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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Among the new things suggested for this region is a great seed farm. A gentleman who has had considerable experience in handling seeds of various kinds, said recently that he believes that a seed farm on a large scale somewhere in this region would pay. Very few farmers, truckers, and gardeners, comparatively speaking, raise their own seeds; and there is argument for such an enterprise here. Now let some one commence it on a small scale and develop it gradually and follow the development with a good business.

Some seem to think that it will be hard work to carry the constitutional amendment next year. Perhaps it will, but there ought to be nothing alarming in that. Few things worth doing are done easily. The best and brightest rewards come from the hardest and most persistent toil. The most complete victories follow the hardest fought battles. So let no one feel discouraged because it will be hard to carry the amendment. It will be hard, but it will be carried; and it will be the strongest and best stimulus to general education that North Carolina has ever known.

The Saturday Evening Post gives a very interesting page to a brief review of the Trade Congress which was held in connection with the Manufacturers' Exposition in Philadelphia last month. Business men were brought together from the four corners of the earth, and they discussed more than a hundred topics which related to the trade and commerce of the different countries represented. There was unanimity of thought and a oneness of purpose that spoke well for the congress as a whole and for the members and delegates individually. They were all pleased with America and the city of "Brotherly Love," and facts were brought out that many other countries are prospering as well as the United States.

Congress will soon be in session again and one of the important events will be the change of Speaker of the House. General Henderson, of Iowa, will be the Speaker, and our Washington correspondent says that he will reach Washington this week. Of the new Speaker's troubles, with his honors, our correspondent says: "Nine-tenths of the Republican members of the House, who served in the last Congress, are dissatisfied with their committee assignments and want what they regard as more important places, and better suited to their importance and deserts. Those who have served on minor committees will claim promotion and more important ones. A rush of members is expected within a few days, and the coming Speaker hardly will be in town before his rooms at the Normandie Hotel will be overflowing with statesmen anxious to place their services at the Speaker's disposal, and begging that he will not underestimate them. The making up of committees is a task of great difficulty and delicacy. Had Reed been disposed to remain in the House, he would have been re-elected without opposition, and with no promises to be redeemed as to chairmanships. Emerging from a contest, Speaker Henderson stands pledged to certain returns for work done by leaders in the various delegations. These gentlemen have good memories, and already they are on the way to claim promised rewards."

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AUTHOR OF "IN HIS STEPS."

Will Not be Interviewed.
A RETIRED MINISTER.

Selected.
"In His Steps; or What Would Jesus Do?" by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, of Topeka, has reached a greater sale than any story ever printed. It has been translated into no less than nine languages, and over 3,000,000 copies have been sold. It cannot be said that the author did not, in a vague way, anticipate a widespread circulation, for he stipulated with the publisher that the book be printed in a very cheap as well as expensive edition, so that it might be within reach of all.

In 1891 Mr. Sheldon adopted a new plan of Sunday evening services in the Central Congregational church at Topeka. During the winter he read his first story, "Richard Bruce." Each chapter served as a Sunday evening sermon. The new way of preaching Christianity met with approval, and since then he has written 11 stories, which have been read in the same manner. "Richard Bruce" was written in 1891, "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," in 1892. "The Twentieth Door" in 1893, "The Crucifixion of Philip Strong" in 1893, "John King's Question Class" in 1894, "His Brother's Keeper" in 1895, "In His Steps" in 1896, "Malcom Kirk" in 1897, "The Redemption of Freetown" in 1895, "One of the Two" in 1898, "The Miracle of Markham" in 1898, and "For Christ and the Church" in 1899.

Although Mr. Sheldon has written a dozen books, he is known best as the author of "In His Steps." The work was not copyrighted in England, and 20 publishing houses there are still issuing editions. It has been translated into French, German, Russian, Italian, Armenian, Swedish, Norwegian, Spanish and dialects of western Africa. From the editions in the United States, which sell as low as 15 cents a copy, Mr. Sheldon's income is estimated at \$500 per month.

Mr. Sheldon is by nature a retired man, and almost dreads notoriety. He will not talk for publication and never breaks that rule. He has had flattering offers to enter the lecture field, but refuses them all, preferring to accept invitations to lecture before religious societies without remuneration. A writer for an eastern religious paper telegraphed him as follows: "I am coming to Topeka to stay a week to treat fully of your methods and motives in writing and the work of your church in detail. The article will be syndicated and will be printed in nearly every paper in the country."

Mr. Sheldon replied immediately as follows: "You need not come. I will not talk to you. I have some rights which you are bound to respect."

