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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

There seems to have been some very gross negligence practiced at Washington in the matter of paying government employees for work they have not done. According to a recent report of a special committee of the House to investigate the employment roll, a number of persons have been paid for work not done and for time not accounted for. Employees are much absent from their post of duty. It was stated that one employee had not worked more than six months in the four years he has been employed, has been drawing his salary all the time and has not been in Washington for eleven or twelve months. All these abuses ought to be corrected and the people look to their representatives in congress to do it.

Much is said about the advantage of the south, and truly it is a section rich in resources and pregnant with possibilities yet all undeveloped. In the matter of cotton milling the New York Evening Post recently said:

"The southern mills pay the freight to and from the market and then out-sell the Massachusetts mills, which deliver the goods only at the local depots. Fall River mills have endeavored as much as possible to get away from the goods that are being made by the southern mills, but they cannot get away readily from the basis that is fixed in the market when goods made from the same number of yards are offered for sale. Competition is promised soon in even the standard wide print cloth, the 38 1/2-inch, 64x64s. Another worrying feature is that the south has increased in spindleage in the past year an amount equal to two-thirds, of the total spindleage in Fall River, some three million spindles."

Much has been written by various students of the present and the past concerning "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the great book written by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Some claim that the book had much to do with bringing on the civil war, while others deny it. Mrs. W. H. Felton, in the Atlanta Journal, claims that "Uncle Tom's Cabin" was only an incident in the war matter. She strongly fortifies her position by good arguments like the following paragraph:

"To affirm that Mrs. Stowe's novel precipitated the civil war would indicate that the release of Barabbas caused the crucifixion of Christ. As stated before, both were incidents, indications, like the leaves that precede the stormy blast, or the discolorations which mark a bad case of blood poison in the human system. The disease was raging, the sectional gale was making a hundred miles an hour, and Mrs. Stowe pondered to the worst elements in northern society, to arouse bloodthirsty prejudice against the people of the Southern States."

They may have the chance! There has been considerable discussion of the various phases of the liquor question in North Carolina since the present Legislature convened. The various dispensary fights and other things pertaining to the liquor question have put on record the sayings of many members of the Legislature. In opposing certain dispensary measures some of the members have glibly declared that in the interest of consistency of church members and for the sake of the State keeping out of the liquor business they can not afford to vote for the State to do what they would scorn to do individually; adding the solemn declaration that if it were a question of State prohibition they would vote for it.

Very well, gentlemen! You may have the opportunity of proving your position sooner than you think. The COMMONWEALTH believes that the State is about ready, sure enough to vote "absolute prohibition," of which some members of the Legislature speak so easily; and we are ready to join the press and the people of the State in an earnest effort to have the election of 1881 repeated.

Can't we have it? If the temperance people of the State will bend efforts and blend energies for it, we can have a fair chance at the question, and THE COMMONWEALTH believes prohibition will win out.

THE MAINE

IT IS TO BE RAISED.

How The Famous Battleship is to be Lifted.

For three years the wreck of the Maine has lain upon the bottom of the harbor of Havana. Now, at last, the government has awarded the contract to raise it from the bottom. The effort is to be made to repair the shattered hull sufficiently to permit the floating of the ruined battleship into a drydock in order to refit her for her place in the navy. If this shall prove impossible the wreck will be broken up and sold for old metal and for historic souvenirs. In the latter contingencies, by the terms of the contract, a sufficient quantity of the old bronze will be set aside to mould the statues for the Maine monument.

The task of raising the Maine will be undertaken by a Chicago company organized expressly for the purpose, the agreement being that the company is to raise the vessel for the salvage and to pay the government three per cent. of all proceeds. In addition the company will return all personal property belonging to the officers and crew of the ship.

The plan is to raise the Maine completely to the surface of the water by means of a cofferdam, says the New York Journal. This is really a sort of fence of gigantic piles. A double row of piles 70 feet long will be driven into the mud all around the wreck of the Maine, their tops coming up above the surface of the water. When this double fence has been completed the space between the two rows will be filled up with material until a water-tight barrier has been formed. Then the water in the central space will be pumped out until the Maine will be left clear of water, lying in the mud bottom.

The next step will be to attach enormous buoys to the ship, sufficient to hold her up on the surface even when partly full of water. It will be necessary to patch up the Maine to keep her from breaking to pieces before raising her. When the buoys are in position water will again be let into the cofferdam and the ship will steadily rise to the surface.

This cofferdam will be the largest ever constructed anywhere. It will be oblong in contour, including within it every piece of wreckage from the Maine. Its construction will consist of brush, rock, earth, gravel and sack and so constructed as to be practically impervious to water. The top will be large enough for a team to travel along upon it with safety. The brush, one of the features of the dam, will be tied in bundles 30 feet in length, composed of broken joints, so as to make a solid bundle. These bundles will be weighted with rock and sunk into place. They will be interlaid and woven together in a way that will form a perfect piece of network around the ship, and as each layer goes down earth and gravel will be packed among them. Heavy bags of sand will compose the rear part of the base, while a few layers of them will be placed on top to be surmounted with earth.

