

FLORIDA GENEROUS TO VETERANS

Pays Out More Money to Sustain Old Soldiers

Than Any Other Southern State and Builds Monuments to Memory—Confederate Reunion May 6, 7, 8, at Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla.—The State of Florida pays out more money per capita for the support of dependent ex-Confederate soldiers than any other Southern State. This fact should be sufficient to convince ex-Confederates everywhere that when they and their descendants visit Jacksonville on the occasion of the 24th annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans' Association that they will be in the hands of their friends. The reunion will be held May 6, 7, 8.

The handsome total of \$600,000 per annum is being paid by the state for support of ex-Confederate pensioners. The average yearly amount paid to each person on the pension list, according to the latest report of the State Board of Pensions, is \$121.25, while the average paid to old soldiers is \$122.30. Widows of Confederate soldiers draw an average of \$120 per annum. Since the report from which these figures are taken was made, the legislature has passed a still more liberal pension law, which will authorize additional payments of approximately \$150,000 a year, making the total \$750,000 per annum paid to Confederate pensioners by the state.

There are 2,533 soldier pensioners on the rolls of the state and 2,227 widows of Confederates, making a total of 4,760. The fund to support this pension roll is raised by a tax of four mills on the assessed property of the taxpayer.

Florida is not only caring for the living but the memory of the dead is also kept green. Throughout the state handsome Confederate monuments have been erected by both public and private means. All told there are twenty, or possibly more, handsome



Gen. W. H. Sebring Jacksonville, Fla., Adjutant General Florida Division United Confederate Veterans.

Confederate monuments in the state, and others are yet to be erected. A home for ex-Confederate soldiers is maintained at Jacksonville. Last year the state appropriated \$5,000 to the Confederate soldiers' home in this city. Two Confederate monuments have been erected here, and a monument may be dedicated to the Women of the Confederacy during the coming reunion.

This brief exposition of the work that Florida is doing for the ex-Confederate soldiers, living and dead, is proof that the people of the state will extend a warm and generous welcome to the old soldiers and their friends on the occasion of the Jacksonville reunion. Florida, while situated far South of the great theater of war of 1861-65, felt the shock of the conflict. Jacksonville was occupied four different times by the federals. The purposes of this occupancy, according to official reports on file in archives of the War Department, were to keep the St. Johns river open from its mouth to the head of navigation and to arm the negroes for service in the Union Army. The small Confederate force in East Florida in 1862 was commanded by Gen. Joseph Finegan. On March 13, 1863, Gen. Finegan issued a proclamation here in which he said:

"I feel it my duty as brigadier-general commanding this district to inform the people of the district and of the state that our unscrupulous enemy has landed a large force of negroes, under command of white officers, at Jacksonville, under cover of gunboats. He is attempting to fortify the place so as to make it secure against attacks. The purpose of this movement is obvious and need not be mentioned in direct terms. It is sufficient to inspire the whole body of people with a renewed and sterner purpose of resistance. I therefore call on such of the citizens as can possibly leave their homes to arm and organize themselves into companies without delay and report to me."

Gen. R. Saxton (U. S. A.) in a report to the War Department dated March 14, 1863, says: "The object of this expedition was to occupy Jacksonville and make it the base of operations for the arming of negroes and securing in this way possession of the entire State of Florida."

LOOK AT YOURSELF

Is Suffering Writing Lines In your Face?



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Good Roads—Rural Schools.

Throughout the country there is a continual growth of interest in rural schools, and the statistics which are given of conditions in the various States show that the rural population is more willing than ever before to invest liberally in the support of better schools. Special school taxes are being less regarded as burdens, more and more held as privileges.

In this connection it is also being definitely realized, well says a bulletin sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture, that all educational activities or agencies must be more or less correlated, and more than all else, that they must be made accessible to the children. In many counties where bad roads prevail most of the schools are of the antiquated one-room variety. They are usually located along bad roads which, during the winter when the schools are usually in session, become so nearly impassable as to make it difficult to the children to reach them. This condition causes irregular attendance and restricts the educational opportunities of the child. Not only this, but it often impedes the economic consolidation of these smaller schools into larger, stronger graded schools with high school courses directed by a competent principal and corps of teachers, according to the Office of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture.

On the other hand, in counties which have improved their roads, the schools are easily reached, the average attendance greater, the efficiency largely increased and economic consolidation made possible. Regular attendance at school means constant and regular growth of both school and pupil, and consolidation of schools means a maximum of efficiency at a minimum of cost. It is also noteworthy that there is a marked tendency for the consolidated school to become the social and intellectual center of the community. Most modern schoolhouses are so constructed as to save the community as gathering places for various kinds of public meetings, and where vans are used in parts of the country to convey the children to school during the day they are frequently pressed into service to haul to farmers and their wives to institute work lectures or entertainments at the school house. The consolidated school becomes a sort of community center to which all educational and social activities converge, and in order that it may properly perform that function all of the highways leading to it should be so improved as to render it readily accessible throughout the year. Good roads and good rural schools are indissolubly linked. The best roads mean the best rural schools.—News and Observer.

