The contrast between a life of sel- Sydney Smith had a divine mission. fishness and a life of kindness is set and so have their successors in these forth by Dr. Talmage while discours: times. They stir into the acid bever- woodman's ax forests fell and rose forth by Dr. Laimage white discours-ing upon the baleful character of a conqueror of olden time; text. Revela-the cup of earthly existence, which is tion viii, 10, 11, "There fell a great sometimes stale, effervesce and bubble. star from heaven. burning as it were a they placed all and the steamer's wheel Fabriles and absurlamp, and it fell upon the third part of longevity. They slay folies and absurwith the steamer's wheel Fabriles and absurthe rivers and upon the fountains of dittes which all the sermons of all the waters, and the name of the star is pulpits cannot reach. But what use are called Wormwood."

Patrick and Lowth, Thomas Scott, smirehed with profanity and unclean-Matthew Henry, Albert Barnes and ness? Do you empley it in amusement some other commentators say that the at physical defects for which the victims market are Maine lumberman and South star Wormwood of my text was a type are not reponsible. The your peace of Attila, king of the Hubs. He was of mimicry used to put religion in contact and seven start light assumes scatter light assumes scatter light assumes for the start of the position of the position and seven the start of the provides that There shall be State. It was afterward reinforced by within the past two years, hence the so called because he was brilliant as a contempt? Is it a bunch of nerclesome and schools and asylums scatter light exempted from taxation all county, so cancel because he was brimant as a invective? Is it a bolt of unjust scorn? and love and mercy and salvation upon township and municipal property, used star, and like wormwood, he imbittered invective? Is it a bolt of unjust scorn? everything he touched. We have stu-died the Star of Bethlehem and the Morning Star of Revelation and the Star of Peace, but my subject calls us to gaze at the star Wormwood, and my theme might be call "Brilliant Bitterness.

A more extraordinary character his-Attila, the king of the Huns. The story goes that one day a wounded dove? heifer came limping along through the fields, and a herdsman followed its bloody track on the grass to see where back farther and farther until he came to a sword fast in the earth, the point of this sword the heifer had been cut. The herdsman pulled up that sword and presented it to Attila. Attila said that sword must have dropped from the heavens from the grasp of the god Mars and its being given to him meant that been delighted at being called liberators, or the Merciful, or the Good, but At the head of 700,000 troops.

swept everything, from the Adriatic to is doing now that he is dead? There is generous toras the story that the free the Black sea. He put his iron heel on not a city, town or neighborhood that nation of the west arcse in splendor Macedonia and Greece and Thrace. He made Milan and Pavia and Padua and crated wealth. Verona beg for mercy, which he bestowed not. The Byzantine castles, to meet his ruinous levy, put up at auction massive silver tables and vases of solid When a city was captured by him, the inhabitants were brought out and put into three classes. The first class, those who could bear arms, must immediately enlist under Attila or be butchered: the second class, the beau- and get it. Suppose, by your manner, tiful women, were made captives to the Huns; the third class, the aged men and women, were robbed of everything you are selfish and overbearing and great star from heaven, burning as it

heavy tax. It was a common saying that the grass never grew where the hoof of Attila's horse had trod. His armies reddened the waters of the Seine and the Moselle and the Rhine with carnage and fought on the Catalonian plains the fiercest battle since the world stood -300,000 dead left on the field. On and on until all those who could not oppose him with arms lay prostrate on as there are persons occupying them. their faces in prayer, then a cloud of dust was seen in the distance and a minutes. As compared with eternity. bisnop cried, "It is the aid of God," and all the people took up the cry, "It is the aid of God." As the cloud of dust was blown aside the banners of reenforcing armies marched in to help against Attila, "the Scourge of God." The most unimportant occurrences he used as a supernatural resource. After three months of failure to capture the city of Aquileia, when his army had given up the siege, the flight of a stork and her young from the tower of the city was taken by him as a sign that he was to capture the city, and his army, inspired with the same occurrence, resumed the siege and took the walls at a point from which the stork had emerged. So brilliant was the conqueror in attire that his enemies could not look at him, but shaded their eyes or turned

their heads. blood, cutting themselves with knives and lances. He was put into three cofwas entombed.

The Roman empire conquered the world, but Attila conquered the Roman lair of wild beasts in her royal sepulch- dren, with their mother and reading branching out in every direction from years, but has improved of late. She empire. He was light in calling himers and taught the miserable cottagers this to them. Then maybe, they will the court house toward the county line. attempted self-destruction Tuesday

Because of his brilliancy and bitterness the commentators might well have supposed him to be the star Wormwood of the text. As the regions he devastated were parts most opulent with though they were carrying the tears of current year. Then, if he don't go our fountains and streams and rivers, you all ages? Let the mummies break their way and lands next DI ecember in let the counties have them to build see how graphic my taxt is: "There fell a great star from heaven, burning as it | the desolation and point to fallen gates | band' in the annual chorus of hunger, were a lamp, and it fell upon the third | and shattered statues and defaced sculp- | rags and debt he'll be without excuse part of the rivers and upon the foun ture, responding: 'Thebes built not and can't lay the blame of his condition tains of waters, and the name of the one temple to God. Thebes hated at our door.'

