

**A WORK OF LOVE.**

The South Must Erect a Lasting Monument in Honor of President Davis. The Daughters of the Confederacy Have Assumed the Loving Task of Raising the Funds.

Mrs. Augustine T. Smythe, of Charleston, has issued the following circular to the Daughters of the Confederacy in South Carolina, and has also requested its publication in our columns: Charleston, S. C., Nov. 20, 1899. To the Officers and Members of the Chapter, South Carolina Division, Daughters of the Confederacy—Ladies:

At the late convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy, held in Richmond, Va., it was determined to accede to the request of the Veterans and assume the responsibility of erecting the long-delayed monument to Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States. This decision was not reached without careful thought and discussion; all the delegates recognized the weight this laid upon the association, but they also realized that upon the acceptance of this burden of responsibility rested the hope of an early accomplishment of the work.

The following letter from Mr. Elyson gives a full report of the present condition of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association: Richmond, Va., Nov. 13, 1899. Mrs. S. T. McCulloch, Chairman Jefferson Davis Monument Committee, U. D. C.—Dear Madam: The Jefferson Davis Monument Association was organized in 1890 and chartered by the General Assembly of Virginia. At the meeting of the United Confederate Veterans in Charleston, S. C., in May, 1899, a resolution was adopted requesting the United Daughters of the Confederacy to assume the responsibility of the completion of the monument.

By vote of the convention an executive committee was formed, called the Jefferson Davis monument committee of the U. D. C., consisting of a member from each State. This committee organized immediately by the election of Mrs. S. T. McCulloch, president of the Grand Division of Virginia, U. D. C., as its chairman, and Mr. J. S. Ellett, of Richmond, the bonded treasurer of the Jefferson Davis Monument Association, as treasurer.

In honoring the memory of President Davis we build a monument to the principles of the government he represented—principles, which are now being acknowledged as right even by many who fought against them. The task before us is not unduly heavy. Authorities say that a suitable monument can be put up for \$200,000. With strong co-operation on the part of Southern women success will be sure, and the Daughters of the Confederacy will feel that their organization has not been in vain if it can be made the means of bringing about a consummation so heartily wished for by all who revere the memory of the "Lost Cause."

**SOUTH CAROLINA MUST HELP.**

The following address to the Daughters of the Confederacy in South Carolina has just been issued by the president of the South Carolina division. It will doubtless result in accomplishing much for the cause so earnestly advocated:

South Carolina Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Dear Ladies and Friends: With the purpose of furthering the true aim of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and sending forward a message from the heart and mind of our women, I ask you to participate for the first words I address to you from the office of honor to which you have called me.

Search in all directions, among the graves of feeding and the "dearest of our hearts," and we find bones of our general endeavor, the cable, upon which we rely to send our message into the lives of our men and women. What is the message? Not to tell them that men died and women suffered, but to tell them what they did and suffered for, and that we, as women, stand to them for them to live for.

Wish to Get Anti-Imperialist Republicans Into Their Camp. The Silver Republicans in conference at Chicago Tuesday and Wednesday planned, it is announced, to ally themselves with and to make use of the "anti-imperialist" agitation especially in eastern States where the silver issue does not stand out. Cooperation with Edward Atkinson's following will be sought.

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**WILL FREEZE THEM OUT.**

The Black Delegates Too Expensive a Luxury. Mr. Henry Payne, of Wisconsin, a member of the Republican National Committee, it is announced will offer to the committee at its next meeting, two weeks distant, a resolution recommending a change in the basis of representation in future Republican National Conventions, on the ground that the present basis is unjust and unequal, and that this it justice should be remedied.

What is the "injustice" and "inequality" in the present arrangement, which it is proposed to correct, is not indicated or suggested in the dispatch, and must, therefore, be inferred. We are not in the confidence of Mr. Payne and other Republican leaders and cannot, therefore, speak with authority for them, but it will be noted that the change mainly affects the representation of the Southern States in the Republican Convention, which it reduces by over a hundred delegates, and that the reduction is most sweeping in the ranks of those from the Cotton States, and the Black Belt of those States, and of those from the State of Arkansas, which has the largest black population of any State outside the South.

Another New York "Get Rich Quick" Concern Goes Up the Flue. The New York Herald says White's bureau, sometimes known as "Charles H. White's bureau" and a "get rich quick" concern, located in the cotton exchange building, vanished with its managers on Sunday, and it is estimated that credulous depositors are out of pocket more than \$200,000. White's bureau was in many respects similar to the Franklin syndicate, operated by William F. Miller. Like the Franklin syndicate, it offered tremendous dividends to depositors, professed to be legitimate and to be an old established concern, professed to have the strongest kind of recommendation from banks and bankers. Like the Franklin syndicate, it managed its business without any inquiries being made by the police. It had accounts in several down town banks, and drafts from its customers passed through the banks without any questions being asked, except in the instance of one bank.

