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THE EDITORS' LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future. In view of the many railroad wrecks in all parts of the country...

The condition of some of the United States soldiers in the Philippines is awful. Concerning a certain expedition into the interior of Samar...

The most ridiculous thing that has been done out to the public in a long time, is the proposition to pension the widows of Presidents.

The United States Senate on Friday passed without objection a bill giving Mrs. Ida S. McKinley, widow of the late President, a pension of \$5,000 per annum...

The greatest cost of transporting timber from the forests of the north-west by vessel to the west coast of America has caused experiments to be made at various times of transporting timber in bulk...

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SEVERAL THINGS TOLD.

Mixed Items of Much Interest. HERE AND THERE.

The British population working underground in mines numbers 578,000. Death from old age has increased in ten years from 44.9 per 100,000 to 51.0.

In Russia the penalty for leading a strike is the same as that for rebellion. The cotton crop of the United States now almost equals in value its wheat crop.

The French army portable bakeries, which make bread from the grain, will be put on automobiles.

All employment of natives in the Philippines is on the padrone system. No American can walk out and hire a dozen Filipinos to go to work for him...

The length of human life is increasing with the improvements in general sanitation, education and hygiene is evidenced by the fact that in 1890 the average length of life was 31.1 years, while in 1900 it was 35.2.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul management has adopted a rule to use Indian names only for sleeping and parlor cars. One of the new Pullman sleepers just delivered to the St. Paul road has been named Nephawin...

The salvation army is floating and is sure of \$150,000 of bonds to provide homes for the worthy poor. The bonds are secured by colonization lands of the army in Ohio, Colorado and California valued at \$250,000.

A press clipping bureau in New York has just completed a collection of newspaper clippings for Senator M. A. Hanna covering everything printed in the editorial columns of the press of the United States and England relating to the death of William McKinley.

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The Child to the Father.

Robt. Bridges in Ladies' Home Journal. Father, it's your love that safely guides me.

Always it's around me, night and day, It shelters me, and soothes, but never chides me, Yet, father, there's a shadow in my way.

Thriftlessness in Caldwell. Charlotte Observer. The Lenox News of last week had this striking editorial:

"A few days since, in a short tramp in the country, we noticed a field of corn still standing ungathered, going to waste while corn is selling readily at \$1 a bushel.

"These and many other evidences of carelessness, thriftlessness or ignorance can be seen any day in a short trip through this country, and we must get out of these old ruts, take care of things and work with judgment, making an acre by good fertilization and tillage produce what two or four now produce by the careless cultivation.

"It seems to us there is a fine opening for some one to make good money in this community, raising pigs and poultry. Pigs are in demand at high prices, and chickens and eggs have commanded higher prices during the last twelve months than ever before.

The Cocoa Tree. Selected. A traveler in South America, where the cocoa tree is largely cultivated, speaks of the great care with which the young plants have to be protected from the sun, which, if very strong, is fatal to them.

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ACTIVE OLD AGE.

What Men Have Done. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.

R. H. Williams, in Baltimore Sun. Victor Hugo likened an old man to "a thinking ruin," and yet the literary products of authors well advanced in years have been many, and some of them were very popular and useful.

At the age of 86 Dr. E. A. Park was busy on his memoirs of Jonathan Edwards.

W. Cullen Bryant was congratulated on the vigor of his intellectual powers after the age of 89.

In writing his last work, Albert Barnes, at 70, remarked: "This completes my work on the Bible, a work which has occupied my leisure hours for 40 years, which has been to me an unending source of enjoyment and which has met with a degree of success which I never expected."

When John Adams was 99 years of age he was asked how he kept his faculties entire up to the age of 90. He answered: "By constantly employing them. The mind of an old man is like an old horse. If you would get any work out of him you must work him all the time."

Nothing is more amusing than to watch two acquaintances saluting in the streets of a Japanese town. As they come in sight of each other they slacken their pace and approach with downcast eyes and averted faces, as if neither was worthy of beholding the other, then they bow low so as to bring the face, still kept averted, on a level with the knees, on which the palms of the hands are pressed.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for sixty years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success.

"Days" at the Charleston Exposition.

A number of days during the coming months have been selected and set apart for special purposes and objects, and in honor of various bodies, communities and associations of the country.

Good Roads Convention, February 5, 6 and 7, 1902. Annual Convention Railroad Commissioners of the United States, February 11, 1902. President's Day (President Roosevelt will visit the Exposition) February 12, 1902.

West Virginia Day, February 20, 1902. Illinois Day, March 4, 1902. Louisiana Day, March 27, 1902.

Virginia Polytechnic Institute, April 1, 1902. Shriners' Midway Night, April 2, 1902. Limestone College Day, April 3, 1902. Shriners' Day, April 3, 1902.

A Sermon's Value in Dollars. The following is an interesting item sent out from Richmond, Va., concerning a minister known in North Carolina:

"The Norfolk and Western railroad has been called upon to decide what is the value of a sermon in dollars and cents and for that purpose a board of arbitration has been appointed.

"Last summer Rev. W. P. Hines, of Norfolk, while a passenger on the Norfolk and Western, lost a stachel containing among other things two hundred sermons in manuscript. The stachel had been properly checked, and the road was therefore responsible for it, and was willing to make the loss good, but what the basis, none up to the present time knows.

"IF I COULD GET RID of this atrocious cold," exclaimed the sufferer, when the end of a spasm of coughing gave him chance to take a breath. The way out of the trouble lay upon the throat and lungs. After a few doses the cough is easier and less frequent, and a complete cure is but the question of a little time.

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Table with columns: TRAINS GOING SOUTH, TRAINS GOING NORTH. Lists train names, destinations, and times.

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Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch. Train leaves Bennettsville 8:10 a. m., Maxton 9:05 a. m., Red Springs 9:32 a. m., Home Mills 10:15 a. m., arrives Fayetteville 11:40 a. m., returning leaves Fayetteville 4:15 p. m., arrives York 5:09 p. m., Red Springs 5:43 p. m., Maxton 6:16 p. m., arrives Bennettsville 7:15 p. m.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:30 a. m. and 3:10 p. m., arrive Pamlico 8:55 a. m. and 3:10 p. m., returning leave Pamlico 11:10 a. m. and 5:22 p. m., arrive Washington 12:30 a. m. and 9:15 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Trains on Norfolk and Western Branch leave Norfolk 8:15 a. m., Norfolk 8:45 a. m., Hatteras 1:10 p. m., Greenville 5:47 p. m., Kinston 5:15 p. m., returning leaves Kinston 7:30 a. m., Greenville 8:30 a. m., arriving Halifax at 11:05 a. m., Weldon 11:30 a. m., daily except Sunday.

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