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### THE EDITORS' LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

Mr. Lewis Nixon who six months ago went in with a flourish of trumpets as leader of Tammany Hall, has resigned. He could not quite manage the "tigers," and did not wish to allow them to manage him; so he resigned the leadership and declared himself out of politics and "glad of it."

About fourteen months ago the great Jefferson hotel was burned in Richmond. Almost Phoenix like it has arisen from its own ashes of destruction and was reopened in grand style Thursday night of last week. It is practically the same hostelry it was before the fire with some slight changes in the interior.

Whether you smoke or chew or whether you do not; whether the old lady takes her snuff or whether she does not; or whether or not you are in any way interested in tobacco, if you are a North Carolinian—a sure enough "Tar Heel"—you must feel proud a little bit at least in the following from the Raleigh letter to the Charlotte Observer May 14:

"A telegram from H. H. Brimley in charge of the Agricultural Department's exhibit at the Charleston Exposition, states that to-day North Carolina was awarded three gold medals for tobacco out of seven awarded for the entire United States."

The most lively interest now in North Carolina is the general educational interest that is stirring the State from one side to the other. Governor Aycock is said to call it a "crusade." Dr. Chas. D. McVey, "an educational revival," and Mr. Walter Page, "a revolution." Whatever you may call it, North Carolina is stirred now educationally as never before; and, while all the dreams of some of our most enthusiastic and sanguine leaders in the work may not be realized soon if ever, there can be no doubt that great good will come to the State through this new movement along educational lines.

"A bridge of wood over a river of fire," was the description once given of the follies of the "reconstruction" period in the South. Many of those who little understood matters at the close of the Civil War, now recognize in the South tact and ability fully to master Southern problems.

Concerning the great educational awakening that is now stirring the entire South, and especially North Carolina, The Outlook sensibly says: "Any large educational movement, or the application of any general educational policy in the South, must be worked out in a large measure by Southern men. One of the saddest results of the war was the separation of the two sections in sympathy and in activity and the attempt of the North to solve Southern problems without sympathetic study of them, and without the aid of the Southern people. If, during the reconstruction period, statesmanship instead of partisan politics had had its way, this blunder would never have been made. The Southerner has a keen sense of justice; what he needs most of all is not argument with his view, but sympathy and the attempt to understand his conditions; to look at his problems, not with a purely critical and certainly not in an antagonistic spirit, but from the standpoint of brotherly comprehension."

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### OLD MAN OF THE SEA.

SINBAD'S STRONG SHOULDERS.

Status of Southern Education.

The following extract from an article by Edward Ingle in the Manufacturers' Record bearing upon the crusade of the Southern Education Board indicates that there is more than one side to the propositions advanced in the interests of that Board:

There is a fact intensely dramatic and absolutely truthful about the statement that in the ten Southern States south of the Potomac and east of the Mississippi adult white illiteracy is as great as it was before the Civil War, if that statement be reversed so as to read that in these ten Southern States there is no more white adult illiteracy than there was before the war.

That is an amazing fact of self-reliance in education when facts about the whole South for the past forty years are recalled. Nothing should be permitted to weaken that spirit.

War during four of those years transferred about \$2,000,000,000 worth of property from individual to the State, and at the same time reduced the productive value of that property to a degree which may hardly be estimated in dollars and cents. War and subsequent reconstruction wiped out at least \$1,000,000,000 worth of property represented in banking capital, insurance and the value of land, houses, etc., and weighted with grievous debts a population already depleted by the death or permanent injury of thousands of its most sturdy members. In the past thirty years the South, while overcoming many of these evils, has maintained the literacy of its white population, in spite of the imperfections of the school system, and in spite of the fact that of the \$615,000,000 spent by it in maintaining common schools, about \$109,000,000 have gone toward reducing by about 40 per cent. the illiteracy of its negroes, and this, too, in the face of hostility or ignorance on the outside centering in interference with the negro. This fact, pathetic as it is, and unparalleled for magnitude in the history of education, ought to induce well-meaning individuals on the outside to be slow to proffer advice or other aid, and enthusiastic Southerners to hesitate about accepting either.

The task is for the South to work out its own common-school system without regard to what has been done elsewhere—a system best suited to its peculiar needs. With the records in mind there seems to be more than coincidence of time in a growing determination on the part of the South to devote more of its energies to the proper education of its whites and in the apparent conception of the Southern education board idea by men of the North or of the South who have heretofore been occupied mainly or entirely in promoting the schooling of the negroes. The coincidence becomes more significant with the putative founder insisting upon the linking in the scheme of whites and negroes. For forty years the Southern Sinbad has carried astride his shoulders the black Old Man of the Sea, placed there against Sinbad's will, or without the Old Man of the Sea's intelligent action. Bent with his burden, Sinbad has patiently but persistently advanced, keeping, however, his head erect and his eyes to the front, and doing all within his power to loosen himself from his burden, and at the same time, in a spirit so different from that of the original Sinbad, to prepare the Old Man of the Sea to stand alone and to advance on right lines. At the point where success seems in sight Sinbad is