wood? Do you seeld and growl from and has fallen. the thrones paternal or maternal? Are long before your house is stiller than have built? you want it. Alas, that there are so many homes not known to the Society What plowshare upturned the gardens? For the Prevention of Cruelty to Chil- What army shattered the brazen gates? dren, where children are whacked and What long, fierce blast of storm put out

What is your influence upon

your residence. I will suppose that you are a star of wit. What kind of rays do you shoot fouth? Do you use that spicualid tarmity to irradiate the world or to rankle it? I bless all the apostolic college of hamorists. The turned to wormwood and has fallen." man that makes me laugh is my beneall those who mirthfelly surprise us with unusual juxtaposition of words. Thomas Hood and Charles Dickens and you making of your wit? Is it be Is it fun at others' misfortune? Is it glee at their disappointment and defeat? Is it bitterness jut drop by drop into a the crimes of nations that have perishcup? Is it like the squeezing of Arte- ed; that our cup of blessing turn not to

But I will change this and suppose goodness of the Lord to this land and you are a star of worldly presperity. break his Sabbaths. and improve not by Then you have large opportunity. You the dire disasters that have again and the heifer was wounded, and went on can encourage that artist by buying his again come to us as a people, and we picture. You can improve the fields, learn saving lesson neither from civil the stables, the highway, by introduc- war nor raging epidemic, nor drought downward, as though it had dropped ing higher style of foul and horse and nor mildew, nor scourge of locust and from the heavens, and against the edges cow and sheep. You can bless the grasshopper; if the political corruption world with pomological achievement in which has poisoned the fountains of the orehard. You can advance arbori- public virtue and beslimed the high culture and arrest the weathful destruction of the American forests. You can ment at times a hissing and a bywordin put a piece of sculpture into the niche all the earth; if the drunkenness and of that public academy, you can endow licentiousness that stagger and blas-Attila should conquer and govern the a college, you can stocking 1,000 bare | pheme in the streets of our great citi whole earth. Other mighty men have feet from the winter frost, you can build as though they were reaching after a church, you can put a missionary of fame of a Corinth and a Sodom, a ob Christ on that foreign shore, you can repented of we will yet see the smoke of Attila called himself and demanded help to ransom a world. A rich man our nation's ruin; the pillars of our nathat others call him "the Scourge of with his heart right can you tell me tional and state capitols will fal. more how much good a James Lanox or a disastrously than when Samson pulled George Peabody or a Peter Cooper or a down Dagon, and future historians will mounted on Cappadocian horses, he William E. Dodge did while living or record upon the page bedewed with has not glorious specimens of conse- which made the world stare. It had

But suppose you grind the face of the poor. Suppose, when a man's wages are due, you make him wait for them because he cannot help himself. Suppose that, because his family is sick and he has had extra expenses, he should politely ask you to raise his tell him if he want a better place to go you act as though he were nothing cause you are the star Wormwood, and tains of waters, and the name of the you have imbittered one-third if not star is called Wormwood three-thirds of the waters that roll past your employees and operatives and dependents and associates, and the long line of carriages which the undertaker orders for your funeral, in order to make the occasion respectable, will be filled with twice as many dry, tearless eyes You will be in this world but a few doing with that minute? Are we imbittering the domestic or social or political fountains, or are we like Moses.

ish fountains that we can touch? Slain on the evening of his marriage kings of Egypt shook the nations; her stick a hill in your wife's flower garby his bride, Ildico, who was hired for obelisks and columns; Karnak and den. Yes, plant cotton 'world without the assassination, his followers be- Luxor, the stupendous temples of her end.' Make it so low that a fellow 2 him not with tears, but with pride. Who can imagine the greatness won't pick it if you give him what he podrome rang with her sports and while he picks. Go it boys, 'go it while fins, the first of iron, the second of sil- foreign royalty bowed at her shrines you're young, for when you get old ver and the third of gold. He was and her avenues roared with the wheels you can't raise it. But, one consolaburied by night, and into his grave of processions in the wake of returning lation; when you can no longer jine the were poured the most valuable coins and precious stones, amounting to the vision of chariots and temples and precious stones, amounting to the vision of chariots and temples and class case of poverty debt, and bankand precious stones, amounting to the vision of chariots and temples and class case of poverty debt, and bankwealth of a kingdom. The gravedig-gers and all those who assisted at the gers and all those who assisted at the never be known where so much wealth broke obelisks, and left her indescribout and keep it for 'ready reference' all year, and ten years of such work would she temples great skeletons of granite? through the rear land to make and notice a function of acreage of cotton is restricted by hundred yards, when it went down near confining its cultivation to better land the rear land to the rear land able temples great skeletons of granite? Scourge of God" he was the scourge of her temples and sent desolation and making more cotton even while they to the whole country and loads could be father discovered the attempt before a more stock in the barra feet upon the self a scourge, but instead of being "the of today to build buts in the courts of dream of cotton and devise methods for ruin skulking behind the obelisks and | sleep. And hear brother! don't fail to dodging among the sarcophagi, and take this to meeting next Sunday, and We want to see this agitation kept up ing under the arches, and weeping in | so you can call up 'the nabors' and have the waters which go mournfully by, as every fellow understand plans for the it an issue in the campaign next year long silence and come up to shiver in plenty and peace, and can't 'jine the roads with. star is called Wormwood." | righteousness and loved sin. Thebes | But are any of you the star Worm- | was a star, but she turned to wormwood righteousness and loved sin. Thebes

