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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

EX-PRESIDENT GROVER CLEVELAND was sixty-six years old March 18th. "He spent the day at home with his family in his usual quiet way," said the papers that presented a nice cut of him. Mr. Cleveland is the only living ex-President of this country; and while he did many things as President of the United States that did not suit the Southern people, he was nevertheless a strong man as Chief Magistrate of the Nation.

The United States Senate has ratified the Panama canal treaty by a vote of 73 to 5. The final debate was long and tedious. This, it is confidently believed will mark a new era in the history of Treaty Ratified.

AN item from Logansport, Ind., says the farmers in that region will convert their barb-wire fences into telephones. The item is as follows: "Inside of a year nearly every barb-wire fence in this county will be in use carrying messages from house to house, the system being commonly known here as the barb-wire telephone."

THE cheering news has at last come forth that the coal strike commission is finishing up the work of its report. Thanks to the mild winter, perhaps not many persons have died from freezing; but if the living or the dying of the people had depended on the speedy report of that commission there might have been a different responsibility on those who were doing the work.

THERE is much said in the press about North Carolinians going to other States to live. Mr. J. C. Caddell, the new editor of the Raleigh Times, tried it awhile himself, and here is what he says in a "comment" paragraph about it: "Some of the papers speak disparagingly of North Carolina people going to other States to live. We confess to sharing more or less of this feeling. It's hard to see why anybody wants to leave North Carolina to go elsewhere. And yet they will continue to do it as long as time lasts."

THOUSANDS and thousands of people would hesitate to answer if you should ask them, Where is the "Maine." They would not remember whether it had been taken from the waters of the sea, or whether the "denizens of the sea" are still playing through its hull. The following from the Atlanta Constitution is interesting: "The announcement that Foreign Minister Abarzuza has determined to suggest to the Spanish cabinet that steps be taken to have the wrecked battleship Maine refloated in Havana harbor, in order to discover the cause of her sinking, will be read with interest throughout the United States."

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Laws of General Interest.

The following are some of the acts of the Legislature, which are of public interest: Public Laws: To issue \$300,000 of bonds to run 10 years at not over 4 per cent. interest; to borrow \$100,000 from the literary fund, payable January 1st, 1906, at 4 per cent. interest; to appropriate \$200,000 to the public schools; to loan the literary fund \$203,000, to the counties, for improvement of public school houses; to appropriate \$50,000 for the celebration of the settlement of Roanoke Island, provided \$250,000 is otherwise raised to provide for the payment of the debt in finance during 1901-1902; to provide for the sale of property in which there is a contingent remainder; to amend the Code so as to give divorce for two years' abandonment and allow remarriage five years after the divorce (applies to 1901-1902); to shorten time of notice of sale; to prescribe fees for registering agricultural lands; to protect public water supplies; to provide for a code commission; to register the sale of adulterated commercial feeding stuffs; to regulate sale, inspection and branding of cotton seed meal; to provide for registration of trained nurses; to prevent the abduction and elopement of married women; to regulate labor of children in factories, (none to be allowed to work under 12 years of age); to incorporate the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Association; to validate irregular probates; to allow railroads to file petitions same rate of speed through towns; to appropriate \$10,000 for the exhibit at the St. Louis Exposition, provided a like amount is raised otherwise; to define ownership of land bounded by water; for the better protection of persons whose corporations act as trustees, guardians, etc.; to prevent more than one trustee or director of a State institution being from one county; to define the duties and liabilities of hotel keepers; to create a historical commission; to protect telephones messages, also to protect telephone and electric light wires; to regulate procuring dead bodies for dissection; to require text book contractors to have sufficient depositories; to define the practice of medicine and surgery; to allow the Secretary of State to charter banks; to allow judges to regulate and limit arguments of counsel in the Superior Courts; to amend the law regarding arson.

Home Flower Gardens.

