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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS

Points and Paragraphs of Things Past, Present and Future.

Work all you ought and save all you consistently can and keep it up as long as you can, is about the only safe rule for clean and honest accumulation. An exchange hints as much in the following paragraph: "Russell Sage has celebrated his 86th birthday but did not lose an hour from his work. The creed of the successful man of today is undoubtedly 'work.' His work must come above all else and with this constantly in view he will reach the coveted goal."

There are many things to make even the poorest of us feel grateful that we live in this land of plenty. The following from Vienna under date of Aug. 7th, tells a sad story from that far off land:

"After a special investigation among the agricultural laborers in Eastern Galicia, the Neue Frie Press draws a gloomy picture of the miserable conditions which led to the existing strike. The average mortality from famine for several years past, according to the Neue Frie Press, aggregated 50,000.

"Laborers' wages range from eight to sixteen cents a day, and women earn from four to eight cents a day. The peasants rarely taste bread and exist chiefly on a soup, the principal ingredients of which are water and herbs."

The management of the State Fair was criticised last year for the many indecencies which greeted almost every one who entered the grounds. The Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society recently passed the following resolution looking towards improvements at the State Fair this year:

"Resolved: That no gambling, devices, illegal games of chance or immoral exhibitions will be allowed on the grounds of the North Carolina State Fair, and the following are expressly excluded, such as plate boards, spindles, pick-ups, fish ponds, card games, slot machines, book making, etc., etc. Hoochee coochee or Oriental dancing, or other degrading exhibitions, within or without booths or tents, will not be allowed.

"All worthy and interesting shows or amusements are invited and will receive a cordial welcome.

"Notice is hereby given that the above will be strictly enforced."
"JOSEPH E. POGUE, Sec'y."

To one who would surrender himself to a contemplative mood, there is food for thought in drive through the country. At this season the fields in this region always show to good advantage, especially if rains have been abundant and cultivation good. And notwithstanding there has been considerable drought in many places this season, the crops are beautiful and promise plenty. And truly to look upon the face of the earth covered with growing crops—corn, peas, potatoes and other things to furnish food; cotton, peanuts and tobacco to bring money—one is amazed that there should be the unceasing cry of hard times and scarcity of bread and meat. Truly nature's part is well done and from all appearances the laborers' part is well done also. Then why the cry of scanty living? Surely something must be wrong.

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INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS.

J. F. Merry in So. Farm Magazine. Never in the history of the United States has there been such an active demand for farm lands throughout the entire Northwest, nor such a phenomenal advance in prices, as during the past three years. In Illinois the advance has been from \$90 to \$150 per acre; in Iowa, from \$35 to \$75, and even higher; in Minnesota, from \$15 to \$50, and in South Dakota, from \$2.50 to \$30. Real-estate prophets and others have each year predicted the top had been reached, and that prices must decline. Such, however, has not been the case. On the contrary, not only practical farmers, but bankers, mechanics, merchants and manufacturers having the idle money have shown their confidence in the future of cultivable lands by making liberal land investments.

The question now agitating the minds of real-estate agents (through whom 90 per cent. of all the farm lands are sold) is, where can we find low-priced real estate, and where will be the next great advance in lands? I advise all real-estate agents and others who handle farm lands that every indication now points to the South as the center of the next great boom, and our reasons for thinking this are based upon the following facts:

Southern farm lands are too low, as compared with the market value of Southern farm products. To illustrate: In Iowa lands selling in the market for \$60 to \$75 per acre are rented for only \$3 per acre. In Mississippi, and especially in the great cotton belt, the Mississippi valley, improved plantations can be bought at from \$30 to \$35 per acre, and readily rented for \$6 and \$7 per acre cash, or what is better at the present high price of cotton, for 100 pounds of lint cotton per acre, and upon which the taxes are not more than half what they are in Iowa or Illinois.

All indications point to an increased demand and increased local market for all kinds of Southern farm products. The development of Southern oil fields, furnishing cheap fuel, is attracting the attention of manufacturers. The construction of an interoceanic canal, whether at Panama or Nicaragua, will make New Orleans the gateway to important new markets that use largely the mining, manufacturing and agricultural products of the South. It will be the means of calling the attention of thousands of tourists and capitalists to the fertile lands of the Mississippi valley. It will result in large investments of Northern capital, which is invariably followed by immigration and a rapid advance in the price of farm lands.

