was she had done the United States. The The Atlantic Coast Line now owns purely matters of conjecture at this Honda, and there, before a handful over the tracks of the South Carolina commonest sanitary provisions are through the farce of a salute. Spaniards should at lesst have been to reach this city over it own tracks their homes, with foul earth, foul compelled to take the Virginius into for the entire distance. Just when water and foul food, or none, what the harbor at Havana, and there in the presence of all the people, made the tracks will commence can not be to pay homage to the United States. stated. It is believed that the Coast diseased that they cannot be saved. says cases like that of the Virginius strong bid for the business of this breed contempt and lead to outrages. section and that by shortening its the children are still walking about No nation ever won respect or peace, route to the east and running over its with arms and chest terribly emaciatthat could endure, by such a course as own tracks it will compete, not only that followed by the United States in the case of the Virginius massacre. It is well to remember that fact now. Hesitation and half measures with a now has to the east and from there." nation like Spain serve only to pile up trouble for the future. No nation has in its history such conclusive proof No nation has of this as our own. suffered such loss and provocation at Spanish hands as the North American Union. We now stand fast on the

line that marks the limit. Items of Interest. SENATOR Tillman says there is no avoiding war with Spain, and we be-

ieve he is eminently correct. THE Galveston News thinks Spanish privateers would have a fine old time hunting for the American merchant flag on the high seas—"that is if they hunted for the fun of hunting.'

WAR with Spain, in our opinion, is inevitable. There seems to be no doubt now but that the Maine was destroyed by Spanish treachery, and of course the United States must punish her for it.

EMPLOYEES over sixty years of age in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha are being discharged, and it is said that in the future no one will be em the harbor. Three of the eight big The United States should interfere and ployed by the company who is near or mortars for the new battery on Santa that speedily to save the Cuban peoabove that age. Are these old and faithful servants to be turned out to starge?

THE Republican administration appropriated \$50,000,000 out of the surplus left over from the proceeds of effort, The Charleston Critic, noticing this fact, says Democratic economy has always proved very timely for

Dr. L. G. Broughton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Atlanta, announced Sunday that he had inaugurated a warfare against the devil, and tained. the Charleston Ccritic says the reverend gentleman will not have to go far to find him, as his Satanic Majesty has made that city the headquarters final contract providing for the sale of his war department of the Gulf for of the warships Amazonas and Almimany years past.

THE Greenville News makes an exupon it-every Veteran who goes to Charleston at the time of the reunion will enjoy himself more than will erans who can will go to both the Charleston and Atlanta reunions, but \$125,000,000, the total annual poultry dry borax until it disappears. It is if to one-let it be Charleston.'

emerged from the closet he blazed claimed may not be correct.

THE St. Louis Republic says the be seitled, and settled right. The Inited States will force settlement by fired he was in the act of kissing it. | ment will come, with or without war. | dollars for the purchase of war ships. | ing bird.

FARMERS' DAUGHTERS

The Important Part They Take in the Management of the Place.

There are many farmers through out the country who are sufficiently liberal to the boys, but who think that girls' wants should be supplied as they suggest themselves, and with no regard to individual preference. After harvest, the son, who has driven the reaper or helped at threshing, has his share of the profits to control and do with as he pleases. Certain of the stock have been given him-a pig, a calf or colt, which he will eventually sell and put the proceedes in his pocket. The farm offers all sorts of opportunities for earnings great or small to which his right is never questioned. By and by, he drives his own horse, oins a club, buys books and goes to college-a right which he has earned and to which he is fairly entitled. With the girl it is usually very dif-ferent. It never occurs to any one that she too, would enjoy a small income which she could count upon as her very own, and invest as she saw fit without restraint or objection. The butter and eggs are sometimes her especial commodity, and from their sales she has a limited supply of pocket money. But it is extremely limited, and frequently very uncertain. Yet her labor in the home, "about the place" has done as much toward establishing the family prosperity as the labor of her brother. She is up

at daybreak to get breakfast ready.