When told that the people who read his books would like to know about the author, he said: "That is mere idle curiosity. I do not wish to be talked about, or to have my church work talked about. The message I have for these people among whom I live I give in my sermons. The message I have for the world at large I give in books. I have nothing more to say."

Although he avoids notoriety, he is willing to speak when an opportunity presents itself to further the cause of religion or humanity. He believes in municipal ownership of public utilities, and has studied the subject at home and abroad. He affiliates with no political party, but in local campaigns, when this point was in question, he has made speeches in favor of public ownership. He believes that water, heat and light plants, together with

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Charles M. Sheldon was born in Weillville, N. Y., and is 41 years of age. Rev. Stewart Sheldon, his father, moved to Dakota while Charles was a boy, and was actively engaged in missionary work among the Indians. The young man's early education was received in the country school. Later he was graduated from Phillips' academy, Brown university and the Andover Theological seminary. After his graduation he went to England, where he spent several months studying the poorer classes in London and Glasgow. He became pastor of first church at Waterbury, Vt., upon his return, and in 1888 accepted a call to the pulpit of the Central Congregational church in Topeka.

At one time he requested his congregation to excuse him from parish work, and was seen only at church services. For several months he studied the different classes of wage earners in a novel manner. Unknown to any one, he donned the garb of a laborer, secured a "job" and went to work. He worked as a mechanic's helper in the railroad shops and spent some time on the road with the trainmen. He mingled with the lawyers and doctors, and finally entered Washburn college at Topeka as a student. He joined the scholars in athletic games and literary societies. His special field of labor was later in "Tennessee town," the negro quarter of Topeka.

The result of his work is most noticeable in the negro quarter. The yards once littered and unsightly, have been transformed into gardens and flower beds. Prizes were offered for the best kept houses, neatest yards, most thrifty families, and the change has been wonderful. A free reading room and kindergartens were established for the colored people. The story "The Redemption of Freetown" is the story of the work among the negroes. Through his efforts a kindergarten was established in connection with his church, and the kindergartens are fostered by an association.

When asked if "In His Steps" was founded upon facts, Mr. Sheldon says: "The story 'In His Steps' when written was purely imaginary. I knew of no such places or characters in existence. It was not founded upon facts, but it was written with a desire that the imaginary might become real. Since the story was written I have heard of several characters who are very nearly like those in the book."

Mr. Sheldon is married and has one child, a boy. His home is a neat cottage on College Hill. Most of his writing is done in the study of his church.

One of his ideas is for a Christian newspaper to be managed on a Christian basis. At the meeting of the Christian Endeavor society in Detroit he asked the meeting to subscribe \$1,000,000 to be used in establishing a thoroughly Christian daily newspaper in Chicago. He believes that the time will come when his dream will be a reality.

A Will and a Way.

Christian Advocate.
Several years ago, an effort was made to collect all the chimney sweepers in the city of Dublin for the purpose of education. One little fellow was asked if he knew his letters.

"Oh, yes, sir," was the reply.
"Do you spell?"
"Oh, yes, sir," was again the answer.
"Do you read?"
"Oh, yes, sir."
"And what book did you learn from?"
"Oh, I never had a book in my life."
"And who was your schoolmaster?"
"Oh, I never was at school."

Here was a singular case—a boy could read and spell without a book or master! But what was the fact? Why, another little sweep, a little older than himself, had taught him to read, by showing him the letters over the shop doors as they went through the city.

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PRESENT DAY THOUGHTS

Nineteenth Century Knighthood.
THE VIRTUES OF TRUTH.

BY "GROSVENOR."

Written For The Commonwealth.
Nineteenth Century Knighthood—A knight of old, with couched lance, clattering through present day streets would be laughed at as a sort of tin-pot hypocrite. His heroics would look ridiculous, our catechism would bewilder him—Do you produce anything—do you hold life sacred—do you really honor woman as your helpmate? By my Halidame, he would say in surprise, my churls do the work that produces, my arms are trained and ready to kill, my prowess against men is my honor among woman until my lady is won; I then enclose her in my castle to work, to wait, and to be ignorant. It makes the heart sick to think of the millions of woe-begone, dirt-begrimed serfs who formed an unhonored, downtrodden platform whereon chivalry could disport itself. The olden, golden knight was too often a quarrelsome rascal whose deeds were simply those of a refined savage.

The ideals of chivalry were pale rushlights beside the simplest ideals of the simplest men who love and honor freedom. We have changed the measure of a man since then. We now know that the untailing, unspinning classes have no monopoly of knightliness. The gifts of the rich to the poor are less in total value and infinitely less in proportion than the charities of the poor towards each other. We now know that the best glories of our human nature do not flourish under the false ideas that chivalry taught regarding prowess, honor, ease and wealth. Self-forgetfulness, persistent endeavor, and kindness are most endangered by such a system.

