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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The passing of Roberts from Washington back to his plurality of wives by the order of the Congress...

Are the young men of the present showing as much concern about real mind training as did the young men of former times?

It has already been realized that lumber is getting scarce in this region, and it is time our people were paying more attention to the protection of the forests.

Senators Pritchard and Butler have shown themselves good and worthy yoke-fellows of late.

The cotton milling interest is growing faster in North Carolina than in any other State in the Union.

What American poet has written a poem that will make immortal the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago?

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Better Fail Striving Than Not To Strive.

PRESENT DAY THOUGHTS.

BY "GROSVENOR."

Be not of the tribe that sit back and find fault; be of those who set forth and strive. "Just doing things" may not gain for you so great a reputation for wisdom, as lazily telling how to do;

It is better to strive and fail, than not to strive at all. Neither criticism nor even knowledge of our own shortcomings should deter us from working out as best we can the purposes within us.

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The Amendment.

The following is the amendment to article 6 of the State constitution, adopted by the General Assembly of 1899, and to be submitted to the voters for ratification next August:

ARTICLE VI. SUFFRAGE AND ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE—QUALIFICATIONS OF AN ELECTOR.

Section 1. Every male person born in the United States, and every male person who has been naturalized, twenty-one years of age, and possessing the qualifications set out in this article, shall be entitled to vote at any election by the people in the State, except as herein otherwise provided.

Section 2. He shall have resided in the State of North Carolina for two years, in the county six months, and in the precinct, ward or other election district in which he offers to vote, four months next preceding the election;

Section 3. Every person offering to vote shall be at the time a legally registered voter as herein prescribed and in the manner hereinafter prescribed by law, and the General Assembly of North Carolina shall enact general registration laws to carry into effect the provisions of this article.

Section 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the constitution in the English language; and, before he shall be entitled to vote, have paid on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll tax as prescribed by law, for the previous year.

Section 5. No male person who was, on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person, shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualifications prescribed in section 4 of this article.

Section 6. All elections by the people shall be by ballot, and all elections by the General Assembly shall be viva voce.

Section 7. Every voter in North Carolina, except as in this article disqualified, shall be eligible to office, but before entering upon the duties of the office he shall take and subscribe the following oath:

Section 8. The following classes of persons shall be disqualified for office: First, all persons who shall deny the being of Almighty God.

THE SLUMS OF NEW YORK.

BUSINESS AND CONVERSATION. The People And The Lives They Live.

Written for The Commonwealth.

The "Slums" are known by many different names, among which are the "Ghetto," the "East Side" and the "Tenement District." They are inhabited mainly by Polish and Russian Jews and Italians.

Everywhere filth reigns supreme. Though the streets have been asphalted, as a sanitary measure, they continually reek with filth.

It is in the Ghetto that the "push-cart" man holds high sway. He is an important factor in East Side life. On Fridays, the Hebrew market day, may be seen a continuous succession of "push-carts," extending the whole length of many of the thoroughfares.

The "pretzel" man, another feature of tenement life, is a rather amusing spectacle. With a rod about five feet long filled with the crisp, ring-like delicacies (?) he solemnly walks the streets, making an occasional sale.

The stores are mostly very small. The more humble grocer and butcher shops are in the basement. Their dark windows are decorated with such delicacies as chickens, neatly carved into slices, partly pickled ducks, baked bread and little pear-shaped cheeses.

In summer the streets are filled with crowds of half-naked, dirty children, "guttersnipes," who spend most of their time out of doors trying to escape from the terrible heat of the tenements.

During the hot weather the exterior of the tenements looks as if the whole population had suddenly become possessed of a violent notion to clean

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houses. Piled high on all the fire-escapes, gaily decorating the high, bare wall, are huge stacks of beds and bed-clothing. They are placed there partly to get the benefit of the fresh air and partly because about one-half of the people sleep on the roof in hot weather and find the fire escape the most convenient place to store their beds in the daytime.

Once inside the tenements one is oppressed with the damp, stifling odor that pervades the dark halls. The rooms are small and badly ventilated and the people are huddled in them like so many sheep.

The cold weather brings to these poor people untold suffering. With insufficient clothing to venture upon the frozen street numbers of them must huddle over their little stoves and nurse the spark that is unable to beat back the cold draughts that pour in through the many crevices of the poorly constructed houses.

The Italian quarters, Mulberry street and "Little Italy," though a part of the slums, deserve special mention. Nearly all of the foreign race live in colonies and each have their own peculiarities.

Much has been done to lessen the sufferings of the dwellers in the slums, and charitably inclined people find in them a broad field for their labors. Numerous parks have been laid out and several recreation piers have been built along the water front.

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Train on the Scotland Neck Branch 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.

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