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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

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Now let every man get down to business and lose no more time talking about politics and the "development of future events."

It has gone out that Marion Butler is to manage Mr. Bryan's campaign in North Carolina and for other southern states, with headquarters at Washington.

If Mr. Bryan is wise as we think he is he will cut loose from Butler and have nothing more to do with him.

The records in Washington show that the thermometer registered higher last week than since 1881. This has been a remarkably hot summer, especially during July and thus far in August.

The Chinese troubles are world-wide and have commercial relations with China is affected by the war there; and while there has been no declaration of war between China and this country, it will not be long before our trade with that country will suffer.

Whatever may be the outcome the contemplation of war is awful.

It is surprising how many persons loosely regard their financial obligations. They seem to feel like all that they can keep from paying out is clear gain.

There is danger that some superanxious people may be disappointed in the results of the great Democratic victory and the passing of the constitutional amendment.

There is reason to believe that competition will be sharper than it ever has been in North Carolina in certain things. If you think of aspirators to public office, in the future the man and his character will have more to do with the question than ever before.

PETER THE GREAT.

HIS WILL IN CHINA.

The Singular Document Translated.

What will be the result of the great upheaval of society in China to-day? What is Russia's real purpose, and what advantages will she realize from the terrific struggle in which so many nations are involved?

In a timely article in The National Magazine for August Capt. Charles Winslow Hall gives a translation of that singular document known as "The Will of Peter the Great," and generally acknowledged to embody the great and persistent policies which have extended the dominion and increased the power of the Russian empire.

Two centuries ago, or to be more exact, in 1690, Peter, since justly named The Great, succeeded to the throne of Russia. A burly, robust, half civilized, uneducated boy-prince, handicapped by bigotry and strong animal passions, and in his early reign unceasingly harassed by the most dangerous character he had, nevertheless, a strong intellect, a stronger will and a full measure of that practical common sense, which now and then in the world's history has been known to characterize a ruler of great provinces.

Peter had neither fleet nor army worthy of the name. No nation in all Europe, except the English nation, prized his friendship or feared his enmity; his troops were undisciplined and restive under control and his resources were uncertain and the prey of hereditary officialism and deep-rooted corruption.

By the time that he had died, in 1725, he had destroyed the military prestige of Sweden and secured much of her territory on the eastern shore of the Baltic sea, established ports upon the sea of Azov and the Caspian, and created large and well appointed armies and fleets. He had been solemnly crowned at Moscow, "Emperor of all the Russias," and been hailed by his nobles and people as "The Father of his Country, Peter the Great."

Dying, he left to his descendants and successors a paper embodying the immense purposes which during his checked career had sustained and impelled him. This ancient testament, pregnant with war unending, and intrigues and disloyalties, without scruple, must be read and remembered by everyone who would understand aright the past history, and comprehend in some degree the trend of Russian policy, and its probable results in the orient.

The Hang of Your Hand.

There is a great deal in the hang of your hand when free and at ease. A man drops his hands to his sides by a purely unconscious action in the majority of cases, and all unconscious actions are important to a would be judge of character.

If a long and well formed thumb hangs parallel with the outstretched fingers, all his actions will be the result of thought and his words well weighed before spoken.

Poultry Yard.

Farm Journal.

Black pools in the back-yard are poor watering places for the fowls. Work is the main factor in successful poultry raising. Don't shirk.

A good game cock is about as good as a guinea for scaring hawks and crows, and not so noisy.

What passes for cholera is often the result of exposure without shade, to the intense August heat. Brahmas and Cochins and all big, heavily feathered fowls are liable to heat prostration.

If the early chickens are to lay before cold weather sets in they should be well cared for at this season; give them plenty of food, plenty of room, and good air. Sell off the old hens before they begin to molt.

The summer season is a good time to erect necessary buildings. Build of seasoned lumber. Keep windows and doors open, and let the house and the soil of the floor become thoroughly dry before the birds are placed in the new quarters.

If by the smart tactics of the old hen you have a brood of chicks that you had not expected, don't coddle them, let them run. Throw the responsibility on the hen, and, ten chances to one, they will make a thrifty, hardy flock.

