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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

The published census reports seem to be very unsatisfactory to the large towns in the State. The daily papers a few days ago contained a list of the towns in the State with over two thousand population, with a comparison of the 1890 census, and showing the growth of ten years.

A number of the towns have discussed in a lively manner the matter of taking a new census, Raleigh being among the number.

It still looks like there will be more trouble in China. News advices from Hong Kong during the past week say that that city was placarded with statements inciting the people and the members of the secret societies to unite and rise during the month of January and drive out all foreigners. China is a great empire and the Chinese are an extreme people. It will be a sad day for the foreigners there when the merciless natives rise against them.

It is gratifying to see stated in the papers that in some parts of the State where wheat has not been raised very extensively larger quantities have been planted this fall. This is as it should be; for whatever may be the price of tobacco and cotton, farmers make a great mistake in failing to raise all of their supplies at home. A few acres of wheat planted in properly prepared land will make enough for the family every time, one year with another. Farmers can have regard to nothing that will be of more significance to them.

That was most welcome news sent out by the correspondent to the Raleigh Post a few days ago from Warrenton, that Criminal court for Warrenton county was opened and closed the same day for lack of business. The correspondent said, "The jail doors are wide open and have been for several weeks."

When it is remembered that the dispensary system for handling liquor is in operation in Warrenton, the significance is such as to commend the matter to the serious consideration of the people. Say what you may about temperance folks being cranks and fanatics, the statistics are in their favor when it comes to comparing crime and criminals with the open-door saloon system.

The country had hoped that the troubles with the coal strikers of Pennsylvania were over. Recent reports, however, indicate that there is a strong probability of another general strike amongst the miners next April. It will be remembered that the adjustment of the troubles between the miners and their employers a few months ago, was to hold good only until next April. It is said that many of the miners who had not done so before have joined the Union since the recent adjustment of matters between the strikers and their employers; and it looks like the miners may be preparing to open another big strike in April, sure enough.

There can come no good to the country from violent strikes of any kind. They are a source of great trouble, suffering, hardships, and often times bloodshed. There is no reason why employer and employe should not be able always to arrive at such understanding and maintain such relation as will insure to the advantage, benefit and prosperity of both. In most cases of serious disagreement some one is to blame on both sides.

HOW TO CURE COUGP.

Mr. E. Gray, who lives near Amenia, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

What to Give And Not to Give.

SOME SENSIBLE SUGGESTIONS.

Mrs. W. H. Felton in Atlanta Journal.

The time is near at hand when the proper selection of Christmas gifts must be performed—or disappoint the great majority of little children in the land. And it is a puzzling business with a lean pocket to fall back upon, and must be somewhat perplexing to make a choice where money is plentiful and abundant.

At the risk of appearing cynical, I am going to say there is an immense waste of money on useless trifles. I have seen homes absolutely clogged with toys, rattles, drums and all manner of noisy things, which had no value, except to amuse children for a few hours, and after the newness wore off, they filed even to amuse or satisfy the owners.

One sensible city mother whose husband told it a duty to crowd the hearth on Christmas eve night with a buggy load of such valueless things, once told me that she regularly turned over a new leaf on new year's day, and swept every broken toy into the open fire, regardless of expostulation or entreaty. Those that were kept whole and were respected by their small owners, she set away in a large closet for rainy day helps to amuse her gang but the broken affairs she cremated as a sensible relief to the feelings of the household. She said she was unable to check the waste of money at the start, but she surely could get rid of the bother at the end of the holiday week.

Children need but few toys to make a Christmas time happy to each of them. A surfeit is like overindulgence in appetite—it is unhealthy and unsatisfying. Something to use or work with has been always more comforting to children than noisy things, so far as my experience goes.

As far back as I can recollect (and it has been a long time ago) I was asked by my father, who was a partner in a country store, what I wanted most on a certain Christmas morning. I looked over the stock which covered a lot of things reaching from prunella shoes to bar iron and black molasses, and provoked a hearty laugh by selecting a small pair of cotton cards as the sumum bonum of my desires with a whole store to choose from.