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offered a bottle, and is told that it contains the panacea for his woes. He hears the imprisoned genie's silvery, seductive voice saying: "Uncork the bottle, turn me loose, and together you and I will solve your problem of the Old Man of the Sea." Sinbad, however, discovers in that voice the tones of the genie who for forty years have forgotten him in their complete absorption in the fate of the Old Man of the Sea, or who, wittingly or unwittingly, have hampered him in their encouraging the Old Man of the Sea in misapprehension of the verities and to restlessness and discontent. Sinbad has the right to ask himself: "If I uncork this bottle may not the genie, however good his purpose, but true to instincts, actually tighten the bands which bind the Old Man of the Sea to my back and throw me to my hands and knees forever? Must I not, for the good of the Old Man of the Sea, of the genie, and especially of myself, bury the bottle?"  
God save the Commonwealth!

### Dr. Curry Royally Entertained.

MADRID, SPAIN.—Dr. Jabez L. M. Curry, the special representative of the United States at the coronation of King Alfonso, which is to take place Saturday, arrived here at 3 o'clock to day and was received at the railroad station by the secretary of the United States legation, S. S. Sikes, and Mrs. Sikes, and by Marquis Vallalobar, representing the government. The American envoy was driven in a royal landau to the residence which he will occupy during his stay in this city. Dr. Curry was greatly pleased with the quarters provided for him. He reached the house in time to witness from the windows the first ceremony connected with the present festivities, which was attended by the King, the Queen Regent and the court, namely, the laying of the foundation stone of a free school. The neighboring houses were gaily decorated with flags and soldiers and Civic Guards were drawn up around the site.

The American envoy has been placed on the same footing as foreign princes of the blood, and is treated with greater honor than the extraordinary envoys, with the exception of the envoy of France. Dr. Curry has a house to himself, servants, a French cook and a royal carriage with a coachman and footmen in the palace livery, whereas the other envoys are lodged in hotels. The mansion set apart for the use of Dr. Curry belonged to an English lady, the Marquis de Leuville, who died before it was completed. The workmen hurriedly finished the picturesque residence. It is of mediaeval appearance and is situated on high ground within a stone's throw of the palace, commanding a magnificent panorama of miles of scenery reaching to the foot of the Sierra Guardarrama. The house is richly furnished with ancient tapestries and other rare works of Spanish art.

The government reserved a most appropriate pleasure for Dr. Curry, in the selection of his old friend, the Marquis de Vallalobar, to attend him while in Madrid. The Marquis was formerly a secretary of the Spanish legation at Washington. Dr. Curry was formerly United States minister to Madrid.

Willie—Say, pa, what is the difference between market value and intrinsic value? Pa—The market value, my son, is what you pay for a thing. The intrinsic value is four times what a second-hand dealer offers you for it. —Chicago News.

### LIKE A DROWNING MAN.

"Five years ago a disease the doctors called dyspepsia took such hold of me that I could scarcely go," writes Geo. S. Marsh, well-known attorney of Nocona, Tex. "I took quantities of pepsin and other medicines but nothing helped me. As a drowning man grabs at a straw I grabbed at Kodol. I felt an improvement at once and after a few bottles am stout and well." Kodol is the only preparation which exactly reproduces the natural digestive juices and consequently is the only one which digests any good food and cures any form of stomach trouble.

## MOST LADIES NEED A TONIC EVERY SPRING.



MRS. BARBARA McDONALD, President of the St. Louis Blue Ribbon Club, writes the following letter concerning Peruna from 297 Dayton street, St. Louis, Mo.

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Miss Julia V. Teller, of 258 Prairie street, Milwaukee, Wis., is President of the German Young Woman's Union. Her opinion of Peruna is given in the following words:

"Our German Young Woman's Union has nothing but praise for Peruna. Three of our members have been most wonderfully helped. One of them had the lassitude incident to spring weather is especially trying to women. Ailments peculiar to the sex of many varieties are especially prone to aggravation. All this class of ailments are fitly described by the term 'pelvic catarrh.' Any woman wishing to be placed on the list of Dr. Hartman's patients for free home treatment and advice should immediately send name and symptoms, duration of disease and treatment already tried. Directions for the first month's treatment will be promptly mailed free of charge. No free medicine will be supplied by the doctor, but all necessary directions will be furnished. Read what the above ladies have to say of Peruna as a cure for these cases. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address: Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

almost constant headache for the last year. The other two suffered from catarrh of the head and throat. "I have used it after a most unpleasant experience with an attack of la grippe, and found that three bottles completely restored me to health."—Julia V. Teller. Mrs. Mary Hardy, of 568 W. Polk street, Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I find it necessary each spring to take some kind of a tonic and have found none of such value as Peruna. After taking a few doses I feel the good effects and seldom need to take more than one bottle as a spring medicine."—Mrs. Mary Hardy. Mrs. Catherine R. Bertos, 803 N. Elm street, Centralia, Ill., writes:

"I have found Peruna the most satisfying medicine I ever tried in my life. I suffered for years with catarrh of the stomach, which became aggravated every time I caught a slight cold. My food did not digest properly, and life lost its best charm until I tried Peruna. It made a new woman of me. It took eight bottles to effect a complete cure, but I would not be back in the former condition for a thousand dollars. I am most grateful for being cured completely and feel better than I have done for years."—Catherine R. Bertos.

