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THE STATE TRAINING SCHOOL

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appreciate our voluntary Training visit the institution and look upon the school at Clinton? A clear conception inmates and the noble band of workof the wonderful work being done ers who are striving to redeem them. there would, it seems, bring every hu- Children scarcely out of babyhood. mane heart to a state of full accord. the younger they go there the greater

such an institution until eight years young boys and girls, mature and ago is astounding, and how so much even aged adults, all more or less extraordinary work has been done by mentally deprived, 453 in number, the salvaging crew, so to speak, of make up the school's student body. that place in so short a time is almost Some are so short of that which "makincredible.

cripples; a refuge for those who have attendants. been hopelessly beaten by life's possible, repaired.

best families.

Training school would get a better tient and kind. support. Some one has aptly said that all criminals are mental cripples. Then that the inmates look upon them as gather up all that are non compos friends. The poor, sick-minded things mentis and work out their recovery or sometimes harbor grudges against keep them for the remainder of their each other, and rebel at their relives under proper supervision, and straint, but somehow they do not the feeble minded race will eventually blame the superintendent with anybe extinct. For just such a purpose is thing that bothers them. On the other the State Training school being main- hand, they seem to feel that those tained.

If there is one sound minded person part, bear their burdens and right all

How many South Carolinians fully the Training school he needs only to How our state has done without hope of a permanent improvement,eth wretched or happy, sick or well,

An anchorage for the unfortunate rich or poor," that they seem scarcely of our state who are mentally unable above the animals, while others have to breast the tide of life is the State been raised to such plains that one Training school, a hospital for mental wonders if they are inmates or hired

And how is this unnatural band bestorms. In other words, the institution ing handled and taught? By doctors, might be likened to a port where ship- nurses, teachers and supervisors who wrecks are towed in and, whenever understand and love their job. The task is too hard and the pay too small

And where does this benighted, for them to be accredited with workbroken mass of humanity come from ? ing for any other purpose than the Piece by piece from your county and betterment of humanity. The uttermine, your home and mine, while most patience, the greatest endurance some of the institution's inmates are is required of them. "All the great products of the scum of society, some battles are not fought on regular batare unaccountable freaks in the state's tle fields." And all of God's servants don't go out as foreign missionaries

If the public could understand that or home church workers. The reclaimthere is a class of mental deficients ing staff at the State Training school that are not insane and yet not fit to are on duty long hours each day and be turned loose on society, the State are for the most part unfailing, pa-

> It speaks well for those in authority highest in authority will take their

in the state who is unfriendly toward their wrongs. They look eagerly for-



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ward to interviews with them when Sen. George Fears all their ills can be aired and righted. Now what and how are these people taught? Each one according to his or her ability, talent and inclination. In the school the children are taught in a formal statement today declared and voiced in the foreign press against as they could not be taught else- congress and the administration in the excessively high duties in the where. That is, they are taught just framing the tariff bill should consider house bill are but the reflection of the what they can learn, and are carried the effect an excessively high tariff opinion of the masses of the people More people are buying so far as they can go in the line of structure will have upon public opin- in these nations by their official reptheir bent. Thus the best that is in ion in other countries. these unfortunates is brought out and "I do not put as much emphasis," a derelict if left to the natural course iff policy, as reflected in the house address itself directly to the congress, in the long run. of children. She now stands a chance bill, but the reason underlying the pro- to the administration and to the Amerof a successful career. (As the school test. is worked enough educational polish will be rubbed on to pass her, she being not so badly behind, mentally.)

And so it goes. Children who cannot learn arithmetic are not forced to pore and strain over it as they would have to do were they seeking education elsewhere. Naturally they love to do that for which they are gifted. So the school even for such as they is run successfully. Some take to drawing, others fancy work, some love literature, others industrial art. . And like the saying that the loss of one or more of the five senses strengthens those that remain unimpaired, so it seems that the brains being weak in parts lend extra capacity to that part which is active. Some of the students show almost genius-lke ability in their talents.

All of the inmates except those too ill or mindless are given manual training. This line of education is worked upon the same principle as that of the school. Each does that work for which he or she has "the turn." Hence, 13 dormitories, 1 laundry, a large farm and a dairy are all kept in order and operated successfully almost entirely by the inmates. Of course, this does not mean that office work or supervision is done by them.

The tract of land given over to the institute includes 1188 acres. On the campus are the greater number of dormitories, the office, dining hall and kitchen, school building and chapel, doctor's home and other buildings.

ter F. George, Democrat, of Georgia, tests filed with the state department

"In other words, a protest against developed. An instance: A little girl his statement said, "upon a mere pro- tariff duties regarded as unreasonable Sleep on one and get up found refuge at the institute that test by foreign governments against and as in the nature of an embargo could never have made the grades in our tariff policies as seems to be plac- is now reflected in the opinion of the a common public school, but possessed ed upon such protests by others, but masses of the people and it is the er price than an ordia lovely voice and an aptitude for the matter of particular importance is building up of an adverse public opinsinging, where she would have been not the mere protest against our tar- | ion in other countries which should

"The nations have been brought so tariff."

close together until the effect of a public act in the United States un-Foreign Opinion avoidably results in the shaping of Washington, July 13 .- Senator Wal- opinion in other countries and the pro-

