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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The Sunday train ought not to be run, perhaps, but it is like the Sunday newspaper. As long as the public desire them and they are profitable to their owners they will quite probably continue. It would be better, no doubt, if everybody would rest on Sunday, but we may hardly hope to see it at all.

Good old Indian corn, one product which THE COMMONWEALTH regards very highly as a sort of stand-by with the farmer, is valuable in more ways than most of us have an opportunity of witnessing. A press clipping says: "Corn oil, extracted from the grain, is in extensive demand. It can be produced more cheaply than most vegetable oils. It can be used as a low grade table oil, and is a fair lubricating oil. Paint mixers employ it quite generally, and also manufacturers of fibre and shade cloth. There are five refineries of corn in the United States which use between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 bushels of corn and corn waste. Besides the output of oil, the refineries have made nearly thirty other different products from the corn.

The people of the State are getting sick and tired of the penitentiary scandals. To many of the good people of the State it brings a blush of shame that one of the State's most important institutions is the subject of so much unpleasantness. It begins to look like North Carolina will be advertised abroad by the mismanagement of the penitentiary, the ill-treatment of its convicts and the general harangue and hubbub that are kept up all the time. It is something to be wondered at that the good people of the State are to be nauseated by the matter so much. It is calling forth the protests of the Christian ministry in the State. Dr. Hufham, of Henderson, contributed a strong and forceful article in Sunday's News and Observer.

"Money-worship in high places is today as blind as any heathen idolatry." Such is the declaration made in a paragraph in the National Magazine. It is a conclusion arrived at from some observations made concerning the prevalent mania of measuring everything by the money standard. In many places and under many circumstances men are welcomed according to the size of their bank account. "The habit of putting the cost mark on everything is abused," continues the writer; and then the apt incident is cited of how the little girl—idolized by the wealthy father who measured everything by its money value—who said to him: "Why do you always tell people of what everything costs, and why do you always show people things that cost money? Don't mamma and I cost money?"

The Dismal Swamp Canal recently opened for navigation is of more importance than many people think. A company of one hundred and more capitalists and business men from Baltimore and other places, recently passed through the canal to make investigations. The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot in a column article gives some very interesting facts about the canal. Among other things it says: "The Dismal Swamp Canal is one of the connecting links of inland waterways between the Chesapeake Bay and the sounds of North Carolina—the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds. The vast importance of this new link arises from the fact that it enables shipping to avoid the dangers of Cape Hatteras and the dreaded Diamond Shoals. "From Norfolk, north along the Atlantic coast, as far as the New England States, coastwise navigation is easily possible, as there are comparatively safe passages to navigation. From Norfolk south, however, the great dangers of Cape Hatteras are a constant menace to navigation, and all vessels passing this point must keep well out to sea to insure safety. Now, the Dismal Swamp Canal enables this danger to be avoided and affords a short, safe route from the Chesapeake Bay to Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds and points South. "In addition to the coastwise trade Chesapeake Bay and its connections North and the Dismal Swamp Canal and its connections South, the sounds and rivers flowing into them present an inland waterway of some 2,500 miles covering almost as much territory as the Mississippi river."

A SAVAGE BATTLE.

Sea and Land Lions Have a Fero-cious Encounter.

Big Bull Sea Lion Stands His Ground Against Two California Lions and a Bloody Fight Follows.

A contest of a novel nature, in which a giant sea lion and two large California lions fought, occurred the other day on Hog Island, at the entrance of Tomales bay, opposite Tomales, Cal. The fight was witnessed by two men, who assert that they never again expect to see a contest rivaling it in courage and brute force.

Lewis Johnson is the only person living on Hog Island, where he conducts a chicken farm. Samuel Short, of Tomales, went to the island to buy some chickens. On a reef extending off from the island is a sea lion rookery. While the two men were bargaining over the chickens an unusual bellowing and commotion among the sea lions attracted their attention. All the sea lions dived into the water except one immense bull, who stood his ground. Suddenly two California lions, which had swum from the main land, climbed upon the reef and attacked the sea lion. With a roar the bull met the charge, and in a trice the water was churned into a foam, which soon turned crimson from the blood of the animals.

