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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

In the poorhouse three miles from New Brunswick, N. J., is an inmate who says he is one hundred and twenty-five years old. He celebrated his birthday April 1st. He has been an inmate of the almshouse for many years. He is blind, and when he goes out around the grounds he is guided by a wire that stretches from point to point. His name is Noah Raby.

Our State government has grown worse during the past decade under the quickened study of the "issues of the day," it has been because of the fact that with the trend of public thought towards reform there has marched a little army of hungry office-seekers, whose own personal interests have completely shut out thought or care of every other interest, public or private.

The great floods in the Mississippi river and its tributaries have been more disastrous than have ever been known there before. It has been truly a scene of inexpressible distress for weeks. We do not realize our blessings here in North Carolina in being free from the possibility of such disasters by flood or flame, as well as for the thus far freedom from destructive winds, storms and tornadoes.

The great abundance in shad and other fish in our waters has brought out the observation that the Government has done good work for North Carolina in the expenditures on the fish industry. Truly North Carolina is a great State and many of the good things nature has provided for man are here in much greater abundance than in many other parts of the country.

Southward is the march of progress for manufacturing developments. The Richmond Dispatch makes the following observation:

"The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph says that a quarter of a century hence the manufacturing supremacy of New England will doubtless be transferred to the Southern States, so far as cotton products, at least, are concerned. From the uneasiness regarding this matter being manifested in New England, it appears that that section looks for the transfer within a much shorter time than twenty-five years."

It has been stated, and truly we think, that the American people devote more time and energy to politics and government than any other people in the world.

The science of government is being studied by us more than by any other people. This is done in our national assemblies, in our state assemblies, in clubs, debating societies, meetings of various kinds, as well as by the individual citizen in his spare hours from business at his own desk.

What it will bring forth no one can tell. Theoretically, it ought to be the means of improving our government; but in North Carolina it has greatly injured it for the past few years.

There are various standards set up by which to judge this, that and the other; but the best standard by which to judge any people or any community, is the standard of morality. Some communities are thrifty above others in point of material progress for the time; but however pleasing may be such progress in a community that has a low standard of morals, such community can not long be considered desirable by that class of people that go to make up a good and true citizenship.

The same holds good as regards States and nations. Nothing so exalts any people as an aggregated whole, as communities, or as individuals as strong moral practices which lead to true righteousness.

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ENFIELD AS IT WAS.

The Town as it Now is.

A PLEASING PICTURE OF WHAT ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT SHALL BE.

The different sections of the South offer attractions to men of all classes and conditions, and that man is indeed short-sighted who would claim that his section possessed all and that other sections possessed none.

To-day we have to speak of Enfield, a pretty growing town in Halifax county, immediately on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, within easy reach of the great commercial marts, and situated in the middle of what is rapidly becoming known as the finest tobacco section in the State.

While it is not our purpose in this limited space to go into details of its past history, yet it is only proper that we should make a brief reference to the early settlement of the town.

As far back as 1758 Halifax county—which may not be generally known to the present generation—derived its name from the Earle of Halifax, was formed from Edgecombe county, and it was in this year that the court house for the counties of Edgecombe, Granville and Northampton was moved from Enfield to the town of Halifax.

At the time of its removal it stood upon the site familiarly known as Spring Hill, and in the village of old Enfield, all traces of which have been leveled, and the new town built half a mile southeast of the original location.

There is a dim tradition that when Gen. Tarleton, of Revolutionary fame, passed through here he released the prisoners confined in the jail adjacent to the court house, but since written history does not make mention of this, we must accept the story with that reservation of faith which shall not suffer our credulity to be imposed upon.

In the early days of the town settlement, which was long before the war of the Revolution, there stood upon the spot now occupied as Elmwood cemetery, a noted tavern, or inn, of tragic memory, for it is said more wickedness and tragedies were committed there than perhaps almost any place of its size in the State; and about this old hostelry was clustered a small hive of industries, suited to meet the needs of the citizens. There were a tailor, gun and silver smith, wheelwright, cabinet maker, and shoe-maker shops. There was one church, Methodist Episcopal, the building very primitive, and after it had served its purpose as a house of worship, was moved to the lot of a private citizen and used as a kitchen.