We Should Stick To Simple Food.

"There was in the old days far less wear and tear upon the nerves; and under such conditions, digestion was more completely performed," writes Mrs. S. T. Rorer of "Why I am Opposed to Pies," in the August Ladies' Home Journal.

"In my close observation in the last twenty years I find very few people in our common struggle for existence who can for any length of time eat carefully of complex foods. At forty or fifty a man may perhaps have accumulated wealth, but not health; and of what earthly use is the first without the second?"

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Stimulating Dreams.

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MARKETING TOMATOES.

Methods In Vogue For Handling Distant Shipments.

PICKED GREEN.

Concerning two methods in vogue for handling the distant shipment of tomatoes Professor F. S. Earle of Alabama says: At most points in Florida the fruits are picked dead green—as soon as they reach full size and at least a week before they would begin to color.

The greatest drawback to this system is that when picked in that condition no one can tell the exact stage of maturity, and it is impossible to so assort them that all in one package will ripen together. When opened on the market, some of the fruit in the basket will be fully ripe while some is dead green.

In Mississippi the usual plan is to allow the tomatoes to hang until they are slightly tinted. The fields are picked over every day, so as to get as many as possible of them in this tinted condition. At the packing shed they are assorted into three grades as to color—ripes, mediums and greens.

The growing of tomatoes on a large scale is an exacting business, requiring constant personal care and attention from the time the seed is planted until the crop is harvested. It is not a crop that can be successfully handled by ignorant tenants.

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Squinting Administration.

We salute another reformer; like all reformers a blessing to mankind. Hear: "President Harper of the University of Chicago, is greatly interested in the possibility of living on \$300 a year. He remarked to friends that he was determined to try one week to see if he could provide for his family table at an expense of 15 cents a day for each member, according to the schedule furnished by Miss Katharine Davis.

We don't know which to most admire in President Harper, his desire to be a reformer and show people how to live on fifteen cents per day (many already thoroughly understand it) or his intense human nature as manifested in the desire to eat a square meal at the expense of his relatives.

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Webster And The Astor House.

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"When I was a boy I ran errands and helped in various ways in a haberdashery store that was in the Astor House, corner of Vasey street, the place now occupied by a ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Daniel Webster was at the Astor House frequently in those days and I remember him very well.

He used to buy a great many things in our store and always had them sent in the hotel to be paid for there. He never had any money. I have carried many purchases to him. He had a parlor up one flight, I think, and there always was a crowd of people about him there.

The hotel could well afford to make no charges against him in view of the custom he brought. He was magnificently indifferent about what anything cost. He used to buy his gloves of us for one thing—white kids when he was going to lecture or speak in the evening. He wore an 8 1/2 glove and he would split or ruin three or four pairs before he got one to suit him.

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

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| Leave Weldon | 1 | 1:00 | 9:52 | Arr. Rocky Mt. | 1 | 9:52 | |
| Leave Tarboro | 12:21 | | 6:00 | | | | |
| Arr. Rocky Mt. | | 1:05 | 10:52 | Leave Weldon | 1 | 1:05 | 12:38 |
| Leave Weldon | 1 | 1:05 | 10:52 | Arr. Florence | 1 | 10:52 | 12:38 |
| Leave Selma | 2:55 | 11:10 | | Arr. Florence | 1 | 10:52 | 12:38 |
| Arr. Fayetteville | 4:30 | 12:22 | | Arr. Fayetteville | 1 | 4:30 | 12:22 |
| Arr. Florence | 2:35 | 11:25 | | Arr. Fayetteville | 1 | 4:30 | 12:22 |
| Arr. Goldsboro | | | 7:30 | Arr. Fayetteville | 1 | 4:30 | 12:22 |
| Arr. Goldsboro | | | 7:30 | Arr. Fayetteville | 1 | 4:30 | 12:22 |
| Arr. Weldon | | | | Arr. Fayetteville | 1 | 4:30 | 12:22 |

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Yadkin 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., returning leaves Sanford 2:30 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 3:41 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 3:46 p. m., arrives Wilmington 6:40 p. m.

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