The contest lasted nearly 20 minutes, and neared the end when one of the California lions tore a flipper from the sea lion. The big bull caught hold of one of his opponents and dragged him into deep water with the intention of drowning him, but grew weak from loss of blood and let loose his hold. Lewis then ran for a gun and returned just as the two panthers resumed the charge. One of them was shot, but the other escaped to the mainland. The sea lion swam slowly out toward the ocean, and probably died from loss of blood. Lewis now has the panther skin and the sea lion flipper as souvenirs of the fight. The panther was badly cut about the head by the teeth of his adversary.

COMES BACK FROM THE DEAD.

Valuable Mare Spends Night in River at New York and is Rescued After Being Given Up for Lost.

Lady Woodford, owned by John Hogan at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., last year, was standing in front of St. Bartholomew's eye and ear clinic, New York city, the other day at 11 p. m., hitched to a light rubber-tired wagon, when an automobile buzzed by. The mare jerked the wagon in the air and started down Forty-second street. Down the hill below First avenue the animal dashed toward the river. It reached the pier, turned the wagon around, and plunged into the water. The wagon was demolished and Lady Woodford, save for the harness, was free.

Lady Woodford sank from sight. Mr. Hogan hunted along the river front without finding a trace of the mare, and decided that he had lost \$1,000 worth of horseflesh.

Watchman Peter Quinn, on the pier at the foot of East Twenty-fifth street at nine a. m. the next day heard a snort in the water and saw a big head and pair of bright eyes floating about. It was really Lady Woodford, and the animal was all but exhausted. It had been in the water all night. The men tied the mare to a float and put a plank under its head. Then they poured a big drink of whisky and ginger down its throat.

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

Some Dainties for the Lunch Basket That are Easily Prepared.

Where luncheons have to be prepared daily it will expedite matters to choose a drawer or shelf on which to keep all the nice boxes, wrapping paper, twine, corks, wide-mouthed bottles, old linen napkins or paper ones, and a pair of scissors. A warm iron will press out crumpled wrapping paper to look like new. Paraffine paper may be bought at any confectioner's, and will keep the different articles of food from becoming disagreeably familiar. Old boxes may be re-lined with two pieces of paper twice the length of bottom and sides. For children whose hands are full of books a basket flat on one side, with a strap to carry it, like a knapsack, will be found a great convenience.

The sandwiches dispensed of, which are always the essential in the lunch basket, other things may be added to suit individual taste. On a real country picnic a nicely browned chicken pie is a valuable addition, or a panful of crisp fried chicken. Plain boiled eggs or deviled eggs are also in order, while a dish of pork and beans will always have a following. Olives and pickles disappear as if by magic, and a box of crispy tart with a thimble opening in the upper crust, through which the current jelly beams aluringly at the spectator, is as difficult to close, once opened, as Pandora's luckless box.

An exceedingly dainty and delicate addition to the lunch basket when the purveyor has time at her command is "fuss" is a salad of orange, walnuts and celery moistened with mayonnaise and the top covered with cream. Cut the crown off of an orange, scrape out the center, and fill with the salad. Raw tomatoes are always nice at a picnic, likewise baked custards in little dishes. Many people like buttered gingerbread, and a nice rice pudding is not to be despised. Real old-fashioned appetizers are herrings or the Yarmouth bloaters.—Washington Star.

UNNATURAL DEFORMITIES.

Some That are Brought On by Hurtful Habits and Self Neglect.

Unnatural deformities are those that are preventable, and which are brought on by one's self through ignorance or indifference. Of these, a bent spine heads the list. In growing girls, round shoulders are a common manifestation of a bent spine, which later may develop into a permanent curvature, or by the contraction of the chest, and the crowding of the lungs and other internal organs, pave the way to consumption and various other ills.