Babylon, with her 250 towers and her your children everlastingly pecked at? brazen gates and her conbattled walls. Atlantic in recent storms. This in-Are you always crying "Hush!" to the the splendor of the earth gathered with- volves the sacrifice of more than 300 give the advice "put in plenty of corn. merry voices and swift feet and to the in her gates, her hanging gardens built lives and \$2,500,000 of capital. The laughter which occasionally trickles by Nebuchadnezzar to please his bride, through at wrong times, and is sup- Amytis, who had been brought up in a three weeks has stood at 90 guinueas. pressed by them until they can hold it | mountainous country and could not | All perhaps went down in the fea-ful no longer, and all the barriers burst endure the flat country round Babylon. hurricane of Feb. 2. Their names are: cident of Carolina wagons loading with into unlimited guffaw and cachinnation. These hanging gardens, built terrace through a slight opening in the mill- feet there were woods waving and foun- ter Maybach, Oberon. Pictor and Port planters come to Augusta to trade, but North Americans. Our cry is liberty ter schools and roads, without either of the troops are brought to this country. dam, but afterward makes wider and tains playing, the verdure, the foliage, wider breach until it carries all before the glory looking as if a mountain were it with irresistible freshet? Do not be on the wing. On the tiptop a king too much offended at the noise your walking with his queen. Among the children now make. It will be still statues, snowy white, looking up at enough when one of them is dead. birds brought from distant lands and Then you would give your right hand drinking out of tankards of solid gold to hear one shout from the silent voice or looking off over rivers and lakes or one step from the still foot. You upon nations subdued and tributary, crywill not any of you have to wait very ing 'Is not this great Babylon which I

called to order, and answered sharply. What crash of discord drove down the and suppressed, until it is a wonder music that poured from palace window begging.

LIFE'S BITTERNESS. that under such processes the do not and garden grove and balled the baneight-school, the town or the city of of desolution to find an answer and pick up pieces of bitumen and brick and broken pottery, the remains of Babylon I hear the wild waves saying, "Baby lon was proud. Babylon was impure. Babylon was a star, but by sin she

From the persecutions of the pilgrim factor. I do not thank anybody to fathers and the Hugenots in other lands make the cry. I can do that without | God set upon these shores a nation. The any assistance. We all eavenoush and council fires of the aborigines went out have enough to cry about. God bless in the greater light of a free governull skillful punsters, all reparteeists, all ment. The sound of the warhoop was propounders of ingenious conundrums. exchanged for the thousand wheels of enterprise and progress. The mild winters, the fruitful summers, the healthful skies, charmed from other Carolina rice merchant and Ohio farm-I pray that our nation may not cypy

misia absinthium into a draft glready wormwood and we go down. I am by distastefully pungent? Then you are nature and by grace an optimist, and I the star Wormwood. Yours is the fun expect that this country will continue of a rattlesnake trying how well it can to advance until the world shall reach tory does not furnish than this man sting. It is the fun of a hawk trying the millennial era. Our only safety is how quick it can strike out the eye of a in righteousness toward God and justice toward man. If we forget the places of authority, making free governmagnificent possibilities; it forgot God; it hated justice; it hugged its crimes; it halted on its high march; it reeled under the blow of calamity; it fell, and as it was going down all the despotisms of earth from the top of bloody thrones began to shout: "Aha! So would we have it!" while struggling and oppresswages for this year, and you roughly ed peoples looked out from dungeon bars, with tears and groans and cries of untold agony, the scorn of those and the woe of these uniting in the exclaand you were everything. Suppose mation: "Look yonder! There fell a and let go back to the city to pay a grogant. Your first name ought to be were a lamp, and it fell upon the third Attila and your last name Attila be- part of the rivers and upon the foun-

COTTON EXPANSIONISTS

Every Cottontot in the State Should

Read This. Crow," of Chawrosum, Ga., is a phithe stay of the longest life on earth is losopher in his way, and down there who when the Israelites in the wilder- gets there, and his latest contribution ness complained that the waters of to the common good is well calculated sweet and slaked the thirst of the suf- faithful, which reads as follows: "Yes, over 27 miles; her sculptures presenting | plant the garden just as soon as the victories with which the now forgotten corners, and around wherever you can of Thebes in those days, when the hip- gathers, and furnish him 'free hash' through the year. Don't go to bed to-What spirit of destruction spread the night without calling up all the chil-

Ten Steamers Lost.

freight steamships have been lost on the rate of reinsurance on them for the last Allegheney, Arona, City of Wakefield,

Lost on the River.

