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Funny Stories.

"Ha, ha!" said the jovial man as he slapped an acquaintance on the back. "I'm glad to see you. I have one of the funniest stories on record, and you are just in time."

"I don't care for it," was the candid reply. "You see, there is often a pathetic side even to humor. I have just been out with my architect, and he showed me three of the funniest stories I ever saw. If I hadn't been paying for them I'd have laughed myself silly."

His Little Comeback.

Miss Neverstop, seating herself between two much engrossed senators, exclaims, "A rose between two thorns!" "Nay, madam," retorts one irate old gentleman: "nay, rather, a tongue sandwich."—Life.

The Right Flavor.

The oxen had belonged to an old son captain, and their new owner was unable to back the animals round in a narrow street despite all efforts with voice and ox goad.

The old captain appeared on the scene. "Hard aground, are ye?" he called. Then, seizing the ox goad, he raised the old boat steerer's cry, "Starn all!" The huge hulks slowly backed at the familiar call. "Larboard all!" The beasts swayed sideways, turned to the right, and the thing was done.—Success Magazine.

Success is not in an endeavor to do a great thing, but in repeated endeavors to do greater things.—Henry F. Cope.

EDISTO PROJECT REJECTED.

WAR DEPARTMENT ENGINEERS ON WATER ROUTE FROM ORANGEBURG TO CHARLESTON.

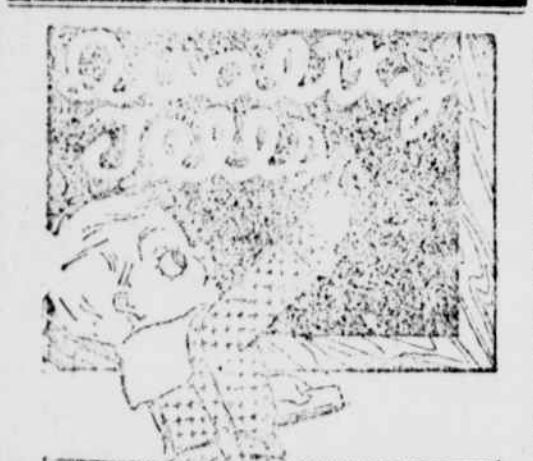
Its Advocates Have Opportunity to Make Another Showing as to Its Advantage.

Charleston, Dec. 13.—A halt has been called in the proposed project of improving the waterways between Charleston and Edisto with a canal connecting the Edisto and the Ashley river by the board of engineers of the war department, although Capt. E. M. Adams, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the river and harbor work in South Carolina, had recommended the work.

In ruling against the project, the board of engineers allowed the opportunity to the parties advocating the project to petition the board for a further hearing, submitting such argument as may be deemed desirable or pertinent, and it will be for the business people of this section to say now what they are going to do. The plan of organization of a company with \$10,000 worth of stock held in Charleston, and the same amount in Orangeburg consequently falls through unless the advocates of the project secure a hearing and the board reverses its action.

The position of the board of engineers is that the cost of the proposed improvements is greater than is justified by the commercial advantages which would be afforded either now or in the future.

Capt. Adams mailed today a circular to a number of people interested in the project, acquainting them of the action of the board in not confirming his recommendation for the proposed work. The circular sets forth the facts of the case, reasons of the board and invitation of the board to those interested in the project to take it up anew, if they so desire.



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A GOOD WORK.

Sumter County Teachers Association Blazing the Way of Progress.

Editor of The Daily Item:

Stateburg, Dec. 13.—I write to call the attention of the people of Sumter county to the excellent work of the Sumter County Teachers association, now going forward, in order that this work may excite general interest, approval and support. It is a great gain for the county, when a labor, of the character just now undertaken by the association, is earnestly entered upon by the educators of the youth, who are soon to take their places as the citizenship of the county, in all that this name embraces and implies. In the first place a committee is going around getting (and successfully) premiums and prizes for the best home-made chair, table, broom, singletree, axe-handle, desk, best kept poultry yard, dairy, etc. By boys and girls of Sumter county. While another branch of the same committee is pushing the study of South Carolina literature to the front in our school work, and have made a splendid start in doing this essential thing for the State's literary advancement, and premiums will soon be gotten up for best essays, readings, recitations, songs, etc., from South Carolina literature.

Nothing could be wiser or better arranged than this plan of education. For we must have material wealth and home comforts and refinements of our own making, as agencies in our growth toward an ever improving humanity. Yet at the same time, it should be thoroughly understood, that these material things are but agencies, not objects—means, not ends. That fine corn and fine furniture are to be sought and used for the purpose of growing fine men and women and that the spiritual part of our nature is incomparably the best part and always to be held in view as the greatest object and concern in life's work. We must, therefore, not only strive to have home-made corn in our barns; but above, yes far above and beyond this, as the true and final object of our exertions, home-made books, pictures, musical instruments, etc. in our libraries and parlors.

Now let trustees and patrons of the schools of Sumter county demonstrate by word and act, to the teachers their appreciation of what is now undertaken in the cause of education and nothing is more certain than an early and notable advance in "the life worth living," within the borders of the county bearing the world-wide famous name of Sumter.

John J. Dargan.

Boston children are very precocious and the boys become as sharp as men at early ages. Only last week a boy broker of Boston went into operations that netted him a neat \$500,000 and then without making any noise about it departed for parts unknown.

CHARGES AGAINST CONSUL.

NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS' COMMITTEE SAYS CONSUL SUPPRESSED DATA.