Unimproved hardwood timber lands of the best quality are yet on the market at points in Mississippi between Memphis and Vicksburg from \$7 to \$10 per acre. The cost of clearing and fencing these lands is not to exceed \$10 per acre, and when cleared they will grow a bale of cotton worth from \$40 to \$50 per bale, or sixty bushels of corn worth from sixty cents to \$1 per bushel, to the acre. Every real-estate agent who has studied the agricultural conditions of this country understands how, with the rapid increase in population, making a constantly increased demand for everything eatable, it is utterly impossible for fertile lands to remain at present values in any section of our country, either North or South. The new industrial and commercial conditions that obtain at New Orleans, the recognized metropolis of the South, are a source of wonder and surprise to those who remember the Crescent City as it had been for a half-century prior to 1900. Throughout the city is now heard the hum of new industries, and New Orleans, instead of being a sleepy and quaint old Southern city, is fast coming to the front as a city of commercial activity, with prospects for the future not excelled by any city in the United States, and the growth and development of this city, and her local and export market facilities, must necessarily increase the price of all farm lands tributary thereto.

My Country.

My country is the world; I count No son of man my foe, Whether the warm life currents mount And mantle brows like snow, Or red or yellow, brown or black, The face that into mine looks back.

My native land is Mother Earth, And all men are my kin; Whether of rude or gentle birth, However steeped in sin; Or rich or poor, or great or small, I count them brothers, one and all.

My birth place is no spot apart, I claim no town or State; Love hath a shrine in every heart, And whosoever men mate To do the right, and say the truth Love evermore renews her youth.

My flag is a star-spangled sky, Woven without a seam; Where dawn and sunset colors lie, Fair as an angel's dream; The flag that still unstained, untorn, Floats over all of mortal born.

My party is all human kind, My platform, brotherhood; I count all men of honest mind, Who work for human good; And for the hope that gleams afar, My comrades in this holy war.

My heroes are the great and good Of every age and clime, Too often mocked, misunderstood, And murdered in their time; But, spite of ignorance and hate, Known and exalted soon or late.

My country is the world; I scorn No lesser love than mine, But calmly wait that happy morn When all shall own this sign; And love of country, as of clan, Shall yield to world wide love of man.—Robert Whitaker, in the American Israelite.

Clinging to Moving Trains.

H. E. C. B., in Charlotte Observer. The devil should have his dues. The railroads of North Carolina need protection from the small boy who steals a ride every chance he gets. If there is a law that prohibits swinging on to a moving train, it is not enforced as it should be. Somebody is at fault. I wonder that the death rate from moving trains in the State is not greater, for there is scarcely a day passes that I do not see one or more boys clinging to the side of running cars. I have seen it at Charlotte, Salisbury, Newton, Statesville and other places. The conductors and trainmen try to prevent it but are helpless at times. I have seen the steps of cars so full of urchins that it was impossible to leave or enter the train. The little boy killed in Charlotte the other day was trying to board a train. He had no business there.

Two years or more ago I saw the mangled remains of a fourteen year old boy who was sent hurling to death by an engine running into a passenger station at Salisbury. The boy was stealing a ride or a south bound passenger train when he dropped into the track behind him and went to sudden death. It was said here and then, before the fragments of the body were cold, that the boy was noted for his ability to bound on and off moving trains. On that particular night he had started up the street with a special request from his sick father not to loiter about the station. All the above facts I gathered myself at the time.

Later, relatives of that boy brought suit and were given a verdict, by a jury, for \$2,000. It may be right, but if so my training is at fault. If parents cannot keep their children from such dangerous practices the State and the town should help the railroads. The youngster who makes a habit of boarding and leaving moving trains should be locked up until he knows better. I have seen the results of railroad accidents. I have seen the mangled remains of several bright faced boys. It is a sad spectacle. I wish there was some way to teach the little fellows better before it is too late.

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Peruna is especially adapted to protecting against and curing nervous diseases of run-down women, as the testimony of Miss Cullen indicates.