My black mammy was a beautiful spinner of cotton woolen thread, and I had been rebuked so often for tinkering with her cards that I resolved to own a pair, and sit by her side to sing and card cotton rolls according to her style of doing the work. It made me as happy as a child gets to be, when the cards were handed over, and I could carry them to mammy for a greasing and a delightful occupation as I regarded it. Toys, except dolls, were scarce in those early days, and my good bachelor uncle brought me a "bought doll" from Augusta when he "went to market."

The doll fully satisfied my pride in doll-baby-ways, but the cotton cards made me even happier because they stood for something that meant something, even in my childhood.

If parents or friends can discover what children are most anxious to possess in the way of tools or to satisfy real wants in those industrious efforts, they will accomplish far more than in the bestowal of promiscuous toys to be counted up and merely looked at on Christmas morning.

I am averse to toy pistols, guns, etc., as presents for little children. Fire arms are dangerous for grown men and boys—and should always be handled with caution by those who have some experience (if not age), in the business. Every Christmas there are newspaper accounts of serious accidents by slack handling of guns, cannons and pistols, to injure others and themselves also. And again, it begets an unhealthy longzig attached to them. They keep people uneasy whenever the house is filled with firearms in inexperienced hands.

But the majority of people give presents to others than children, as we know, and there is keen satisfaction in being gratefully remembered by those who think of you in affection and genuine interest, but these presents should not be expensive enough to create a sense of serious obligation in the mind of the recipient, especially where poverty prevents a return in kind. Among kindred there is wide latitude of course, and all rules have exceptions, but a flower or a bit of personal skill and industry is often more satisfying than expensive gifts or overgrown favors to a sensitive person who is keenly awake to the proprieties of such occasions. The loving heart which should be

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the backing in all these gifts or holiday favors is at last the most valuable factor in the whole business.

An old time negress who brought me three eggs and a jug of prunston beer, a dozen years ago, has kept a sweet place in my memory all these years of time and change and brought real tears to my eyes over her open grave.

A Remarkable Incident.

James Southgate in Richmond Christian Advocate.

In the year 1868 I resided in the village of Olin, N. C., where I kept school in a large college building of brick, known as the Olin High School. The county road ran near the building on one side, and just on the edge of the road stood a post oak tree which bore small acorns, which are very much sought for by quails. The sister of my wife, then Mrs. Baker, was quite ill. She had suffered with fever for many days, and the physician recommended a very delicate soup, and thought that a bird, if one could be had, would be the best to season the soup. It was Sunday morning, and, while I did not wish to violate the Sabbath, yet I thought the circumstances justified me in taking a gun to the adjoining woods to see if I could find a bird, which I intended to shoot for this sick lady. I went to the house of Mr. Gill, beyond the college building, but in sight of the post oak tree mentioned above. There was a covey of quail which used in a skirt of woods just below the hill upon which we were standing and talking. I had gone to his house to borrow a gun and ask if he thought it was sinful to shoot a bird under the circumstances on the Sabbath. He said, "No," and, as he was turning to go to the house for his gun, we heard a fluttering of birds from that tree; and it seems that this covey of birds that used down the hill in the meadow had come up during the quiet of the Sunday morning and flown into this tree for the purpose of getting the acorns. A hawk at this moment espied the birds in the tree and was swooping down towards them. This frightened the birds and they flew in their confusion in every direction. One struck against the side of this brick building and fell to the ground dead. Another flew into the college chapel and struck against the glass window back of the pulpit and fell to the floor. A third flew some distance to my own home, struck against the chimney, and fell; so that from that flock of birds I gathered three without firing a gun. Was this accidental, providential, or a mere incident that might have occurred under other circumstances? I leave the reader to judge for himself.

"About five years ago I was troubled with catarrh of the lower bowel," says C. T. Chisholm, 484 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, and although I consulted several eminent physicians who prescribed for me, I found their remedies failed to in any way relieve me, and the trouble almost became chronic. After suffering several months, I one day concluded to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and I beg to assure you that I was most agreeably surprised to find after taking two doses of the remedy that I was completely relieved of the disease that had cost me so much trouble and annoyance. I am thankful to say that I have not suffered from it since." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

A poor man locally reputed to be a "button or two short," living in an out of the way village in Gloucestershire, called one day at a farmhouse while the good wife was dishing up a huge plate of dumplings.

