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Points and Paragraphs of Things

Present, Past and Future.

The political campaign in North

Carolina promises to be lively this

year. The Republicans will be glad to

fuse with what Populists they can.

The Populists, however, as a party can-

not afford to even offer for fusion with

the Republicans; for they made a prop-

osition to the Democrats which the

latter rejected, and now to be consistent

they must stand off from the Repub-

licans and either come to the Dem-

The resignation of Dr. W. H. Whit-

sett, president of the Southern Theo-

The friction between his views and

those of the great Baptist denomina-

tion, has caused a great deal of un-

pleasantness in his denomination. He

one wisdom for every emergency. Dr.

more than a year ago.

glad that it has been no worse.

the United States at this time :

It is true now, as it has been true

whereof the memory of man runneth

not to the contrary, that a greater pro-

portion of the strong men of the world

come from the rural districts

than from the cities and towns. The

country boy feels the need of an edu-

cation more than the town and city

boy, and for the most he is of more de-

termined purpose and can work hard-

er at whatever he turns his mind to.

And this is why such a large propor-

tion of the successful men in the edu-

cational and financial world have come

from the homes in the country. It is

a blessed thing for a boy and young

man to have a rural training in the

reasonable hardships that come to him

as a country youth.

ocrats or fight out their battle alone.

vantage this year.

COMMENTS ON WAR AND ITS RE-SULTS.

Present-Day Thoughts.

BY G. GROSVENOR DAWE.

It is well for us who feel that we are right in favoring international arbitration, to remember that it is bound to encounter stubborn opposition. Yet this is only part of the conflict that has Perhaps the crop—prospect has not been poorer in Eastern North Carolina always been waged and whose issues are progress. On the one side the chilbeen poorer in Eastern North Carolina since 1889. The heavy rains have been dren of dawning light have ever favored good for the greatest number." Arbivery injurious to the corn and cotton crop and has had some bad effect on the conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conservative, "Our fathers did to be conservative," Our fathers did to be conserv tobacco. Farmers say it has been the not do so; we will follow in their steps!" hardest year to cultivate a crop that And so between the play of progressivethey have seen in a long time. The ness and reaction there has been gradual and lasting movement forward. Opcrop has, therefore, been cultivated at position should be welcomed as serving greater expense than usual, and the to clarify thought in regard to our befarmers must get good prices or they lief and therefore as holding down the will come out at considerable disad- desire for change to those advances that are feasible and wise.

In order to be properly patient with opposition we must remember that the world has passed through a number of logical Baptist Seminary, is a wise step. stages of development; and that there always lap over into the later some who belong to the earlier ones. Thus though the men who rejoice in slaughter live under the peaceful benefits of our modern civilization, yet they have hearts is a man of great ability, but ability dwelling back in the time when life was lightly esteemed, when the glory in certain things does not always give of strength was not to restrain onese!! but to crush the weak, when the weak Whitsett would have relieved the pres- had no rights save, as it were, to gnaw sure very much if he had resigned discarded bones beneath the tables of the muscular.

joy to many thousands of hearts both past ages use all sorts of specious argu-tried to persuade them to change their ments to conceal their lack of progress. entertainment to some other date, but in the United States and in Spain. It They say that war brings out fine qual- they were unwilling to do so, and some is hoped that this is the beginning of ities, which at once confirms our belief bad feeling was aroused in consequence. combing around it, which was men, for the world has grown towards unknown, and the students felt affrontwar ought to have been averted. Noth- duty; in the patient love of burdened to a "temperance crank." praise is too high for such an incident ence. Just tour months ago Congress and ing to bear on the President influences such incidents multiplied a hundred proposition with little grace, and were ble to her crew, could be detached in her crew in a very few minutes. forced into the war. However, we are could show.

