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OUR EDITORS'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Booker T. Washington, perhaps the best known colored man on the continent, is writing a series of interesting articles for The Outlook, headed "Up from Slavery." He gives a history of the founding, building, and management of Tuskegee Institute of which he is president. In referring to his trip to Europe, the expenses of which were paid by his friends in Boston, he speaks of a negro painter named Tanner whose work he found in Paris. He says that Tanner's painting is admitted for its merit and few ever stop to consider whether it is the work of a negro or a white man. Writing at length on the success of merit the great colored educator says some very striking things. We quote one paragraph: "I think the whole future of my race hinges on the question as to whether or not it can make itself of such indispensable value that people in the town and the State where we reside will feel that our presence is necessary to the well-being of the community. No man who continues to add something to the material, intellectual and moral well-being of the place in which he lives is long left without proper reward. This is a great human law which cannot permanently be nullified."

The question of dispensaries has been agitating the temperance people of the State for two years, and with one or two exceptions, wherever it has been tried the unopposed say they prefer the dispensary to the open saloon.

The people of Charlotte had a warm contest over the dispensary two years ago, and but for "senatorial courtesy" so strictly observed by Senator Osborne of Mecklenburg, the bill for the establishment of the dispensary would have passed both houses of the General Assembly. And the people of Charlotte are renewing the fight for a dispensary and it will probably be submitted to the people in a primary in about a week. This will be time enough to get a bill through the Legislature.

Terborgh has declared by a primary for a dispensary. At present writing we do not know what is the fate of the bill before the General Assembly, but there seems strong probability that the bill will pass.

"The noblest man or woman on earth is he or she who puts hands cheerfully and proudly to honest labor." The foregoing is one sentence taken from a most sensible article on labor submitted to the Charlotte News by "H. H. B." It is worthy the study and solemn contemplation of every one. The Creator has seldom exempted any of the human race from labor. Now and then one has been exempted from labor, but upon such God has placed the stamp of inability or incapacity. These are the only ones who can claim such exemption.

Those who have been surrounded by luxuries and such abundance of the things of this world as to free them from any care of subsistence or sustenance, have only the richer opportunity of turning their time and powers to high thoughts and to the performance of some heaven-sent mission through their peculiar freedom from the care of providing that with which to clothe and feed the body.

All labor is honorable. The toil of "the man with the hoe" is just as honorable as is the work of a President or a King in preparing a great State paper which is perhaps fraught with the destiny of a nation.

Then let not even the street sweeper be ashamed of his honest toil and his faithful efforts to meet his obligations in the world. And let not the man whose time is spent in the performance of the duties of some high office look with scorn upon the labor of the man in the ditch, the field, the shop or the street. If properly understood and accepted one is as honorable as the other, for all labor is the indication of a willingness to serve the world in obedience to the universal decree of God concerning his own creature.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

What the Law Makers are Doing.

VARIOUS BILLS AND MEASURES.

TUESDAY, FEB. 12TH.

SENATE.—The bill passed final reading: S. B. 598.—To establish graded schools and electric lights at Rockingham.

Resolution appropriating \$100 each to contestant and contestee in Stanley vs. Stringfield contested election case.

S. B. 611, H. B. 805.—To amend Craig law and provide for revocation of licenses of insurance companies that seek to transfer cases from State to United States courts.

Senator Webb called up his resolution pending for the payment of \$250 to J. N. Holding of Raleigh, for services as counsel in the public printing contest case of 1899. Passed.

The Brown anti-cigarette bill, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee on its introduction was, by request, referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

HOUSE.—The State will not go into the guano manufacturing business.

The House decided this much in defeating the measure introduced by Mr. McLean of Scotland for the establishment of one or more fertilizer manufacturing plants by the State. The bill provided for a bond issue to meet the expense necessary to carry out the work.

Mr. McLean's bill was debated for nearly two hours, and it received a very flattering vote. It failed of passage on its second reading by a vote of 38 to 48.

The bill authorizing the Governor to employ counsel to defend election officers when prosecuted in United States courts developed another political debate in the House. The Republicans fought the measure, which was defended and justified with enthusiasm and eagerness by the Democrats. Judge Connor and Mr. Craig made a strong defense of the bill. Messrs. Ebbs and Blythe, Republicans, spoke against it.

Speaker Moore announced that he had been called home to meet an urgent business engagement, and he asked for leave of absence. The Speaker can only name a temporary presiding officer for one day and on motion of Mr. Winston the rules were suspended and the Speaker was granted and indefinite leave of absence. Speaker Moore immediately named as the temporary presiding officer during his absence Representative S. M. Gattis of Orange.

