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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.
Points and Paragraphs of Things
Present, Past and Future.

The editor of the Arena has been
giving some very interesting articles
on Whittier. One in the June num-
ber on "Whittier, the Prophet of Free-
dom," was especially interesting, and
the article in the July number on
"Whittier, the Man," was also quite
interesting.

It has been expressed by some news-
papers in the State that the nomina-
tion of Tom Watson for Vice-President
by the Populists at St. Louis was not
intended to be permanent, but was only
done for trading purposes. It is get-
ting time that politicians would stop
trading and trafficking in the people's
confidence. Let us have some straight
out business in our political conven-
tions.

There has been a lively rate war re-
cently between the Seaboard Air Line
and the Southern Railway companies,
and it promised to become still more
lively when the Southern made a cut
of 80 per cent. on certain freight rates.
But Judge Simonton put a quietus
on the whole matter temporarily by
granting an injunction against the rate
war. The case will be argued be-
fore Judge Simonton in Greenville, S.
C., August 15th.

The following from the Greenville
Reflector shows how whiskey makes
people act in Pitt county, and the
world's map is dotted all over with
places where whiskey makes men do
the same thing. The Reflector says:
"Last Saturday afternoon L. F. An-
derson, who lives about three miles in
the country, was in town. Among the
purchases he made was some whiskey
and a pistol. He put the liquor under
his shirt and the pistol in his pocket
and went home. After supper while
his wife was sitting near him, he began
fooling with the pistol and snapping it.
His wife had just remonstrated with
him for handling the weapon so care-
lessly, when the usual report occurring
under such circumstances was heard
and a ball passed clear through Mrs.
Anderson's neck right near the jugular
vein.

"Dr. F. W. Brown was sent for and
went out to dress the wound. He says
that it is almost miraculous that Mrs.
Anderson was not killed instantly.
However she is getting along as well as
could be expected and was able to ride
to town to-day to see the doctor."

There has been a striking similarity
between the proceedings of the various
national conventions that have been
held this year.

They have all had serious dissensions.
The Prohibition convention was the
first to disagree. It split on the money
question. The Republican convention
did the same and a formidable bolt
was the result, the silver men leaving
the convention in the hands of the
gold men. Then the Democratic con-
vention experienced almost the same
thing. There was a sharp fight be-
tween the gold and silver forces, but
the silver strength easily held the con-
vention, notwithstanding the strong
protests of the gold men.

So nearly was there a bolt that the
gold men have been threatening ever
since to put out another national tick-
et. The Populists rounded up the busi-
ness by holding the last national con-
vention, and they had as hard fight-
ing and did as strange things to keep
together as any of the others. With
so much dissension and bitterness
amongst those of the same party house-
hold it will be something strange if
some one is not greatly surprised when
the final result is reached. One strik-
ing feature of all the conventions nam-
ed has been the wild and senseless de-
monstrations that have been made.
It prevailed at every convention ex-
cept with the Prohibitionists, and
sometimes amounted to almost a hoodoo
orgy.

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DR. W. R. WOOD'S TOBACCO FARM NEAR SCOTLAND NECK.

For a long time there was a prevail-
ing opinion that the lands of Eastern
Carolina were not suited to the grow-
ing of fine tobacco. Some years ago
occasionally a farmer here and there
would try a tobacco crop, but not
knowing exactly how to manage it,
the crop was a failure oftener than
otherwise. This served to add strength
to the prevailing opinion that the
lands here would not produce a quality
of the weed which would sell for
enough to justify its cultivation. Some
such circumstance as this occurred
near Scotland Neck a few years ago.

Gradually, however, the farmers in
various parts of Eastern Carolina kept
experimenting until they began to
learn something about the crop and
also to cure it properly. Pitt county
farmers, we believe, were the most suc-
cessful for several years, and they have
persevered in their work until now it
is about the best money crop they pro-
duce.

IN HALIFAX COUNTY.
About four years ago a few farmers
of this community began raising tobac-
co, among whom were the late Wil-
liam Hodges, who was quite success-
ful with his crops. Mr. W. T. White-
head and others. For a number of
years farmers in the western part of
Halifax county, where the lands are
stiff and somewhat rocky, have been
successful with the crop; but the opin-
ion still prevailed that the lands around
Scotland Neck were not suited to it.

ABOUT SCOTLAND NECK.
Two years ago many farmers near
Scotland Neck planted small crops as
experiments, and were successful far
beyond their expectation. Last year
their crops were enlarged and many
others planted also. This year the crop
is 100 per cent. larger than it has been
before. This is true not only as to the
farms near Scotland Neck, but in al-
most every part of Halifax as well as
adjoining counties.

Not only have the crops been grown
successfully but the prices paid for
the tobacco from this immediate sec-
tion have been almost uniformly sat-
isfactory, and in some instances bet-
ter than for tobacco grown in other parts
of Eastern Carolina. Most of the to-
bacco raised here has been shipped to
Rocky Mount, and the warehouse man-
agers always make a good place for
shipments from about Scotland Neck.
One farmer carried such fine tobacco
from this community that it was ship-
ped separately to a market in Virginia
and it took considerable emphasis to
make the man who handled it in Vir-
ginia believe that it was raised in East-
ern Carolina.