Long years after the glory of the old tavern had departed, it was pointed out to strangers as one of the notable landmarks of old Enfield; but soon after the war it was accidentally destroyed by fire, and thus passed away the remaining vestige that recalled the years that have gone.

In the absence of certified record, there is a difference of opinion amongst the present oldest citizens as to the origin of the name of the town. Some say it was named by its first English settlers in honor of Enfield, England, while others as firmly assert that it was so called from being built at the end of a field after a survey of the country into districts made in Colonial days. The former supposition is more probable, and, in our opinion, certainly more acceptable.

It was here that one John Coleman, an Englishman, came and settled in 1781, and followed the trades of gun and silver-smithing. He was an expert in both crafts, and well authenticated tradition says that he made and engraved the plates from which was printed the bills of the first bank of North Carolina. The anvil on which the bank plate was forged is now in possession of Dr. John Bellamy, a prominent resident of Enfield. Several families in the community still have silver spoons made by Coleman, with his name engraved thereon. However unsavory a reputation Coleman may have had, he was thrice married, each time marrying a widow. His first wife was a Mrs. Onion, his second a Mrs. Leek, and his third wife was such a virago, he said she was a "Pillgarlic".

Amongst the early native residents of old Enfield was one of North Carolina's most illustrious sons, Gov. John Branch, who sprung from true revolutionary stock. He represented Halifax county in the House of Commons a number of years, was once Governor of the State, and in 1843 was appointed by the President of the United States, Governor of Florida, and served two terms. He was also in President Jackson's cabinet as Secretary of the Navy. After a life of long and honorable public service he died in Enfield, January 4th, 1863, in the 83rd year of his age, and was buried in a retired spot, near

many kinsmen, on the outskirts of the town. A neat marble shaft, with a cross and crown carved in relief on one side, marks his quiet, ivy-grown resting place. Quite a number of his great and great-grandchildren are residents of Enfield, while others are scattered throughout various States in the South-land.

The late Mr. Henry Whitaker, nephew of the late Gov. Branch, and a gentleman of the old school Southern chivalry and aristocracy, erected the present hotel building in Enfield, and far back in its prime, it was a hostelry of no mean pretension. Recently the outside has been freshened up by a new coat of white paint, and apparently it bids fair to last many a year to come. However, a first-class hotel, with modern improvements, would be a good investment for the town, the investors and the travelling public.

In a grove of magnificent oaks on the suburb of the town still stands a two-storied, double porticoed frame residence, held sacred, where Gen. Lafayette made a thrilling speech to the country gentry during his visit to Enfield in 1824. Here, too, he was royally entertained and dined by Mr. and Mrs. Southall, the latter a sister of Gov. Branch.

ENFIELD OF TO-DAY.

Now, the reader's attention is invited to the new town, or Enfield of to-day, a town which with its vital resources to draw from, its transformation from a quiet little village to a busy city, with a rush and stir, need only be a question of time, provided the proper steps are taken to develop them. No town or city can grow to great proportions and remain prosperous which has not a good farming country to draw from. Cheap subsistence holds too important a place in the affairs of men to be easily set aside. And it can be truthfully said that nature has started up a great magazine of wealth for the development of the little town which is so favorably and pleasantly situated. It was laid off to grow. The streets are broad and many of them well shaded. Pretty, comfortable residences, whose front yards are ornamented in lovely flowers and shrubbery, bespeak the easy living, culture and refinement of the owners. The present census gives 800 as the number of its inhabitants.

Enfield has four churches for the whites—Protestant, and Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Episcopalian. Of schools, there are several good private ones, and an opening for a first-class graded or high school. There is a large handsome academy building, recently erected for the purpose in a pretty grove in the eastern part of the town.