"I'll bet thee a penny, missus," said he, "that I could eat thy dumplings, plate and all, for my dinner."

"I'll bet thee a penny thee can't," said the good wife.

"I'll bet thee I can," again said Jock.

"Then do it, Jock," said Mistress Hodge.

Thus bidden, Jock threw his legs under the table, calmly devoured the contents of the plate and heaving a deep sigh said:

"Missus, I shall hev to pay 'e the penny after all, for I find that I can't eat the plate."—London Fun.

LOST HIS BET.

It seems, however, that Dr. Bitting soon tired of his ministerial relations and decided to establish a creed of his own that would supply the spiritual wants of the world as he saw them. With this end in view, he formulated a few crude doctrines and claimed to have established the Independent Church of Christ. Learning of this, the Rev. Mr. Perry was greatly displeased and undertook to revoke the ordination license he had granted Bitting. When the founder of the new church refused to surrender the papers the circuit-riding circulated a letter in the vicinity branding the physician as an impostor. The affair is said to have created a great deal of excitement, especially among the congregations at the several churches of which Mr. Perry is pastor.

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STATE NEWS.

Happenings Noted In A Week.

CULLED FROM EXCHANGES.

POWELL WILL CONTEST.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 12.—Special-Ex-Congressman John E. Fowler, defeated by Congressman Thomas in the Third district, was in the city today and advised me that notice of contest had not been served on Mr. Thomas, but it was true that he would contest the right of Mr. Thomas to a seat in the next Congress charging that votes cast for himself in Craven, Jones, Onslow and Duplin counties were counted for Thomas. Fowler went to Craven this evening presumably to take affidavits.

IN THE PENITENTIARY FOR JEALOUSY.

The following item appeared in the Raleigh correspondence to the Charlotte Observer of 13th:

A white man named Crowder is also convicted in the Federal Court of taking letters belonging to a young woman. He was jealous. The letters were from the girl's fiancée in Florida. Finally the latter sent a special delivery letter. This she got. In it he broke off the match. He is since married. This case is from Northampton. Crowder gets a year in jail.

REGISTRARS INDICTED.

The Charlotte Observer of 13th says: The Democratic registrars for Forsyth county in the late election, were yesterday indicted by the grand jury of the Federal Court, in session in this city, on the charge of election frauds. The specific charge is "deprivation of rights guaranteed by the constitution of the United States," which means that they prevented various and sundry voters from casting their ballots. A dozen or more witnesses in behalf of the government went before the grand jury yesterday. The grand jury returned three separate bills, all for the same offense.

Those indicted under the first bill are: Joe Jacobs, Frank Martin, A. Dayne, Eugene Heater, Pink Fulton, Salem Daye, Bill Williams, Thomas Pepper, Thos. Jennings, Don McKee, Morris Brame, R. C. Clincke, A. Honly, John Prable, Will Harris, Tom Brandon.

A second bill was returned against Registrars C. L. Holland and J. G. Clayton.

STRANGE ORDINATION.

The following was sent out from Greensboro a few days ago:

A strange story of human credulity and travesty on religion comes from Danbury, Stokes county. It appears, according to the story, that an ordinary preacher of the Southern Methodist Church has delegated unto himself the powers of a bishop and ordained a country doctor into the full ministry of the Church, bestowing upon him authority to administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper, perform the rites of matrimony, etc. The minister in question—Rev. W. H. Perry, a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and pastor in charge of the Danbury circuit—believes in and preaches the doctrine of sanctification, or entire freedom from sin. In connection with this doctrine he believes that God has endowed him with special power and authority and that he can ordain persons to the ministry and perform other unusual offices.

