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charged for as advertisements. spect will be charged for. The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the com- are still too many communities bired circulation and influence of where the necessary facilities are both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium

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(News and Courier)

The Sumter Item of Monday was turned over largely to the members of the graduating class of the Sum_ ter High School and was very well fried with special articles on the Sumter schools written by mem- began June 1, is being conducted bers of the class. The story of the by the American Railway associadevelopment of the schools of Sum- tion, the United States Automobile ter offers a striking commentary on Chamber of Commerce, the Na-It is hard to realize, for example, the National Safety Council and that Summer, one of the best and other interested organizations. The largest and oldest communities in object is to reduce crossing accischool until 1889. There were a Crossings Cautiously." necessary in the course of one hun- hastened greatly.

family has been very great. An a reasonable rate of speed, etc. ecognized college this year. One this other sort of accident? of the distinctive features of the Sumter High School has long been the compelsory military training which all boys are required to une armistice caused nation-wide

system of South Carolina is. It white children in the average South Carolina community on equal terms. Only in the last fifteen or mum. wenty years has there been a high school system in South Carolina. There were high schools before that, it is true, but there was no system and no recognized standard. We must come to the immediate present if we would find the high schools graduating any considerable ing it on the mine-owners. propertion of the boys and girls, specially the boys, coming up from the lower classes.

pressed the opinion more than once recently that the high school development which has taken place in South Carolina in the past five high school buildings completed in 70 per cent of the crude oil. the last swelve months, or under This is about three times as construction, should total well ever much gasoline as used to be ob-\$2,390,060. This is probably more tained from petroleum, and twice Minidings, all told, in South Caro- cently. The product is not necesline, excluding the colleges, up to sarily inferior to the old-fashion-1910. There are high school build- ed gasoline that came from simple learn, after all, from the east, ings in the State today, notably distillation. that at Florence, which are equip- This achievement has a signifi- better condition at the result of It showed for several weeks. ped to do as good work as any cant bearing on the gasoline supply the past few rainless days, but a schools in the world and which are problem. The supply of petroleum satisfactory detour is needed until the hard surfacing has been comdoing their work in a way to com- is virtually doubled or trebled, as pleted.

The Watchman and Southron mand the largest admiration and far as gasoline is concerned. If it Published Wednesday and Satur- now being turned out-59 at Flor- "gas" for every 10 gallons of crude of one of the leading college presidents in the State for it that the improvement in the teaching in the high schools has been quite as notable as the improvement in the

physical equipment. For the first time in our his-Obligaries and tributes of re- tory the benefits of a high school education are becoming available to all white children capable of taking such an education. There lacking, but the improvement made In 1920 the recorded total was a in the past five years has been amazing, judged by all previous OUR HIGH SCHOOL DEVELOP. standards, and it is being steadily extended. If the present lick can be kept up we shall have in another decade a new South Carolina in very truth and a vastly better South Carolina beyond a doubt.

SAFER CROSSINGS

'A four months' campaign, which the development of South Carolina, tional Highway Traffic association, Seath Carolina, never had a public dents and its slogan is "Cross

number of fine private schools, but It seems to be generally granted these, of course, were open only to by those who understand the situachildren of the well-to-do. tion, that, even if no more crossings When an effort was made three are added to the existing number, gears later, in 1892, to float a bond the latter are too numerous to be Laue for \$15,000 to build a school- abolished without considerable house "at first there was consid- time, vast expense and much labor. erable opposition, because some of The work of elimination is likely to the property owners could not be continue steadily, perhaps at an red to believe that it would become increasing rate, but it cannot be

ared years to use a school that . This means that the railroads must make ample provisions for Atlantic, the useful immigrants it -The school system of Sumter has their own and the public's protecbeen worked out largely under the tion at such crossings, keeping instead of accepting blindly the this river so long I know where between the shipping public, and leadership of one man, Dr. S. H. them in good condition, giving rea-Edmands, who became principal sonable notice of their existence of the school in 1890 and superin- and furnishing fullest possible second, a comprehensive system of tendent in 1895. The corps of warning and working safety de- vocational training of our own, to reachers has increased under his vices. The public, on its part, must administration from nine to about take more time when it comes to a trades. lorry-five. His influence upon the railroad crossing to find out whethwante people who have been un- er trains are approaching, to obhis charge and upon the com- serve and obey signals, to maintain

illustration of this is furnished in Education and organized efforts the fact that of the 22 boys who have eliminated many accidents graduated from the Sumter High among railroad employees. If chool last year all, it is stated, railroads and public work together here been in attendance upon some can they not also greatly reduce