A special to The Commercial-Appeal from Chattanooga says: Two raftsmen one named Devoney and the other unknown, lost their lives in the river 80 miles above Memphis, Tuesday. They were, with a flat of a million feet of logs, coming down the river, and their raft went to pieces on one of the swift shoals with which the upper river abounds.

NO EXEMPTION FROM TAXES.

Certain Property is Liable.

Comptroller General Derham has Capt. Gus Dickert, formerly of the brought to light a question of consider- 3d South Carolina Regiment, has writ- the cost of raising cotton we take from able importance and one which may en- ten, and has now ready for publication the Atlanta Journal: tail unexpected hardship upon some of a very readable, and entertaining Histhe charitable institutions in Columbia. tory of the old First Brigade First Di-His attention was called to the fact vision First Army Corps, of the Army that some such institutions were not army and elsewhere as Kershaw's Bripaying taxes in conformance with the gade. It was commanded first by Gen. constitution, among them the Y. M. C. Bonham, and after Kershaw, by Genl's. ing an average of 225 pounds of lint per these, and if our future prosperity de-A., the Masonic temple organization. the Ursuline convent and the Presbytelands a race of hardy men, who loved rian College for Women. Wednesday God and wanted to be free. Before the he communicated with Auditor W. H. year and for back taxes. He instruct- 3d. land quakes with the rush of the rail ed Auditor Squier that "when any bushels of western wheat meet on the | derthis article and section, charge them way fabulous tons of eastern coal. Furs on the additional duplicate of 1898, from the north pass on the rivers fruits | with taxes 1898 and any years past due from the south, and trading in the same and unpaid, informing this office, as leston, Chesterfield, Darlington, Sum- the farmers' hands at a price less than provided in acts of 1898, page 727." The section of the constitution re-

exclusively for public purposes and not for revenue, and the property of all schools, colleges and institutions of learning, all charitable institutions in deaf and dumb, blind, idiotic and indigent persons, except where the profits of such institutions are applied to private uses; all public libraries, churches parsonages and burying grounds, but property of associations and societies, although connected with benevolent objects, shall not be exempt from State. county or municipal taxation: Provi- through their services in the State, ded. That as to real estate this exemption shall not extend beyond the buildings and premises actually occupied by such schools, colleges, institutions of learning, asylums, libraries, churches, parsonages and burial grounds, although connected with charitable objects." Such a case as this came up once be-

over the payment of taxes on the city hall property. The State supreme court decided that the city should be assessed full value on all property on which it obtained revenue, and, in accordance, it is today assessed \$7,000 on all the store rooms in the city hail which are rented out. From all appearances the comptroller general is stitution, and some of these institutions will be assessed for preceding years as well as this year. When asked how far back the back taxes should be levied, Mr. Derham said for no longer a time than could be avoided; possibly no further back than the adoption of the constitution of 1895. These may not be the only institutions which will fall under the ban, and it may be found that other such property has hitherto escaped taxation. - State.

GOOD ROADS WANTED.

The State Convicts Should be Employed to Build Them.

fect. We take it that these expressions by the And rson People's Advocate will be very generally endorsed

We have heard several old men say recently that the roads of the county after all our exp. nditure of labor and paid for his labors. The book will be money on them are not as good as they were 40 or 50 years age. And we are The Augusta Herald says "Old Jim | inclined to believe it, but it does not | desirable work can write to the pub prove that the system of working the lisher, E. H. Aull, Newberry, S. C., roads that prevailed then was superior for subscription blanks and the book to the present plan by any means. will be delivered in the order of the not more than a minute. What are we under the shade of the trees he has There were not one-fourth as many peobeen holding an Academy. He teaches ple then and not one-tenth as many by sareasm, but it's all the same if he vehicles and not one-twentieth as much of the State copy this article or make traveling then as now, and then the such mention of it as their space will roads were newer and the clay had not been disturbed. Neither does it prove of this book to send us their order at Lake Marah were bitter and they could to do that same. He is the enemy of that either plan is the proper plan to once so that sufficient number of copies not drink them their leader cut off the | the overproduction of cotton, and start- | meet the conditions of the present day. branch of a certain tree and threw that | ed to organize a society to further his | Any kind of dirt will make a good road branch into the water, and it became ends. He has addressed a circular to in the summer when the farmers do not the publisher or author but an earnest need roads much, but during the fall fering host? Are we with a pranch of 'whoop 'em up,' and let it come. Haul and winter when the farmers are haul put in permanent shape now may never gree of prosperity our agricultural inthe tree of life sweetening all the brack- out the guano and buy all the mules | ing their crops to market and hauling you possibly can. Get some merchant their fertilizers back to the farm, they rial which this book will contain can be Hundred gated Thebes, for all time to to 'run you.' Plant cotton all over are practically without roads, as seen be the study of antiquarian and hierog- creation, between your watermelon this winter. It is a basic proposition lyphis; her stupendous ruins spread rows, in missing places in the corn; that we cannot make good roads, permanent roadways, out of dirt. That of the State can be of great assistance in figures of warrior and chariot the vegetables are off. Put it in the fence has been shown to a demonstration this to us in this work if they will lend us winters. We must have something their aid and we feel sure we will not

necessity. The blame does not rest with the of- berry News and Herald. ficers, but with the law. We have before referred to the policy of the State with regard to the convicts, and we repeat it; we want to see a charge in it. give us 150 miles of permanent roadway. to abolish convict and State farms and