There is a number of stores and shops, a handsome new drug store, one hotel, two livery stables, one carriage manufactory, two large tobacco warehouses, three tobacco prize houses and other enterprises are being agitated.

The people represent in a marked degree the hospitality, frankness, good-sense, high social qualities, mental and moral stamina for which the people of the South generally are proverbial. The social sphere is of a high moral tone, and suffers nothing by comparison with the social order of other places.

The writer wishes it to be understood that Enfield is not on a boom, but simply that her enterprising, public spirited citizens are waking up to their advantages and possibilities, and that the town is taking on new life and coming to the front with an earnest determination to be one of the enterprising, substantial towns in Eastern Carolina. When the people become impressed with the fact that this is as good a location as any in the State for a town of commercial importance they will not only yield to the popular demand for its development, but will henceforth use every means available for attaining this end.

Among other evidences that the true condition of the situation is becoming known, is that well-known business men from a distance, with ample capital, rented both warehouses before they were completed, and simply asked the co-operation and good will of the people to assist them in making the tobacco market here an assured success.

There is no telling what results may be accomplished for the upbuilding of the town with patience, pluck and perseverance, linked with untiring industry, indomitable energy and buoyant spirit. These, however, do not remove the fact that this is a fallow field, and needs the influx of capital and people to make it the city it should be; capital to open up various manufacturing

enterprises, and people to supply the labor in every vocation to work to the best advantage.

The error so long current at the North that the South is a fever stricken district, simply because it is down South, is rapidly being corrected. Of the four healthiest localities in the United States two of them are within the limits of North Carolina and neither a thousand feet above the sea. In fact, the whole of the South not less than 400 feet above the sea, is unsurpassed in climate and the coast section is equal to any other. The claim that North Carolina is one of the most desirable States is now being accepted without question.

Col. A. R. McClure recently remarked that 'Every part of North Carolina has some one thing that will make it distinctively a great section.' From the present outlook it appears that the emblem that is to represent the industry of the present and the future in this favored section is the leaf of the golden tobacco. Though on the soil here can be successfully raised crops of all kinds, cotton, corn, tobacco, peas, oats, wheat and cane—to say nothing of every variety of vegetables and fruits, which has made truck farming so profitable.

While the country is too flat, and has not fall sufficient for great water-power, yet near Enfield, there is a stream which could be developed into fine water power, so says an expert engineer. On this same stream, six miles from town, is an unused mill, operated some years ago, which might be successfully utilized as a spinning mill by the right person with capital, energy and experience.

Now, we extend to all an invitation to come and visit us, and see if we cannot offer to all home-seekers, or those who desire to try their fortunes elsewhere beside where they are, as good or better inducement, than they can find anywhere. We are trying to help ourselves, and we want your co-operative capital and energy. We must go to work with the conviction that "God helps those who help themselves."

Again we invite you to come and see us, and we assure you of a cordial welcome. In other words we will say to you, "Our country shall be your country, your people shall be our people, and henceforth we shall be as man and brother."

Bright Side of Farm Life.

Mrs. Victory C. Hart, of West Torrington, Conn., writes the New York Witness the following sensible letter about farming:

"I will tell you what I know about farming. I know that farm life is the most pleasant, independent, and healthful life in the world. Any farmer, he may have many acres or few, may be successful if he and wife are thorough people. The success of farming, as in every other kind of work, depends upon thoroughness. Work half way done is a failure.

"If ploughing is done in season, the ground well cultivated and enriched before planting or sowing and properly cared for after; if grass is cut in the right time, well cured before putting into the barn; if the cows are well cared for, milked in shining pails, cream churned soon; if fruit trees are trimmed, good fences around the farm, garden with vegetables and fruit, house and buildings in good repair, wood-house filled with wood, the farm tools in their proper places, then farming is a delight and a success. Who can be happier with his merry troop of boys and girls? Children love the farm—all the seasons bring their happiness. Spring, gay and lovely, with its dancing rivulets, birds, and flowers. Summer with its fuller beauty: Autumn, beautiful Autumn, with its treasures of wealth to be gathered in, and Winter with its snow and ice and bracing air.