These opponents of ours also say that It is said that fortune knocks at least war has always been and therefore alonce at every man's door. The greater ways will be. This is an inconclusive part of humanity either are not at argument. The eternal hills were here home or fail effectually to answer the change the face of nature to suit his needs. The hills he can rend, the valpatch says about the opportunity of leys he can fill, the rivers he can turn. Infantile ignorance always has been equally dense, but it is the crown of "The world is all mapped out among our race that a child-mind starting now nations. The United States has the as feebly as that of any ante-diluvian Practice in all the Courts of Hali- only opportunity in her history, past infant, in a few years can stand on the present or future, perhaps, to take possession of vast colonies from a weaker ways has been, but by fat, by candles, professional elecutionist who had prenation, a nation no longer fitted to by lamps, by gas, by electricity have rule, even at home. There was a time we successfully conquered it and turnwhen farm land could be bought on ed its hours into use and stimulus. Manhatten Island. That time is past. The thing that always has been has no There was a time when we might have promise of always being of lasting and conquested savage lands. That time essential value : else would these legs is past. We are in the presence of our of ours still remain our only method of one great opportunity. Let us shake progression. So may we dare to hope Never d the plums down and make the most that war will be purely transitory in its benefit. On the other hand I would not insist that arbitration would be A number of educated young men sure to usher in a new heaven and a new earth. It would simply prove anwho had taken a college course were in other one of the slow but permanent steps by which the race has climbed conversation a few days ago, and reached the conclusion that the young men away from the bone-splitting savagery of the cave-dweller towards the standwho live in the towns are much less ard of a creature that is upright, interested in the subject of education thoughtful, regardful of others. than the young men in the country.

Another most common and shallow argument in favor of war is that it characteristic gallantry they acknowlclears off surplus population and thus edged their defeat and declared alleeases up some of the competition of life. There are several strong replies to this uncompassionate view of the held that audience with a thirlling elmatter. First let us say that no civil- oquence which, I am sure, she rarely ized nation selects the tramp or aged surpassed. Few in that audience saw, element to fight its battles. In our as she did, the demon in the wine cup, own case, particularly, instead of the and with a tender eagerness and magarmy being made up even of off-scour- netic power she pleaded with those ings of the population, it is in its entirety a carefully selected body from lives. walks of life that are lucrative. If therefore in any nation the proof of eased competition should be forthcoming surely it should be in ours. Yet that followed showed how successfully granting that a series of disasters, quite | 1t was done. beyond all imagining, should remove 50,000 men a year it would be solely one fourteen-hundredth of the whole and therefore purely infinitesimal in its influence upon the crowded and strained conditions of life. Let it be Persons troubled with diarrhoea will understood, however, that instead of be interested in the experience of Mr. conditions being rendered easier for those who remain, the real fact would Providence, R. I. He says: "For sev- be that upon the toilers is placed a new eral years I have been almost a constant sufferer from diarrnoea the irequest will amount almost to \$41.7 |

quent attacks completely prostrating me and rendering me unfit for my me and rendering me unfit for my lightened population, because we are lightened population, because we are duties at this hotel. About two years lightened population, because we are ago a traveling salesman kindly gave by force teaching humanity to a nation me a small bottle of Chamberlain's that is unapproachable by modern Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. thought; but our cheerfulness does not Much to my surprise and delight its effects were immediate. Whenever I

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To shaw the designs, at astonishingly low prices. It is direct from the great man aboard. The stone is hauled up, and the diver taking breath plunges in pay required. It is guaranteed to give pay required. It is guaranteed

conjure away the burden of meeting such an expenditure. It is a very real REBEL NAVY'S one that effects even the smallest of us. And to the extent to which we each feel it, to that extent does an army make it harder for us to live. Last but not least, these men who talk so flippantly of surplus population ever Four Braye Crews in Gray Who mander, Payne, was standing in the wriggle or attempt to wriggle when asked to explain what they mean by the term. One thing about the argument is reasonably clear; that the surplusage is always in the family of another man. So long as mother-hearts can love; so long as father-love is strong there will be never be a conscigroup reduced : and thus are we led to

In brief, arbitration and civilization rulers were the arbiters of national fate We, the people with new hopes and new ideals, have changed all that; and we protest against any backward steps.

How Miss Willard Captured the School Boys.

Rev. Charles A. Savage, in Christian Endeav While grief is fresh yet over the lose of "the most loved woman in America,"

every incident in her public life will have special interest. One, which has never been published occurred several years ago, when for a short time Miss Willard was an honor-

ed guest in my home.

It was a university town, and Mis-Willard had consented to speak on the only evening at her command, in the available church. It so happened however, that, some weeks before, the students of the university had engaged the church for that evening for a Shakespearean reading for which they had been making elaborate prepara-In relation to war these dwellers in tion. The Temperance Union woman

fold would not equal the heroism of determined to express their disapprov- a moment, so that she could rise quickthat after all prevailed and he was daily life that any country-side or city al, as students can, when the lecture ly to the surface. should begin.

the entertainment that was to follow after he was through. The friends of Miss Willard sat

with no little apprehension through the reading, but she remained as calm and self possessed as if no storm was brewing.

and she was introduced by the pastor was closed, the men revolved the shaft of the church with quiet dignity she and the captain or pilot standing unstepped to the platform, an in a voice der the hatch steered the boat, reguclear and musical, with a distinctness lating at the same time by the action professional elocutionist who had pre- would move. ceded her, began :

"And what else said the myriadminded Shakespeare? 'O thou invisible spirit of wine! If thou hast no name to be known by, let us call thee

Never did an orator capture an audiance more completely. In an instant the silence was almost deathlike. Not another allusion was made to Shakespeare, and not a word about the embarassing circumstances.