December Weather. The following data, covering a period of twenty-eight years, have been compiled from the weather bureau records at Charleston for the month of Dec. Mean or normal temperature, 52 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1889, with an average of 60 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1876, with an average of 41 degrees. The highest temperature was 78 degrees on December 11, 1889. The lowest temperature was 13 degrees on Dec. 30, 1889. Average precipitation for month, 3.26 inches. Average number of days with 0.1 of an inch or more, 3. The greatest monthly precipitation was 7.91 inches in 1876. The least monthly precipitation was 0.02 inches in 1889. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 3.46 inches on December 9 and 10, 1885.

Sampson Praises Hobson. In a speech at Brockton, Mass., recently Admiral Sampson said: "When the North Atlantic squadron was ordered from Key West, Hobson was sent aboard the New York to inspect the ships and find their weak places. He found a number that would have been fatal had they remained and when the Spaniards began good shots. When we had been off Santiago some time I decided that we should blockade the harbor by sinking a large ship in it. He worked three days and three nights before it was done. Hobson always had my unbounded trust. He was always brave and did his duty, as he is doing it today. I do not believe a word of the stories circulated about him. If I had another such task to perform, such as closing up the harbor of Santiago, I would detail Hobson to do it."

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**A GAMBLER'S RUSE.**

Efforts Made in New York to Break the Market. WORK OF BUCKET SHOPS. Anonymous Advertisements Appear in the Newspapers Predicting Slump in Cotton. On Account Big Crop. Wednesday the New York papers published an advertisement reading as follows: "Cotton—Immediate and sensational break certain: exports sure of crop of 11,000,000 bales; tremendous slump inevitable. Crisis has been reached. South, carrying enormous quantities of cotton, having pyramided from 6 cents up, short interest entirely eliminated. To whom are bulls to sell? Market will fall and smash. Sell cotton for 100 points pure profit. Further particulars, address 'Truth-teller.'"

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**CUTS LIKE CHEESE.**

Nature has made it easy to build houses in Bermuda. The entire group of islands is made up of coral rock, so that every man can have a quarry in his back yard if he cares to dig deep enough. This stone, when first cut, is soft and white, so that it cuts like butter. Like the stone of the famous "one-loss shay," and can be got out in square blocks with an ordinary hand saw. On exposure to the air, however, it soon becomes dark and hard enough to break the teeth out of the saw that cut it so easily from its bed.

As there is no lumber in Bermuda except that which is brought from Canada at considerable expense, stone is used for nearly the entire house. The walls are laid of blocks about eight inches by six and two feet in length. Window sills and door jams are also sawed out of stone in the proper shape, and even the roof is covered with stone shingles, which are made by simply setting a block of soft, fresh stone edge and sawing it into thin slabs. Both roof and walls have to be kept white-washed, or the stone would crumble away, hard as it finally becomes; but with this precaution it lasts a long time. There is an old coral stone house on Harrington Sound which is considerably over 200 years old.

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**A CURIOUS CUSTOM.**

PUNISHMENT OF ANIMALS THAT WAS FORMERLY IN VOGUE IN EUROPE. They Were Sometimes Put to the Rack in Order to Extort Confession—In Other Instances They Were Buried Alive—Pigs Hanged or Burned for Murder. Beasts were often condemned to be burned alive, and, strangely enough, it was in the latter half of the seventeenth century, an age of comparative enlightenment, that this cruel penalty was most frequently inflicted. Occasions were not infrequently met with in which a criminal was sentenced to the rack to be slightly singed, and then to be strangled before being burned. Sometimes they were condemned to be buried alive. Such was the fate suffered by two pigs in 1633, upon the vigil of the holy Martin, at Oppenheim-on-the-Rhine, for killing a child. Animals were even put to the rack in order to extort confession. It is not to be supposed that the judge had the slightest expectation of success. The case was simply to observe all forms prescribed by the law, and to set in motion the whole machinery of justice before pronouncing judgment. The accused would be buried alive, and would not only observe all forms prescribed by the law, and to set in motion the whole machinery of justice before pronouncing judgment. The accused would be buried alive, and would not only observe all forms prescribed by the law, and to set in motion the whole machinery of justice before pronouncing judgment.

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