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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE Raleigh correspondent to the Charlotte Observer wrote just after the adjournment of the Legislature that cleaners were at work in the capitol which a session of the Legislature always leaves dirty. He wrote that by the time another session of the Legislature is held there will be some nice and needed improvements in the capitol building. Old carpets will be taken up, "book cases, hangings, lounges, water buckets" and the like will be changed. All of this is needed, for the correspondent observes that there is nothing modern about the place, the halls remaining just as they were fifty years ago.

BILL ARP, of Cartersville, Ga., (whose real name is Major Chas. H. Smith), celebrated the fifty-fourth anniversary of his marriage a few days ago, said the Atlanta Constitution. He has made merry for many people by his tongue and pen; and reckoning from no knowledge than his fifty-fourth wedding anniversary, one would judge that his life must be turning well towards the sunset, taking on "the rear, the yellow leaf." Innocent fun-makers like Bill Arp and Bill Nye, have done much good in the world; and there are hosts of people who will feel sorrowful when the news is flashed out that Bill Arp's course is ended, his work finished and his fun and philosophy will be set to print no more.

THE COMMONWEALTH has recently made editorial reference to the general feeling in the State that it is too easy for one man to kill another and get off with a light sentence. The Lumberton Argus emphasizes the same idea in the following jocular paragraph: "On the train the other night a witty gentleman, while the epidemic of homicides was under discussion, remarked that one, to be hanged now-a-days for murder, should go before the clerk of court and swear to his purpose and deliberate intention, and malice, to kill his man, and then have his affidavit published in the newspapers four successive weeks. To which it was replied that this would fall of its purpous, as the murderer would go scot free on the ground of insanity."

WHILE he lived and moved and wrought among men of the highest rank, Dr. J. L. M. Curry was known and recognized as a great man. But with him, as with all truly great men, his real greatness had received no true estimate by even his warmest friends and admirers while he yet lived. Now that he is dead, the grand proportions of his matchless masterfulness are beginning to be outlined, albeit they are yet but dim as compared to what they will be. Perhaps no man in the South for half a century—or may be longer—has held such grasp on any single subject as did Dr. Curry on the subject of education. To that subject he gave the best thought of his master mind and in the interest of education he did his noblest and most enduring work. While through his agency of the great "Peabody Fund" and "Slater Fund" his efforts were mainly in the interest of education for the South, he is regarded and mentioned by men in the North as the "friend of the South and the North." H. Clay Trumbull made an interesting contribution to a late issue of the Sunday-School Times on Dr. Curry. He closed the article with this strong and expressive paragraph: "As a soldier, as orator, as diplomat, as educator, as pacificator, as clergyman, as Christian worker, and as true and noble man, J. L. M. Curry filled an important place and did a noble work. He will be sadly missed and much mourned. His memory is worthy of high honor in this country, North and South, East and West, and in other lands than this."

A MEMBER of the Wisconsin Legislature recently introduced a joint resolution for a national conference to be held in Atlanta on July 4th to discuss "the race problem," and try to solve it, of course. The Indianapolis Sentinel says that the Wisconsin Legislature might as well "organize an expedition to find the north pole." Really we thought at first that the matter was not being considered seriously by the Wisconsin Legislature, but it now seems that we were in error. The matter has called forth some strong editorial expressions by the Atlanta Constitution, which says that time alone can settle it. In part the Constitution says: "Just one thing is necessary to understand: Conditions as they exist with the negro to-day were not of a day's making; nor of a year nor a generation. Nor can they be changed in a day, or year, or generation. The negro is going through a process of evolution. And, as a matter of fact, he is far better off to-day than he ever was. If slavery was wrong, it, at least, brought the negro out of the wilds of Africa and introduced him to civilization. It then fitted him, in a measure, for the pursuits of life. With freedom came the responsibility of sustaining himself. And there he is to-day—with very few of his number having learned that second lesson to any extent. A few, it is true, have mastered it quickly; have made conspicuous successes in the various walks of life. No, a 'race convention' such as is proposed would do no good, would accomplish nothing, in fact. It would bring on a lot of talk, perhaps give many an opportunity to air their 'theories'—then leave us where we were before. With the same conditions still existing and the same necessity for solving our problem among ourselves—which only the best thought, the best efforts and the best conscience of the two races, here brought in daily contact and fully understand each other, can do. And that, too, only with patience, with conservatism and with a spirit of justice and patriotism that should characterize all men."

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Then continue your investment at the office. Pay a little notice to the elevator man. Remember his work is not the most inspiring in the world, and he must often think life is monotonous. Try and give him an idea that he is a man among men, and not a mere machine. Then try a smiling "good morning" in place of a surly growl, on your office boy. If he has done his work well tell him so and thank him.

