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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

It is too shocking to think of the selling of spotted beef by a Raleigh butcher; and yet such is reported in the papers. That is the first case of the kind we remember to have noted in North Carolina, and we hope it may be the last.

The counterfeit seems to have been getting in his work in a number of places. Recently there have been some sensations in Wilmington over the work of counterfeiters, and a few days ago the Wilmington Messenger printed a news item that at Aulander, in Bertie county, counterfeit nickles are being passed.

The courage of the Spartan mother finds its counterpart in the women of the Philippines. They have notified General Otis that when all the men shall have been slain by our armies they themselves will take up arms and defend the liberty for which their fathers, husbands, sons and brothers are fighting.

PRESENT DAY THOUGHTS

Fire Crackers and Oratory.

A GLANCE AT DISTRACTED FRANCE.

BY G. GROSVENOR DAWE.

Written for The Commonwealth. The Fourth and France.—The time of the year now approaches when the small boy with fireworks will celebrate the Declaration of Independence—measuring the success of the present occasion and the greatness of the past event by the noise he succeeds in making.

We older ones, in hundreds of places, will listen to oratory, some good, some bad. We shall doubtless find our speakers taking new texts, suggested by the remarkable events in our own history during the past year; and if the result of the celebration is to make each of us feel that it is an important thing to be an American, and that our future as a nation carries with it new responsibilities, the result of gathering ourselves together will be good.

Let us, however, while we rejoice over the national life that is ours, give more than a few thoughts to distracted France, now rent asunder by warring factions and momentarily in doubt as to what its future form of government shall be.

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Saturday Evening Post.

The only responsibility that a man cannot evade is this life is the one he thinks of least,—his personal influence. Man's conscious influence, when he is on dress parade, when he is posing to impress those around him,—is woefully small.

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There are thoughts for ourselves hidden between every line. May there never come to American life just because personal pleasure and profit can be ours for the taking, even partial indifference to the success and to the happiness of the whole political body.

ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW.

Mr. Hardy H. Draughon, of Mingo, Sampson county, has recently received a patent from the government at Washington which it granted him on a Bird Call—an invention of his and which he has been using successfully for some time.

There are men who float down the stream of life like icebergs,—cold, reserved, unapproachable and self-contained. In their presence you involuntarily draw your wraps closer around you, as you wonder who left the door open.

There are men who are insincere in heart, and that insincerity is radiated by their presence. They have a wondrous interest in your welfare,—when they need you. They put on a "propriety" smile so suddenly, when it serves their purpose, that it seems the smile must be connected with some electric button concealed in their

There are men who are like malariou swamps,—poisonous, depressive and weakening by their very presence. They make heavy, oppressive and gloomy the atmosphere of their own homes; the sound of the children's play is stilled, the ripples of laughter are frozen by their presence.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:15 a. m., Maxton 9:20 a. m., Red Springs 9:53 a. m., Hope Mills 10:42 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 10:55 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:40 p. m., Hope Mills 4:55 p. m., Red Springs 5:35 p. m., Maxton 6:15 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parlane 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., returning leave Parlane 9:35 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m., and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:05 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 7:03 a. m., arriving Smithfield 8:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:10 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 10:40 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leave Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:22 a. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 11:45 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily, except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton daily, except Sunday, 8:10 a. m. and 4:15 p. m., returning leaves Clinton at 7:00 a. m. and 10:25 a. m.

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