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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The next convention of the Cotton States Association of the Commissioners of Agriculture will be held in Raleigh August 21st. It is said that the meeting promises to be one of great importance, and it is thought that a large delegation from the cotton States will be in attendance.

Labori, the famous lawyer who defended Zola and Dreyfus, is to visit America and spend some time lecturing in the principal cities. The American Bar Association has expressed a wish that its distinguished French confere visit the United States, and he is anxious to come. Should he come he will receive a warm welcome and thousands will throng to hear him, for there was much sympathy in this country for his work in the great Dreyfus trial.

The theory of the Constitution is now and always has been that the man who refuses to support his county paper, no matter whether he agrees with the editor or not, cannot be depended upon to aid in the growth and development of his town and his community. The man who takes any paper at all should take his home paper; if he makes this small investment he will soon betray a desire to widen his point of view, and will patronize, in addition, some newspaper that has a wider field of operations.—Atlanta Constitution.

George T. Angell, editor of "Our Dumb Animals," has numerous testimonials to the efficacy of sulphur as a medicine. It is claimed that sulphur is a cure for the grippe. At a match factory in a Connecticut town, where the grippe was prevailing as an epidemic, the forty-three persons employed in handling sulphur in making matches entirely escaped the disease. The suggestion is given that sulphur sprinkled in the shoes will prevent the grippe. Mr. Angell thinks that inasmuch as sulphur is cheap and is so strongly recommended by many persons, it is well enough to keep it before the people, for it is cheap and easy to get.

At Charlotte Criminal court two weeks ago the grand jury made a report, a part of which was quite significant. The report recited the fact that crime is increasing, and they attributed it to the great amount of gambling which seems to prevail everywhere. The Charlotte Observer gave a partial report of the grand jury who said that they believed the spirit of gambling is incalculably largely by the example of "the fair, deft hands of the progressive euchre players." They said that the gambling in high life is winked at, while the little "coons" throwing craps back in some livery stable or on the creek banks for a nickle a game are always corralled by the police. There is much truth in the report of said grand jury; and the application can be made general for almost every community in the land.

The Legislature has performed its part in preparing and passing the proposed amendment to be voted on. It now remains for the people to say whether it shall be ratified or not. If a majority of the votes shall be against it that ends it. If a majority shall be for it then it will become part of our constitution. So the whole question and responsibility is now with the people. It is for them to say what shall be done with it. And in making up their minds and arriving at their conclusions they have ample time to consider this great question in all its bearings upon the future policies and interests of their State. Much will probably be written and spoken against the amendment before the day of voting comes. It will be well for the conservative, thoughtful people to take these arguments and reasons, consider them and then vote as they are convinced is for the best interest of themselves, their homes and their State.—T. J. Jarvis.

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Present Day Thoughts.

LOOKING AHEAD.

BY "GROSVENOR."

Written for The Commonwealth.

Blessed are they who know their place and fill it—who out of the myriad duties of all know their one duty and do it. Blessed are they who mourn not in small corners—who look neither to the right nor to the left for excuses to shirk their own little task. Blessed are they who shine out steadily of their gleam of useful service, though out of the darkness comes neither word of thankfulness nor the hall of fellowship. Blessed are they, for their work is testimony rendered to the grandeur of humanity by high lives lived in lowly places.

Blessed are they who without being puffed up, believe that their own vanishing lives are of moment to the world—who regard life as a trust and its manner of living a test—who treasure their hours for thoughts and deeds rather than kill them with foolish and fruitless waste. Blessed are they; for their beliefs solve all questions regarding existence. Their lives justify the power that called men into being. These are they who make the world fruitful—each generation heedful to leave improvement, that the generation to come may have power to carry the world still further forward.

Blessed are they who believe in human advancement. They are seers of the future, and what they see are not fantasies of the brain. As are their ideas, so are shaped the acts and facts of their lives. Their beliefs make them rise up and be doing for betterment; their beliefs ARE the betterment of the world. Blessed indeed are they; for without such lives animalism and savagery would creep forth again to rule humanity. Blessed are they, though lonely in their works; for their power in the world is not to be measured by noise nor estimated by honors.

Blessed are they who look backward to learn and forward to see, who believe the light ahead was never excelled by the light that is past, who believe that the present is better than the past in all things whereof to be proud, and that the future is to be better than either. Their hearts are quiet, though in things yet to be done, they shall have no living share.

Blessed are they who thrill with the feeling that this vast universe is not a mere chance thing that blind force rent out of chaos, propelling it forward to reach an end of blind calamity. Blessed are they in the thrilling; for they hold the key to peace within, while perplexity rules without. Though their feet needs must rest upon earth, their spirits rise up until their eyes can look down on the restless whole as if from an exceeding high mountain. They see purposes unseen by those who gaze upward from dark valleys of confusing doubt and unquiet question.