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And when they do make themselves appear you will find it much easier to dismiss them. Begin your new investment right away.

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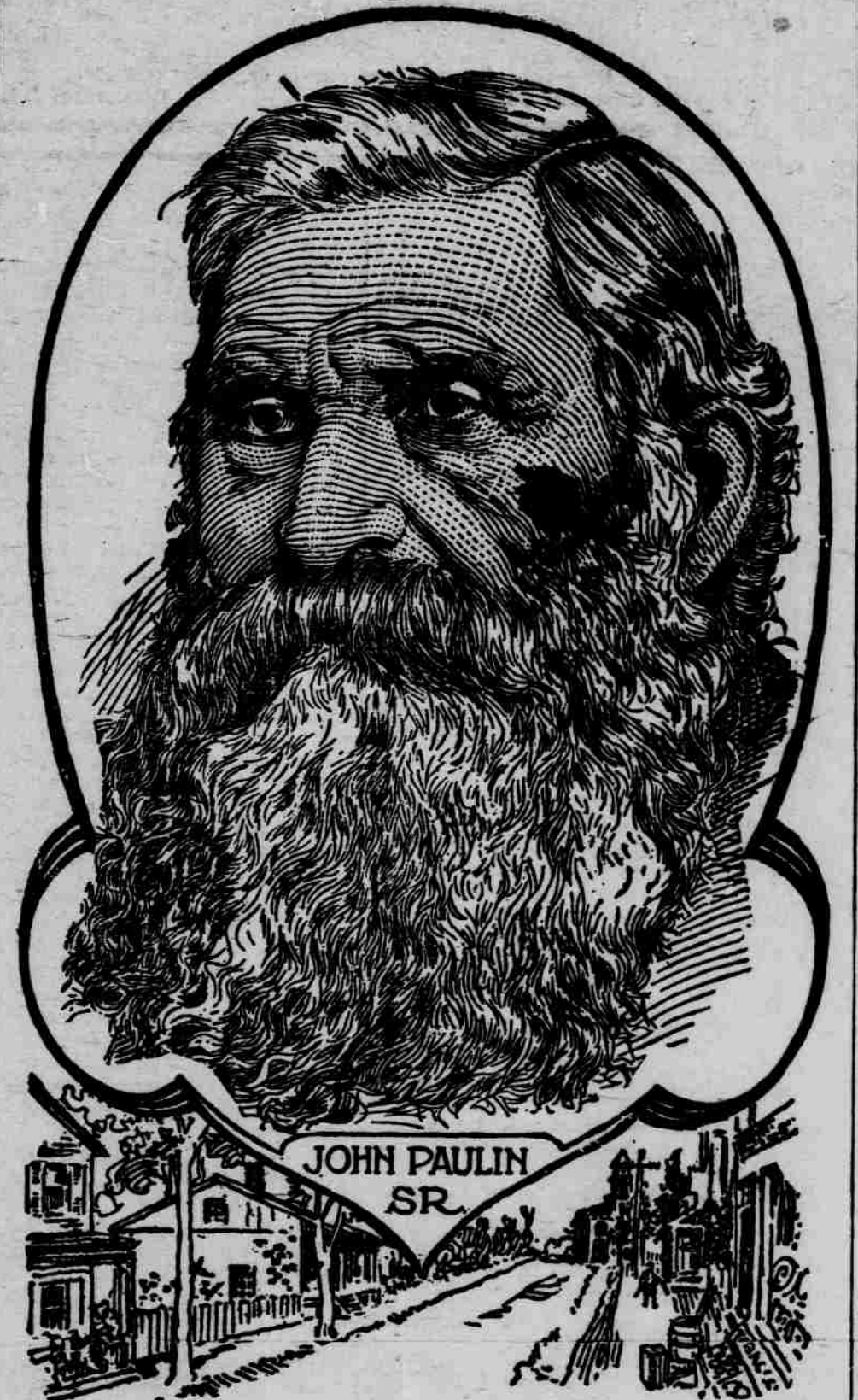
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Devices to Lessen Railroad Accidents.

Atlanta Journal.

The recent startling epidemic of disasters on American railroads makes timely the consideration of devices for the prevention of wrecks and for the more expeditious safety of passenger travel.

It is a well-known fact that foreign engineers and inventors receive more encouragement from railroads abroad for devices of this class than do inventors in our own country. More attention is paid to the absolute safety of passenger trains in England and on the continent than in America, where the stretches of new railroads over thinly settled regions preclude the employment of expensive signal devices. Recently, however, public sentiment is beginning to demand a fuller system of apparatus for the prevention of accidents, not only on the trunk lines running through populous sections, but on the longer railroads as well.

