

OUR SCHOOLS.

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Our Schools.

To-day in South Carolina are to be found very few people who would admit that they are unfriendly to popular education, and fewer still who would admit that they are not friends to our common schools.

For fifteen years this writer taught in the common schools of this State, and for seventeen years he has tried to study the conditions which make for good or for evil in the educational system of the State.

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2. Beggarly salaries paid to teachers; 3. Too many incompetent teachers employed in our schools;

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New York, \$6.27. If Virginia has found that it requires \$11.95 per pupil to maintain her schools, is it reasonable to assume that South Carolina can maintain good schools on \$6.37 per pupil?

Maryland is willing to invest \$21.32 per pupil in her schools, she must be satisfied with her investment, for she has been increasing the amount from year to year.

Frequently it is proposed by a few to increase the common school fund by direct appropriation from the State treasury.

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CAUSE OF FLOODS.

WORK FOR APPALACHIAN PARK BILL RECALLED.

Present Flood Might Have Been Prevented Had the Bill Been Passed When It Was First Introduced.

The Washington correspondent of The News and Courier says the loss of many human lives and the destruction of thousands of dollars' worth of property throughout the Southern States because of the floods now prevailing would probably not be witnessed to-day had Congress passed the White Mountain and Appalachian forest reserve bill a few years ago.

The fight that was made at the last session of Congress and at the two or three sessions before by advocates of the White Mountain and Appalachian Park reserve bill is well remembered.

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THE PASTEUR TREATMENT.

How the Patient is Inoculated Against Hydrophobia.

Many have friends, or at least know of people who have received the Pasteur treatment as preventative of hydrophobia, but few with the exception of the medical fraternity, are familiar with the treatment they receive.

On this principle a recently bitten patient is inoculated hyperdermically with a virus prepared from the spinal cord removed from a rabbit infected with hydrophobia.

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ABOUT FEEDING HORSES.

Part of a Speech of one of the South's Greatest Experts in This Line.

The following is slipped from The State, being a part of the speech recently made by Judge Henry Hammond of Augusta and Beach Island.

"When the farmers of the south learn to use more of their cotton products, learn to feed their horses and stock with cotton seed products, it will mean millions of dollars to the south.

Feed Cotton Seed Meal with anything you ever heard of a horse or mule eating—corn, whole, cracked, ensilage, bran &c. Don't stick to any one food.

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SEES DARK CLOUD.

Hobson Predicts War With Japan Within Ten Years.

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SHAH'S TROOPS DEFEATED.

Foyal Soldiers Suffered Heavy Casualties in the Conflict.

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BIG LOSS BY FIRE.

SEVERAL STORES BURNED IN BRANCHVILLE MONDAY.

The Money Loss is Said to be Between Fifty and Sixty Thousand Dollars.

A big fire visited Branchville on last Monday morning at two o'clock. Several of the most prominent stores in the town were destroyed, entailing a loss of fifty or sixty thousand dollars.

It originated in the store of Dukes & Co. and in a short time a fire being discovered the store and its contents were in ashes.

H. Berry Co., next door to Dukes & Co., had stock of \$6,000; loss \$4,500, insurance \$3,600.

Clifton A. Dukes owned the building occupied by H. Berry Co., and F. F. Bellinger; his building was a total loss. The building was valued at \$6,000 with \$3,000 insurance.

"THE TEN COMMANDMENTS." Certain Rules Must Govern the Farmer Who Wishes to Succeed.

At an early period it was found necessary to evolve from the mass of ethical teaching a few general rules for living, called "The Ten Commandments," by which a man could be moral without going through a course in theology.

(1) Prepare a deep and thoroughly pulverized seed bed, well drained; break in the fall to the depth of 8, 10 or 12 inches, according to the soil.

(2) Use seed of the best variety, intelligently selected and carefully stored.

(3) In cultivated crops, give the rows and the plants in the rows a space suited to the plant, the soil and the climate.

(4) Use intensive tillage during the growing period of the crops.

(5) Secure a high content of humus in the soil by the use of legumes, barnyard manure, farm refuse and commercial fertilizers.

(6) Carry out a systematic crop rotation with a winter crop on southern farms.

(7) Accomplish more work in a day by using more horse-power and better implements.

(8) Increase the farm stock to the extent of utilizing all the waste products and idle lands of the farm.

CZAR THE RICHEST MONARCH.

Emperor of Russia is Paid One Million Dollars Every Other Week.

Considerable interest will be created by the forthcoming discussion in the Prussian Parliament, or Landtag, of the Kaiser's request for an increase of salary.

The Kaiser's mode of living is one of unparalleled magnificence. He is a connoisseur in the art of choosing apparel and in the art of wearing it to the best advantage.

One of the disadvantages under which the German emperor labors is that he must provide for his family out of his own income.

The Czar is the richest monarch in the world. In his case the crown properties actually belong to him.

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(9) Produce all the food required for the men and animals on the farm.

FASTEST IN WORLD.

AMERICAN WARSHIP WILL SURPASS LUSITANIA IN SPEED.

Naval Officials are Keeping Secret the Plans and Specifications Which are Submitted in Confidence.

Bids for the construction of ten torpedo boat destroyers, everyone of which must be at least four knots faster than the Lusitania and equipped with apparatus for burning oil as well as coal, and which are to be the largest ever built for the American navy, will be opened at New York this week.

These vessels are to cost \$800,000 each, and for every knot that the vessels lose on any of their trial trips under contract speed the builders have to forfeit \$50,000 of the price to the government.

It is known, however, that the vessels must have a displacement of at least 742 tons, and that they must attain on their trial tests a maximum speed of 23 1/2 knots an hour, a speed that will make them among the fastest war craft ever extended in this or any other country.

General's Wife Murdered.

The wife of Major General Chas. Edward Luard, retired officer of the Royal Engineers, was murdered in the woods near London, England, last week.

Tabulated statement of the County State vote will be found on page five.

PIANO AND ORGAN ECONOMY.

If you are interested in the purchase of a PIANO or an ORGAN, we want to sell you one. Don't think you must go to some tall order house to buy a low priced piano or organ; nor outside of South Carolina to get the best piano or organ.

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