In accordance with his views along this line, Mr. Perry recently accompanied Dr. B. W. Bitting, of Mountain View, Stokes county, to a pool just below what is known as the Cascade, near Piedmont Springs, where he went through the form that he was endowed with all the prerogatives of the ministry and commanded to go and preach, not neglecting the doctrine of sanctification.

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CENSUS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Following are the comparative census figures between certain towns in North Carolina with a population over 2000 for the years 1890 and 1900.

	1890	1900
Asheville	14,694	10,255
Beaufort	2,195	2,607
Burlington	3,692	1,716
Charlotte	18,091	11,557
Concord	7,910	4,339
Durham	6,679	5,485
Edenton	3,016	2,205
Elizabeth	6,348	3,251
Fayetteville	4,670	4,222
Gastonia	4,610	1,933
Goldsboro	5,877	4,017
Graham	2,052	591
Greensboro	10,035	3,317
Greenville	2,563	1,937
Henderson	3,746	4,191
Hickory	2,535	2,023
High Point	4,163	3,481
King's Mountain	2,062	429
Kinston	4,106	1,726
Morroe	2,417	1,860
Mt. Airy	2,689	1,708
Newbern	9,090	7,843
Raleigh	13,613	12,678
Randleman	2,190	1,751
Reidsville	3,262	2,900
Rocky Mount	2,937	816
Salem	3,642	2,711
Salisbury	6,277	4,318
Statesville	3,141	2,318
Tarboro	2,499	1,921
Washington	4,842	3,545
Wilmington	20,976	20,636
Wilson	3,525	2,126
Winston	10,008	8,018

WHAT'S YOUR FACE WORTH?

Sometimes a fortune but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moth patches and blotches on the skin—all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion. Only 25 cents at E. T. Whitehead & Co's Drug Store.

NOT FORGOTTEN.

She—I do believe you forgot that this was our wedding day's third anniversary.

He—Indeed, I didn't. I just met the second of the notes I negotiated to buy the furniture when we were married.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

ART AND ECONOMY.

Edmonia—Edgar, I'm going to burn these new photographs of mine; they look 10 years older than I do.

Edgar—Nonsense; put them away until you can catch up with them.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

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will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

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TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

DATED	July 22, 1900.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Leave Weldon	11:50	8:15	10:30	12:45	3:00	5:15	7:30	9:45
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:00	9:25	11:40	1:55	4:10	6:25	8:40	10:55
Leave Tarboro	12:21	6:00						
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:05	9:30	11:45	2:00	4:15	6:30	8:45	11:00
Leave Wilson	1:19	10:25	12:40	3:05	5:20	7:35	9:50	12:05
Leave Selma	2:25	11:30	1:45	4:10	6:25	8:40	10:55	1:10
Ar. Fayetteville	4:28	12:32	2:47	5:12	7:27	9:42	11:57	2:02
Ar. Florence	7:25	2:21						
Ar. Goldsboro	8:50	3:45						
Ar. Magnolia	11:20	6:15						
Ar. Wilmington	1:50	8:45						
Ar. Wilmington	2:35	9:30						
Ar. Goldsboro	4:28	11:23						
Ar. Magnolia	6:58	1:53						
Ar. Wilmington	8:28	3:23						
Ar. Fayetteville	10:00	5:00						
Ar. Rocky Mt.	11:20	6:20						
Ar. Weldon	12:45	7:45						

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Leave Weldon	7:00	9:15	11:30	1:45	4:00	6:15	8:30
Ar. Rocky Mt.	8:10	10:25	12:40	2:55	5:10	7:25	9:40
Leave Tarboro	12:21	6:00					
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1:05	9:30	11:45	2:00	4:15	6:30	8:45
Leave Wilson	1:19	10:25	12:40	3:05	5:20	7:35	9:50
Leave Selma	2:25	11:30	1:45	4:10	6:25	8:40	10:55
Ar. Fayetteville	4:28	12:32	2:47	5:12	7:27	9:42	11:57
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Daily except Monday. Daily except Sunday.

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.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettville Branch—Train leaves Bennettville 8:05 a. m., Maxton 9:10 a. m., Red Springs 9:4