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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

GREENSBORO is certainly among the towns in North Carolina that may be called "hustlers." It is getting to be quite an educational centre. A committee appointed by the Methodist Protestant Conference has decided to locate a college for that denomination. Greensboro people have subscribed \$11,000 for it and can be relied upon to do even more than that. They are truly a progressive people and rival all the towns in the State in educational institutions.

THERE are two sides to most questions. To many high prices are an indication of prosperity, but it does not always turn out so in everything. Some one has made the observation that the prevailing high prices throughout the country have put building material so high it seriously checks all building enterprises. It holds good in the country as well as in the cities and towns. High prices have their advantages and disadvantages, and when they prevail it takes perhaps as good financial engineering for success as when prices generally are low.

THE COMMONWEALTH has recently printed observations concerning the use of molasses as food for horses. The following paragraph appears in a late number of the Youth's Companion: "Instead of oats, they are feeding hay sweetened with molasses to work horses in New York, because the horses, when standing in harness at noon, do not chew their oats properly. A veterinary surgeon says there is more nutriment in molasses than in oats, and that it is a better food for horses. It is only in recent years that the food value of sugar has been understood."

ONE of the wisest and best things the present Legislature has done is the decision for a commission to revise the State Code. It has been needed for a number of years and has been more or less considered by every Legislature, but for one reason or another it has been deferred every time. Of course the desire and disposition on the part of Legislatures to be economical are to be commended; but few people who understand what revising the Code means will question the wisdom of the Legislature in providing for it. The commissioners selected to do the work are capable men—N. Y. Guller, Professor of Law at Wake Forest College, Judge T. B. Womack, of Raleigh, and Colonel W. B. Rodman, of Washington. The State will be greatly benefited by the work of these able and learned gentlemen.

DR. E. J. GATLING, one of North Carolina's most famous sons, died in New York February 26th. He was 83 years old. He was the inventor of the Gatling gun, which bears his name, and also of a number of agricultural implements and a gun metal. Dr. Gatling graduated in medicine but never practiced. He was a native of Gates county, we believe, and his name is known the world over by reason of the great gun he invented. The News and Observer, speaking of his work, appropriately says of him: "He went North as a young man and first lived in Indiana. He was living there when the Gatling gun gave him world-wide reputation. Afterwards he moved to Connecticut and a short time ago invented an improved plow, thus turning from death-dealing guns to plows, illustrating in his own life the fulfillment of scripture."

THERE are not wanting circumstances wherever intoxication from spirituous liquors is common to prove that drunkenness bestializes men. Perhaps the most shocking of the kind noted in North Carolina was in Hamlet a few nights ago when two men got into a brawl in a bar-room and one was killed. It has been sent out through the papers that while the dead man was lying on the floor the bar tender was selling and the others were still drinking. Attention was called to the fact that they were still drinking in the presence of the dead man; some one spread a handkerchief over his face and they continued to drink. While such cases may be extreme still they are strong evidences in the bill of indictment the moral forces of North Carolina have drawn up against the liquor business. It is strong argument also for the justice of the cause in which temperance workers are enlisted.

THE Atlanta Journal thinks that much of the butter shipped from the North ought to be produced by the farmers of the South. What the Journal says of Georgia will apply to North Carolina as well. With other things the Journal says: "The farmers of our State have opportunities to make some very large profits, not only in butter, but in eggs and poultry. There is probably no article in the world so easily produced and so easily sold at a good profit as eggs; yet we find farmers spending time and money on other things and neglecting this important source of income. Eggs are steadily advancing in price. They were 15 to 20 cents a dozen wholesale, all last summer—an unprecedented price at that season of the year. And during the winter of course they have remained steadily at fancy figures. Of course in order to succeed with these products it is necessary to use care and common sense. But accurate 'scientific' knowledge, which certainly increases the margin of profit, is not necessary. Any farmer of average ability can realize handsome returns on these commodities at present prices. It costs no more to produce them than it ever did. While we are talking of 'home industries,' how about butter and eggs?"

OUR LEGISLATURE.

The Bills and Measures Passed in a Week.

A PEEP AT OUR LAWMAKERS.

Wednesday, 43rd day.
SENATE.—Senator Aaron introduced a bill for the formation of a new county to be called "Overman," in honor of the newly elected United States Senator. The territory for the proposed county would come from Sampson, Lenoir, Wayne and Duplin, and Mt. Olive is proposed as the county seat. Senator Aaron said it would be the most prosperous agricultural county in the State.
Petitions were still introduced for temperance legislation.
A bill passed third reading authorizing a special tax in Edgecombe county to meet special indebtedness.
The bill for establishing a dispensary for Littleton was ratified and is now a law.
Senator Warren presented a bill to allow ex-Confederate soldiers to peddle without license anywhere in the State.

HOUSE.—The House determined to go back to the Revenue Act of 1901 for the questions to be asked in arriving at the income to be taxed.
That was Judge Graham's proposition and after a somewhat lengthy argument it formally went through.
The only question omitted is the one concerning interest on United States and State bonds.
Here are the questions:
1. From salary and fees?
2. From annuities?
3. From trade or profession?
4. Any other source except from property tax?

The pension bill was passed. There are few changes from the present law. Widows who married again are not excluded, provided their second husbands are dead. Only veterans who are three-fourths disabled are eligible to pension. But this does not interfere with any one now on the roll.
The county boards will be composed of the Clerk of the Court and three reputable Confederate veterans, who are to serve without compensation.
The Board of Pensions is empowered to revise the rolls, and strike off any names they may consider should not be there, for any reason.
The tax on undertakers was finally fixed. It is \$25 for towns over 15,000 people, \$15 for towns between 10,000 and 5,000, and \$5 for towns under 5,000.
The pension bill was laid before the House as a special order.