But so gracefully was the transition made from the subject the audience had been thinking about to that which filled her soul, so calmly did the speaker face the situation and speedily become master of it, that not a ripple of disapprobation was heard. Her magnetic personality cast a spell over the large audience of students, and with

young men and women as for their

so Snakespeare was made to do service on a temperance platform such as he never intended, and the applause

Listen, Girls.

beauty of the face and fashion of dress. But after all beauty of character is the thing, for by and by the roses will fade from the cheeks and the lustre will fade

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"During three days," said N. B. ous willingness to have the family Sadler, of Washington, D. C., an erst while soldier in the Confederate army, understand the selfish supremacy of who was visiting in Philadelphia a few these friends of fighting who calmly days ago, "when our people are wrought welcome the reduction of a neighbor's to the highest pitch of war, the story that I am going to tell you may not be amiss as illustrating the indomitable courage and utter regardlessness of fear on the part of our Southern brethren during the late conflict between the States. And I want to add right here

"In 1864 the fleet of Admirat Farragut was blockading Mobile, while a heavy land and naval attack was direct- ain Hundley of Mobile, took her for an ed against Charleston. During our experimental trip into the Stono River. long defensive war a great deal of ingenuity had been expended by the Confederates upon torpedoes and torpedo boats.

"The most remarkable of these boats was constructed at Mobile by Messrs. and foe.

"She was built of boiler iron and was air-tight when ready for her dive. Her hand; while the other hand had grown extreme length was about thirty feet, stiff with death in his vain efforts to 1898, in Roanoke Rapids, N. C., sell with five or six feet beam, and about six feet in depth of hold. In general crew had been working at the keys at contour she resembled a cigar; sharp the ballast; but the inclination at R. B. Pierce, died seized and posat both ends. She was propelle by a which the boat had gone down jam- sessed, containing 60 acres more or less, screw, the shaft of which ran horizon- med the keys so that the men could manual force of eight men, seated on either side.

NARROW HATCHWAY OF DEATH.

about two feet in diameter, with a low Mobile, and eight men, volunteered to the end. And while perhaps it may regarding the backwardness of these Miss Willard was then comparatively well forward, and, when desired could the fineness of vision that sees heroism ed by the effort to get them to change hinges, and made air-tight. In the we are of the opinion still that the in the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the in the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the in the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the latter than the in the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the latter than the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the latter to the latter than the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the latter than the latter than the undramatic, unpraised doing of their plans, and give the right of way forward part of this cap was inserted ship Housatonic was selected for the latter than the latter t of Americans and Spaniards. What the heart where fights with bad im-Office hours from 9 to 1 o'clock; 2 to change has been wrought in four short these things the heroism of war is Miss Willard should then have the oppurely occasional and casual. No portunity to speak to the same audi-

crew having embarked, the water tanks went to the war." were filled until she was in equilibrio When the time came for her address, and almost submerged. The hatchway

UNDER WATER FOR TWO HOURS.

"The greatest speed did not exceed four knots. She would remain sub- soul was to be forfeited. merged for half an hour or an hour without any great inconvenience to her crew; and on occasions had been known to remain under water two hours without actual injury to them although no means were provided for will curse your God I will release you." procuring fresh air, and, from the moment that the batch was closed, the men thus fastened in their living tomb, inhaled and exhaled continuously the inhaled and exhaled continuously the local "Then kill your father." replied the local "and the local "a ment that the hatch was closed, the atmosphere which was inclosed with- Devil, "and you go free."

"The plan of attack proposed by the of an enemy's ship, hauling the torpe no other conditions?" do after her. The triggers or sensitive primers would thus press against the must get drunk. ship's bottom, explode the torpedo and sink the ship.

nity for using the dangerous craft I will not curse my God, but I can get against the fleet of Farragut, General drunk, and when I become sober all Mawry (and this fact has never before been printed) fent her by rail to General Beauregard at Charleston, believing in this condition chanced to meet his the water of that harbor better suited father, who upbraided him, which so to her peculiar construction, while in excited the ire of the drunken and 20, 221. With fringe and fancy paintto her peculiar construction, while in excited the half-crazed man that he slew his tather, ings and gilt work 25, 30c. Lace curwar ship then attacking Charleston, cursed his God, then fell dead, and the tain scrim yd wide 4c. Men's very might be found an object worthy the Devil had him without fail. Only a wide brim straw hats 5c. Boys' fancy great risk to which her own crew was legend this particular case. But how exposed in any enterprise they might true to the facts regarding the liquur undertake in her.

