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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The Aberdeen Telegram tells of great improvement in Moore county. The sand hills of that county that a few years ago were regarded as worthless are becoming valuable. Grapes, peaches, plums, and berries are being cultivated there with great profit, and the lands that formerly were barely worth taxes now bring a good price. There have been more miles of railroad built in that county this year than in any other county in the State.

The Monroe Journal tersely paragraphs on patriotism. The politicians, says our contemporary, may be patriots, but it is an exception to the rule. The real patriot, it says, "Are not those who talk most of patriotism but they are the men who go about their daily work in the fear of God, and from day to day and year to year, do their duty as they see it."

This is sound truth, and THE COMMONWEALTH believes that there is no more genuine patriot in this land than the temperance advocate; for they are certainly engaged in a cause that tends to lift up the people.

At the Grand Camp of Virginia Confederate Veterans in Richmond last week, the history committee presented the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That only such histories as fairly present the principles and facts upon which is grounded our American Republic be used, with due acknowledgment of the actors in the foundation of the same, and its preservation from every section. In this spirit we would recommend as Virginia histories those of Mrs. Mary Tucker McGill and General D. H. Maury, and as histories of the United States those of Mrs. Susan Pendleton Lee, Rev. J. William Jones, Shinn, Hansel series and Holmes."

There is much idle labor in the land and there is argument that labor-saving machinery is partially responsible. The Plymouth Beacon tells what a gentleman said recently in that town as he observed changes and idleness. He said:

"I was in Plymouth just forty years ago, and have not been here since. Then there were at least 500 men at work in the big swamps near the town, making shingles, but now I find that there are but very few hand-made shingles to be found. In place of the hundreds of men who thus found employment we find the steam mills where, with the improved machinery, one man can make more shingles in a day than could the 500 men by hand, and what is true in this branch of business is also true in every other kind of business. In the mills, in the factories, and even on the farm, we find that improved machinery is fast forcing men out, and hence the cause of so much idle labor."

Senator Ben Tillman of South Carolina is falling in health, and there is great concern in that State about his condition. Whatever else may be said about Tillman, he had enacted the best liquor law that the country has tried, unless it be real Neal Dow-prohibition.

A prominent Democrat of South Carolina is reported as saying: "With Tillman out of South Carolina politics the Reform party is dead. Without Tillman's leadership it will soon disintegrate, and the old Hampton regime will again dominate State politics. The conservative faction has been praying and waiting for the climax that now seems imminent as the result of Tillman's retirement from active public life. The immediate effect will be seen when the South Carolina Legislature meets next winter. If McLaurin is elected, according to the primary mandate, and in view of the intervening conditions suggested, it will mean the end of the Reform party as a distinctive organization. His election will unify the party, and result in the event of Senator Tillman's death, in the election of a Democrat of the old regime. Among the most prominent names mentioned in this connection is that of Colonel J. C. Hemphill, editor of the Charleston News and Courier."

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WHO ARE "THE PEOPLE?"

SELFISH OFFICE-HOLDERS.

Some Rambling Thoughts.

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To VOTERS, II:—I have no doubt that in a general way you agree with the statement that "the people" can be trusted; perhaps because the phrase sounds familiar, as nearly every one asserts it. But like our assent to a great many scraps of proverbial wisdom, we too often agree to statements without thinking of all that they imply. Please look with me a little deeper; not that I would shake your faith in the people, but rather that you may have your faith in them increased.

The figures in a picture gain largely by the kind of background they have. National great-men gain by a similar condition, and for them the background is "the people." Without a people to lead and a people to voice, where would our great men be? The people are those ordinary, hard-working ones, who continue their duties steadily under this administration or under that; always findable at the post of honest labor. But these people differ largely from the people of almost any other nation, since our political institutions are based upon their wills—or whims. The necessity of their having right ideas is therefore paramount. The necessity also of showing them national dangers is also extreme, since by their voices and their votes, they are the arbiters of our national fate. Are we agreed so far?

Then once more; who are "the people"? You and I, and others like us! But as I am writing to you and you are reading; for the time being you—the alone, solitary, particularized—are "the people." This I say, sacrificing even grammar, in order to have a close talk with you. As "the people" can you be trusted; are your motives high; are your political actions pure? Come now, it is no use assenting to a general idea unless you are willing to make genuine application of it.

THE PEOPLE'S STRENGTH.

O, can it be this lordly fane,
The sacred guard of hallow'd bones,
Was once but rough uneven stones,
Quarried by common hands for gain?

Yet rude and worthless though each be,
With them is raised this temple fair,
A fault, a weakness anywhere
May mar the perfect symmetry.

O, can it be, this mighty force,
That nations make or rends apart,
Is nothing but the people's heart
Made up of units fine or coarse?

Yet, lowly as may be their state,
This lesson doth the building teach—
That nothing but true life from each
Can make a nation wholly great.

If you are so wrapped up in your own business,—which you are able to quietly pursue under the protection of a quiet government,—that you do not take even time to register and to vote, you are not to be trusted, since you take all you can of personal gain from our national conditions and do not repay anything. You are selfish, yet there is one worse than you—the difference between negative selfishness and positive—the one who holds office and administers it selfishly. Of him we will say something, because he is made possible by lazy voters.

If you delude yourself into the belief that every man has an equal voice in the destinies of the country, and then give actual denial to it by surrendering your independence of judgment to a boss who thinks for you, nominates for you—because you will not attend caucuses and primaries—and votes for you, then as a voter you are not to be trusted. You are the right, plastic material out of which he shapes his selfish ends. Assuming you to be a good man, he reckons a good man indolent, as of less weight than a fly on a chariot wheel; and so you a unit in our national life become a mere cipher.

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