MR. PARKER'S SPEECH.
The News and Observer gave the following account of how Representative Parker, of Halifax, handled the bill and his remarks upon it:
"At this point, eleven o'clock, the special order, the pension bill, was laid before the House. Mr. Parker, of Halifax, explained that the bill eliminated that part of the former law giving pensions to members of the State Guard. The present bill was so amended that only the Confederate soldiers and sailors who are disabled to the extent of three-fourths are entitled to pensions; but those already on the roll are not disturbed. The Board of Pensions is given power to revise the list and strike off any that they may deem best. The members of the county boards are compensated at the rate of \$2.00 a day for three days.
"The section excluding widows who married again has been changed so that they can all draw pensions, provided they are widows again.
"Instead of the Sheriffs and the County Commissioners constituting the county advisory board the present bill provides for the Clerk of the Superior Court and three reputable Confederate soldiers to serve as the advisory board.
"Mr. Parker then proceeded to deliver an eloquent, ringing address upon the patriotic feeling that prompted the younger generation of North Carolinians to stand by the old veterans so nobly."

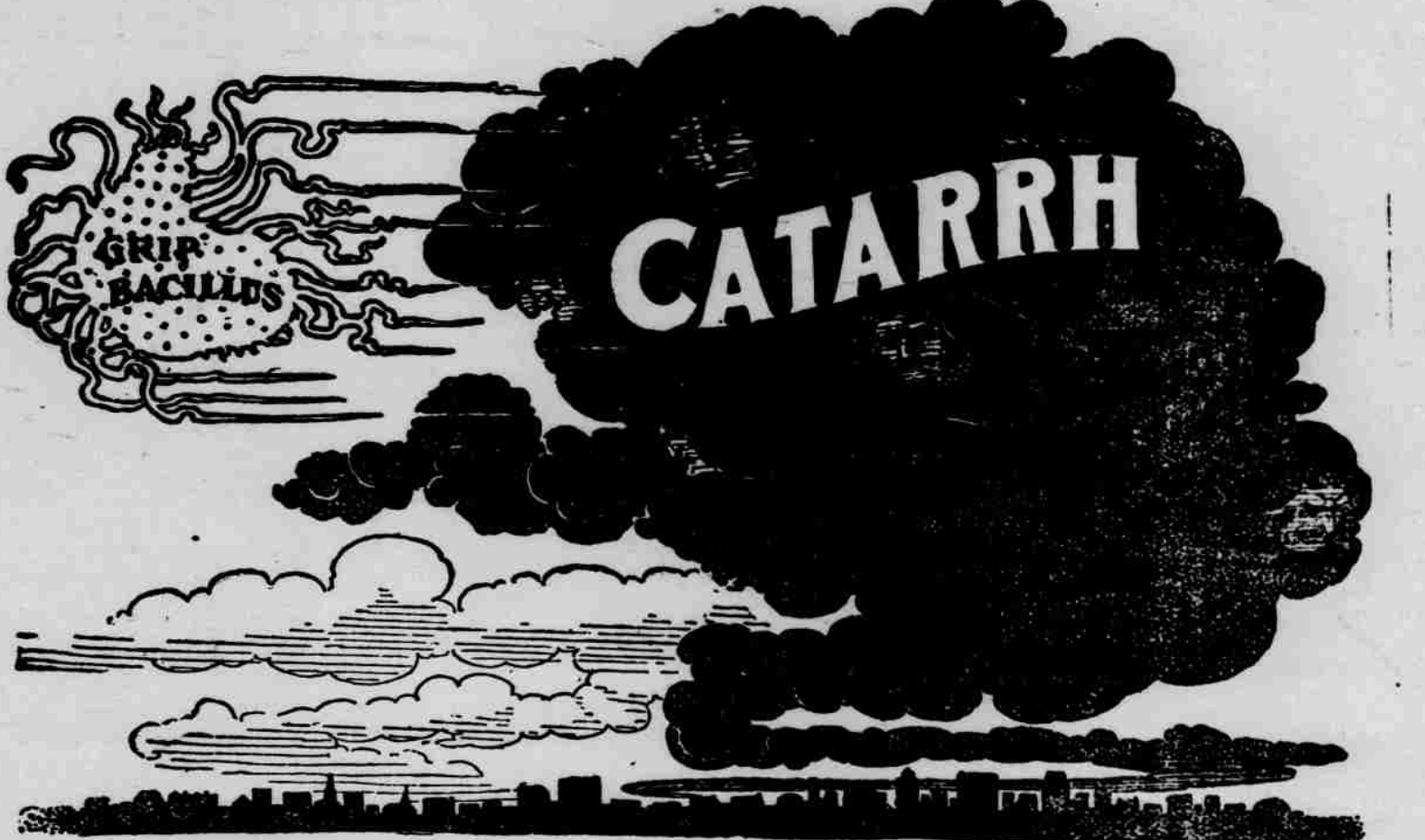
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tabling as many graded schools in Alamance county.
HOUSE.—Revenue bill passed second reading.
There was much work done in passing many bills without much discussion.
The House committee on Propositions and Grievances reported favorably 19 to 2 on the bill by Dr. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, to close all bar-rooms at 8 o'clock.
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