In the early stages this deformity can be cured, and the future woman is considered and beauty of the future woman is considered. Practice breathing exercises—throw the shoulders well back and breathe deep and full through the nostrils, thus expanding the lungs and chest; sit erect and stand erect, with the head well thrown back and up. Gymnastic exercises which develop the muscles of the back should be practiced daily, and one's pride should be called into play. As an additional reminder to keep erect, a simple light brace, not a straight jacket, as some of these braces are called, will be worn.

Flat foot is another of the unnatural deformities; it is easily remedied by proper treatment, as are nearly all deformities of the feet. To compress the feet means permanent discomfort and danger. Headache, nervousness, dyspepsia, varicose veins and pimples may all be, and often are, traced to the wearing of tight, badly fitting shoes.

Corns will not form on the feet if the stockings are smooth and the shoes easy-fitting. The nails should be attended regularly after the bath. They should be cut square; pointed toe nails are the cause of ingrowing nails. One should never sit with the legs crossed over one another; yet it is a position frequently assumed by the majority of women. It interferes with the circulation, and may cause varicose veins.—American Queen.

MILES IS PLEASED.

Successful Tests of Throwing of High Explosives as Projectiles.

Can Be Fired from Any Kind of a Gun and Thrown Any Distance with Sufficient Force to Penetrate Common Plate.

Maj. Gen. Miles said of the recent tests at Sandy Hook of high explosives as projectiles: "The purpose of these tests was to ascertain the force and power of new explosives, the effect of concussion as well as the power of breaking projectiles into fragmentary pieces. The possibility of throwing high explosives through armor plate was also tested with safety, and the fact was demonstrated that projectiles containing high explosives can be thrown long distances, ten, 12 and 14 miles—in fact, as far as it is possible to throw any projectile from any kind of a gun. Each trial and test thus far has been entirely satisfactory. All of these tests were made at the Sandy Hook proving ground under the supervision of Maj. Frank Heath, and they have demonstrated that projectiles containing the most destructive high explosives can be thrown any distance with sufficient force to penetrate armor plate."

Gen. Miles and the other members of the board of ordnance and fortifications visited Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth. These two forts are types of fortifications which have been recently equipped with all of the modern appliances for coast defense.

"It has taken many years," said Gen. Miles, "to bring a fort like Wadsworth into perfect condition, where all of these modern appliances can be operated as one system and utilized to the best possible advantage for harbor and coast defense."

Gen. Miles spoke with much satisfaction of the practical headway that had been made in the experiments at Sandy Hook with heavy ordnance and the newest and most powerful explosives. He said that very valuable results had been attained. The details of these results will be carefully embodied into official reports to be submitted to the war department.

NAVAL VESSELS.

Report by Admiral Hiebhorn Shows 47 Craft Under Construction and Some Nearly Completed.

Admiral Hiebhorn's periodical report of the progress in the construction of naval vessels shows that on the first of the month there were 47 naval craft on the list, and with the exception of three torpedo boats every one of these vessels is actually advanced beyond the laying of the keels. The eight big battleships stand in this order of progress:

Kearsarge, at Newport News, 95 per cent.; Kentucky, same place, 92 per cent.; Illinois, same place, 70 per cent.; Alabama, at Cramps, 90 per cent.; Wisconsin, at Union iron works, 77 per cent.; Maine, at Cramps, 12 per cent.; Missouri, at Newport News, 1 per cent.; Ohio, at Union iron works, 6 per cent. The four monitors range from 2 to 22 per cent. advanced towards completion. The cruiser Albany, purchased from the Armstrongs in England, is recorded at 85 per cent. Of the torpedo boat destroyers, the Lawrence, building by the Fore River Engine company, stands nearest completion at 48 per cent., while the Bath iron works lead in the torpedo boat class with the Dahlgren at 98 per cent. The submarine boat Plunger stands at 85 per cent., failing to show any advancement recently.