It was judicially determined from the bench at Randolph Superior Court last week that Colonel McRehob of this place, was the youngest man at the bar. The minutes of the clerk of the court will show this if his docket is properly kept. Such pronouncement was made by Judge M. H. Justice, a gentleman fully competent to pass on such matters. However it is not in dispute at all.—Greensboro Patriot.

Luke McLuke Says.

Any man will leave his automobile in a garage to come over and tell you how to get yours out. A baby may not know much, but you will notice that it never cries for its father when it is hungry.

Give in a "while" you will see a girl who carries as much special scenery as a big theatrical production.

A man will work hard to make his mark and then his wife will spend all her time making him too it.

It doesn't matter how swell your furniture may be. It always looks ratty when it is on a moving van.

The best Mothers' club I know of only has one member and it holds all-day sessions every day in the week.

Lots of young fellows find it hard to earn as much as \$10 a week in spite of the fact that they can roll a cigarette with one hand.

What has become of the old-fashioned man who used to save all the string that came around parcels?

The reason a man likes to tell his wife that he has received a 75 a week raise in salary is because her expenses are immediately going to increase \$7 per week.

One of the delights of picking the ponds is that they always win on the days when you are broke.

Every man wants a shade the best of it, but no man will admit it.

The most unpopular lad is the mut who is too popular with himself.

A man never worries seriously about the rules for longevity until he is about 60 years old.

Any old-time Friend Wife offers to kiss Father after they have been married for 10 years. Father knows she either wants some money or wants to get a whiff of his breath to see if he has been drinking.

The world is a big fenced enclosure with "welcome" on the gate and a bulldog running loose inside.

A man who wouldn't deliberately add to the number of lies in the Big Book will often thoughtlessly ask a fat woman how much she weighs.

Help yourself and you will help others.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Looking Two Ways for Sunday.

The right of petition is recognized by every constitutional government in the world. Even the people of monarchies have the right to be heard by petition, even though their petition may not be granted. The people in this country frequently take the initiative by holding public meetings, adopting resolutions and petitioning for the legislation they want, and yet some Democrats are now recognized as the absolute right of the people of they want it. In an manner, we are practicing the initiative, the referendum and the recall in this country, though some who have secured local option and prohibition by petition and referendum don't seem to know what instead of making it a custom, or optional with the public, it is now proposed to make it a sort of political system.—Wilmington Star.

Pronounced "Biddy."

The Albemarle Enterprise in settling a dispute about the spelling of the name of the town of the aluminum company on the Yadkin, says it is "Badin." It should have gone a step further and told how it is pronounced, for only those who are posted are likely to hit it right. It is pronounced "Biddy." This is explained by reason of the fact that the company is French and prefers the French pronunciation.—Charlotte Observer.

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The old adage that "You can catch more flies with molasses than you can with vinegar" has changed to "A smile is more conducive to success than a frown."

Efficiency is a foe to waste. The two cannot mix any more than oil and water.

There is a continual battle going on between waste and efficiency and, unfortunately, waste wins of the time.

The easiest and the hardest task man has to accomplish is the elimination of waste. It is an easy task for the man who tries, it is difficult for the man who will not try.

No man can succeed unless he thinks any man can succeed if he will think.

No man can become 100 per cent efficient and no man ever will, until humanity becomes perfect, which will not be in your time, or in mine.

One hundred per cent means doing everything right every minute of every day.

Doing a thing right means doing it as well as it ever has or ever can be done.

The harder a man tries to improve his effort, the greater will be his efficiency, but no man can improve permanently until he realizes how imperfect he is.

No man can really improve until he says to himself, "How much better that might be done" than "How well it is done."

This is not a sermon; it is just an attempt to give you a thought

PROGRESS OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION

As Reported by the U. S. Bureau of Education.

Although six States in the Union are still without compulsory school attendance laws, and four others have laws that apply only partially, definite progress during the past decade is reported in a bulletin just issued by the United States Bureau of Education. Since 1895 eight States previously without compulsory laws have adopted them, and it is thought to be a matter of only a few years when compulsory school attendance will be in effect in every State and territory of the United States.

The bureau's investigation of the subject reveals a close connection between lack of compulsory attendance laws and illiteracy. The States rank in percentage of illiteracy very much in accordance with the length of time compulsory schooling has been in effect and the completeness with which it is enforced.

Necessary factors in the enforcement of compulsory attendance laws are summed up as follows: An annual school census taken by the school authorities; prompt reports of unexcused absences by teachers in public and private schools; properly qualified attendance officers; State agents to see that the laws are enforced; special schools for truants and pupils irregular in attendance; relief for indigent parents having children of compulsory age; a definite annual period of attendance; well-enforced child labor laws; employment certificate made out to the employer, and proper penalties or all concerned in the enforcement of the law.

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