Put in Plenty of Corn.

advice to mustered out soldiers, wheth-We want him to put it in the ground. W, called attention recently to the incorn in Augusta for use on a Carolina farm. We are glad to have Edgefield we do not want them to have to buy or death. corn. We believe their trade will be more valuable if they do not have to buy their corn. In its daily fable on graph states the cause thus: "It is mentality about the negro more perthe farm, and in the uses of man. It | nearly killed an old man farther on,

place of corn."

KLASHAW'S ERIGADE.

The Comptroller-General Rules That A Most Interesting History Written Mr. Jordan Gives Some Interesting of this Gallant Corps

of Northern Virginia, known in the Connor and Kennedy respectively. But | acre. The price obtained was 6.7 cents | pends upon a change of crop, method or by his long connection with the Bri- per pound. The cost of picking was system, that change will be made along gade, the many campaigns, the bloody | 44 cents per hundred, and the cost of engagements, under his leadership, the troops never gave up, throughout the It was also ascertained that in Texas, different changes of commanders, the name of "Kershaw," This Brigade was the cultivation of the crop, on land iroriginally formed of the 2nd, Kershaw: Williams: 7th. Bacon, and 8th, Cash's Regiments South Carolina Volof the State and were composed of com- accurate, it is quite evident that the panies from Richland, Edgefield, Newberry, Laurens, Anderson, Abbeville, Greenville, Spartanburg, Union, Charter, Kershaw, Clarendon, and perhaps other counties in different parts of the improvement made in growing cotton lion, Col. Rice; and the 20th, Col. Keitt | doubtless as great as in 1896. composed of companies from different counties of the State. Capt. Dickert, after three years of unremitting toil, has gathered together materials, facts the nature of asylums for the infirm, and records, that can be found nowhere else and would soon have been altogether lost. He traces the companies from their

origin, to their organization into regiments with the names of the first captains, until their formation of the bri-With the 15th the 3d batallion gade. and the 20th regiment he follows them then in Virginia, up to their joining the brigade with as much faithfulness and accuracy as he did those of the original four first regiments. While he directs not confine himself to the details of the South Carolina troops alone, but on the marches and battles he gives the reader fore, when the city was in litigation a history of the whole division which was composed, basides the South Carolina Brigade Cobbs and Sims, Georgia, and Barksdale. Mississippi Brigade, these troops being so long and closely connected throughout the war. The work is as much a history of the division as the brigade in its general make up. He gives the reader graphic right in his interpretation of the con- which they were engaged, not as a compiler, nor spectator but as participant, where the author's blade was ever flashing in the thickest of the fray. Nor does he confine himself to the dry details of historical data, but the work abounds in scenes of camp life, humorous and pathetic stories, acts of personal heroism, &c. It is the intention of the author to

give in an appendix a complete roster of the names of all officers and men that belonged to the command throughout the war, together with the killed, wounded and discharged. This in itnot published for pay nor profit and only a limited number published just life, and if he has added one mite to the perpetuation of the memories, the comrades in arms he is more than resold by subscription to be paid for on

We would be glad to have the papers may be printed to supply the demand. It is not a money making scheme for effort to preserve a history which if not be done as the great part of the matehad from no other source. If this his planting shall have passed, and it is altory is to be preserved it must be done by individual effort. The newspapers better. It has come to be an absolute call on them in vain in this patriotic work. Lend us a helping hand. - New-

Jumped from a Bridge.

daughter of Joseph Fanz, a wealthy ready to plank down the cash. The There are six convict farms in Anderson | and retired business man of Knoxville, county, on which there are nearly 100 Tenn., committed suicide Wednesday We would then have macadamized roads been mentally afflicted for several This would be of inestimable advantage | night by taking a deadly drug, but her hauled to and fro regardless of weather. sufficient quantity had been taken. Franz was walking with his daughter leaning against the columns, and stoop- go soon, before the preacher gets there, for good roads until something comes over the bridge at the time. She ran of it. We hope the people will make from him and sought her terrible death. The body has not yet been recovered.

Liberty or Death.

A dispatch from New York says Sixto Lopez, the secretary of Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, leader of the Filipinos, with Dr. Joss Lopsa-This headline is not to be taken as da. a member of the Filipino junta, sailed for Southampton Wednesday on er they be immunes or ordinary volun- the American liner St. Paul. They re-It is now practically certain that ten | teers. Few soldiers are immune to too | fused to discuss national affairs within much corn. But we were talking about | the jurisdiction of the United States, the farmer, and it is to him that we but said that they were sorry the "Americans, who boast so much about freedom, are trying to make their peo-If he has not already gotten in his seed ple slaves." The Filipinos were fightcorn, the sooner he gets it in the better. ing for liberty long before the United States came into existence," remarked Lonez, "and they are not going to give up the battle because the taskmasters | ing on the farm. That will also more

No More Immunes.