COAL PRICES

The National Retail Coal Mer. derge. This was instituted in 1901 chants' Association has informed the request of the boys them- Secretary Hoover that as a result plves, the group of boys who of his fixing the maximum price of brought this about including among coal at the mine as \$3.50 a ton, one William Sinkler Manning, there will be an increase in the retrasic death on the field of tail price of as much as \$1.75 a ton. orle in France just on the eve of One reason for raising the price is probably as good an another, but this is cetrainly a curious sit-There are not many people who vation. The object in establishing realize how young the public school a maximum price is to keep prices from rising above the level set, in is interesting to have this fact case they should show any such brought out, as in this sketch of tendency. Yet it is assumed that the schools of Sumter. Only in the the mine owners immediately will last thirty or forty years has edu- take the establishment of that ation become available to all limit as permission to avail themselves of it, and make it the minfrom price as well as the maxi-

This has been, indeed, a common practice in such cases in the This dates, we believe, from 1905. Past. Secretary Hovoer, however, bluntly anounces that he will not stand for it in this case, and neither will he stand for retailers raising their own prices in anticipation of constitution of man. Flammarion such a raise at the mine, and blam-

The public is with him in this matter. What the people want to see above everything else, is The News and Courier has ex- reign of decency and moderation in But the rather unintelligent entity it was my father." the coal business:

"CRACKLING" OIL

One of the largest of the Middle sears is the longest step forward West oil refining companies has the State has made during that begun operating "four new crackperiod. We do not think this is an ing units". It is using a process exaggeration. As bad as the fact whereby the crude petroleum is that South Carolina has been at the made to yield a much larger prosottom of the ladder as regards il- portion of gasoline by the "crackliteracy was the fact that we were ing" or breaking up of the mole. at the bottom of the ladder as re- cules of kerosene and other less wards high schools. It is a tre- volatile parts of the petroleum. It mendously significant thing, is said that the company expects therefore, that the cost of the new to convert into gasoline as much as

respect. The size of the classes is possible to get seven gallons of ence, 103 at Orangeburg, 20 and oil, there need be no fear of a 40 at numerous places-shows the lack of fuel for internal combustion hold the schools have acquired on engines for a long time to come. their students. We have the word And when the natural oil supply runs out, both the pool and shale deposits, there will be the limitless possibilities of gasoline made from made from vegetation.

SKILLED WORKERS NEEDED

Building contracts awarded in the United States for the first four months of this year aggregated \$990,000,000, practically a round billion. Last year they were only \$600,000,000 for the same period. little more, but that was a year of record is regarded as the best in the history of the building indus-

With this building boom started, there has developed rather suddenly, within a few weeks, a shortferes with building progress and gate.

plains it, this shortage is due to a pended mainly on Europe, with its 1914, and this country itself has years." not established any adequate system of training to maintain the new construction to be done, the work must lag for lack of work-

This situation seems to call for two things: First, a modification one button on your coat?" of the American immigration system that will enable this country had the photograph taken." to pick, on the other side of the unskilled labor that makes the every stump is." usual bulk of our immigration;

FLAMMARION ON SPIRITS

Camille Flammarion, the famous plant cigars or cigarettes." French astronomer, adds his testimony to that of the long series of present-day scientists and authors who have been convinced, by scientific observation, that the soul survives the body.

Flammarion, however, is more cautious in his conclusions than Conan Doyle, Sir Oliver Lodge and various others. He holds that while there is ample evidence of the soul's immediate survival, there is as yet no conclusive evidence of the soul's

From all he has been able to gather, in seances and in his own their seats. independent experiments, he is sure only that the soul lives and can the death of the body. One curious thing about his testimony is the statement that stupid or evil souls anyway." seem to survive and continue to communicate longer than others. Fine, intelligent, pure souls, he suggests, either pass out of existence very soon, or else go to a higher plane of existence—he is not sure which, and so as a scient. tist refrains from expressing a definite opinion:

