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THE EDITORS' LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

"Less work for more pay is the tendency of the times of late," said a close observer of "passing events" in the COMMONWEALTH office a day or two ago. And sometimes one really feels like it is a correct conclusion to reach. One is inclined to ask the question, Is there as much genuine, hard down labor and study these latter days for an equal remuneration and consideration as there was a generation or two ago? It is to be feared that too many persons are looking for easy places and fat jobs.

What is the difference between a pair of young horses and a young pair of horses? We stood near an admirer of fine horse flesh recently who seeing a pair of horses pass, remarked, "There goes a young pair of horses." We noticed carefully how he worded the sentence, and then the question which we have propounded came up: What is the difference between a young pair of horses and a pair of young horses? Will some of our conundrum answering contemporaries tell us the difference? Perhaps also some of our readers who handle horses much could enlighten us.

The latest project for rural delivery is a scheme suggested by a western inventor. The plan is to string wire to poles along the postal routes through the country. Charge the wire with electricity, and hang a basket to the wire and have them to run on grooved wheels propelled by a motor. More particularly it is described thus: "With light baskets hung to the wire by grooved wheels propelled by a small motor set to run at six or eight miles an hour, with suitable trips from each apartment of the basket to engage with like trips where the mail is to be left and other mail taken on, different sized baskets for each kind of mail started out at different times. Should one basket get disabled the one following would bring it around."

THE COMMONWEALTH has all the while believed that hazing of any serious nature is brutal and ungentlemanly. The developments by hazing investigations for the past few months have made many a cheek flush with pent-up indignation. About the best solution we have seen at all is the following concerning Bishop Chesire's method of dealing with the brutes who thought they would "hit" him:

Baltimore Sun, 12th: Major William M. Pogram, of Baltimore, tells a good story illustrating how the nerve developed in the Civil War enabled a young Southerner to defy hazers in a Northern college.

The young soldier was Joseph B. Chesire now Protestant Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina. At the close of the war, in which he served with distinguished gallantry, he was seventeen years old. Deciding to enter the ministry, he went to Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., taking with him his well worn gray overcoat and his army revolver. While alone in his room at the college one evening not long after his arrival Mr. Chesire received an unusual number of visitors. One by one students dropped in till nearly a score were in his room. He divined their purpose, but received them courteously. Finally one remarked: "I suppose you know what we have come for?" At the same time he locked the door and put the key in his pocket. While this was going on Mr. Chesire had backed quietly to his desk. Raising his revolver, he gave the command with military terseness: "Unlock the door, file out one by one!" The young men, seeing the stripling student suddenly transformed into the trained soldier, knew there was nothing to do but obey the man they had come to humiliate. As the last one left Mr. Chesire said politely: "I hope you have had a pleasant evening, gentlemen. Call again."

No further attempt was made to haze him.

"I have been so troubled with indigestion for ten years, have tried many things and spent much money to no purpose until I tried Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I have taken two bottles and gotten more relief from them than all other medicines taken. I feel more like a boy than I have felt in twenty years." Anderson Riggs of Sunny Lane, Tex. Thousands have testified as did Mr. Riggs. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

MR. JERNIGAN WRITES.

Tells How Russia Competes With The Southern States.

AN INTERESTING PAPER.

Hon. T. R. Jernigan, ex-Consul general at Canton, China, under President Cleveland, wrote recently to the Charlotte Observer:

In 1891 the value of American cotton drills sold in Newchwang was \$572,007, and in 1899 it was \$2,023,646. There was scarcely any trade in American jeans in 1891, it amounted to only \$1,409, but it had increased in 1899 to \$88,890. In sheetings the value in 1891 was \$1,198,136, and in 1899 it had increased to \$3,910,916. The proportion of American trade at Newchwang to foreign imports by China, at the port of Newchwang, stands thus: Total of all foreign imports, \$21,775,930, and total from America, \$6,474,895.

It will be seen from the above figures that the trade between the United States and China in imports from the former country has been yearly increasing in value, and that a comparison of the total shows that the north China trade at Newchwang alone is nearly a third in value of the whole foreign trade at the very point where Russia claims to be supreme.