She prepares frequently unassisted, three meals a day for 365 days in a

year. She sometimes does the wash-

ing and irononing, the sawing and

mending, and is still at work long

after her brother is in bed asleep, or

away visiting the neighbors. She,

too, has an additional tax during har-

work upon the farm is especially heavy but she rarely receives any reward for the extra service required of her. It is a manifest injustice. A centrados and took it with me, thinkgood many overcareful fathers excuse | ing these were rare specimens got un themselves upon the plea that girls have no judgment in money matters | Well, they certainly will never acquire wisdom without experience if the means for so doing are withheld. The financial faculty in most women lies dormant for lack of exercise, but it has been marvelously developed when it has been put to the test. There are thousands of women in the country, widows, who have assumed the management of affairs upon the death of the husband, who have succeeded brilliantly, when the better half failed; the mortgage paid off, stock improved, modern farming implements have been purchased and the crops cultivated according to modern and intelligent ideas. The profitsharing system should include girls as well as boys, and there is no question

Another Coast Line Short Cut, The Augusta Chronicle of Sunday contained the following of much conentry or committed any other fraud cern to South Carolinians: "It is stated that the Atlantic Coast Line is was for her to be turned over to the now surveying the route of an exten-United States courts for punishment, sion of their line that will put them a present. The information is to the effect that the new line will be run from Denmark to Martin's Station on division of the Charleston and Westconceded by Spain, and she agreed to ern Carolina. The reason for the together. They have no floor but the sends as far as specould the great wrong | building of this short line, is obvious. men who had been rescued by the the Charleston and Western Car-Niobe were put on board the olina and, at the same time, Virginius in the remote port of Bahia is running its trains into Augusta more than one in this little space, the of witnesses, the Spaniards went and Georgia. By the construction The of this short line it would be enabled the work of grading, and of laying We agree with an exchange which | Line in the future will make a very for the passenger business, but for the freight to such an extent that Augusta will enjoy even lower rates than she

Supplies for the Cubans, A relief fund of \$9,033 and twentyone carloads of provisions and clothing collected in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma for the starving Cubans of Maianzas were forwarded south from drooped dead inside the market sur-Kansas City, to day. These relief rounded by food. These people we: measures are being carried out under independent and self supporting before the management of the Kansas City the management of the Kansas City Weyler's order. They are not beg-Star, and sgents of the Star will aid gars even now. Of the hospitals I in the distribution at Matanzas. The need not speak. Others have describ-United States government has guar- ed their condition far better than I anteed the transpotation from New can. It is not within the narrow Orleans to Matanzas. The principal limits of my vocabulary to portray." articles of food sent are wheat, flour, corn meal, rice, potatoes, rolled oats, condensed milk and soup extracts. The contributions of clothing include United States stand idly by and let a great number of calico dresses for such an outrage against civilization women and children, mostly of the go unrebuked at its very doors? Will various church sewing circles.

Activity at Pensacols. Powder, shot and shell continue to arrive at Pensacola in large quantities for the forts and batteries defending Rosa have also arrived and they will be mounted as quickly as possible. There is great activity at Fort Pickens. In addition to the 6 and 8 inch guns a purpose of the brutal Spaniards to 15-inch gun is being mounted on the fort. Capt. J. W. MacMurray commanding the two batteries of the fort Cleveland's bond sales without an artilery at Fort Barrances has been promoted to be major of the Fifth Can the United States afford to perartillery. The work of deepening and mit such an outrage? Let those in widening the new channel on the bar is progressing steadily, and the largest merchant steamships now pass through it without difficulty. It is expected that 28 feet of water will soon be ob-

> Our Two New Cruiters. A dispatch from London says the rante Abrouall to the United States has been signed. The price is \$2,-500,000 for both ships.