New Cure for Appendicitis.

Physicians are interested in a new treatment for appendicitis which has just been successfully tried by Dr. Geo. J. Helmer, of New York. Heretofore a surgical operation has attended the treatment of such cases. Dr. Helmer does not employ the surgeon's knife. The patient on whom treatment was tried is a young woman living in Harlem. Her attending physicians favoring the usual operation, Dr. Helmer, according to the New York World, first tried his plan. This is simply forcing out the matter which clogs the appendix by superficial treatment.

The largest muscle of the human body, the *massa magna*, which is just back of the appendix, is manipulated with the hand in such a way that a spasmodic contraction causes it to snap back against the vermiform appendix, forcing out of that organ any foreign substance it may contain.

In the case of the young woman she was relieved in eight minutes.

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When a man dies they who survive him ask what property he has left behind. But the angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him.—Our Dumb Animals.

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North Carolina Superstitions.

An Asheville letter to the New York Sun says:

If one would learn the popular superstitions of North Carolina he must go into the rural districts. Below are some of the common sayings:
If, in washing the dishes or cleaning the table before a meal, the cook drops a dish rag, some one is coming in hungry.

The crowing of a rooster before the front door early in the morning foretells the visit of a stranger.
If a red bird fits about the front yard and chirps merrily, a young girl gaily dressed and light-hearted may be expected soon.

The crowing of a rooster early in the night is a sign of hasty news. Thus many a chicken rooster by a single crow, has cast a gloom over an entire family.

The howling of a dog at night foretells some dire calamity, such as a tragic deed.

If a dog lies on his back, with feet extended upward, in the front yard, some member of the family in which he belongs is sure to die soon.

The screaming of a screech owl three nights in succession in or about the front yard is the sign that some one in the house is in danger of death. To drive the owl away stick the shovel in the fire.

The crowing of a chicken hen portends bad luck. It certainly means a death, for no good woman would permit a crowing hen to live longer than it would take to bring an axe across its neck.

In ironing a garment if the smoothing iron is dropped, the owner of the garment will never live to wear it out.

Friday is an unlucky day. If a piece of work is begun on that day the one who begins it will not live to see it finished.

If the individuals of a hunting party in crossing a fence, go over the same section tuck will be good, but if several sections are crossed the hunt will be a failure.

If in strolling two persons go on opposite sides of a tree, one or both of them will meet disappointments before the day is over.

Looking at new moon for the first time through obstructed space, as through a tree top, foretells misfortunes during that moon. To see it over the right shoulder and in the clear space brings good luck.

The rabbit always carries omens of ill fortune. If you meet him on going from home you may look for trouble before you return; if going toward home, there will be trouble in your family.

Ashes must not be taken from a fireplace in a sick room. The death of the patient would follow. Nor must the bed of a sick person be turned over.

No one ever saw a negro meet a corpse. The most courageous negro would go out of his way to avoid such a calamity. It is said that if you meet a corpse your time will come next. If a corpse is stopped on the way to the grave, another member of the family will soon follow.

Kraut must be made in the dark of the room if it is to be sour.

It is the height of folly to cut a child's finger nails before it is a year old for then it would steal. The nails must be broken off.

If a child is allowed to look in a mirror before it is a year old teething will be difficult.

The tying of a small sack containing the four feet of a ground mole around a baby's neck assures a full set of pretty teeth. If in teething the child's gums are sore that may be cured by rubbing them with rabbit brains hot from the head. The writer has seen both of these remedies practiced.

To remove a wart from the body steal a piece of meat, rub the wart with it and then bury it. Say nothing about what you have done and the wart will soon disappear.

A stray black cat in the backyard foretells good luck.

If a woman is making soap and a man comes up and stirs it, all will be well and the soap will be fine, but if a woman comes, the soap will spoil in making.

If you sing in bed you will cry next day.

If a railroad engineer sees a black sheep cross the track in front of him he expects trouble. That is an omen of ill luck.

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TRIED TO EAT THE RECORDS.

THEN TRIED TO SWALLOW IT.

Said She Did Not Want to be Both-ered by Her Sister's Children.

Atlanta Journal.

Miss Nancy Burdette, who is sixty years of age, walked into the office of the clerk of the superior court of DeKalb county in Decatur this morning and asked Clerk H. H. Burgess for permission to look at the record of a deed made by her mother to herself and several other heirs ten years ago.

When the record book had been placed before her and the deed she desired had been found she suddenly snatched the leaf from the book, ripped off a part containing her deed, crumpled it in her hands, quickly transferred it to her mouth and attempted to swallow it.