Even the Sprinfield Republican, agricultural subjects, the Macon Tele | which holds to its old Abolition sentinever goes to waste. A full barn is an and started riots at various way staity from such visitations.

COST OF RAISING COTTON.

Figures in the Atlanta Journal.

The following interesting article on

In a recent report prepared and sub mitted by the department of agriculture at Washington, careful estimates show that in 1896 it cost \$15.42 to produce a cle. They have hewn their way to bale of upland cotton, on land produc- success in ro ther, stormier times than producing the lint per pound 5.27 cents. | pathways. Then let us continue to agrigated, 512 pounds of lint per acre was the great agricultural prosperity of our produced, or double the quantity made southern country. C. H. JORDAN. on other lands. In the face of the above statistics, which are doubtless cotton erop of 1898 was marketed at a heavy loss to the producers. The al- Desired That All Old Confederate Flags most entire crop of the past season left five cents. There has been but little We are, however, gradually reducing the cost of producing a pound of cotton

as the years roll round; for in 1876 statistics show that the net cost of marketing a pound of lint cotton was 8.32 eral commanding, and he heartily encents in gold. The cost of transportation has likewise fallen proportionately. In 1840, to ship a bale of cotton to Liverpool cost the neat sum of \$18.15, while in 1897, it cost \$7.89 for enough for the farmers to know that of every description, which waved over the price for our cotton, which is fixed in Europe, is based upon the net lint. Nothing is allowed for bagging and ties, their weight of 22 pounds being deducted is consequently a dead loss to the producer. There is also a certain the head puarters of the different camps, close attention to the brigade, he does amount taken off for wastage en route. and the farmer has to meet a good many little losses all along the line, from the moment his bag of cotton leaves the ginnery until it is landed in Europe. It is very evident then, that there is hardly a living profit in producing less than 3 of a bale per acre. Indeed, with Texas and Oklahoma rapidly going so largely into the cotton business, developing a successful system of irrigation by which a bale per acre can be averaged, we cannot expect description of all the great battles in to make two thirds of a bale per acre profitable very long. Georgia is also the largest user of commercial fertilizers of any state in the union for her cotton industry, consuming one-fourth of all commercial fertilizers manufactured in the United States, while Texas is one of the smallest. No farmer can disregard these facts and figures, nor can he afford to fail to appreciate the bearing they have upon his future interests. We must of necessity begin some

practical system of rotating crops and building up our land. That system must be inaugurated upon the cheapest, yet at the same time most durable and self is a valuable record. This book is profitable plan. Every farmer knows that he should make his supplies at home, and it is almost a waste of words sufficient to pay for printing and bind to endeavor to more forcibly impress The condition of the public roads in ing, as Capt. Dickert wants nothing for that fact upon him. In raising those the Piedmont after a rainy winter has his work. He says the three years de- supplies on his farm he has the double been an object lesson not without ef-feet. We take it that these expres- bor of love and the most pleasant of his cheaper, at a better profit, and build up his depleted soil. Any farmer to be heroism, the joys and triumphs of his self sustaining nowadays must of necessity, to a certain extent, restrict acreage and adopt the intensive system. When ten bales of cotton can be grown delivery. Those wishing copies of this on ten acres of land as an average crop. then the extra expense involved in producing the same number of bales from twenty acres as at present will be saved as a profit. The extra ten acres can be sowed in grain or grasses, and the saystem of rotation perfected. Necessity will force a large number of our people to reduce cotton acreage in the future, others will reduce from the better reason of adapting their business in farming to meet the demands of the time. The day cannot be far distant when other resources of our southern country will be drawn upon and developed in upbuilding to a higher de-

When the day of extensive cotton most here, a diversity of crop cultivation will be introduced, and the progressive era of the country will have dawned. Our farmers cannot be much blamed for growing cotton so extensively in past years. It is unquestionably the most fascinating and easiest crop ever planted and cultivated. It is the only crop he can load on his wagons Miss Lucy Fanz, twenty-year-old after them to buy it, with a check book whole world wants it and it will sell in to want it, and the farmer must con- uary should alone be used on the road tinue to supply the demand. What we the surplus money or profit crop. When motive, called the "West Point." had we will have more time to arrange for a better living at home.

We can have more little side crops which means more hogs, better cows grasses and clovers raised on the farm, more attention will be given to the saving of barnyard manures. All of which means that our lands are to be more rapidly built up to a high and continued state of fertility. The farmer who lives at home, that is, raises all home supplies, rotates his crops, grows grasses and clovers enough for his own use, looks after his stock and takes care of the manure, is not buying commercial fertilizers, although he is raising as many bales of cotton to the plow as his less thrifty neighbor. Commercial guanos are only used when absolutely nothing else is provided, and they have paid under cotton heretofore. But the profit would have been larger had the grower used in their stead the vegetable

manures. What we desire particularly, is to see the many rather than the few prosperminded race, capable of meeting any | fort, Va.



