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MORE FACTS ABOUT FISHING.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space enough to add a few additional facts to the article I wrote for your paper a few weeks ago on the "History of Fishing" in this section.

The herring fishing seems to have been a very old industry even in Great Britain. Some authorities say it was going on during the time of the Spanish Armada, and Swinden in his history of the Antiquities of Great Yarmouth says that "herring fishing began there as early as 495." It is now one of the most important industries of the United Kingdom and the herring fisheries of Scotland and Ireland are still world famed. Richard Brownrigg having emigrated from Wicklow on the coast of Ireland it is very natural that he should have undertaken in his adopted home the pursuits of his native section. So not long after reaching this country he cleared his first fishery at Wingfield on the Chowan, and I am quite sure he was the father of the fishing industry in the Albemarle section, at least he is the earliest of whom there is any authentic record. Col. Creecy in his criticism has confounded him with his son, Thomas Brownrigg, who fished later at the same place, and also on Albemarle Sound. The earliest mention of fisheries on the Court House records here is in the will of Richard Brownrigg and Rev. Daniel Earle. Richard Brownrigg's dated Oct. 7th, 1775, recommends to his executors that "due attention be made in carrying on the mills and fisheries in all their branches," and a section from Parson Earle's dated 1785 reads thus: "I give to my beloved wife Charity Earle the plantation on which I now live for the period of her natural life, except the fisheries and the houses built for use of said fisheries."

From 1774 to 1775 says Iredell in one of his notes 6325 bbls. and two quintals of herring were exported from Edenton to Southern Europe, Africa and the West Indies. In 1787 there is record of 5328 bbls. having been exported from here to say nothing of home consumption. The catch must have been large, as the price was low.

There seems to have been a premium paid to every one who exported fish from here, from the old records of the Custom House I extract the following: "Feb. 1798, paid Stephen Carpenter \$3.96 for premium on 22 bbls. of fish exported by him," and "Feb. 28th, 1798, paid John Little \$124 for premium on 684 bbls. fish exported by him;" There are also a number of similar items. In speaking of fishing and the introduction of seines into our waters Moore, our historian, says "at that time (1815) two northern men had introduced a long seine worked by windlasses and horse power at Lawrence's Point on the Chowan six miles below Colesville, and soon others were put in. Prior to this time the spring catch had always been effected by means of short float nets and weirs." This is evidently a mistake. Seines were not only fished here prior to that time but in other places, for I find from the Colonial Records a bill was introduced in the Assembly Dec. 18th, 1778, to prevent the fishing of seines in New River, Onslow county, and the Rev. Thos.

Skinner in his memoirs of his brother Mr. Jos. B. Skinner plainly says, alluding to his brother having been the first to spread the seine in Albemarle Sound proper: "I was a member of his family, when, in the spring of 1807 he began his fishery at Eden House * * * * It was the writer's fortune to serve as a sort of subaltern clerk in this the first of the fishing seasons on the shores of the Albemarle."

"Pete Crayon," who became distinguished during the war as General Strother, visited this section in 1857 and wrote for Harper's Magazine a long and very unique account of the fisheries. His article was made famous by his inimitable sketches.

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CATCH THE SCOUNDREL.

We are informed that some dirty scoundrel has been engaged in some very ugly business of late. It is said he has been driving the country people's cattle within the town limits for the purpose of empounding them and collecting a fee. One of our farmers near Edenton was made to pay quite a little sum a few weeks since on account of this rascally work. We are also told that this same chap has been entering some of the lots in town and turning cows and horses therefrom at night.

Now, we believe in enforcing the town laws, but if this kind of work is going on we hope our officers will investigate the matter thoroughly before they collect fines for cattle and horses empounded, and make every possible effort to catch the rascal. Such a rascal as this ought to be hung up. Killing is none too bad.

The Atlantic Ocean And The Orb of Day. By Rev. J. D. Bond

I stood on Jockey's Ridge and looked as far as the eye could reach upon the Atlantic Ocean reposing in majestic silence.

Soon the magnificent Orb of Day showed his bright face and threw a path way of burnished gold across the mighty waters.

As I contemplated the sublime scene resplendent with the attributes of wisdom, power and goodness, it inspired my mind with feelings of awe and reverence for the great Author of Nature.

CRIMES AGAINST LABOR.

[Durham Globe.]

It is hardly possible to conceive the crimes perpetrated against labor in the great cities in this boasted land of freedom and plenty where men, women and children must work or starve. Pictures of the wretchedness of the poor classes have been presented again and again of the slaughter and torture of the poor, and yet their condition grows yearly more wretched. Can congress legislate to protect great manufacturers, to protect monopolies and railroads and can grant millions of acres of public lands for speculative purposes, but it cannot help the poor. The oft repeated declaration that some day the law makers would be compelled to protect the helpless as well as the rich is being forced forward with rapid strides at these times. There is a limit to human endurance and the passiveness of the great army of laborers.