All this is no novelty to anone who is at all familiar with the ideas held in the Orient, particularly in parts." India, regarding the nature and sets forth as a new discovery what Theosophists and other followers of eastern philosophy have long taught regarding the immediate which he calls the "soul", the Theosophists call the "astral body". This, they say, is merely a second body, composed of subtle matter, which lives on for a time after the death of the physical bdy, and then slowly disintegrates. They hold that it is unintelligent and purely mechanical, except when animated by the intelligent mind, and that the mind, soul or spirit-the real individuality, whatever name is applied-passes on to heaven, leaving this mere "astral shell" to come at the beck of mediums and utter its platitudes or give undependable

What the truth may be about

To-day's Best Jokes and Stories

Courtesy. "Is there anything you would ike to do before I press the button?" said the warden of Sing coal and of commercial alcohol Sing to the murderer in the

electric chair. "Yes, your honor," said the latter, "I would like to get up and give a lady my seat.".

Too Young.

Tommy: "Ma, how old is that Mother: "About three years

old. I guess." Tommy: "Turn it down, ma, it's too young to smoke."

Prisoner: "Your honor, it is true many cancellations. The present that I was speeding, but I can explain if you'll give me a little

His Honor: "Thirty days."

Strange.

The doctor had called at Dan Jones' home. .The occurrence was so unusual that Sid Smith, from age of skilled labor which inter_ the next farm, decided to investi-

"Yes." answered Jones, upon prosperity. And thereby hangs a being questioned, "my wife is ill. Don't know just what's ailin' her. As a recognized authority ex- She got up this mornin' and had breakfast for me and the hands at five, and then she did some lack of immigration. Before the bakin' and the churnin and a little war, he says, the United States de- cleanin', besides a diggin' some taters and a-weddin' a patch of garden. She got dinner, and was established system of apprentice- sewin' and mendin' this aftership and vocational training, to noon when she sort o'heeled supply fresh material for the over. I can't think what can be the matter, for she's been doin' building trades. Hardly any train- nothing but keepin' house here, ed mechanics have come in since easy-like. for the last, fiften

A Good Reason.

He hated having his photograph supply. So, with a vast amount of taken, but his wife indirectly had forced him to undergo the muchdreaded ordeal. When she saw the photograph she cried out in

"Oh, Harold; you have only Harold: "Thank heaven you've noticed it at last. That's why I

Expert Pilot.

"Oh, yes;" said the pilot on the needs and wants, before they sail, river steamboat, "I have been on Just then, with a jar, the boat struck a. stump. "There; that's

one of them now," he added.

Just Wondering. Estate Agent: "This tobacco plantation is a bargain. I can't imagine why you hesitate. What

are you worrying about?" Prospective Purchaser: "I was just wondering whether I should

Safety First.

The second act had come to an end and the curtain had fallen. Suddenly those near the stage berving behind the scenes. A faint smell began to pervade the atmosphere; smoke came from the wings. In an instant the same thought struck everyone, and the same word left every lip:, "Fire," A stampede seemed imminent. Then the hero of the hour rose

from his seat in the orchestra. "Keep your seats," he shouted. His words and manner reassured the terror-stricken people in the theatre. Shamefacedly, they sank back one by one into

Slowly the man strode to where there was now an open avenue of exit. Then, without a moment's communicate for a few years after hesitation, he rushed for the door. Once outside, he mopped his forehead, and murmured, breathlessly. "Well, someone's saved

Some Exceptions. A well-known journalist was

touring in Ireland and patronized a jaunting-car. "You see thim mountains?" said

"Thim's the highest mountains in the world." "Is that so?" asked the surpris-

ed tourist. "It is," assured the driver, "excepting, ay course, thim in furrin

A Good Excuse.

Teacher: "How is it that you're

so late, Tommy?" Tommy: "'Cause there was a knocking down five policemen, an' desire and determination.' a fate of the individual after death. my mother sent me down to see if

Cross Examination. Farmer (to small boy): "Hey,

boy, can you hold my horse a min-

Boy: "Does he bite?" Farmer: "No." Boy: "Does he kick?" Farmer: "No."

Boy: "Does it take two to hold

Farmer: "No." Boy; "Can one hold him?" Farmer: "Yes." Boy: "Then hold him your-

She (critically)-I never could

ee much in those Crepe de Chine He (also a critic)-Ah, my dear,

but you never looked at them in the right light .- Colgate Banter. A woman is like a cannon; she

doesn't seem ready to go until she's

full of powder.

