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THOUGHTS OF A PASSER-BY.

Not Hewn Out by Hours of Work but Broken Off of Rough Edges—Picked at Random and Pocketed for Leisure Hours.

Instead of cautioning you to "burn this" or "be sure and destroy this" it might be much more appropriate to plead for you not to do so if I ever expect to see it again. It is merely a resume of idle thoughts or as Mr. Avery, the talented writer of the Charlotte Observer, would say "A variety of idle comment." I only wish it could be so sarcastic as the sayings of the railroad promoter, Page, but don't think in the beginning that I am a Page man just because I admire his writing for possibly I am a Justice Kilgo Methodist or a Clark Clark Methodist.

From all appearances these days Concord is reaching out in every direction grasping some thing that will in a few more years add several thousand to its nearly nine thousand mark now. Some one, who seems to know whereof he speaks and has been able to accumulate some of this world's profits, has predicted that in ten years Concord will have a population of 25,000. Don't we wish that day was here now, and may we or our younger ones live to see it. A movement is now on foot, but we must keep "mum," that will, if carried through, help Concord more than any one thing that has ever come its way. But like unto the fellow who was asking another's opinion as to the different kinds of sufferings and tortures the unfortunate ones would have to bear in hell, "just wait and see."

A rumor has in some way been started that a man once lost \$200 in the old Castor building which is now being torn down to give place to another improvement for our town, and each day some one asks Mr. Graeber, who has the contract to tear it away he also receiving the material, if he has yet made the find. The two hundred has not shown up, but before it does it would be well I believe that the corporation and Mr. Graeber formulate some agreement as to who shall become the owner—the possessors of the dirt or the purchaser of the old lumber. In case it has fallen through the building and is on the ground it would look like a clear case but how about it if it is in the building. Take the case.

Had you ever thought about the number of secret organizations Concord has. One would hardly think that there were so many secrets amongst our people. If there were only one hall in the town suitable for the

holding of these "signs-pass-words grips" meetings each lodge could have a meeting just every two weeks, there being twelve, I believe. Some of us of course are "fernint" these secret orders as it deprives us of telling our wives everything so we don't belong, but perhaps it would be better to tell the female member of the family nothing for these days they find out everything in this day of woman's clubs. I heard a friend of mine some days ago say that he had in his head about fourteen passwords, and yet that "jiner" never gets them "pied." He certainly knows some of the signs of the times, too, doesn't he? Some of us though know nothing about these things, like a resident of No. 10 township, who said he belonged to nothing but the Democratic club.

We notice that since the Messrs. Bright and Wilkie have been found guilty of fraudulent use of the mail service in the carrying on the Amos Owen Cherry Tree business, Judge Boyd expressed himself as hoping that all of these poor women who lost their twelve dollars by "biting" at this "snap" would be paid. If such a thing is possible it might be well for the victims here to confess among themselves that they erred and by thoroughly organizing they can elect a representative body to go to Charlotte and put in the amount of the claims due some of our single ladies and married ladies too. Concord has quite a number of victims.

But enough of this for one time, while perhaps in time I will "drop in" again. Though I am not much of an admirer, I will take my signature from the New York Journal's funny sheet and sign myself, HOOLIGAN.

Mr. C. R. Harris Dead.

Mr. Chalmers R. Harris died at his home in No. 3 township last Monday evening of pneumonia. Mr. Harris was about 45 years old and leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss. The body was laid to rest this (Tuesday) evening in Gilwood cemetery. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the stricken family in their hour of affliction.

Error Corrected.

The notice of examination for admission to the A. & M. College as it appeared in Monday's issue of the Standard should read Thursday, July 10 and not Tuesday. The error was not ours this time, we are glad to say. In the matter of errors we are sometimes found in company with the great men of the day.

TWO PARDONED YESTERDAY.

One a Boy of 13, and the Other an Escaped Convict Who Has Been Leading Correct Life.

Governor Aycock yesterday pardoned two convicts, Garrett Pennix and George Hearne, the latter a negro boy only 12 years old.

The case of Pennix is rather an unusual one. He was convicted at the July term of Buncombe county court, 1894, eight years ago. His crime was larceny and receiving and the sentence was three years on the county roads. The prisoner was quite young when convicted and after serving eight months on the roads made his escape. During his freedom he married and was leading a perfectly correct life when re-arrested. It is thought that he has, under all the circumstances, been sufficiently punished. He is pardoned on the recommendation of many citizens of Buncombe county, the county officers, the judge who tried the case, Hon. Locke Craig and others.

George Hearne was convicted in July, 1900, in Randolph county, of larceny, and sentenced to five years in State's Prison. The boy only stole \$1 and his pardon was recommended by Hon. W. P. Wood and other reputable citizens of Randolph county.—News and Observer.

Does Prof. Bivens Decline?

The Charlotte News of the 16th says:

"Prof. J. A. Bivens will not accept the offer of the superintendency of the Concord public schools.

"This news has been received here in a letter to a friend.

"Prof. Bivens writes: 'It has been a very difficult question to decide and many things had to be taken into consideration but I have finally decided to remain at Charlotte.'

"This announcement will be received as good news here, where Prof. Bivens has labored so successfully for nearly ten years.

"The offer from Concord came shortly after the close of school here and at that time Prof. Bivens was undecided as to what course he would pursue."

[To the above we can simply add that our board has received no authentic notice of Mr. Bivens' declination and are not prepared for it as they understood Mr. Bivens as being willing to accept the position if elected.]

He is not a Candidate.

By some unaccountable means the rumor has gotten afloat that Esq. Geo. E. Ritchie is a candidate for the office of sheriff of Cabarrus. We are authorized to give the highest degree of emphasis to a flat denial of this.

A Great Cut Price Sale Beginning Tommorrow.

NOTHING speaks the peoples' mind more plainly than increased patronage. Our trade has been increasing materially each month this year and it is our aim to make the last two weeks in June extremely busy. We know that this can be brought about at this time only by a cut price, which has been done in a liberal manner. The prices are matchless and the values irrestable. Come to this store and have a look. If you don't find just what is advertised there is plenty of time to go elsewhere and pay more money.

Prices Cut Furiously On Wash Goods.

If you are at all interested you should respond promptly to these as the best patterns go first.

Shirting Calico in fast colors, large range of patterns, never sold for less than 5c, cut price 3 1/2c

500 yards of 5c Lawn at the matchless price, 2 1/2c

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Beautiful patterns of fine Dimities & Lawns, 10 cents.

Lawns that are ordinarily sold at 10 cents, our price 7 1/2 cents.

We're showing Lawns at 5c that are worth a third more 5 cents.

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Dotted Swiss, fine colored Lawns and Organdies that were sold for 25 yard, our special price

15 cents.

White and Blue Grenadine that was sold for 48 cents yard now

25 cents.

25c Foules, looks like silk, now

15 cents

Handkerchiefs.

We take about 8 dozen ladies Handkerchiefs, some are lace edge and some embroidery edge and some a little wrinkled and cut the price. Every one sold for 25 cents each, and are fine goods. For this sale they are all tossed on the counter at half,

12 1/2 cents.

White Waists Ready to Wear.

Some Waists fit perfectly and some do not. We have a line of white waists that are beautifully made, perfect fitting and priced within reason. All we ask is to allow us to send them out to try. They are all high grade Waists at

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