A device recently tested on one of the state railroads near Frankfurt, Germany, seems to cover almost every requirement for the safety of passengers and the expeditious handling of trains. Without going into technical details, we will merely state that the appliance is electrical in character and is operated by a third rail, the joints of which are so connected as to form a continuous conductor. A device midway under the forward part of the engine is connected with a telephone and electric alarm bell in the cab, and a red incandescent lamp in the same place, and by an ingenious arrangement the engineer can at any moment satisfy himself that the system is in perfect working order. Messrs. Hubert Pirnan and Max Wendorf are the inventors.

An interesting account of the test given to this appliance is forwarded by Frank H. Mayson, United States consul general to Berlin. Mr. Mayson says:

"The tests on November 12th were conducted on the main line from Frankfurt to Hanau, between the stations Sachsenhausen and Goddstein, and a translation of the official report will illustrate concisely the working of the apparatus. Two locomotives, numbered respectively 290 and 1420, had been equipped as follows: Engine 290, drawing a special train and approaching Sachsenhausen at full speed, received the danger signal and came to a full stop; the driver of 290 then asked by telephone the cause of the signal and received from the keeper of a grade crossing half a mile in front word that a wagon had broken down in crossing the track and obstructed the line. After ten minutes' wait, the engineer of 290 received word by telephone that the obstruction had been cleared away and thereupon resumed his trip.

"A mile farther on the signal on 290 again sounded and the driver was informed by telephone as before that the semaphore round a curve and more than half a mile distant was set at 'halt.' Thereupon engine 290 slowed down and proceeded cautiously, sounding its whistle at short intervals, the telephone bell in the driver's cab ringing continuously until the curve was rounded, when the ringing ceased, notifying the engineer that the semaphore had changed to 'track clear.' Thereupon 290 resumed full speed.

In the test to prevent collision, engine 1420 came up rapidly from behind and on the same track as 290, which had slowed down and was proceeding cautiously in consequence of reported danger in front. The moment that 1420 came within 1,000 meters (1,093 yards) of 290, the signal on both engines began to ring and their red lights to glow. Thereupon 1420 halted, the driver inquired of 290 in front the cause of the alarm, and a complete understanding between the two trains was immediately established. An important point in this connection is that in practice the same warning signal is sounded upon every engine equipped with the apparatus which is on the same track and within the prescribed radius—a kilometer or a mile, as the case may be—from the engine and train which cause the obstruction. If a semaphore be falsely set at safety the train may run past it into a block in which another engine is halted or moving with perfect security that warning will be given in ample time to prevent a collision under any and all conditions.

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Mr. A. Howell, Marietta, Ga., writes: "I have been troubled with catarrh in head, throat and stomach for several years, and from accounts that I have read in several newspapers of the good effects that many had received from Peruna, and whose veracity could not be doubted, caused me to give it a trial, and I bless the day that I did make a trial. It has made a new man of me.

"I was all my life up to about five years ago a very healthy man, and about that time I was troubled with catarrh. I tried a number of prescriptions from different doctors but none seemed to relieve me until I commenced the use of Peruna, and from its use I can truly say that I have been greatly benefited.

"I am now in my eighty-seventh year and can walk and get about as well as many much younger than myself and attribute it greatly to the use of Peruna. I keep some on hand all the time, and consider it the cheapest medicine in the world."—Mr. A. Howell.

J. R. Prince, East Leon, N. Y., writes: "Peruna has saved my life, and made a strong, healthy, jolly old man of me. Peruna is just what every family should not be without. I have taken very few colds since I have used Peruna, but I cannot express my thanks for the benefit your medicine has been to me."—J. R. Prince.

Abraham Ziegler, Piedmont, Wayne County, Mo., writes: "My wife who is now eighty-seven years old, suffered for about sixteen years from severe catarrh of the head, which affected her sight and hearing. I saw Pe-ru-na advertised in your almanac, and testimonials similar to her case attracted my attention. I got one bottle and it helped her so much that she is now using the second bottle and she thinks it is something wonderful. Her hearing and sight are both in part restored."—Abraham Ziegler.

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Instructions. The invention has other minor points of usefulness, but the foregoing will be sufficient to indicate the general method of its operation and the measure of its efficiency."

The German government will give this device a careful and exhaustive test, a special section of track having been ordered fitted up for the purpose. It is reported, too, that the Russian government will employ this system in actual service along the new military lines to be constructed in Siberia.

It is to be hoped that our American railroads will profit by the ingenuity of foreign inventors, and will follow the lead of foreign companies in placing safety devices and signal systems along their lines, so to speak; less, if not absolutely eliminate, the probability of accidents.

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