LETTER FROM ROCKY HOCK.

Mr. Editor:—As our community hasn't been heard from in some time through your paper I will scribble off a few items. In the first place we will notice the fishermen. Oh! you just ought to see how blue they look. They do not wear a pleasant smile on their faces as they used to a few years ago, when fish and money were more plentiful. Nearly all of our people have been fishermen in the past, as is evidenced by the great number of nets that may be seen each spring darkening the waters of the Old Chowan. Many of them are almost so blue that they will never fish again, having failed so completely for the last two seasons. Fishermen and what few of us who do not fish, are about in the same sad condition; we haven't half enough of the finny tribe to serve us until another season.

Farming seems to be at a low ebb also. The pea crop suffered right much from rains and drouth. The frosts and cool nights have injured the melon crop seriously. It is quite difficult to secure a stand of late corn, so much rot in the ground. The bad worms are playing havoc with that that's up. Some of us have to plow up and plant the second time, especially cotton.

The indications for a fruit crop are more encouraging than last year. The whortle berries, O my what a beautiful crop there seems to be! Our women and children are looking forward with anxious anticipations, when the crop shall ripen, of replenishing their treasury. After all the Good Lord doesn't forget us. How grateful we should be for his many blessings which are unmerited by us.

The Alliance is booming. A grand time is expected at Tyler in July when the County Alliance meets with that lodge. All are invited to attend. F.

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SUBJECTS FOR THOUGHT.

There is value in experiment. Love is mutual understanding. The reward of one duty done is the power to fulfil another.

Magnanimity owes no account to prudence of its motives. General tidiness not only pays on its own account, but because to be tidy is to be economical.

If everybody knew what one said of another, there would not be four friends left in the world. There probably never was a man so good that he did not hope in his heart that his successor would be a failure.

To be always intending to lead a new life, but never to find time to set about it, is as if a man should put off eating and drinking from one day to another, till he is starved and destroyed.

Some people scorn to be taught, others are ashamed of it, as they would be going to school when they are old; but it is never too late to learn what it is always necessary to know. And it is no shame to learn so long as we are ignorant—that is to say, so long as we live.

Punishment is fruit that, unsuspected, ripens within the flower of the pleasure which concealed it. Cause and effect, means and end, seed and fruit can not be severed, for the effect already blooms in the cause, the end preexists in the means, the fruit in the seed.

Every individual owes obedience to something, and there can be no obedience without authority. Indeed freedom, rightly understood, imposes the most solemn obligations of all. When no human control binds a man, he is bound with the greater stress to obey the right, to bow to the authority of conscience, to live up to his highest ideal.

Of no use are the men who study to do exactly as was done before, who can never understand that to-day is a new day. We want men of original action, who can open their eyes wider than to a nationality, namely, to considerations of benefit to the human race, can act in the interest of civilization; men of elastic men of moral mind, who can live in the moment and take a step forward.

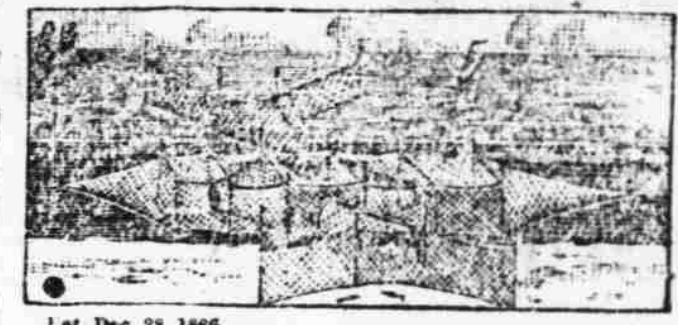
There are things that could never grow familiar. Daybreak is one. There is always mystery about it. It is like coming to life again after death. You have been away you don't know where, and you come back again to the world, and when you find it as it is now, belonging almost to yourself, all the other people as good as out of it, it is very strange. No, I am not afraid of becoming too familiar with beautiful things.

There has been so much justly said about the prejudicial effects of overwork, especially in using up the powers of man and cutting short his life, that it may be hastily assumed by some that work itself is opposed to length of days. This, however, is a fatal mistake. Whatever may be proved concerning the comparative tendencies of different employments to shorten life, it will always be found that a life of idleness will surpass them all. The faculties of man, used and not abused, serve not only to benefit the world, but even more to benefit himself. His health, happiness, and length of life depend largely upon the regular, steady, and full—not excessive—employment of his powers. He who neglects this law, and suffers them to run to waste, leading an aimless and vacant life, will reap the penalty quite as much in his own inferior condition, physical and mental, as in any external loss he may sustain.

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