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THE PASSING SHOW.

The season of circuses, which the present month of September may be called, Robinson and Wallace Shows filling a number of engagements at different points in this State, presents a number of phases.

A feature of striking importance to the circus people is the tax which they have had to pay in North Carolina in order to exhibit, this tax probably averaging over five hundred dollars on every day they exhibited.

This tax was a severe one, one which was exorbitant and likely to keep out of the State while in force, any really first class circus.

This tax has also provoked the circus people, if reports are to be credited, into working various schemes in order to make extra money out of those who attended the exhibitions.

The circus offers many opportunities of gulping a too susceptible public, in fact many persons would not think a circus real enough unless they were faked in some way.

Another thing about circus day is the fact that it seems an occasion, with too many persons, to celebrate in a manner which makes them easy victims to any all kinds of schemes, and the average man with a few drinks inside of him feels that not only the world in his, but also that he knows several things.

In this way it comes about that circus day is too liberally celebrated, and there comes the rude awakening later on, usually next day, but it is too late to save money or remedy the aching head and sore bones.

A pleasanter side of all this "passing Show" is the joy it brings and gives to those who accept the circus as a recreation. To such there is genuine enjoyment and benefit in attending the circus, and the memory is one which continues until the next circus day arrives.

On the business side, there is the increased trade to merchants which comes with circus day. Country visitors all have purchases to make, and very many dollars are put into general circulation on circus day that would not be brought out except for this special occasion.

Taking it on every side the Passing Show, as seen in the circus, is one which gives benefits. It has its bad features, but the good predominate, and while the majority rule in the good let the people have circuses and the enjoyments they bring.

"DESTRUCTIVE TO POLITICAL LIBERTY."

The recent article in the Asheville Gazette, of 24th ult., of Mr. Richmond Pearson's attacking the proposed suffrage amendment to the State Constitution, has provoked the Washington Post of the 28th ult., to both second Mr. Pearson's article and add a postscript of its own against the amendment.

After reviewing several of Mr. Pearson's oppositions to the amendment, the Post has the following on the proposed machinery of elections in North Carolina:

"And it is only too evident that the operation of such a law will be destructive of political liberty in North Carolina. We recognize in this a fatal blow to free government and popular institutions. It proposes the ruthless and perpetual domination of the party in power and the effectual extinction of public sentiment throughout the State. We do not share Mr. Pearson's solicitude for the 'poor white illiterates,' whether of his or any other district in the State. If, after centuries of freedom and opportunity, they are still in a condition to be disqualified by an educational test, North Carolina will be better off without their participation in its government. But Mr. Pearson is right, and he has all our sympathy when he protests against a suffrage law which enables the party in control to the moment to extinguish forever the voting strength of the other. That means, not popular government, but the tyrannical and oppressive domination of a class."

The Journal assumes that the Post's objection is largely based upon its post-

tion hitherto referred to in these columns, namely, that the rule of the ignorant negro is preferable to the rule of the illiterate white, and that the influence of the former in governing, is better than that of the latter, therefore the new election law's destructiveness in eliminating the Post's "conservative," but ignorant negro, while it gives full elective power to the Post's "illiterate whites."

With due respect for Mr. Pearson and the Post, their opinion that this election law will "extinguish forever the voting strength of the other" (party), may do for sentiment and political effect, but it has no basis to warrant its occurring "forever."

A glance backward for a few years will reveal how the "machine rule" in North Carolina became so unobearable, that white men voted against the Democratic ticket, even with the negro hung full and hard in their faces, the result being the doing away with one evil and the taking up of another, with the negro holding most of the local offices.

The Post's conception of "popular government" with negroes holding the majority of local offices is not the North Carolina idea, either of prominent white Republicans, Democrats or leading educated and intelligent white citizens of the State.

The extinguishing of "popular government" in North Carolina has been done by the voters in Mr. Pearson's party, and that his own white Republican leaders in this State, Farnell, Settle and Gooles, favor the amendment, makes Mr. Pearson's cry a long-sound one.

North Carolinians declared for White Supremacy last November, and the constitutional amendment to be voted upon next August is but the final and logical conclusion of last November's declaration.

The amendment to be voted upon means the enfranchisement of the white citizen in North Carolina.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.

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The Economical Man.

