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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS ON PASSING EVENTS.

Criminal Officers.

ON Wednesday of last week Lieutenant Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, shot Editor Gonzales, of the Columbia State. The shooting occurred on the streets in Columbia just after the day's session of the South Carolina Legislature over which Mr. Tillman had presided. It developed that Lieutenant Governor Tillman was carrying concealed on his person two pistols, one a long range German magazine pistol with which he did the shooting, and a second large...

And Governor McSweeney's strictures were well laid. It is greatly to be regretted that so many men who ought to lend all their influence toward upholding the law, violate the law themselves by carrying concealed weapons and other wise disregarding the law. Such officers are truly criminal and bring reproach upon the law rather than respect.

Terrors of the Coal Famine.

THE coal famine in the North has become to be a most serious situation. Even before winter had well set in a gentleman who had just returned from a visit to the North, gave a doleful account of the condition of the poor. He said they had to buy coal by the bucket-ful and could not get half enough. News has come time and again that not only the poor are suffering for want of coal, but all classes of people are almost terrorized by the situation. Last week eleven persons died in Chicago in twenty-four hours for the lack of coal. A coal car broke down somewhere in the State of Illinois and the suffering people simply took the coal and made recompense for it. We who live in this brawny Southland have reason to be thankful indeed for the falling of our lines in pleasant places. The Charlotte Observer referring to the matter well and truthfully says: "We who live under a Southern sun suffer some disadvantages in life, but we need not suffer or die of cold in winter, of sunstroke in summer, or of hunger at any time of the year."

Retreat for the Lepers.

WHEN we read in the Bible of the lepers in that far away time we somehow feel like that awful disease no longer exists. The following item from Washington is of interest on the subject: "The report of the Senate committee on the Pacific Islands relating to conditions in Hawaii was made public to-day. The committee made a thorough inquiry concerning the leper settlement on Molokai Island, which is under territorial control, with the result that it recommends that management of the colony be transferred to the Marine Hospital Service, with headquarters in Washington, and that a general leprosario, or retreat for all the lepers of the United States, be established on that island. "At the time of the visit of the committee there were 358 leprose patients in the settlement."

Heating the Capitol.

THE usual question of heating and ventilating the State capitol at Raleigh has made its periodic appearance in the Legislature. Every General Assembly that has met in Raleigh, to be sure, in twenty years has had something to say about the heating and ventilation of the building. And there seems to be some good reason for the recurrence of the question; for from almost every term of the body for years and years some of the members have died. The deaths sometimes have been so numerous that many a member has gone to Raleigh with considerable fear that he might catch his death in that building. It is to be hoped that the proper thing will be done in the matter, whatever that may be.

The Growth of Gambling.

THE tendency to gambling seems to be growing. One wonders at the enormity of the evil, and it must be admitted by all hands on all sides that it is an evil. It is a sad contemplation that on almost every conceivable question, from a game of poker to the verdict of a jury in a murder trial, many men who are regarded generally as good citizens do not hesitate to stake money wherever they think they have a chance to win something for nothing. The papers print it that heavy bets are made on the senatorial question now before the State Legislature; and even on the verdict if the jury in the trial of the life of James Wilcox, who is charged with killing Nellie Cropsey, there has been liberal betting. To many good citizens such things are shocking, and it is strange that any sensible man cannot see that such influences are corrupting in the highest degree.

In Winter Time.

Selected.
About the dreary fields today,
The winds go walling up and down,
The brooding skies are chill and gray,
The hills are bleak, the woods are brown.
A little while ago they wore
The gorgeous court-dress of October,
But now their masquerading o'er,
The fields, the hills, the woods once more
Put on their homopop sober.
Ah, what care we, if winds are chill—
If woods are bleak and skies are gray—
While in our hearts lives summer still
Abides, and will not fade away?
There is a sunshine on the hearth,
A gentleness, broad and tender,
That compensates for wintry dearth,
That makes the humblest home on earth
A world of warmth and splendor!
So, when the twilight gathers slow,
The welcome hearth-fire's ruddy light
Makes our low cottage windows glow
Like cheerful beacons of the night
And hand in hand, we, drawing near,
About the hearthstone, happy-hearted,
Forget the world without is drear,
That sullen winter storms are here,
That summer has departed.
Heap on more fuel—let the blaze
Leap upward to the blackened rafter
While gathered in the fire-light glow,
We speed the hours with song and laughter.
What care we, if the tempest rage,
Safe folded in our cottage warmth?
We thank the tender God above,
Who guards us with his watchful love
And shields us from the storm.

Gentleness.

Gentleness is a great force. There is true philosophy in the fable of the wind and the sun. Love is the greatest power, either human or divine. All the great reforms in all ages, either political or religious, have been accomplished through love and true love is always gentle. Tyrants have lived for a time and have subdued men by brute force, but no regime of brute force and hatred has lasted for long. The greatest conqueror the world ever knew was the Prince of Peace, and he was the perfection of gentleness. As Napoleon said years ago, he established his empire on love, and his millions of subjects today are ready, if necessary, to die for him. Gentleness does not mean weakness, does not imply a lack of firmness, a lack of stability. The man of character and influence must be firm in his convictions and must never make compromises with evil. There are times when he must fight and agitate, but he may also do this and still be gentle at heart. Robert E. Lee was one of the gentlest of men—a gentleman in the true sense of the word.

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DISLOCATED HER SHOULDER.

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