Sends Letter to Tariff Board Protesting Against One-sided Accounts of Pulp Situation.

New York, Dec. 13.—The paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' association has sent a letter to the government tariff board stating that the United States consul at Quebec in reporting upon the available pulp wood supply for American paper mills from private forests of Quebec, "has suppressed data that had been furnished to the consul by the highest authority in that province and that the consul has misrepresented the situation."

The consul's report said the recent prohibitions "will not have the effect of reducing the quantity of pulp wood for export for some years to come and perhaps never," implying that the present needs of the American markets, 1,000,000 cords of pulp wood per annum, could be obtained from private forests. But, according to the committee, the suppressed data from official sources showed that only 330,000 cords per annum under present restriction will be available for the American market.

The letter charges that an area of 180,000 square miles of public forests has been withdrawn as a source of supply and that the private forests now available measure approximately 7,800 square miles, or 1/20 of the total forest area. On behalf of those who pay \$50,000,000 per annum for newsprint paper, the committee "protests against one-sided and colored reports."

The merger suit continues to occupy the central place in the eyes of the State and to take up much space in the papers of the State.

Plans have been put on foot to organize the South Carolina Tomato Exposition company for the purpose of holding a tomato exposition in this State next August.

COTTON BILLS TANGLE AGAIN.

VALIDATION CERTIFICATE PLAN MENACED WITH FAILURE BECAUSE ROADS DISREGARD IT.

Alleged That Provisions of White Sulphur Springs Agreement Are Being Violated.

New York, Dec. 13.—The validation certificate plan for safeguarding cotton bills of lading, which was put into effect at the beginning of the cotton season and was offered to European bankers as a substitute for the guaranties which were demanded by the banks on the other side, is menaced by the failure of some of the cotton carrying roads to adhere to the agreement. Some of the Southern roads have formally withdrawn from the agreement and others are embarrassing the bankers by neglecting to observe the rules for the issuance of validation certificates, which were agreed to by the railroads at the White Sulphur Springs convention in July last.

Railroads in the cotton growing States and bankers here and abroad have been sent copies of resolutions which were adopted at the recent meeting of the sub-committee on bills of lading of the American Bankers' association.

The Southeastern lines which have withdrawn from the agreement are holding the Southwestern lines responsible for their defection on the ground that the failure of some of the Western lines to carry out the plan has forced the Eastern lines also to disregard it.

Unless the stand which has been taken by the American Bankers' association sub-committee results in all the railroads faithfully enforcing the agreement the whole dispute over the protection of cotton bills of lading is reopened. In this event many bankers are turning to the proposed federal law regarding bills of lading in the belief that much good will come from the passage of the act which President Taft recommended in his recent message.

Young Allen Macfarlane, son of the Rev. Allen E. Macfarlane, while practicing on the swinging rings in the gymnasium at the high school at Branchville, landed on his hands resulting in the breaking of his arms just above the wrist. It is said that he was pushed by emosmosoe that he was pushed by some of the boys, and that he lost his hold.

At the annual meeting of the South Carolina historical commission, Mr. H. A. M. Smith, of Charleston, was re-elected vice chairman, the law designating the secretary of State as chairman, and Mr. A. S. Salley, Jr., of Columbia, was confirmed as secretary. He is regularly commissioned by the governor. Mr. Yates Snowden, professor of history in the University of South Carolina, is the only member of the original committee remaining. The three other appointive members, besides Mr. Smith are: Dr. Henry Nelson Snyder, President of Wofford College, Spartanburg; the Hon. Jos. A. McCullough, attorney, Greenville, and Mr. R. M. Kennedy, principal of the graded schools of Camden.

At the election at Dillon held last week upon the question of issuing bonds to the amount of \$10,000 to aid the North and South Carolina railroad the proposed bond issue was defeated by a vote of 34 to 61. Just what the outcome of the matter will be remains to be seen. When the N. & S. C. proposed to extend its lines to Dillon the town was asked to give a right-of-way to Dillon from a point two miles this side of Clis, a right-of-way through the town and two miles out of town and a depot site 150 by 200 feet. Messrs. J. W. Dillon & Son contributed the depot free of cost and a committee was appointed to secure the right-of-way. The railroad was built and President Bonsall says he spent \$10,000 in securing the right-of-way that was to be secured by the town. Now he demands his money and the election held Tuesday was for the purpose of providing funds to reimburse Mr. Bonsall. As the bond issue has been rejected there is no available fund with which to pay the claim of the railroad people and just how the matter will be settled is a problem.

Now get ready for another joke, gentlemen. Callinger is going to lease the federal oil lands in California.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

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MODESTY INJURED; ASKS \$2,500.

Surprised By a Man While Having a Dress Fitted.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Minnie Fluor has sued for \$2,500 damages from fright that followed the sudden appearance of Thomas R. Stone, a wealthy lumberman in the rooms of a dressmaker, where a dress was being fitted on her.

Mrs. Fluor was scantily attired and standing on a chair when the door was opened suddenly and a man stood with an unobstructed view of the complainant. In an effort to avoid his gaze Mrs. Fluor fell off the chair and asserts she fractured five ribs, receiving internal injuries.

Stone states that he called to collect rent.

The Americans are finding it a hard matter to lend the Chinese government the \$50,000,000 which that government needs.

Sumter needs to follow the example of Charleston and other larger cities and get out a slogan that will help the people here to keep outsiders interested in Sumter.

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