"Henry," she said, disconsolately, "you didn't give me a birthday gift." "By Jove, that's so," said Henry; "but, you see, you always look as young that I can't realize you ever had birthdays."

Then she was happy, and she smiled the mean, subtle smile of a man who has saved money.

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Dr. E. Detchen's Anti Diuretic. May be worth to you more than \$100 if you have a child who soils bedding from incontinence of water during sleep. Cures old and young alike. It arrests the trouble at once. \$1. Sold by C. D. Bradham, druggist, New Bern, N. C.

A Useless Presentation.

At the meeting of a board of guardians it was proposed that an honorarium be presented to the clerk who had been very energetic in the interest of the board.

A well-meaning but somewhat uneducated member arose and startled his hearers by remarking: "Gentlemen, our worthy clerk don't want nothing of the sort. If we give him an honorarium he wouldn't have time to play it. A sum of money would be of much more service to him."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia, was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement, I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim. No one should fail to try them. Only 50c. per bottle at F. S. Duffy's Drug Store.

"The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past."

This is what a fagged out, tearful little woman said in telling her cares and weaknesses. Her friend encouraged by telling of a relative who had just such troubles and was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The little woman now has tears of joy, for she took Hood's, which put her blood in prime order, and she lives on the strength of the present instead of worrying about that of the past.

Neuralgia.—I had dreadful neuralgia, insupportable for months. Neighbors told me to use Hood's Sarsaparilla; it cured me perfectly. MRS. FRED TURNER, Barre, Vt.

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Hood's Pills cure liver ill, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Curious Offerings by Vendors. A street vendor said that anything that might be offered could be sold in the street. Some things sell better than others, and for some the demand is more continuous than for others, but buyers can be found for anything if the article is brought to their attention. A knowledge of this fact prompts the offering sometimes of curious things or things that at first thought seem curious, that one would not expect to see offered in this way. But the fact is recalled, if one dwells for a moment upon this subject, that there are always people to be seen standing around looking at these novel offerings. Their novelty attracts some attention, and then there are more or less people who want the things.

Here was a man, for instance, selling files, nothing whatever but files, of which he had a push cart full. There were files of various sizes and of all kinds—flat files, half round, square, three cornered and ratchet—all at the uniform price of 5 cents each or six for a quarter. And there was a fair trade doing in these files. The many people who pass in the course of the day along a busy street have manifold wants. Some among them want files.

Files cannot be sold steadily by street vendors, as many other things are—there is a limit to the quantity that this market will absorb—but there is some sale for files in the street, as there is for pretty much everything that is offered.—New York Sun.

Night and day. "Anyway," she retorted warmly, "you don't find women's clubs turning night into day with their orgies." "No," he mused, "women wouldn't turn night into day. They have too much regard for their complexions."

For it is a fact well known to science that artificial light will shine over tolerably fair women where daylight wouldn't do a thing to them.—Detroit Journal.

Pen and Typewriter. An experimental race was recently made in a French office between a skillful typewriter and an expert penman, the test being the number of times a phrase of eight words could be reproduced in five minutes. The typewriter scored 37 and the penman 28.

Ham N'Chin, ex-king of Anam, whom the French are keeping as a prisoner of state at Algiers, occupies his leisure with painting and intends to send some of his pictures before long to the salon. He is also a musician and regrets that he is unable to appreciate Wagner.

When Heine was in love, he was so jealous that he possessed a parrot belonging to his mistress for fear it would claim too much of her affection.

MOZLEY'S LEMON ELIXIR.

Regulates the Liver, Stomach, Bowels and Kidneys. For biliousness, constipation and malaria. For indigestion, sick and nervous headache. For sleeplessness, nervousness and heart failure.

For fever, chills, debility and kidney disease, take Lemon Elixir. Ladies, for natural and thorough organic regulation, take Lemon Elixir. 50c and \$1 bottles at druggists. Prepared only by Dr. H. Mozley, Atlanta, Ga.

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Dr. H. MOZLEY, Atlanta.—Having been a great sufferer for three years from indigestion, and been treated by many physicians, who failed to give me any relief. Continuing to grow worse my brother advised me to try Dr. Mozley's Lemon Elixir, which remedy he had used for several years. I commenced its use, and must say your Lemon Elixir is the greatest medicine on earth. I have never suffered a day since I commenced using Lemon Elixir.