PREPARE FOR NEXT CENSUS.

Director W. R. Merriam Talks of Appointments of 50,000 Enumerators.

In an interview W. R. Merriam, director of the census, said in reference to the appointment of enumerators: "Our next great undertaking—and any branch of a work which must reach every nook and corner, farm and cabin in the United States, is great—is that of selecting about 50,000 enumerators for taking the twelfth census. We are strenuously trying to prepare for a complete and reasonably perfect census. The burden of the work of gathering the materials for it, however, will fall on the enumerators.

"In any important line of private business, preliminary training is required of those charged with conducting its details. Lawyers and doctors study before they practice their professions, and mechanics are required to serve thorough apprenticeships before asking for journeymen's work or wages. So, in my view, those who desire to act as census enumerators should take up the study of census laws, schedules and statistics, thus familiarizing themselves as far as possible with the actual details of the work. In this way they will be prepared on the first of June next, like a great and well-drilled army, to begin their labors understanding and harmoniously from ocean to ocean, without, after that day, requiring further orders or instructions.

"While I shall not undertake to select enumerators without consulting with the proper census supervisor as to the qualifications and experience of applicants, I would like to suggest that all candidates adopt the course I have indicated, and thus help to insure at the threshold of the twentieth century the most perfect census in the history of the republic."

INDIANS WANT TO SERVE.

American Soldiers Anxious to Go to the Philippines to Do Duty as Scouts.

It has been seriously proposed to the war department to enlist a company of Indian scouts for service in the Philippines. The proposition comes from a nephew of Senator Tillman, but the first lieutenant is to be no less a personage than "Hole-in-the-Day," as he is known in Minnesota, or Chief Woodbury, as he calls himself in English. He was at the white house with Col. Tillman, and said as he was leaving: "I can raise a magnificent company of Chippewas in 24 hours, and they would make the finest scouts on the face of the earth. We think the government ought to give us this chance. It would be the greatest treaty with the Indians I know of. The Chippewas are natural fighters and can hide behind a leaf.

"I predict that in a month's time in the Philippines they could steal upon the Indians with the ease of snakes. They love excitement and danger, and would be loyal to their oath. I believe they would do invaluable service in the Philippines.

"I am willing to take second place in the company. I think non-commissioned officers of experience could be secured in the tribe. Many of the Chippewas served in the United States army when there were Indian companies in some of the regiments."

RAISING CATTLE IN THE EAST.

Editor John Bannon, of the Organ of Retail Butchers' Association, Says It Can Be Made Profitable.

Those who are opposed, secretly or openly, to the effort being made by retail butchers of New York city to fight the beef trust by building an independent slaughter of large proportions and operating it on a cooperative plan have argued time and again that the movement of the beef slaughtering trade to the west has been a material one and that all efforts to bring it east again must be abortive, because artificial and unnatural.

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DATE	Weldon	Fayetteville	Sanford	Tarboro	Weldon	Fayetteville	Sanford	Tarboro	Weldon	Fayetteville	Sanford	Tarboro
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Leave Tarboro	12:21	6:00	4:55	3:50	12:21	6:00	4:55	3:50	12:21	6:00	4:55	3:50
Leave Weldon	1:50	10:20	8:15	6:10	1:50	10:20	8:15	6:10	1:50	10:20	8:15	6:10
Leave Sanford	2:55	11:14	9:09	7:04	2:55	11:14	9:09	7:04	2:55	11:14	9:09	7:04
Leave Fayetteville	3:50	12:09	10:04	7:59	3:50	12:09	10:04	7:59	3:50	12:09	10:04	7:59
Leave Weldon	4:55	1:04	8:59	6:54	4:55	1:04	8:59	6:54	4:55	1:04	8:59	6:54
Leave Tarboro	5:30	1:40	9:35	7:30	5:30	1:40	9:35	7:30	5:30	1:40	9:35	7:30
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