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We desire to say a few words to-day upon the subject of good
roads. A writer in yesterday's (Monday) Charlotte Observer ad-
vocated abolishing the State farms and placing the convicts on the public roads. A month or more ago the SUN had the temerity to
advocate that the penitentiary do away with farming and put the conviets to work on our public
roads. No paper in the State, as we noted, took up the matter then. The Charlotte Observer, one of the State's leading papers, if we
mistake not, a woek or more ago, advocated a similar movement. A
leading politician and now a member of the House a day or two
after the Sun's advocacy of the plan asked the writer of the artiure would cost the State, giving some large figures. This practi-
tically closed the Sun's mouth. It had nothing further to say of
working the convicts on the pubworking $t$
lic roads.
We beg to say that subsequent that convicts could be worked o the public roads at the same easily at less cost than they have
been maintained under fusion manficials during the past two years of fusion rule have contracted an inwhich must be paid by the taxpayers.
This debt or sum alone would, of the conficts on the publi roads.
If this is so, or if the expenses not pay better in the long run to do away with State farming a
have the convicts build roads. when good roads were as urgent as now. No State can afford to ignore this important matter North Carolina should take the
lead. She can do so. We submit that now is a good time to start the movement. -Favorable reports were made
yesterday by the House committee on a public building for Elizabeth to cost $\$ 50,000$.
 government. The country is ab-
golutely quiet and there are no fears of a Carlist disturbance. -According to the official
"Statement of the Public Debt,"
just issued, the outstanding inter-
est-bearing debt just issued, the outstanding inter-
est-bearing debt on January 31, 1899, was $\$ 1,040,209,425$, or $\$ 346$,the month. Of the total \$100,the mpnth. Of the total $\$ 100$,-
000,000 are 5 per cents. and $\$ 162$,315,400 are 4 per cents., issued by
President Cleveland to maintain President Cleveland to maintain
the gold standard, and $\$ 193,192,-$
760 are 3 per cents., issued by 76 are 3 per cents., issued by
President McKinley for the war President Mckinley for the war
on Spain. The 5 per cents. are
redeemable in $190 \pm$; the 4 per
cents. in 1925 ; the 3 per cents, afredeemable in 1904; the
cents. in 1925 ; the 3 per cen
ter August 1, 1908 .
-The treaty of peace negotia-
ted between the commissioners of
the United States and Spain, at ted between the commissioners
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Paris, was yesterdaty ratified by Paris, was yesterday ratified by
 jority neccessary to secure sena-
torial concurrence in a treaty doc ument. There was no applause
when the result was announced, but many Senators heaved a sigh of relief and rushed from the chamber to give the news to the
waiting worid. Within 40 minutes after its ratification General
Cox, the Secretary of the Senate appeared with the treaty itsel which be promptly delivered into the President's bands and then releft the White House, were jubilant oyer the ratification of the
treaty and spoke it as a great tritreaty and spoke it as a great tri
umph.
The spots on a man's reputation others than to himself.

- Patti is said to have settled
of the war. The Cortes will be
convened February 20th for the
purpose of sanctioning the treaty at Prince George, Md., yesterday of peace. Sagasta will probably There will probably be three then retire, leaving Senor Silvela,
Conservative leader, to form a Horrible agony is caused Piles, Burns and Skin Diseases.
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$\qquad$ La Grippe is again epidemic.
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Sheperd, Publisher Agricultural Sheperd, Publisher Agricultural
Journal and Advertiser, Elden, appointed Cough Cure
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James Plummer
 W. Va., state that a skiff with nitro-glycerine has broken Company's wharf and is gorpedo
down the river with the down the river with the ice. A
close watch has been kept for it.all day. The skiff has not been sight-
ed, but all boats on the river her
 within the next three moths.
Nearly six and a half inches of
snow fell in Baltimore yesterday morning, causing considerable trouble on the street-car lines.
The House committee reported favorably a bill pensioning Gen.
John M. Palmer, of Illinois, rate of $\$ 50$ a month. He is ill and without means.
General Gomez in an appeal to
General Gomez in an appeal to
Cuban soldiers offers himself un Cuban soldiers offers himself un-
restrictedly to aid in securing a epublic for his country and not
"forced guidance.". The Paris police have arrested a former lieutenant of infantry
named Durand, who they charge named Durand, who they charge
with revealing military secrets to with revealing military
a foreign government.
 self through the head.


General Otis to follow up his vic tory over the Filipinos and crush Pilippines.
A petition was sent to the Uni-
ted States Senate signed by twen-
ty-four prominent men of the coun-
try, including ex-President Cleve-
land, protesting against the ratifi-

An engineer and postal clerk were killed in the wreck, and sev-
eral persons were injured cars are badly wrecked and trav el was blocked.


Sing Their Own Praise.

## Bad Roadé In South Carolina. Correspondents of the Charles on News-Courier report roads ton News-Courier report roads so bad that in some Carolina towns it

 o town from the country, and low and difficult undertaking. he end of the nineteenth centur subject of good roads that the newspapers have given for yeaThe all-cotton crop and bad ro re idols to which Ephriam seems hopelessly
Chronicle.

## "Poets," said one of them,

 "are cockroaches, flies, mosquittoes and such."-Iodianapolis Jour

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