There must be music in the farmer's home, there must be books and papers for the long Winter evenings. Costly furniture is not necessary for comfort in the home of a farmer, unless he has abundant means. It seems out of place. It is unpleasant for me to go to a farmer's house and find rooms shut up containing such fine furniture that not a gleam of sunshine must enter. Let the farm home be light and pleasant with no room too good for our own dear ones.

"Will the farmer become rich? He will probably lay by something 'for a rainy day.' I cannot say that he will own a vast amount of railroad stock or Western bonds, but he is nevertheless, a rich man.

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When he opened the door to go.
And there in her morning wrapper trim,
While a smile her red lips wore,
She stood on the steps and gave to him
A good-by kiss at the door.

She turns to her duties with cheerful heart
For she has not now to learn
That the wife and husband must often part
When the daily bread's to earn;
And there's peace and joy in her gentle breast
As she sews, or sweeps the floor,
And every task is essayed with zest
For the good-by kiss at the door.

And the husband's striving in life's rough race,
Where there's little time for play,
Has many a glimpse of her smiling face
In his mind through the busy day,
And his look is tender, his eyes are bright
As he cons his ledger o'er,
For he thinks of the welcome that waits at night,
And the good-by kiss at the door.

O wives and husbands, the world is bright
When the heart with love doth glow,
And its path is smooth and its burden light
If you're willing to make them so;
And the sun will shine through the darkest day
And scatter the clouds that lower,
And the roses blossom along life's way
For the good-by kiss at the door.
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Scheming for Wives.

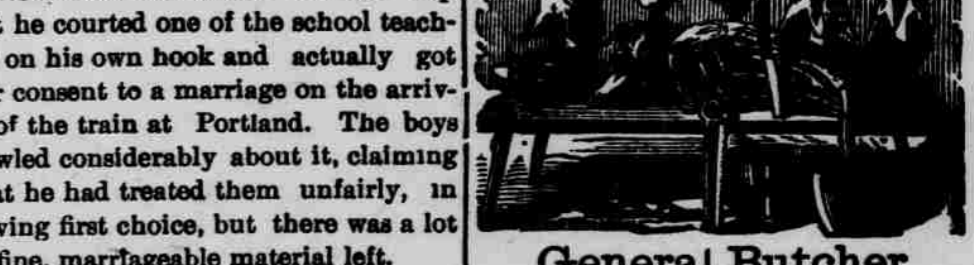
Star.
"There are plenty of women in Oregon now," observed a prominent Oregon politician, who is here to see that that State is not forgotten in the matter of patronage, "but it is within the memory of many of us when women were very scarce there. We gave it out that we wanted them for school teachers and the like, and encouraged them to come out there, but the truth was the men wanted them for wives.

"I remember once we sent a young man to Massachusetts, where he was well acquainted, with orders to collect one hundred young women and to escort them back to Oregon. We guaranteed every one of them one year's employment. The active man in the matter was a fine-looking young man, who afterward served two terms in Congress from our State. He spent two months in selecting the party and started West with them. On the trip out he courted one of the school teachers on his own hook and actually got her consent to a marriage on the arrival of the train at Portland. The boys howled considerably about it, claiming that he had treated them unfairly, in having first choice, but there was a lot of fine, marriageable material left.

Some of those women are to-day the leading ladies of the society of the State. More than three-fourths of the hundred were married inside of three years, and many in less than one year. A few of the lot, however, are teaching school there to-day, not that they did not have any offers, but because they would not accept any of the fellows who offered themselves. Now that Senator Mitchell has about given up his consent to return as Senator, he will likely be succeeded by a gentleman who married one of the party of school teachers to which I refer. He will bring his wife here with him, and your Washington folks can see for themselves the kind of ladies we had out there for school teachers. They can't be surpassed even if equalled anywhere. I may be an interested person though, for it happens that my wife was one of the party."

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