R. L. Rocco, 306 Hernando St., Memphis, Tenn.

A Card. This is to certify that I used Dr. Mozley's Lemon Elixir for neuralgia of the head and eyes with the most marked benefit to my general health. I would gladly have paid \$500 for the relief it has given me at a cost of two or three dollars. H. A. BRALL, Clerk Superior Court Randolph Co., Ga.

As They Kiss at Parting.

Dorothy—She's my chaperon. Some people say she is too good looking for that office. Amanda—Oh, I don't know. There must be a contrast between the chaperon and her charge, you know.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. F. S. Duffy & Co., will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.

OYSTER CROP.

Investigation of the Beds by the State Geologist.

Experts on the "Fish Hawk". Test Insurance Case. Knitting Mill Project. More Convict Shirt Making. New Cotton Mill at Charlotte.

RALEIGH, September 29.—Prof. Holmes State Geologist has gone to Morehead City, where he will embark on the United States fish commission steamer Fish Hawk for a trip in the North Carolina sounds, for the purpose of examining the oyster beds. This is a matter of great importance. Some ten years ago Francis Winslow made a survey of the oyster grounds and maps were prepared. What are termed natural beds were located. The "natives" asserted that Winslow had laid off part of the natural beds for planting and they became so angry that at Ocracoke they tried to kill him. Large areas of oyster waters were sold and "planted" by Winslow and others. It is asserted that the planting has turned out to be to a large degree a failure, and as a result the oyster industry of North Carolina is not a tenth part of what it ought to be.

Oyster planting has for many years succeeded admirably in New England, particularly in Connecticut. There "artificial bottom" is made for oyster beds by the use of brush. The natives in the North Carolina sounds are very jealous of their rights in what they term "oyster rock," that is places where oysters have not been planted, but they have done relatively little planting. The Fish Hawk has several oyster experts on board. These and Prof. Holmes will examine the oyster beds, natural and planted, see what organic matter there is for food for the oysters, what are the causes of the failure of plantings, etc.

The Fish Hawk has a crew of 30 men. Mention has been made of Francis Winslow. He is now secretary of the Nicaragua Canal commission. He has been out of this State several years.

North Carolina in 1889 began to enact oyster laws. That was the year in which an oyster patrol was first established and the "oyster pirates," from Maryland and Virginia, were closed out of these waters. All sorts of frauds have been perpetrated upon the State in the shipment of oysters. There is a tax on each bushel, but it is to be doubted if the State goes a fifth of what is really due, if stories of the frauds be true.

There will be a meeting here next Monday of the State Veterinary Surgeons' Association, of which Dr. T. R. Carroll, of Wilmington, is president. Congressman John H. Small, of the first district, was here and gave good political news for his district.

The Mutual Reserve Fund Life Insurance Company, of New York, which brings the test case to see whether the insurance law does or does not repeal the Craig law so far as insurance companies "domiciled" in this State is concerned, domesticated itself because of an error on the part of an agent. It did not desire to domesticate, but when it sought to withdraw its charter, the Secretary of State said he had no authority to return it, and that it was a case of once in always in unless the courts declared to the contrary.

Frost was predicted, but none formed here. Heat was turned on in the State buildings for the first time this season.

Auditor Ayer says that sheriffs in counties where circuses perform must be sure to collect the \$200 for the State. They will be held to strict accountability therefore. He knows where the circuses appear.

The chamber of commerce and a number of prominent citizens met its members had a conference regarding the establishment of another knitting mill here, with \$5,000 capital. The building is ready.

About November 1st the shirt factory at the penitentiary will resume work. At first about 60 convicts will be employed, these being such as cannot do heavy outdoor work. Later the number will be increased to about 120. There are now 50 sewing machines, and 50 more will be added.

The supreme court granted licenses to forty-three attorneys, out of sixty-one who were examined last Monday.

One hundred and thirty five thousand dollars have been subscribed for a new cotton mill at Charlotte. New England capital will combine with Charlotte capital to make the new enterprise hum. Industrial progress has struck Morganton in the last year. The Methodists are building a fine church, which when completed will cost over \$3,000 and they already have a first class parsonage.

The Southern will build a side track at the horse show park at Winston and run trains to and from the grounds every twenty minutes during fair week. The fare will be 15 cents for the round trip. Gen. J. S. Carr, chief marshal, has appointed his aides.