DR. WOOD'S CROP.
Among the land owners in and
around Scotland Neck who have in-
vested in tobacco culture this year is
Dr. William R. Wood. He has a beau-

tiful farm just on the outskirts of the
town and he has a portion of it in to-
bacco this year. The crop has been
cultivated by Mr. G. M. Flemming,
an experienced tobacco farmer from
Granville county.

The above cut shows a portion of
Dr. Wood's farm just as the tobacco
crop was beginning to ripen. It is a
magnificent growth and shows the best
of cultivation. A part of the crop is
grown on the very lands which were
cultivated in tobacco about twelve
years ago by Capt. W. R. Bond as an
experiment. The crop produced then
was fine, and it was finely cured; but
there was some delay by the railroads
in shipping it, and when it reached its
destination it was so damaged that it
brought a very poor price. This mis-
hap with the first crop raised in the
community greatly discouraged those
who were interested and there was no
further attempt made.

The buildings shown in the cut are
tall barns in which the tobacco is cured.
They are built of logs, closely
notched down and the cracks between
tightly daubed with clay and lime.

The curing of the crop is one of the
most important features connected
with tobacco farming; and it requires
skill and most careful attention to do
it well. From the time the tobacco is
placed in the barn until it is perfectly
cured the fires must be kept burning
every minute, and such is the impor-
tance of keeping the temperature ex-
actly right that it requires constant
watching day and night. It generally
takes about three days to cure a barn.

On Dr. Wood's farm, a part of which
is shown in the cut, is a large grove
in which is a good and substantial
dwelling, with outhouses and every
convenience to make a model tobacco
farm, and he proposes to add improve-
ments from time to time until he will
have one of the most desirable and pro-
fitable tobacco farms in this entire sec-
tion.

OTHER TOBACCO LANDS.
There are still large bodies of tobacco
land around Scotland Neck that have
not been touched and every condition
now points to a great industry for this
town and community in the cultivat-
ing and handling of tobacco. The
thousands of acres hereabouts waiting
for development will doubtless yield
handsome little fortunes within a very
few years.

There is no market in Scotland Neck,
but Tarboro and Rocky Mount markets
have handled most of the crop from
this section, and Enfield's new market
will soon be opened which will afford a
neater convenience for selling than
farmers have had before. And if the
crop continues to increase here as it
has for the past two years, it will soon
be almost a necessity for Scotland Neck
to have a market of its own.

COUNTY ACREAGE.
THE COMMONWEALTH hopes to be
able in a few weeks to give approxi-
mately the acreage of tobacco in Hal-
ifax county. We have already quite
a good list of the tobacco farmers in
the various townships in the county,
together with the number of acres they
have in cultivation. We shall be glad
to have the names of any who are
raising tobacco in the county and to
have also the number of acres each
has in cultivation. All persons who
furnish us with such information
will be doing the industry in the coun-
ty a favor. Such facts in tabulated
form in THE COMMONWEALTH office
will be a means of easy information
to persons outside of the county who
may wish to learn something of the
tobacco industry here, either for the
purpose of handling the crop or pur-
chasing land.

THE MARKETS.
The chief markets for the tobacco
crop raised in this county are Hender-
son, Rocky Mount, Tarboro, Enfield,
and Greenville. Henderson gets some
of the crop raised in the western part
of the county, and Rocky Mount has
been getting a part of it also. Enfield
will now doubtless handle most of the
crop grown in that immediate section.
Tarboro has handled a good share of
the crop produced in the southern por-
tion of the county. Rocky Mount
has handled more of the Halifax
crop than any other single market.
Greenville has also handled some from
this immediate section.

There are now convenient markets
in all these towns and with the proper
conditions a year or two hence, Scot-
land Neck will doubtless have a market
also.

He Sat Down.
Leviator Journal.
He was no orator, but he knew when
he had said all that he could say. He
was a Maine man, and attempted to
speak in a town meeting on a subject
that greatly interested him.
"Fellow-citizens," he sang out lustily,
as he arose—"fellow-citizens!" A long
and embarrassing pause, and then he
added: "If I only had the ideas I
ought to have on this subject, and had
the words to express those ideas, I think
I could relieve my feelings." How the
crowd cheered as he sat down!

A Valuable Prescription.
Editor Morrison of Worthington,
Ind., "Sun" writes: "You have a valu-
able prescription in Electric Bitters,
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equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2625 Cot-
tage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run
down, could not eat nor digest food, had
a backache which never left her and
felt tired and weary, but six bottles of
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head & Co.'s Drug Store.

Typhoid Fever and Bananas.

New York Tribune.
William C. Ussery, M. D., of St. Louis,
says that the best food for those suffer-
ing from typhoid fever is the banana.
In this disease, he explains, the lining
membrane of the small intestines be-
comes intensely inflamed and engorged.
Eventually it begins sloughing
away in spots, leaving well defined ul-
cers. At these places the intestinal
walls become dangerously thin. A solid
food, if taken into the stomach, is
likely to produce perforation of the in-
testines and dire results will follow.
Therefore solid foods or foods contain-
ing a large amount of innutritious sub-
stances, as compared with nutritious
substances, are dangerous and are to be
avoided. The banana although it may
be classed as a solid food, containing as
it does 95 per cent. nutrition, does not
possess sufficient waste to irritate these
sore spots. Nearly the whole amount
taken into the stomach is absorbed and
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can be obtained from other food.

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