Miss Blanche Myers, 3123 Penn street, Kansas City, Mo., has the following to say of Peruna:

"During each of the past four seasons I have caught a severe cold, when suddenly chilled after an evening party, and catarrh for several weeks would be the result. One bottle of Peruna cured me, and I shall not dread colds any more as I did."—Blanche Myers. An excellent little treatise on "Health and Beauty," written especially for women, by Dr. Hartman, will be sent free to any address by The Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, Ohio.

Cabbage Snakes.

Last year considerable was said in the State in regard to cabbage snakes, especially in the cabbage sections of the western part of the State. Recently an item has been going the round of the newspapers concerning a supposed poisonous "cabbage snake" found in a head of this popular vegetable by a lady in Swain County, North Carolina. The alleged snake was sent to the North Carolina Department of Agriculture for identification, and proved to be the common and inoffensive "Hair Snake" or water worm—*gordius variabilis*.

This is not a snake but a nematode worm which during some part of its life is an intestinal parasite of the cabbage caterpillar, grasshopper and some other insects. It is often found in samples of water from shallow wells, horse-troughs and ponds. Its presence in water indicates that the water is not fit to drink, but the worm itself is not poisonous nor in any way dangerous to human beings. The popular name "Hair Snake" is given to this worm on account of its great slenderness which has given rise to the fanciful idea that a horse hair has been transformed into a worm or "snake". Though this worm is often a foot in length it is never as thick as a knitting needle. Its color in water is usually drab, but when it lives secluded from the light it is generally white, hence the specific name, *variabilis*.

Snakes properly so-called, belong to the backbone or vertebrate series of animals; whereas the true worms belong to the backboneless or invertebrate series. We have no snakes as slender as a knitting needle, or in any way resembling a slender worm. We have no nematode worms which are visible to the unaided eye that are parasitic on human beings. Neither are they venomous or poisonous. They are, in fact, useful, in so far as they destroy noxious insects like cabbage worms and grasshoppers. Even should such a worm be left in a cabbage, cooking would render it unnoticeable, and as it is not poison no one need be afraid to handle or eat cabbage on account of the mythical "cabbage snake."

GERALD McCARTHY, Biologist, N. C. Department of Agriculture. NOTE.—The Station will be pleased to identify further specimens, and would be glad to have any assistance or suggestions that will enable it to obtain definite information regarding cases of poisoning from "Cabbage Snakes."

A Powerful New Shell.

Gastonia Gazette. A new time fuse for use on armor-piercing shells loaded with a recently discovered secret explosive of great power, has been invented by war department ordnance experts and will, according to a New York American dispatch from Washington, revolutionize foreign warship building. Tests of the explosive and fuse have been made and so long as the United States government holds the secret, foreign battleships either must double their steel walls or be as wooden frigates against the new destroyer. General Crosier, chief of ordnance, is quoted as having said that a test of the new explosive has been conducted with eminent success at the Sandy Hook proving ground and that the shell carried its contents through the thickest armor, and that the fuse lived long enough to have exploded on the interior of a ship of war. The great penetration secured was that of a shell fired from a 12-inch gun. It pierced 14-inch Krupp armor before detonation. The heaviest shield now in use is said to be only 12 inches thick.

Who is that Bertie Preacher?

Wilmington Messenger 6th. Yesterday a boy went to the post-office and got the C. W. Polvogt Co's mail. While walking along the street the boy dropped a letter and turned around to pick it up whereupon a white man beat him to the letter and picked it up. It was addressed to Mr. J. C. Loftin one of Mr. Polvogt's clerks, and the boy tried to get the man to give him the letter but he refused to do it and started to open the letter. The boy told him not to open it but the man tore off the end of the envelope and pulled out a check for a considerable sum of money. The boy could not induce the man to give up the letter, so went on to the store and told Mr. Loftin the circumstances. Presently in came the man with the letter. Stepping up to Mr. Loftin he said: "I am the Rev. from Bertie county. I'm an honest man. I found a letter and check belonging to you, and I demand a reward for it." Mr. Loftin took the letter and the man's roasting he gave the so-called preacher a Berte Sunday-school. The man beat a hasty retreat and was glad to get out without a reward. He was lucky not to have been seized by a policeman, and he may yet fall into the hands of the law for opening a letter which he knew wasn't his.

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