The announcement was greeted with applause.

Bills introduced: H. B. 1034.—By Mr. Cartwright, of Lenoir.—Authorizing the town of Kinston to issue school bonds.

Bills passed: H. B. 952.—Authorizing the commissioners of Harnett to issue bonds for the erection of a bridge.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13TH. News and Observer.

SENATE.—Of bills introduced: By Mr. Henderson: To amend section 4, section 501 of the Code, providing that a judgment lien against a man having a homestead shall continue until the homestead expires.

By Speight: To establish a dispensary in No. 1 township in the county of Edgecombe.

From the calendar: House Bill: To authorize the commissioners of Halifax county to issue bonds to pay the county's indebtedness, passed second reading.

Senate Bill: To establish graded schools and electric light plant in the town of Rockingham. An amendment was adopted and the bill passed third reading.

House Bill: To make certain parts of Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties a stock law district, passed third reading.

HOUSE.—One of the most important bills of the session was introduced in the House by Representative Whitaker, of Guilford. It is entitled an act to provide for compulsory attendance of public school terms.

The Board of Commissioners, when petitioned by one-third of the voters of a county or town, are to hold an election on the question of compulsory attendance, and if the majority be for it, any child living in that county or town over twelve and under eighteen years of age, who is not able to read and write any section of the Constitu-

tion, shall attend the public schools unless educated by other means until able to read and write. It is provided that the attendance shall not exceed sixteen months, that the act shall not apply to any child physically or mentally unable to attend school, or in any school district which cannot accommodate the children compelled to attend.

New bills: Simms, of Wake, by request, to establish the North Carolina State Veterinary Medical Association, and to regulate the practice of Veterinary Medicine and surgery in the State of North Carolina.

Stewart, of Harnett, to incorporate the town of Angler, Harnett county.

Ellen, of Nash, to establish a dispensary at Nashville, county of Nash.

THURSDAY, FEB 14TH. SENATE.—A good portion of the time in the Senate was taken up discussing the bill which authorizes the Governor to employ counsel to defend State officers indicted in the Federal courts. The bill passed its final reading by a vote 35 to 11.

Among the bills which passed final reading: To authorize Halifax county to issue bonds.

HOUSE.—The time in the House was largely devoted to arguments in the impeachment proceedings against Chief Justice Furches and Associate Justice Douglas. There was no vote reached and the matter went over for further discussion. Among petitions and resolutions:

By Mr. Parker, from the Enfield chamber of commerce, in reference to the state raising Spanish peanuts.

By Mr. Parker, from citizens of Halifax county against the state growing Spanish peanuts.

By Mr. Parker, from citizens of Halifax, in relation to the State hiring farm labor on the State farms.

Shannanhouse, of Mecklenburg, resolution of instruction to the Attorney General to institute action against W. H. Worth, State Treasurer and the surerties on his bond. Placed on Calendar.

FRIDAY, FEB. 15TH. SENATE.—The bill for a dispensary in Tarboro was passed by vote of 32 to 6.

The divorce bill was discussed but no vote reached. Other matters were local.

HOUSE.—The impeachment proceedings consumed most of the time in the House, but no vote was taken. Ten speeches were made. Two sessions were held and the speeches were interesting and lively.

SAUNDAY, FEB. 16TH. Morning Post.

SENATE.—The Senate passed a score or two of bills and consumed the balance of the time of the four hours and a half session in talking about cigarettes and divorces.

But neither the anti-cigarette bill or the divorce bill got farther than the second reading, both being postponed to a future date—the divorce bill to Wednesday next (being again made the special order, for 1 o'clock of that day) and the cigarette bill (being displaced by the special order just as it was about to pass its final reading) going over till Monday.

Two important amendments were made to the anti-cigarette bill on second reading—a tax of \$20 being imposed on retail dealers, and section from the Code, giving parents and guardians the right to sue for damages as in case of damage sustained by the sale of liquor to minors, being added to this bill.

After arguing the question of impeaching the Supreme Court judges for three days, the House of Representatives decided to reach a vote Monday at 2 p. m.

An agreement was reached by both sides that the discussion on Monday should last four hours, the opposition having two hours and a half and the advocates of impeachment one hour and a half. The argument will begin promptly at 10 o'clock, though the House meets at 9:30 a. m.

The Republicans entered the discussion for the first time and created quite a breeze. An effort was made to force a vote during the afternoon without adjourning for dinner, but the Republicans resisted so stubbornly that it was agreed to adjourn until Monday.