To the above figures should be added the fact that nearly all the cotton goods from America is sold in the markets which the delegation accurately represented were endangered by Russian aggressions, and it must be clearly evident that if Russia, under the cover of Belgium, controls the building of the Hancow and Canton railroad, the source of that danger will grow until the force of arms alone can uproot it; and it ought certainly to be clear that no valuable quantity of railroad material would be purchased in America if either Russia or Belgium builds the road.

Besides, the increased production of cotton in Russian Central Asia does not leave a doubt that Russia is mindful of the value of the Manchurian demand for cotton goods, and although the time is distant when the production of Russian soil can supply that demand a few figures will indicate its approach.

Last year the cotton crop of Russian Central Asia is estimated, in a German consular report, at 144,440 tons, being about one-fourth larger than in 1899, and supplying half the demands of the Russian spinning mills. It is further estimated by an American authority that during the five years ending in 1899 we sold to Russia an average of nearly \$4,000,000 worth of raw cotton every year, showing that two-thirds of the raw cotton used in the Russian mills came from the United States and one-third from Russian territory, and it is reasonable to conclude that the development of cotton growing in Russian Central Asia means the gradual exclusion of all foreign cotton from the Russian mills. It further means that Russia will want the markets of north China for the product of her own mills and Russian statesmanship is open-eyed enough to see it.

The progress of Russia in textile industries, and particularly in cotton manufactures, has been rapid, and Russia now holds the fourth place in cotton spinning, being surpassed only by Great Britain, the United States and Germany, and supplies the entire demand for cotton-fabrics, except for the finer qualities, among the 100,000,000 people of European Russia.

And while it is true that the staple of Russian cotton has heretofore been inferior, it has been in recent years improved materially by the American upland variety which has thrived finely in Central Asia. The irrigation plans for the steppes of Asia will reclaim a still larger cotton area, and with cotton lands developing in Caucasia, it is no random prediction that Russia will become independent, if not a competitor, as a cotton growing country.

When this writer first arrived in China, the prediction that Russia would be as far advanced into the Empire as she is at this date would have been received as thoughtless, but Russian diplomacy, like the incoming tide, although seeming to recede with the outgoing wave, steadily advances notwithstanding the noise along the shore. The complications in which China has involved the world has presented the aim of Russian diplomacy in a light not heretofore so generally comprehended. After China was defeated, in the war with Japan, the approach of Russia toward Port Arthur

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"GO IT, TOM."

Why The Champion Failed.
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Tom belonged to a settlement school and the school had furnished most, if not all the real happiness he had ever known. Here the good in him was developed until somehow he began to forget the bad.

He was a sturdy little athlete and won most of the races and other contests of strength. Through various winsome traits he had found his way to the heart of his teacher and she was always interested in his success.

One day arrangements had been made for a foot race. Several boys were to run, although everybody was sure that Tom would win. The preliminaries were settled, race started, and the boys were off over the course. Tom led clear and free for about half the distance, then, to the surprise of everyone, Johnny began to gain upon him. Jim was just behind Johnny and running vigorously. Tom's feet seemed to grow heavy and Johnny steadily decreased the distance between them, until finally he shot past Tom, and with a sudden spurt, gained the goal fully five yards in advance. Jim was close behind, and he, too, sped over the line a little ahead of Tom, but enough to give him second place and to leave Tom out of the race.

"Why, Tom, what was the matter?" asked his teacher as the defeated boy came toward her with the tears streaming down his face.

His only answer was a sob. "Tell me what happened, Tom."

Tom dug his knuckles into his eyes to dry his tears and tried to tell his story.

"I started all right, you know—" "Yes, you led them all." "But when I got half way there the boys began to call, 'Go it, Johnny, you're second.' 'Hustle, Jim, you're gaining.' 'Run, Johnny, run, you're most up to him.' But nobody said, 'Go it, Tom.' and somehow it got into my legs and they wouldn't go; and Tom, dropping to the ground in a heap, cried as though his heart would break.