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emergency and overcoming any obstathe lines of prudence and practical itate and commend those things which 1784 with a large amount of bullion on board.

THE COMING REUNION.

be Sent to Charleston.

The following has been issued from the general headquarters of the United Confederate veterans:

New Orleans, March 11, 1899. To all Comrades:

1. It has been suggested to the gendorses the request, that all department, division, brigade and camp commanders will take sters to collect as many of the old "battle flags" and flags of the the same service. It may be well Confederacy, and banners and ensigns ing all expenses he was able to give the Confeddrate armies as possible, to be displayed at the Charleston reunion. There are agreat many no doubt

through the south in private hands, at and at the State capitals, etc., and it would be in keeping with the grandeur of the occasion, upon this visit of the old soldiers to the chief city of the great State which gave birth to the Confederacy, and where the first gun of the war was fired, to take with them the histori: flag which waved over them there at Forts Moultrie and Sumter, and the other three, with all the other banners and ensigns which floated over them amidst the smoke and carnage of more than 2,000 battlefields before they were furled forever at Appomatox.

The general commanding hopes that an effort will be made, through publi cation in the papers and otherwise, so as to secure the largest number possible for this purpose.

Doubtless many flags will be taken care of by the delegates and others to whom they are entrusted, but where it is necessary that they should be sent by express they can be sent to the special care of Maj. Gen. C. Irvine Walker. commanding the South Carolina divis-ion U. C. V.'s, Charleston, S. C., who will arrange a safe depository for them while there.

2. Col. Robt. P. Evans, chairman committee on information. Charleston. S. C., states that on and after the 15th his committee will be in a position to give information as to housing, quar ters, rates of board, etc., to delegates desiring to attend the reunion. He states that his committee will undertake to engage quarters for and locate

löth. J. B. Gordon, Geo. Moorman, Gen. C. Adjt. Gen. and Chief Staff. Gen. Com'g.

The Oldest Railroad.

The Hon. Charles Francis Adams, of Boston, Mass., in a book entitled "Railroads-Their Origin and Problems," in speaking of the Old Reliable South Carolina and Georgia Railroad says: "At a later day many of her sister States were in advance of her, (Massachusetts.) and especially was this true of South Carolina. There is, indeed, some reason for believing that the South Carolina Railroad was first ever constructed in any country with a definite plan of operating it exclusively by lo comotive steam power. On the 15th of January, 1831, exactly four months after the formal opening of the Matchester and Liverpool Road,) the first anniversary of the South Carolina Railroad was celebrated with due honor. A queer-looking machine, the outline of which was sufficient in itslf to pove that the inventor owed nothing to Stephenson, had been constructed at the West Point Foundry Works, in New York, and have the big cotton buyers running during the summer of 1830 —a first at tempt to supply that locomotive, which the board had, with a sublime confidence in possibilities, unanimously any market. The world will continue voted on the 14th of the preceding Jan The name of "Best Friend" was give must determine now to do, is to look to this very simple product of native upon our cotton of the future solely for genius. In June, 1831, a second locoarrived in Charleston; and this last was constructed on the principle of Stepenson's "Rocket." In its general aspect, indeed, it greatly resembled that already famous prototype. There is a very characteristic and suggestive cut representing a trial trip made with this locomotive on March 5, 1831. About six months before there had ac tually been a trial speed between a horse and one of the pioneer locomotives, which had not resulted in favor of the locomotive. It took place on the present Baltimore and Ohio Road. upon the 28th of August, 1830. The engine in this case was contrived by no other than Mr. Peter Cooper To Be Mustered out.

It will not be long now before our

gallant boys who went to the war will be home again. A dispatch from Washington says the war department has determined to muster out and bring home all the volunteers in Cuba with the exception of the volunteer engineers and immunes. The necessity for immediate action has been brough to the attention of the war department on account of the quarantine regulations against Cuba which go into effect about the first of May, and which are especialhave been changed from Spaniards to quickly tend to the development of bet- ly strict at all southern ports. When progress. The farming problems of to- out in United States camps, and they day are being more conspicuously agi- no doubt will be brought to camps neartated, than perhaps at any time in the est their homes. It is desired also to past. Farmers are reading more and have them brought to places where thinking more of their present and fu- fumigating can be done, and it is possitime now to pitch the corn crop. It sistently than any other paper we know should be a large one in Georgia. Cot- of, is moved to remark: "The Tenth and listen for news on the street as to may be brought to Montauk, and Camp ton is the last and least consideration. colored 'immunes,' after their discharge | what was going on in the markets of | Wikoff again be established, although It should be the surplus crop. Corn at Macon, Ga., shot a man at one place, the world. Now we rely upon our own the present intention is to have all fills its own sphere in the economy of raided a liquor dispensary at another, papers for information, and study out northern troops sent to Camp Meade in the details at home. This has caused Pennsylvania. The troops of North home thinking and a development of Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana earnest of a prosperous farm. Corn- tions at their pleasure all the way independent action. It will eventually and Georgia will probably be brought guilty of stealing state revenues. THERE has been over 20,000 applies | fed hogs yield the best pork. Corn-fed tions for the 101 lieutenancies in the | fed hogs yield the best pork. Corn-fed horses and mules have firmer fat and | more 'immunes.' | No, there will be | the problems by which we are now be-

JEWELS FOR MERMAIDS.