The whole area of the island, near 400 square miles is mountainous. Besides Mount Pelee, there are further south and about midway of the oval the three crests of Courbet and all along the great ridge are the black and ragged cones of old volcanoes.

In the section south of the deep bay there are two less elevated and more irregular ridges, one running southeast and terminating in the Piton Vauelin and the other extending westward and presenting to view on the coast Mounts Carabe and Constant.

The mountainous interior is torn and gashed with ancient earthquake upheavals and there are perpendicular cliffs, deep clefts and gorges, black holes filled with water and swift torrents dashing over precipices and falling into caverns—in a word all the fantastic savagery of volcanic scenery, but the whole covered with the rich verdure of the tropics.

The total population of the island is reckoned at 175,000, of whom 10,000 are whites, 15,000 of Asiatic origin and 150,000 blacks of all shades from ebony to light ochraceous.

Martinique had two interesting claims to distinction in that the Empress Josephine was born there as was Mme. de Maintenon, the latter passing her girlhood on the island as Françoise d'Aubigne. At Fort de France there is a marble statue of the Empress Josephine.

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### DOOMED AND DEAD.

AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION.

The City of St. Pierre.

New York Sun.

St. Pierre was the largest town and the commercial centre of the French island of Martinique. It was the largest town in the French West Indies and was well built and prosperous. It had a population of about 25,400.

It was divided into two parts, known as the upper and lower towns. The lower town was compact, with narrow streets and unhealthy. The upper town was cleaner, healthier and handsomely laid out.

There was in the upper town a fine botanical garden and an old Catholic college, as well as a fine hospital. Mont Pelee, the largest of the group of volcanic mountains, is about 4,400 feet high. It had long been inactive as a volcano, although in August, 1851, it had a violent eruption. It is in the northwestern end of the island and near the foot of its western slope, fronting the bay, St. Pierre was built.

The consular resident at St. Pierre were, for the United States, T. T. Prentiss; Great Britain, J. Japp; Denmark, M. E. S. Meyer; Italy, P. Plissonneau; Mexico, E. Dupre; Sweden and Norway, Gustavo Borde.

There were four banks in the city—the Banque de la Martinique; Banque Trans-Atlantique; Colonial Bank of London, and the Credit Foncier Colonial.

There were sixteen commission merchants, twelve dry goods stores, twenty-two provision dealers, twenty-six rum manufacturers, eleven colonial produce merchants, four brokers and two hardware dealers.

The island of Martinique has the same general characteristics as its nearest neighbors with some peculiarities of its own. Its extreme length is about forty-five miles from northwest to southeast, and the main part of it is in the shape of an oval with rough edges, its greatest width being fifteen miles. At the lower end of this main part, the old Fort Royal Bay—since the French Revolution called Fort de France Bay—cuts in so deep as to come within six miles of meeting the inlets of Le Robert and Le Francois on the other side.

Martinique became an interesting point in this country during the recent war with Spain. The first news of the arrival of the Spanish fleet of Admiral Cervera came from St. Pierre. At 9:30 in the morning of May 11, 1898, the cruiser Harvard arrived at St. Pierre and at 6 o'clock the same evening a faithful correspondent at Fort de France communicated to the Harvard's commander the fact that the Spanish torpedo boat destroyer Furor had put into Fort de France. The destroyer turned out to be the Terror instead of the Furor, but the important fact that Cervera was on this side of the ocean was established.

### OPTIMISM.

Mrs. Frank R. Beck, in Rank's Home. O seek life's charm and sweetness, Its glory, beauty, joy; Dwell on its fair completeness, The gold, not glory's alloy. Find out the thing that's noble, Life's honey—not its gall; Seize on the truth—the gladness The dear world holds for all. O grasp the glow, the sparkle, The music and the mirth, The things that men call strange, The things of vital worth. Bask in the radiant sunlight, The glory, not the gloom; Breathe, breathe upon the mountains, Give wings the joy of room! Fear not in gloomy caverns, Where noisome creatures are; Let all thy gaze go upward, To gleaming sun and star! Leave skeletons in darkness, Rejoice in that which lives; With charity's best kindness, Forget where God forgives!

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