Moral—Many have fallen in life because there was no one to say, "Go it, Tom."

SEVEN YEARS IN BED.

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In 1860 Rev. A. D. Betts met a very old woman in Bladen county, N. C. whose aged husband had lately died. In her grief she said: "The heart don't grow old." March 31, 1901, he told the faculty and students of Littleton Female College of the incident, and said he had for 40 years wanted some one to write a poem on that thought. Next day one of the teachers, Miss Lillian Lynn Morton, daughter of Rev. J. B. Morton, of Tarboro, read to "Uncle Betts" and his wife the following:

Though the pitcher he broke at the fountain,
And the years their tale have to'd,
And the golden bowl he broken,
Yet the heart doth never grow old.

And when some old faded rose leaf
In a booklet's dusty fold,
Calls to mind a little romance
Of the heart that never grows old,
Then tender recollections
And old love dreams unfold,
And the whispered words are breathed
Again
In the heart that never grows old.

When the scroll of loving memories
Has slowly been unrolled,
Tis a little tear that tells the tale
Of the heart that never grows old.

As we think of these Angel beings
Now called to another fold
Then a sweet and hopeful longing
Fills the heart that never grows old.

But ah! when the years are ended
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DATED Jan. 15, 1901.	Daily		Semi-Weekly		Daily	
	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
Leave Weldon	11:50	8:58	1:00	8:52	1:00	8:52
Leave Rocky Mt.	1:00	9:22	2:10	10:00	2:10	10:00
Leave Tarboro	12:21	9:43	3:20	10:20	3:20	10:20
Arr. Rocky Mt.	1:05	10:02	4:00	11:00	4:00	11:00
Arr. Weldon	1:20	10:16	4:15	11:15	4:15	11:15
Arr. Rocky Mt.	2:55	11:18	5:45	12:15	5:45	12:15
Arr. Fayetteville	4:30	12:35	7:20	1:30	7:20	1:30
Arr. Florence	7:25	2:40	10:15	4:45	10:15	4:45
Arr. Goldsboro	9:50	4:10	12:45	6:15	12:45	6:15
Arr. Weldon	11:00	5:20	1:55	7:25	1:55	7:25
Arr. Rocky Mt.	12:25	6:45	3:20	8:50	3:20	8:50

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

DATED Jan. 15, 1901.	Daily		Semi-Weekly		Daily	
	No. 7	No. 8	No. 9	No. 10	No. 11	No. 12
Leave Weldon	1:00	8:00	1:00	8:00	1:00	8:00
Leave Rocky Mt.	2:10	9:10	2:10	9:10	2:10	9:10
Leave Tarboro	3:20	10:20	3:20	10:20	3:20	10:20
Arr. Rocky Mt.	4:05	10:55	4:05	10:55	4:05	10:55
Arr. Weldon	4:20	11:10	4:20	11:10	4:20	11:10
Arr. Rocky Mt.	5:55	12:18	5:55	12:18	5:55	12:18
Arr. Fayetteville	7:40	1:35	7:40	1:35	7:40	1:35
Arr. Florence	10:35	4:50	10:35	4:50	10:35	4:50
Arr. Goldsboro	13:00	8:15	13:00	8:15	13:00	8:15
Arr. Weldon	14:10	9:25	14:10	9:25	14:10	9:25
Arr. Rocky Mt.	15:45	10:40	15:45	10:40	15:45	10:40

†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 3 05 p. m., arrives Fayetteville 4 20 p. m., leaves Fayetteville 4 20 p. m., arrives Wilmington 9 25 p. m.

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 55 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. 73, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Downmore 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 6:37 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.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parme 9:10 a. m. and 3:15 p. m., returning leave Parme 9:35 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 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:10 p. m., 6:10 p. m., returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 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 Smithfield 6:10 a. m., returning leaves Smithfield 7:30 a. m., arrives at Goldsboro 8:25 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:29 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m., returning leave Spring Hope 11:20 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:10 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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