Gold and Diamonds at the Bottom of the

On the Cornish coast, about five miles from the Lizard, it is quite common to pick up Spanish dollars which have been washed ashore from the wreck of a galleon which went down in

It is surprising that with all the modern appliances for diving, systematic attempts are not more frequently made to recover treasure from the

As early as 1598 a great deal of treasure was recovered, including the historical golden cup which once belonged to Frederick, king of Sicily, from the wreck of one of the ships of the "In-

vincible Armada." In 1680 an American named William Phipps came over from Virginia to this country, and craved the assistance of Charles II. toward recovering some wrecked treasure on the coast of Hispaniola. Charles provided him with a ship and the necessary funds, but the first attempt proved unsuccessful.

In a second effort he was financed by the duke of Albemarle, and this time he succeeded in recovering specie to the value of £200,000, and after paythe duke the sum of £80,000 as his share in the venture. The specie on board H. M. S. Lutine.

wrecked in 1799 off the coast of Holland, amounted to £1, 200,000, and the whole of this still remains at the bottom of the sea, with the exception of £99.859 recovered in the year 1859. Attempts to recover the remainder are still being made.

Diving operations resulted in the recovery of £80,000 in gold from the wreck of the ill-fated Royal Charter, which took place close to Moelfra, off the Anglesea coast, but a vast number of diamonds are still lying about the

Forty thousand pounds in specie was recovered from the wreck of the Hamilla Mitchell, in the Chinese sea, after lying in twenty-three fathoms of water for upwards of twenty years, and £90,000 in gold was saved from the wreck of the Alphonso XII., which was sunk in twenty-six and one-half fathoms of water off the Canary Islands in 1885.

Some of the French ships sunk at Trafalga contained vast treasure. Five tons of silver plate, excluding the famous silver gates of St. John's Cathedral, Malta, and a ton and a half of gold plate, mostly studded with jewels, the plunder of the Maltese churches, were on board one of these shins. Not an ounce of this treasure has been recovered.

German Speaking Negroes.

There is a German negro colony in Pennsylvania, who speak nothing but German. The place is in Lebanon county, and the negroes went there any of the Veterans in advance of their settled among the quiet Pennsylvania coming, but must have a positive guar- | German farmers of the Blue mountain antee of their coming by April the districts. The colored children grew up on the farms, where they worked. and heard nothing but German spoken. They soon forgot nearly all the English they knew, and now they rarely speak anything but German. Their children go to English country schools in winter, but as quickly as they are out of sight of their teachers they begin to talk the German dialect, and

nothing else. Eyes That "Make Up" Well. Blue and grey eyes are more effective on the stage than very dark ones. A pair of blue eyes, delicately shaded on the upper lids, with the eyelashes carefully blackened and afterwards combed out, "get over the footlight" in a remarkable way; whereas large and naturally handsome black eyes are apt (unless blue or black make-up be practically eschewed and the complexion be most carefully toned) to look, in

An Expensive Railway. The underground railway in London was the most expensive to construct of any in the world. Some parts of it cost as much as 1,000 guineas per yard, of £30 for every inch. The cost of constructing the Great Western railway was also very great, passing, as it does, through the very hilly districts of Devon and Cornwall.

stage parlance, like "burnt holes in a

blanket."

Pacific coast bivalves may be lacking in flavor, but they seem to be more upto-date in some ways than those we get in the east, as witness this advertisement from the Morning Oregonian: "Wanted-Small boy to deliver oysters that can ride a wheel."

A Novel Flower.

The botanical world is interested in a novel flower which has been found in the isthmus of Tehauntepec, and which is red when the sun is upon it, white in the morning and blue in the evening.

The President's Cup. The President of the United States uses a breakfast cup which is worth . \$60. It belongs to a set made to order for the White House at a cost of \$5,000.

The Earth's Atmosphere. If the earth were not enveloped with atmosphere, the temperature on the surface would be about 330 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

A Very Long Day. At Wardburg, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21 till July 22, and in Spitzbergen the longest is three and a half months.

Hand-Sewed Boots.

There are nearly 3,000 stitches in a pair of hand-sewn boots.

Ar a Topeka dining table ons dr. recently a member of the Kansas II . 1 .: made the remark that a certain :unn ber must have been drunk when in: made the motion to strike out the 1acting clause of a bill which was bill discussed by the diners. "Lexin" the enacting clause carefully," he sail and found that it did not differ in any other bill." And then he wond -el

THE last instance recorded of boiling a human being to death took place in Persia in 1800. The offender, who sas

why the laugh started.