THE CHICKEN CROP.—It is estimated to know the virtue of a gargle made that this country contains 350,000,000 of salt water and borax. It relieves chickens, and that they lay nearly a child in a short while of a cough or 14,000,000,000 eggs each year, worth irritative throat by gargling every \$165,000,000. The value of the poul- half hour, or if you have an ulcer or try meat each year is estimated at white patch in your throat, app y produce being \$290,000,000, w on ex- expedient in all throat irritations and A Kansas woman thought to amuse ceeds the value of swine, wood and her children by putting on some of sheep combined, being almost greater harmless to have in the house that her husband's clothes and playing than the production of oats, tobacco, the sooner one becomes accustomed to burglar. One of the kids wanted to potatoes, wheat or cotton. There has using it the better, for it is invaluable. make the thing very realistic and got never been a correct census of pouttry not only as a medicine, but as a purihis father's pistol. As his mother and eggs, however, and the figures fier and disinfectant to pour down the

> A HINT TO THE GIRLS.-A bachelor ever wants to kiss a girl after he has once seen her hold a nickel the conductor has given her for change be-

A dispatch to a New York paper



An Awful Picture. Senator Proctor has reported to the

United States Senate what he saw in Cuba during his recent visit to that unhappy island. Senator Proctor said:

I went to Cuba with a strong conviction that the picture had been over drawn, that a few cases of starvation and suffering had inspired and stimulated the press correspondents, and they had given free play to a strong naturally and highly cultivated imvest, and at those seasons when the agination. Before starting, I received through the mail a leastet published by the Christian Herald, with cuts of some of the sick and starving reconto make the worst possible showing. I saw plenty as bad and worse; many that should not be photographed and shown. I could not believe that out of a population of 1,600,000, 200,000 had died within these Spanish forts, practically prison walls, within a few months past from actual starvation and disease caused by insufficient and improper food. Inquiries were entirely outside of sensational sources. They were made of our medical officers, of our consuls, of cities alcades (Mayors), of relief committees, leading merchants and bankers, physicians and lawyers. Several of my informants were Spanish born, but every time the answer was that the case had not been overstated. Speaking of the non-combatant Cu-

ban, who are driven by Weyler's orders from their homes in the country into the towns, where without employment and without resources of any kind they have gradually died from starvation and disease. Senator Proctor says: "When they reached the towns

they were allowed to build huts of palm leaves in the suburbs and vacant places within the trocha and left to live if they could. Their huts are about ten by fifteen feet in size, and for want of space are usually crowded ground and no furniture, and after a year's wear, but little clothing except such stray substitutes as they can extemporize. With large families or with impossible. Condit tionable in this respect. Torn from wonder that one half have died and that one quarter of the living are so A form of dropsy is a common disease, ed, eyes swollen and abdomen bloated to three times the natural size. The physicians say these cases are hopelesss. Deaths in the streets have not been uncommon. I was told by one of our consuls that they have been found dead about the markets in the morning where they had crawled, hoping to get some stray bits of food from the early hucksters, and that there has been cases where they had

Can any one read the above without shuddering with horror? Can the "Mother Hubbard" pattern, made by this nation be guiltless of the blood of these starving Cubans if it does not raise a hand to save them from the cruelties of the Spanish barbarians? Every instinct of manhood cries no. ple from the horrible fate that awaits them. It seems to be the deliberate starve to death the liberty loving native Cubans and then repopulate the island with brutes like themselves.

> authority answer. Forty hands were busy recently removing rubbish and laying the side track just across Broad river from Columbia. Inspectors have ascertained that the granite which is of superb quality, covers a space of ten or more acres. Located as it is near the city. this quarry will certainly be a bonanza to some one, Already large contracts for granite have been received.

> Borax .- Every housekeeper ought acts like a charm. It is so cheap and kitchen sink and around water pipes.

THE MOCKING BIRD. - Few philosopher remarks that "no man in the South are aware of the fact that the mocking bird is found only in the South. Mason and Dixon's line is the northern boundary line of its home, er of the feathered tribe. Switzerland may rejoice in the tuneful linnets, la belie France glory in her soft-throated orioles, the Mediterranean isles exult in their liquid voiced songsters, but from London says it is reported there our Southland excels them all in the