Boston and St. Louis.

Boston Maid—I would be glad to have you accompany me to the meeting of our literary society.

St. Louis Girl—Oh, such things make me weary.

Boston Maid—But we are to have an evening with Emerson.

St. Louis Girl—Indeed! Why, I thought Emerson was dead.

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THE RIVAL YACHTS.

Comparison of Columbia's Points With Those of the Shamrock. New York, September 28.—The Columbia was docked at the Brooklyn navy yard this afternoon. She will probably remain there until Monday, the day preceding the first of the series of races for the America's cup; during which period every art known to the builder, rigger and sail-maker will be employed in getting the craft in the best possible trim for the contests.

The contrast between the lines of the Shamrock and the Columbia are very marked. In the former one can see a big bulky craft dependent upon a greater spread of canvas for superiority in speed, while the latter has the thoroughbred appearance that comes with finer lines and a more slender hull.

The Columbia was viewed from all sides by admiring hundreds, most of whom had also seen the Shamrock in drydock, and ninety-nine out of every hundred were of the opinion that the American boat was far more a racer in looks than the cup challenger. Even the English and Scotch writers sent across to report the cup races admitted that the Columbia was the better looking craft of the two, but they hope for heavy breezes so that the Shamrock can make her best showing.

When the keel touched the blocks they were at a depth of twenty feet and a few inches of water.

The Columbia looks like a big fin keel. Her head is thick and deepset well forward on the keel so as to be directly under the center of effort, while on the Shamrock the lead is beamloft amidships. The American boat is cut away forward much more than the Irish cutter, and has a longer overhang aft. The former's lead keel is about seven feet shorter at the bottom than the latter's which accounts for her superior quickness in stays.

The bilge plates on the Columbia do not look as smooth as the Shamrock's, but the rest of the hull is as good a piece of workmanship as that of the latter.

Another Big Fire at Norfolk.

NORFOLK, Va., September 29.—Fire was discovered at 1 a. m. in the Southern railway warehouse No. 2, four hundred feet long, by two hundred wide, at Pinner's Point. It was ten minutes before the first fire tug arrived. Later two others turned streams on the fire, but by this time the immense structure which is filled with miscellaneous cargoes for foreign export, was a mass of flames. The tugs are now endeavoring to prevent the flames from reaching water tanks and warehouse No. 1.

Warehouse No. 2 and contents are doomed. The loss is believed to be pretty well covered by insurance, cannot now be ascertained.

Dewey's Great Welcome.

New York, September 29.—Mayor Van Wyck welcomed Dewey at 11 o'clock this morning. Dewey was affected by the touching and glowing welcome extended him. The Olympia is a mass of bunting. The parade started promptly at 1 o'clock. From start to finish guns boomed and whistles screamed, amid great cheering all along the river. The warships followed the Olympia, all dressed gaily. Ninety-two yachts followed the warships, followed by 150 merchant marine ships.

The shores were thronged and every point of vantage occupied.

The day is magnificent. It is estimated that there are two million visitors in the city.

Little Hope of Peace.

LONDON, September 28.—Intense excitement continues to prevail at Pretoria where, apparently, it is believed that there is no escape from war. The commission appointed to consider the matter reported today, as to what officials are necessary to carry on the government in the event of war and fixing their salaries.

The field officer at Pretoria is again serving out rifles, commanding is actively proceeding, and all preparations are being made to take the field. An Englishman, named Robertson, has been arrested at Johannesburg charged with high treason. He is alleged to have enlisted recruits for the Imperial Light Horse.

During the winter of 1897 Mr. James Reed, one of the leading citizens and merchants of Clay, Clay Co., W. Va., struck his leg against a cake of ice in such a manner as to bruise it severely.

It became very much swollen and pained him so badly that he could not walk without the aid of crutches. He was treated by physicians, also used several kinds of liniment and two and a half gallons of whisky in bathing it, but nothing gave any relief until he began using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. This brought almost a complete cure in a week's time and he believes that had he not used this remedy his leg would have had to be amputated. Pain Balm is unequalled for sprains, bruises and rheumatism. For sale by F. S. Duffy & Co.

The Final Touch.

Ready for all that might befall, the female detective prepared to venture forth on the track of the desperate criminal. At the threshold she passed and cast one more look back.

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