He told the shy maid of his love, The color left her cheeks: The road to Pocalla is in much But on the shoulder of his coat

> Only trouble with a sure thing is Being on the brink of despair isn't as bad as jumping off. the uncertainty.

-Exchange.

SEABOARD INTRODUCES **NEW POLICY**

Change in Official Organization of Far Reaching Results

Norfolk, June 8 .- The Seahoard Air Line Railway Company the senate formally rejected the has introduced a policy in its official organization which it is stated, will be far reaching in effective re-

A comprehensive plan of organization was adopted at a meeting formal statement prepared for this of the board of directors-a budget newspaper today Senator Dial set committee of five members and a forth his reasons for fighting Mixpublic relations committee of three son. From that statement it apmembers have been created and pears that postoffice inspectors sent other additions and changes in of- to Orangeburg to investigate ficial policy made; a permanent la- charges against Mixson did not bor committee has been establish-

troller L. R. Powell, Jr., has been ment Senator Dial declares: elected a vice president and Comp-(operations).

consists of Vice-President M. J. ed that the case be closed, ... Caples, chairman, Vice-President velopment C. S. Ucker.

to the whole southern country. President S. Davies Warfield, in announcing the organization in a statement to the officials and em- CHINA CHANGES

ployees, said in part: "To meet the necessities for conducting transportation under present and changwider and better understanding public bodies and the railroad, and between the railroad and its emvelopment of the resources of the idency. Li came from Tientsin in territory traversed by the Seaboard answer to an invitation to succeed the settlement of questions growing Hsu Shih Chang, resigned. out of federal control and obtain greater economy in railroad admake provision of a comprehensive supporters of the Camton governmore extended use of the talents of the forces of the company. It is desirable that effective shop or-

"First, the expenditures made by this railroad in every department shall be decided upon by a committee designated as budget committee, no expenditure will be made by the organization or those connected with the railroad unless primarily agreed upon by the budget committee, after consideration by that committee of suggestions made by the heads of the various departments of the railroad. The be submitted to the president for approval before becoming operamittee will cover six months periods in advance of the amount of the expenditures to be made through the several departments and decisions of the railroads. These amounts shall not be exceed-

or divisions." "The budget committee is not to be regarded as alone checking expenditures. It must know the reason for the expenditures whether the reason is economically sound. and whether the expenditure, if made, will be effective in results." "The labor committee is not intended as a convient means to send questions before it to the ly well made. United States labor board at Chicago. The management desires an impartial, full and fair consideration of all subjects and proposals

an earnest determination to reach a settlement if possible. It is hoped man pinched for stealing chickens, that all employees will approach countries that they could reduce and setting a house on fire and this committee pertaining the same their debts by paving a little. "The management desires to avoid going outside the Seaboard left despite the fact that all starve organization for promotion. . Un- to death every year. derstudies are to be named in the

various departments."

Trying to Save the Hawaiian Race.

Honolulu, T. M., June 9 (By Mail)-Applications for allotments the same people you cuss. on land in the rehabilitation settlement on the island of Molokai were made by 74 Hawaiian or part-Ha- wishes the daily report that Conwaiian families before the time gress isn't doing anything was true. limit expired, according to announcement by the Homes commission, which has charge of the at- People just won't leave these sectempts to rehabilitate the Ha- ond lieutenants alone. waiian race.

There are lots available for only 20 or 24 families and the commission will select what it considers the best fitted families among the applicants to inaugurate the "back to the land" movement for the Hawaiians as it was conceived by the late Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianto congress, it was announced. As soon as arrangements can be

made other tracts will be prepared on Molokai for additional settlers. The commission hopes to be able to place the first group on the land by July.

IN MIXSON FIGHT Report by Inspector Bears Out Charges of Attempt to Collect Money .

DIAL TOOK LEAD

Washington, June 9 .- Acting on recommendation of the senate committee on postoffices and postroads nomination of B. J. Mixson to be postmaster at Orangeburg tonight.