Once constructed the contractors will put pumps to work, and when the bottom of the harbor is reached a well will be dug into it to hold all the bilge water that may leak through. Pumps will be kept at work whenever the well fills with water.

The salvage in the Maine is expected to be enormous. In its hold, according to the government schedule, there are now \$500,000 worth of ammunition and 100 tons of copper and brass. A hundred engines are stored away in the hulk of the vessel, while the armament and fittings are figured to be worth considerable money even if the vessel cannot be repaired. But this is a contingency not anticipated by the contractors. The explosion on the Maine was amidships and in the bow, and only in that part of the vessel was it wrecked. The construction of a bulkhead will, the contractors believe, shut off the bow and the warship will float.

Three offers were made by the company to raise the Maine. One was submitted on January 7, 1899, to the War Department and a price of \$1,500,000 asked. It was referred to the Naval Board and rejected. On January 5 last when bids for the project were asked for, the company offered to raise both for over fifty years.

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vessels for nothing, the restored vessels and their fittings to belong to the contractors. This bid, along with six others, was rejected by General Leonard Wood and Captain Young, and on January 22 the company submitted its third offer, allowing the government 3 per cent. of the money received for the property. Accompanying the bid was a bond for \$25,000, providing for the faithful performance of the contract. This was accepted.

Keep at It.

Two boys stood close beside a number of workmen busily engaged in constructing a building. "That seems like nice work," said one to the other, observing, as he watched a mechanic driving, with well aimed force, nail after nail into place.

"Yes, I should like to be a carpenter, but I could never have the patience to hit the same nail so many times," answered the boy.

The workman paused, his hammer lifted midway, and smiled. "You would never do for a mechanic, then," he said; "it is only repeated effort that brings good results."

This is true along any line of work you may pursue. The art of accomplishing a task skillfully is not learned in a day, but often represents years of steadfast toil. This ought not to discourage us, but, rather, to increase our desire to succeed. It is true that "no great thing was ever lightly won."

A boy who in early life sets about his work, whatever it may be, in earnest, is likely to accomplish wonderful results. "That son of yours is a born farmer," remarked one man approvingly to another, as he noted the energetic manner in which the lad performed his task. "John always does his level best at everything," was the reply.

That is really the secret of the whole matter--our level best, and stopping at nothing short of it.

Cost of Growing Corn.

Selected.

The American Agriculturist has published statistics on the cost of growing corn, which would seem to show that it is a good and profitable business, after all.

There has been much controversy over the cost of raising wheat, cotton and corn, and it certainly varies greatly under different conditions. Nevertheless, it is as true now as it always has been, that farming is a profitable business when pursued with reasonable intelligence and industry and in no other occupation is there so small a per centage of risk. The small farmer is always assured of his living which the small merchant and manufacturer may not be, while the capital of the latter is subject to great risks. It is an economic law that where there is little risk there is less return than in more precarious ventures, and the farmer may be content with moderate profits when he feels that his principal is not jeopardized. As a matter of fact, there is a great deal of money to be made in tilling the soil, and it will continue to be made as long as present conditions exist. The corn grower will have good crops this year, and he is sure of a good market whether he sells the grain direct or converts it into beef or pork, which is a much better way to do.

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A St. Petersburg dispatch says that M. De Witte is ready to remit increased tariff rates on American goods as soon as the sugar duties are remitted.

It was stated in the House of Commons that Great Britain is issuing from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 of war bonds weekly.

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STATE NEWS.

Happenings Noted in A Week.

CULLED FROM EXCHANGES.

A DRUNKEN MURDERER.

Atlanta Journal: Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 28.—News reached here today that John Shepherd killed Alonzo Johnson, in Wilkes county, a day or two ago. Both men were drinking and Johnson was shot three times by Shepherd. The murderer immediately fled and has not been arrested. It is believed that he has left the State. The murdered man leaves a wife and three children.

BOYS' FATAL QUARREL.

Greenville Reflector: At Rocky Mount on Wednesday two boys, one white and one colored, both about 13 or 14 years of age, became involved in a quarrel. The colored boy struck the white boy over the head with a stick and the latter died from the injury inflicted by the blow. The colored boy was arrested and has been placed in jail at Tarboro to await trial for murder.

The white boy was named Richard Dickens and the colored boy George Ray.

KILLED HIS CHILD.

Press Report: A tale of horror comes from Polk county. A man by the name of Blackberry went home drunk, began to abuse his wife because she had not enough food to supply his whiskey appetite. After kicking and beating her almost into unconsciousness, he grabbed his infant off the bed where it lay crying and threw it at its mother as she lay in the floor. The child's head struck the mantel, the blow killing it instantly. He then left the house. The wife managed about midnight to crawl to a neighbor's house and tell the news. A lynching is anticipated.