'¡General Beauregard changed the arrangement of the torpedo by tastening it to the bow. Its front was terminated by a sharp and barbed lance- Evening Post head, so that when the boat was driven end on against a ship's side the lance-"Our girls devote too much time to head would be forced deep into the timbers, below the water line, and would fasten the torpedo boat, would back off and explode the torpedo by means of a lanyard.

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ing set for their expedition the last preparation had been made. "The torpedo boat was lying alongside the steamer, from which the crew had embarked. She was submerged bad embarked. She was submerged until the combing of the hatch alone was visible above the water. Her com-

mander, Payne, was standing in the act of ordering her to cast off, when the swell of a passing steamer rolled over her and sank her with her eight men in several fathoms of water. Lieutenant Payne sprang out of the hatchway as the boat sank from under him, and he alone was left alive.

"In the course of a few days she was raised and again was made ready for service. Again Payne volunteered, and eight men with him. The embarkation for their second attempt was made from Fort Sumpter, and as before, all having been made ready, Payne, standing at his post in the hatchway, ordered the hawser to be cast off when the boat careened and sank instantly Payne sprang out of the hatchway and two of the men followed him, but the buye other six went down in the boat and perished.

CREW AFTER CREW LOST.

"Again the boat was raised and made ready for action, and her owner, Capt-After going through her usual revolutions she dived into the deep water and for hours and for days the return of poor Hundley and his crew was watchea for and looked for in vain.

"After many weeks' search she was Hundley & McClintock. It was found inclining at an angle of forty-launched in 1864, and nothing which four degrees. Her nozzle was driven has eyer gone down into the sea was deep into the soft mud at the bottom. more wonderfully contrived to wreak The crew of nine dead men were stand- J. W. Womble and wife vengeance and destruction upon friend ing, sitting, lying about her in her hold asphyxiated. Hundley was standing dead at his post, a candle in one unclamp the hetch. Others of the for cash at public auction to the hightally along her length, almost from not cast off the heavy weight that side of the public road leading from stem, to stern, and was turned by the sealed their doom. Their death had been hard and lingering.

"Again the vessel was made ready and others. for action, and volunteers being called The only hatchway was circular, for-Lieutenant Dixon, of the Twenty-bout two feet in diameter, with a low

take her against the enemy. DOWN WITH THE HOUSATONIC.

"The new and powerful Union wara clear glass bull's-eye, through which attack. On a drizzly, nasty, rainy 13th day of June, 1898, in the case of the pilot could see. She was provided night the brave crew set out from S. G. Daniel, administrator of Isom was placed on her bottom outside of explosion tore off the warship's sides That tract of land situated in Hal fax her hull, and by means of keys accessi- so that she went down with nearly all county on which Isom Banks resided

"To prepare her for action a floating little torpedo vessel lying by her huge the purchase money is paid. torpedo was secured to her stern by a victim, and within her were the bones Halifax, N. C. S. G. D. line more than 100 feet long, and, her of as devoted and daring men as ever June 30, 1898.

An Old Legend.

T. E. Richey, in Kentucky Star. There is an old legend of a man who sold his soul to the Devil. The condi-

expired thes man was unwilling to fulfil his part of the contract, and asked than the Old Ætna. the Devil upon what terms he could be released. The reply was: "If you Office over W. I. Harrell & Co.'s store. "No," said the man. "I cannot curse the Being whose nature is love. Give

"No," answered the man, "that is too horrible to think of. I will not inventor was to dive beneath the keel commit so great a crime. Are there One more, replied the Devil, "you

"That is a very easy thing to do,' the man answered, "and I accept your "Not anticipating an early opportu- proposition. I cannot kill my father

will be weil." Accordingly he got drunk, and when

Hottest Spot on Earth.

"General Beauregard's call upon the got by diving. The diver, sitting in these cut prices. All orders by mail Confederate fleet for volunteers to man his boat, winds a great goat-skin bag promptly filled. gian, and eight sailors. They were hand a heavy stone, to which is attachsoon ready for action, and on the even- ed a strong line, and thus equipped he plunges in and quickly reaches the bot-The Chief Burgess of Milesburg, Pa. tom. Instantly opening the bag over the strong jet of tresh water, he springs

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