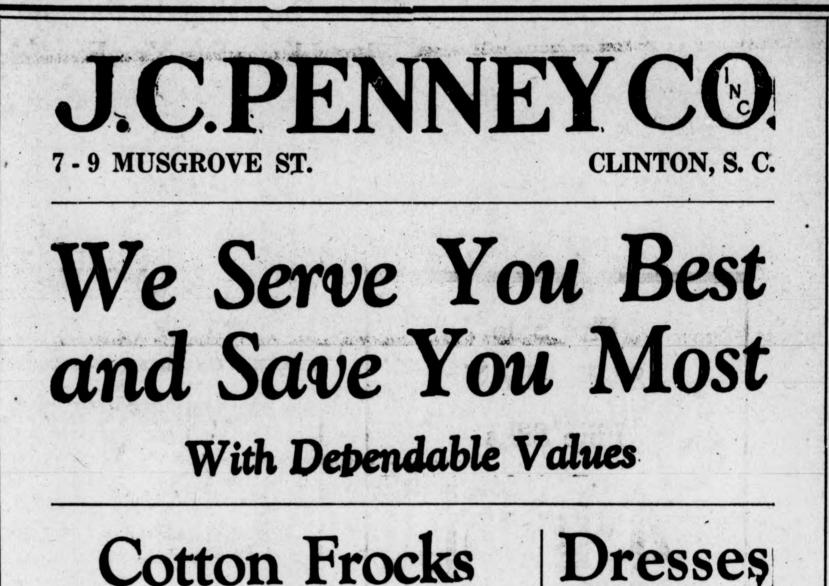
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One subconsciously calls this building a home. Indeed, it is very nearly akin to that most ideal of institutions. The home is situated on a hill and is surrounded by pines and other trees. It is occupied by two matrons, and 20 inmates, nervous wrecks of various ages.

They have their chickens, pigs and garden, just like the ordinary cottager. They even go out and wring their broom straw. And around the yard are rock-laid walks and flower beds.

Inside is the dining and living room combined, a homey kitchen and pantry; two large sleeping rooms furnished each with ten snow white single beds from which the occupants can look out of clear-washed windows at waving pines and blue skies; a nice conveniently equipped bathroom; a clothes room in which each "girl," as they call each other, has her own compartment; a long hall and matron's quarters.

The home is furnished with electricity and running water. The twenty women under the supervision of the matrons do the tasks of their choosing. Altogether, the place is kept in apple-pie order. A home atmosphere prevails and home cooked food is served. Why the "girls" even call the matrans "mother" and "mama" so and

All doing a share, the work is soon over. By day, leisure time is spent sitting around under the trees or walking through the woods (with a matron, of course), and of evenings the broken, twisted,-everyone in some way is marred-"girls," ranging in ages from 25 to probably 60, sit around and sing, one can bass real nicely-ask riddles, say little speeches and even tell fortunes.

About two miles beyond the women's home is a similar but larger one for men. Connected with it is the farm. It is said that this is the most contented "bunch" at the institute, and that they make quite a success of their farming. Around last Christmas time, 90 fine hogs were butchered at the farm.

Getting all these abnormal people to work in harness comparatively smoothly requires expert skill and management and they are not only trained to bring out their best mentally and manually, but are treated physically. Many a person has "gone through" from hookworm, pellagra, pyorrhea, etc. Their physical condi(And So Very Low in Price!)

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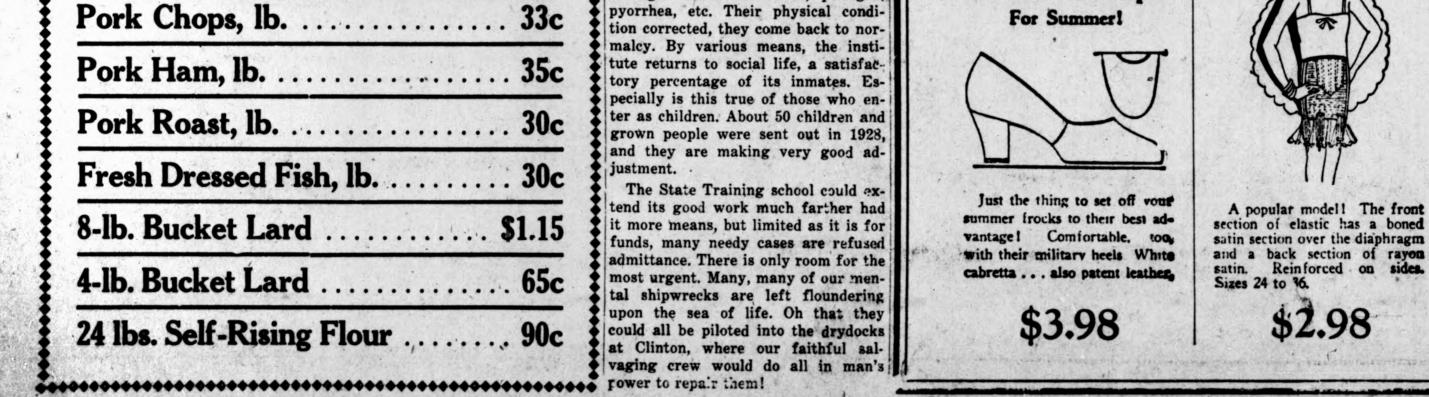
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