Mr. Craig will be in charge of the time of those favoring impeachment, and Mr. Ebbs, the Republican leader, will control the time of the opposition.

Mr. Craig, the author of the resolution of impeachment, will begin his speech at 12:30 and will conclude at 2 p. m.

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2 p. m. He is one of the most eloquent speakers.

Twelve speeches were delivered—six on each side. Those who spoke for impeachment were Messrs. Whitaker of Forsyth, Curtis, Robinson of Anson, Blalock, Stewart and Jenkins. Those who spoke in opposition were Messrs. Yarborough, Patterson, Morgan, Whitaker of Guilford, Shaetz and Penbow.

Mr. Craig, the author of the resolution for impeachment, arose after Mr. Penbow concluded, and asked if any gentleman desired to be heard. He said, as the introducer of the resolution, he had the privilege of concluding the argument.

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Age Of The Dead Sea. Selected.

The level of the Great Salt Lake in Utah is steadily falling on account of the large volume of water tributary to it which is now absorbed by irrigation enterprises. A similar report comes from the Dead Sea in Palestine. The sea was formerly much larger than at present, as is shown by the old beaches stretching at various altitudes around the whole basin. Since the middle of the century its level has been very slowly rising till quite recently, but now it is falling again.

The phenomenon is not due to natural causes, but to the steadily increasing quantity of water that is taken from the Jordan river for irrigation purposes. There are other smaller streams flowing into the sea and they, too, are being utilized by the increasing number of farmers, who are diverting all the water they can get to the lands and are relieving the monotonous aspect of the former arid and lifeless region with many verdant fields.

The latest travelers say that some of the salt deposits covering the bottom of the lake may now be seen above the water in the shallow places and near the shores. This is a new aspect in addition to the deposits of salt crystals that have always been observed on the shores. But even though this desiccation goes steadily on, it will take a long time to dry up the waters, for it requires a sounding line over 1,800 feet long to touch the bottom in the deep northern part of the basin.

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No sensible girl dreads a single life. Old maid, as a phrase, has dropped from the common vocabulary. The spinster has her honored place in the community, and is as useful, as happy and as comfortably situated as her married sister.—February Ladies' Home Journal.

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The regular traveling along country roads of the vehicles in the service of the Postoffice Department will to a certain extent represent the power of publicity and law, and will deter, if not prevent, crime, which otherwise might not even be punished. From whatever point of view the plan is considered, it appeals strongly to the practical man. The farmers of the country should impress upon their congressmen the necessity for liberal support of the purpose of the Postmaster-General in this direction.

Aaron Burr's Love For His Daughter. "There is no phase of the strangely checkered life of Aaron Burr in which such of the finer qualities as the man had in his best days are more delightfully revealed than in his correspondence with his daughter," writes William Ferrine of "The Beautiful Daughter of Aaron Burr" in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "You dear Theodosia," wrote her mother to him when the child was still hardly more than an infant, "cannot hear you spoken of without apparent melancholy in so much that her nurse is obliged to exert her invention to divert her, and myself to avoid mention of you in her presence. She was one day wholly indifferent to everything but your name. Her attachment is not of a common nature." She was only in her ninth year when he began to write to her criticizing her hand-writing or giving her advice as to her behavior and studies. Once in his solicitude for the child he wrote to his wife: "If I could foresee that Theodosia would become a mere fashionable woman with all the attendant frivolity and vacuity of mind, adorned with whatever graces and allurements, I would earnestly pray God to take her forth with hence." No matter how busy Burr might be in his political and official tasks he always had time to write to Theodosia. He admonished her to tell him all about her most trifling actions, corrected her spelling, gave her directions how to pursue her studies in Greek, Latin, French and made, and impressed upon her particularly the value of keeping a personal journal."

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch.—Train leaves Bennettsville 8:05 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:50 a. m., Hope Mills 10:15 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:10 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:45 p. m., Hope Mills 5:55 p. m., Red Springs 6:35 p. m., Maxton 7:15 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 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:17 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 5:08 p. m., Greenville 6:57 p. m., Kingston 7:55 p. m., returning leaves Kingston 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 9:10 a. m., and 2:35 p. m., arrive Farmville 9:10 a. m., and 5:30 p. m., returning leave Farmville 9:30 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 5:00 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:55 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, 5:00 a. m., arriving Southside 8:10 a. m., returning leaves Southside 7:50 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 8:35 a. m.

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