Clerk Burgess and Deputy Clerk Hilliard saw the attempt. Bent on saving the deed, both grabbed the lady. One caught her by the throat to close the passage against the final and irretrievable loss of the record. The other forced his fingers in her mouth, and after a desperate struggle gouged the paper out, badly mutilated and covered with blood. Miss Burdette sank back in a chair exhausted after her unsuccessful effort to destroy the deed.

SHE WAS BOUND OVER.

She was detained in the office while Mr. Burgess went before Justice of the Peace Thomas Fincher and swore out a warrant charging Miss Burdette with mutilating the public records. Later she was tried on the warrant before the justice and held in a bond of \$250. At noon she had not made the bond, and it may be that she will be sent to jail to await trial on the charge against her.

"I didn't know I was violating the law," said Miss Burdette to the justice. "I have the original deed in my possession and I thought if the one on record was destroyed I would not be annoyed any more by my sister's children."

The deed which came near being destroyed was made by Miss Burdette's mother and conveys a tract of farm land situated two and a half miles below Decatur to Miss Burdette and other heirs. Miss Burdette lived on the place. She told the court officials that she had been making a living by sewing and quilting for the people of the county.

DEED WILL BE PASTED BACK.

Clerk Burgess spent the morning in an attempt to mend the mutilated deed. It happened that on the opposite side of the leaf which contained Miss Burdette's deed was a deed conveyed certain land to the Primitive Baptist church of DeKalb county. This record suffered considerably by contact with Miss Burdette's teeth and gums while in the transitory and uncertain state of being.

It is stained with blood in a manner similar to the Burdette deed and members of the church in examining the deed hereafter will be forcibly reminded of Miss Burdette and her unique connection with the church property.

The bloody deed has been pasted together and glued back in its proper place in the musty records.

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They are slaves who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak; They are slaves who will not choose hatred, scolding and abuse, rather than in silence shrink from the truth they needs must think. They are slaves who dare not be in the right with two or three.

—LOWELL.

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When I Was a Boy.

P. D. Gold, in Wilson Times.

It is sometimes good to remember the days that are past—to review and collect from former experiences the crumbs that are left that nothing be lost.

I shall at present speak of farming. My father was a farmer, and I began to plow at the age of seven years.

His primal object of farming was to raise his own supplies. I never knew him to buy a grain of corn, nor a pound of meat, a chicken, horse, cow, mule, nor anything of that sort. He usually had such things to sell. It was common for men to drive their wagons to his crib and load them with corn, and buy bacon from him. Now and then he would sell a horse. Always he had something to sell, and the buyers would come to him to purchase.

He did not plant much cotton; no tobacco.

He always had money in his pocket, and bought a tract of land almost every year.

If in those days a farmer bought corn it shook his credit, for he was considered a poor farmer.

My observation is that the farmers now that raise their own bread and meat at home are successful, but those that buy their corn, meat, flour and all such things as they must have are failures.

Now who are the wiser, the farmers of olden time that made their provisions at home and kept out of debt, or those of these days that grow so much cotton and tobacco and buy what they eat, and are so enslaved with debt?

Return to the good old way. Plant corn enough to fatten your hogs. Raise your supplies at home. Have your smoke house at home and your corn crib at the same place, well filled. Raise chickens. Have your own milk and butter and such things at home.

Then what cotton or tobacco you make will be your own.

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DATE	Time	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days
Jan. 11, 1900.							
Leave Weldon	12:05	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Ar. Rocky Mt.	12:55	9:52	7:16	6:20	12:52	3:18	4:40
Leave Weldon	12:55	9:52	7:16	6:20	12:52	3:18	4:40
Leave Selma	2:25	11:03					
Ar. Fayetteville	4:20	12:30					
Ar. Florence	7:25	11:21					
P. M. A. M.							

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATE	Time	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days	Days
Jan. 11, 1900.							
Ar. Florence	12:20	A. M.	P. M.				
Leave Selma	1:50	9:32	9:45				
Ar. Weldon	2:35	11:23					
P. M. A. M.							
Leave Weldon	3:25	5:43	11:35	10:25	1:16		
Ar. Rocky Mt.	3:30	6:25	12:09	11:11	1:53		
Ar. Fayetteville	7:01						
Leave Weldon	12:21						
Ar. Rocky Mt.	3:30						
Ar. Weldon	4:32						
P. M. A. M. P. M.							

Daily except Monday. Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, York Division Main Line.—Train leaves Wilmington 9:00 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 12:05 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 12:25 p. m., arrives Sanford 1:43 p. m., returns leaves Sanford 2:30 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:41 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 3:46 p. m., arrives Wilmington 6:40 p. m.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch.—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:15 a. m., Maxton 9:20 a. m., Red Springs 10:30 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.

Connections at Fayetteville with train No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

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., Kinston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 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 Parmer 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m., returning leave Parmer 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 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday, 7:05 a. m., arriving Smithfield