The domestic virtues of truth, simplicity, and of gentleness towards all—but chiefly towards those who are weak—are more to be extolled than either the veneer of culture or the hypocrisy of honor, falsely so called. The everyday knight of the present wears no livery except the livery of souls that makes him the servant of all. He winds no resounding horn, he deals no death to the passer-by, his steed champs no foaming bit; but he is nevertheless every inch a knight. His grimy hand is on the throttle to stay until death loosens it. He is in the engine room to save others before he himself attempts to leave. He is the blue-coated care-taker and guide for timorous women and children on our crowded city streets. He is the hero of the ladder when flames imperil those who have no shadow of a claim upon him, except that of a knightly humanity. Not alone in those public ways does he serve. He is the patient toiler on hillside and in factory. Clad in overalls or in the height of fashion he is convinced that the test of our modern knighthood is this—whether he is doing the thing he is best fitted for in the way that is best for those now here and those yet to come.

The knights of old were scattered sparsely; the knight of to-day is along every pathway, visible to those who have the eyes to see him.

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A New York girl, Katharine Ferguson, is doing in The Ladies' Home Journal what oddly enough has never been done before. In "The Autobiography of a Girl" she relates the story of her own life.

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History Keeps on Repeating Itself

In the November number of "The National Magazine" the editor, Joe Mitchell Chapple, comments pertinently on the South African situation as follows:

"Parallels of history are always interesting. At about the same time that the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth, the Dutch and Huguenot refugees landed in South Africa. Later when in devout and solemn praise the spirit that gave birth to Thanksgiving was instituted, the circumstances surrounding these two singularly important epoch-making events were similar. Both of the sturdy bands had started from Holland for similar reasons; each had their struggles on unknown shores against starvation and contest with the natives. Each were to play an important part in the destiny of the Anglo-Saxon race, and although more than a century has spanned the interim, the struggle against the rule of the mother country, was begun and independence secured. Here the parallel ceases for the time—but the struggle in the Transvaal to-day is only another revolution of the wheel that marks off the race of Time."

The King of Instruments, the Violin

In the November number of "The National Magazine" is a deeply interesting article regarding the history of the violin. The writer says:

"An ancient legend tells us that one day as Orpheus, son of Apollo and the Muse Kalliope, was walking by the sea, a trilling in soft cadence a song taught him by the celebrated teacher, Linos, he was attracted by the sound of sweet music, which seemed but the echo of his own glorious voice. He walked along, singing, and the sound approached, as if to meet him, till finally it sang at his very feet. Glancing down he saw the shell of a turtle, which had been cast high and dry upon the beach and left there by the receding waves. The little thing had died and dried up so that the sinews shrivelled to strings, and the shell remained. The dried-up sinews were tightly stretched across the hollow shell, and the wind as it listed touched the strings, causing them to vibrate over the shell sounding board and give forth the sweet, sad tones. Enchanted, he bore his treasure home and from it fashioned the violin shell, with which he ever after accompanied his voice, and the nymph, Eurydice, enchanted by its magic, became his bride."

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November Ladies' Home Journal.
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July 31, 1899.	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily
Leave Weldon	11:50	9:45				
Ar. Rocky Mt.	12:05	10:36				
Leave Tarboro	12:21		6:00			
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:09					
Ar. Weldon	1:25					
Leave Wilson	1:58	11:14	7:10	6:20	5:40	
Ar. Fayetteville	2:55	11:07				
Ar. Fayetteville	4:38	10:10				
Ar. Florence	7:25	3:15				
Ar. Florence	7:25	3:15				
Ar. Goldsboro			7:50	7:01	6:31	
Ar. Goldsboro				8:08	6:38	
Ar. Magnolia				9:40	6:50	
Ar. Wilmington						

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
July 31, 1899.	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily	No. Daily
Ar. Florence	9:40		7:45			
Ar. Fayetteville	12:20		9:45			
Ar. Fayetteville	1:20		10:10			
Ar. Wilson	2:35		11:31			
Ar. Weldon						
Ar. Weldon			6:15			
Ar. Weldon						
Ar. Rocky Mt.	3:35	5:43	11:31	10:35	1:20	
Ar. Rocky Mt.	3:50	6:15	12:07	11:35	1:30	
Ar. Tarboro	12:21		7:04			
Ar. Tarboro						
Ar. Rocky Mt.	12:30		12:09			
Ar. Weldon	4:25		1:00			
Ar. Weldon						

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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.

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Train on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3:35 p. m., Halifax 4:15 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kinross 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kinross 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., returning leave Parmele 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, 7:05 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.

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