CRAZED BY DRINK.

Greenville Reflector: This morning Mr. Paul Metrick, the tailor, made another attempt to take his life. This time he cut a gash on his throat again and also took laudanum. He had been drinking hard for some days past and his rashness is due to this cause. Some months ago while on a spree he cut his throat. Poor fellow, it seems that whiskey has got the advantage of him. Yet there are people of influence who will do nothing to put the great evil out of reach of men who are too weak to resist it, but, on the other hand, use their influence to keep it where it will blight men's lives and send them to destruction.

THREE DEATHS FROM PNEUMONIA.

Charlotte Observer: Statesville, N. C., Feb. 28.—A few weeks ago Mr. S. B. Bailey and family moved to town from the neighborhood of Belt's bridge, this county. Soon after coming here Mr. Bailey, wife and children were seized, with severe cases of grip. In the case of the father and mother this developed into pneumonia. The family being so afflicted, Miss Belle Harbin, a niece of Mr. Bailey, came in to nurse them and she was soon taken with pneumonia also.

On Monday night Mrs. Bailey died, Tuesday evening Miss Harbin died, and about 9 o'clock the same evening Mr. Bailey died. Thus, in less than

36 hours, three persons in the same household died from the same cause. Four children survive Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, the youngest not yet being two years old. The remains of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey were interred in Oakwood Cemetery. Miss Harbin was buried at Mount Bethel church to-day.

KILLED OVER CARDS.

Wilson News: On Friday, February 15, near Mr. S. H. Tyson's in Saratoga township of this county, two negroes, Charlie Waters and Simon Foreman, were playing cards. A disagreement as to the winnings resulted in a quarrel which terminated with Charles grabbing a shovel and striking Simon on the head. Charles fled and Dr. Walton was called in who took several stitches in Simon's head. The injured man was later moved to his home in Pitt county where he died last Tuesday.

Simon is supposed to have gone to Pitt county also and a warrant has been eat there for his arrest.

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Shot by a Rabbit.

Philadelphia Times.

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Both barrels were emptied into one of the boy's legs, but he was not dangerously hurt.

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There are some men whose very presence is an inspiration. They carry a wholesome atmosphere with them wherever they go. Contact with them though it be only brief and casual, is a quickening force. And there are other men whose influence is as disheartening as a drizzling day or east wind. To look at them is to suffer a reduction of intellectual and spiritual vigor.

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A Grand Old Lady Gives Her Experience.

Mrs. Thankful Orilla Hurd lives in the beautiful village of Brighton, Livingston Co., Mich. This venerable and highly respected lady was born in the year 1812, the year of the great war, in Hebron, Washington Co., New York. She came to Michigan in 1840, the year of "Tippecanoe and Tyler too." All her faculties are excellently preserved, and possessing a very retentive memory, her mind is full of interesting reminiscences of her early life, of the early days of the State of Michigan and the interesting and remarkable people she has met, and the stirring events of which she was a witness. But nothing in her varied and manifold recollections are more marvelous and worthy of attention than are her experiences in the use of JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. Mrs. Hurd inherited a tendency and predisposition to scrofula, that terribly destructive blood taint which has cursed and is cursing the lives of thousands and marking thousands more as victims of the death angel. Transmitted from generation to generation, it is found in nearly every family in one form or another. It may make its appearance in dreadful running sores, in unsightly swellings in the neck or groin, or in eruptions of various forms. Attacking the mucous membrane, it may be known as catarrh in the head, or developing in the lungs it may be, and often is, the prime cause of consumption.

Speaking of her case, Mrs. Hurd says: "I was troubled for many years with a bad skin disease. My arms and limbs would break out in a mass of sores, discharging yellow matter. My neck began to swell and became very sore, and in appearance, my body was covered with scrofulous eruptions. My eyes were also greatly inflamed and weakened, and they pained me very much. My blood was in a very bad condition and my head ached severely at frequent intervals, and I had no appetite. I had sores also in my ears. I was in a miserable condition, I had tried every remedy that had been recommended, and doctor after doctor had failed. One of the best physicians in the state told me I must die of scrofulous consumption, as internal abscesses were beginning to form. I at length was told of Dr. Johnston, of Detroit, and his famous Sarsaparilla. I tried a bottle, more as an experiment than anything else, as I had no faith in it, and greatly to my agreeable surprise, I began to grow better. You can be sure I kept on taking it. I took a great many bottles. But I steadily improved until I became entirely well. All the sores healed up, all the bad symptoms disappeared. I gained perfect health, and I have never been troubled with scrofula since. Of course an old lady of 83 years is not a young woman, but I have had remarkably good health since then, and I firmly believe that JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA is the greatest blood purifier and the best medicine in the wide world, both for scrofula and as a spring medicine." This remarkably interesting old lady did not look to be more than sixty, and she repeated several times, "I believe my life was saved by JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA."

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