Senator N. B. Dial fought the nomination of Mixson and unquestionably caused its defeat. In a recommend that he be confirmed by the senate, but that such To carry out the plans, Comp- charges be dropped. In his state-

"I deem it necessary to state that troller General Manager M. H. it was not a question of Mixson's Cabill, has been elected a vice- confirmation that the postoffice inpresident and general manager, and spectors were investigating, their General Attorney W. L. Stanley, sole purpose having been to ascerwith headquarters at Atlanta, Ga., tain whether or not Mixson had has been elected a vice president. approached Miss Alice Singletary, No expenditure will be made in postmaster at Bowman, either diany department or division of the rectly or indirectly, and informed railroad that has not been pri- her that if she would pay him \$300 marily submitted to and passed he would see that she would reupon by the budget committee, ceive the nomination of that office.

subject to the approval of the pres- . "The report of the two inspectors ident, The chairman of this com- stated that it was Mixson's desire mittee is Vice-President Powell, to cause Miss Singletary to pay the other members of this commit- him \$300 for his alleged influence. tee are Vice-Presidents Capps They recommended that inasmuck (traffic), Vice-President Caples as he had subsequently become a (federal relations), Vice-President candidate for the postoffice at Nutt (treasurer), and Vive-Pres- Orangeburg, they believed the inident and General Manager Cahill, vestigation they had made would prevent further attempts of this na-The public relations committee ture. Therefore, they recommend-

. "I wish simply to add that when W. L. Stanley, and Director of De- this matter of extortion of money from a woman came to my atten-Vice President Caples will han- tion, I did all I could to run it dle matters of federal relation; down and ascertain its truth. The President Stanley, general facts as found to exist and which public relations, including state are now on file in Washington subcommissions, and Municipalities stantiate Miss Singletary's state-Director of Development Ucker, ment that she had been asked for matters pertaining to industrial \$300. I would not for a moment and agricultural development as think of standing by and seeing a well as questions of public concern good woman thus most outgrageously imposed upon."

PRESIDENTS

ed conditions, to provide for a Li Yuan Hung Recalled by Peking Government

Peking, June 11. - Li Yuan ployees, to furnish the means for Hung, the president deposed by the the definite control of expenditures militarists in 1917, arrived in Peto provide a more intensive, de- king today and assumed the pres-

ministration by a strict adherence suming office today, appointing as to the intention to carry out the premier, Wu Ting Fang, former purpose of the transportation act minister to the United States and PROPERTINGENERAL of 1920 it has been determined to since 1917, one of the strongest organization for a broader and ment's struggle against what it It is understood Dr. Wu Ting

Fang has accepted the premierganization and standards be estab- ship. In the meantime President Li has designated Dr. Wu Ten. foreign minister under the late ureforeign minister under the late premier until Dr. Wu's arrival from The unification of China is de

clared in official circles to have been brought considerably nearer by Wu Ting Fang's acceptace of the premiership. It is asserted Dr. public of South China, in whose structure Wu has been a consistent pillar of strength, will be unable much longer to maintain a separate

Wu Pei Fu, conqueror of Chang ed in any respect by departments Tsao-Lin and the outstanding mili-

ton will come to Peking as the reat the head of the cabinet.

If it takes all kinds of people to make a world, this world is certain-

The call of the wild is what starts the epicnic and the squall of that come before committee with the child is often what stops it.

There seem to be some Russians

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business this is surely a worth while proposition.

more little of Salvey to recommend to

Mail) - Millions of acres in the organisms will have been liber-Queensland and northern New ated." South Wales are infested with prickly pear and the government is continuing its endeavors to control the scourge by use of its natural.

tigations announced that they believed that they are on the eve of important discoveries. They have drawn upon practically the entire world for "weapons" with which to combat the menace, organisms club has heard that the women having been received from South voters are refraining from el

and other countries. seems as if there has been estab- thing new in politics. The cand lished here a complex of organ- dates who are anxious to ent isms which, provided they act to- the full voting strength, both mer gether in the field as they are do- and women, might try sending o ing in the laboratory, and provided special invitations for earol the moths breed sufficiently rapidly, may bring about complete control of the prickly pear menance ultimately," said Professor Harvey Johnson, one of the scien- About all they do now is wrestle tists engaged in the work, "As with themselves and shadow box."

hoped that in a few years' time made in those districts in wh

Back to the Garden

"What do you think of the presenemies, such as insects and bac- ent fashions?" one friend asked an other. The other replied testily "I think it is a skin game where one woman endeavors to outstrip

the other:"-Exchange. Mr. S. K. Nash, chairman of the enrollment committee of Ward 2 America, Texas, Fiorida, Mexico ing because they have not been in woman voter has started so

men to learn wrestling and boxing

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