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IF YOU ARE A DUSTLER YOU WILL ADVERTISE YOUR Business. SEND YOUR ADVERTISEMENT IN NOW.

THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

"I have put in several acres of wheat," remarked a farmer to the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH a few days ago.

Readers of THE COMMONWEALTH recall the presence of Mormon elders in many parts of the State during the past two years.

Col. John S. Cunningham is the executor of the late John C. Terrell, who left \$40,000 to the schools of Person county.

Col. Cunningham has recently said that it will keep him busy some time to build the school houses provided for in the bequest.

Col. Creevy, of the Elizabeth City Economist, thinks that North Carolinians are not sufficiently zealous about recording the power of her sons as orators.

He thinks that the pen is mightier than the sword; and the failure to write more about our orators is the reason why more is not known of them.

"How can the wrong be righted? How can it be condoned before the august tribunal of history?"

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TASKS FOR AMERICANS.

HOW SHALL THEY BE PERFORMED?

Present Day Thoughts.

By G. Greenleaf Dawe.

Our New Sway.—Have you ever met a youth who was able to thoroughly round out his whole course of preparation before being thrust into duty?

None can dare say that our hundred and twenty-five years of life as a nation have enabled us to meet all our problems and get our work-table cleared and clean for the reception of a wider task.

We know—we do not guess—that great times produce great men; just as the needs of a hive produce a queen bee.

Let not a shadow of doubt be in our minds, though we have incomplete tasks at home, that the wisdom will be lacking for the task abroad.

Things to Remember

FROM ANGELL'S LESSONS ON KINDNESS TO ANIMALS.

- Our Dumb Animals. 1. Never to stick pins into butterflies and other insects, unless you would like to have somebody stick pins into you.

THE WORTH OF COURAGE

STRIKING ANECDOTE CONCERNING DR. MILBURN.

What Made Him Chaplain.

Few clergymen in America are better known than Rev. W. H. Milburn, who was for so many terms the "blind chaplain" of the national House of Representatives.

In 1845 when traveling as a circuit preacher, he was sent from St. Louis to Wheeling, Va. On the boat were several Congressmen, going to Washington.

He told them he had supposed the representatives of the nation at its capital were representatives of its character as well as of its intellect.

The same day Mr. Milburn was waited upon in his stateroom by a gentleman who presented a purse—about seventy-five dollars—from the Congressmen.

Blind Chaplain Milburn obtained this honorable post through his fearlessness in his sacred profession and loyalty to truth and duty.

Clay as a Stamp Speaker.

Selected.

A single peice of ready wit, which saved Mr. Clay from overwhelming defeat at a critical moment, affords an excellent example of the demands made upon the stump orator.

Remarkable Record.

Mr. George T. Angell, the editor of "Our Dumb Animals," a paper published in Boston in the interest of The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and also The American Humane Education Society, gives the following concerning his great activity at his advanced age:

What is the secret of your activity at your present age, Mr. Angell? Answer. We do not know. Only two of the original sixteen directors of our Massachusetts Society are now living—ourselves and one other.

Several other times we have been placed in circumstances of great and imminent danger, and we have gone through sicknesses apparently sufficient to have killed stronger men.

How far those prayers have helped us we have no means of knowing. Some things which have happened would seem to strongly indicate that they have helped us.

Much—very much has been owing to the kind care of a good wife. As the readers of our Autobiographical Sketches know, we in past years devoted a good deal of time and money to investigating and exposing crimes against public health in the sale of poisonous and dangerously adulterated articles and foods sold in our markets.

Our good mother, during many years of her life, was accustomed to devote two hours of each day to silent prayer.

Interesting About Washington.

Norfolk Virginian-Planet.

A letter from Alexandria to the Richmond Dispatch says: History tells us that about the beginning of the present century the States of Maryland and Virginia donated 100 square miles of land to the United States to be known as the District of Columbia.

In 1816 Mr. Clay voted for a new compensation act of congress. It aroused a tornado of public wrath. Not even the great commoner could stand against this, and he sagaciously resolved to try and weather it.

Mr. Hardin Norris, clerk of the drug store of R. Shoemaker, Perry, Ill., says: "A man came into our store the other day and said, 'I want a bottle of that stuff that saves children's lives. I read in the News about it. The children may get sick when we can not get the doctor quick enough.'"

Administrators Sale of Personalty.

I SHALL SELL FOR CASH AT auction, on Friday, the 23rd day of December, 1898, at the residence of the late John T. Lawrence near Dawson's Cross Roads, all of the personal property of the deceased, consisting of mules, farming implements, corn, fodder, cotton seed, household and kitchen furniture, and so forth. This Nov. 24th, 1898. NOAH BIGGS, Administrator of John T. Lawrence. 11 24 ft.

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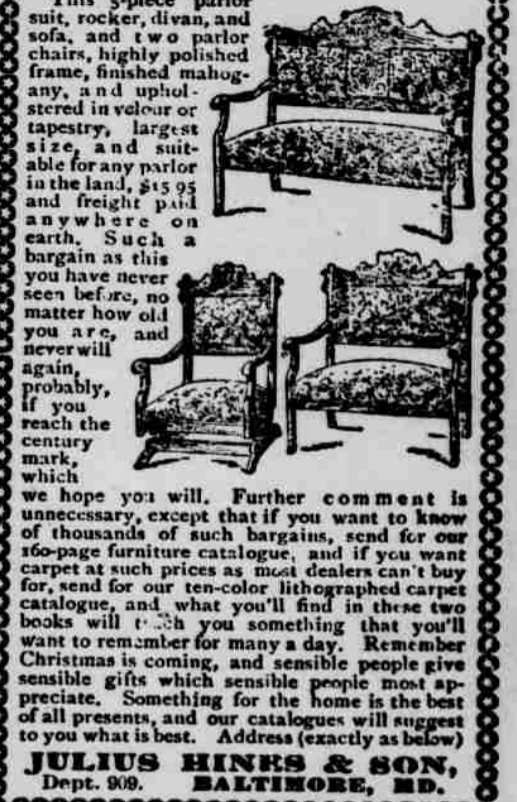
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