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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The present Legislature, which is largely Democratic, certainly set a noble example of fair dealing in the contest between Messrs. Cannon and Franks, both claiming a seat in the Senate.

The editor learns many things in his "leisure hours," not half of which can be crowded into this column every week.

It is a matter which THE COMMONWEALTH has repeatedly mentioned, and the wonder grows more wonderful still, that Eastern Carolina produces the cotton crop of the State and yet Western Carolina has nearly all the cotton factories.

The death of Mr. Charles Reid in Norfolk a few days ago at the age of 98 years and 8 months is a most remarkable instance of longevity.

"Early in life Mr. Reid made a profession of religion, and lived a Christian life. He connected himself with the First Presbyterian church, and he was ever ready in any way in his power to advance the interests of Christianity.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH and Rev. Tom Dixon had many pleasant hours together as students at Wake Forest college; and knowing his national reputation we believe the following concerning him will be interesting to our readers in this "passing event" column:

New York, Jan. 15.—Rev. Thomas Dixon, Jr., who for four years past has been preaching to the People's church, a Christian Union denominational church, whose Sunday meetings have been held at the Academy of music and the Grand Opera House, read to his congregation today his resignation.

How to Prevent Pneumonia. You are perhaps aware that pneumonia always results from a cold or from an attack of a grippé.

These are dangerous times for the health. Croup, colds and throat troubles lead rapidly to Consumption.

THE LEGISLATURE.

What Our Law Makers Are Doing For North Carolina.

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