Grow the flower you want and do not want too many, says Country Life. In America, most persons, when they make a garden, order a quantity of labels--fatal mistake! Labels are for collections of plants--collections so big that you cannot remember, and when you cannot remember you lose the intimacy, and when you lose the intimacy you lose the essence of the garden. Choose a few plants for the main plantings. These must be hardy, vigorous, sure to thrive whether it rains or shines. These plants you can buy in quantity and in large, strong specimens. Each clump or group of border may be dominated by one kind of plant--foxgloves, hollyhocks, spires, asters. The odd and unusual things you may grow as incidents, as jewelry is an incident to good dress. Miscellaneous mixtures are rarely satisfactory. The point is that the character of the home-garden should be given by the plants that are most sure to thrive. The novelties and oddities should be subjects of experiment: if they fail, the garden still remains.

It must be galling to Europe's war lord to have Venezuela make such hopelessly satisfactory terms.--Indianapolis Sentinel.

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A PASTOR WHO WAS BEFRIENDED BY AN EMPEROR SAVED BY PE-RU-NA.



Rev. H. Stubenvoll, of Elkhorn, Wis., is pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran St. John's Church of that place. Rev. Stubenvoll is the possessor of two bibles presented to him by Emperor William of Germany. Upon the fly leaf of one of the bibles the Emperor has written in his own handwriting a text.

This honored pastor in a recent letter to the Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, O., says concerning their famous catarrh remedy, Peruna: "Gentlemen: 'I had hemorrhages of the lungs for a long time, and all despaired of me. I took Peruna and was cured. It gave me strength and courage, and made healthy, pure blood. It increased my weight, gave me a healthy color, and I feel well. It is the best medicine in the world. If everyone kept Peruna in the house it would save many from death every year.'

Thousands of people have catarrh who would be surprised to know it, because it has been called some other name than catarrh. The fact is, catarrh is catarrh wherever located; and another fact which is of equally great importance, is that Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. Catarrh is an American disease. Fully one-half of the people are afflicted more or less with it in some form. Previous to the discovery of Peruna, catarrh was considered well nigh incurable. Since

Tendency to Pensions.

The tendency to provide pensions for people is evidently growing in some sections. We see it advocated now to pension the common school teacher on the ground he gets a small salary and therefore ends up his career with nothing to live on. The great majority of people do just that same thing, reach old age not having provided for the proverbial "rainy day." The point we make is this, the men who have made the best provision for old age are not men who have held lucrative positions receiving large salaries, but men who have saved a competency out of their small earnings. Look around at the men who have succeeded in all departments of business, and you will be surprised to see how many of them spent their best years laboring for small compensation, and now have something put by for infirmity and old age. Helpless and old is worse than no help at all. It is right and just to extend aid to some people, under some circumstances, but this promiscuous pensioning which seems to be gaining in favor is only calculated to breed a lot of idlers and ingrates who come to believe that it is the business of one part of the country to provide meat and bread and clothes, homes and education for others.

Literacy is Growing in the South.

One of the most helpful signs in the South is the marked decline in illiteracy among the children from ten to fourteen years of age, as shown by a recent census report. Taking the sixteen States along the border and below Mason and Dixon's line, the gain in literacy has been nearly seven per cent. within ten years. In North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana, where the percentage has been greatest on account of the black belt and the mountain whites, there has been wonderful improvement, the gain reaching nearly nine per cent. Fully three-fourths of the children can now read. Fifteen years ago, only about two-thirds could read. So wide sweeping is the educational revival in the South that it is safe to predict that, ten years hence, nine-tenths of the new generation, both white and black, will be able to read.

WHEN PAPA WAS A BOY.

Youth's Companion. When papa was a little boy you really couldn't find In all the State of Washington a child so quick to mind. His mother never called but once, and he was always there; And he never made the baby cry, or pulled his sister's hair; He never slid down balusters or made the slightest noise. And never in his life was known to fight with other boys; He always studied hard at school and got his lessons right; And chopping wood and milking cows were papa's chief delight. He always rose at 6 o'clock and went to bed at 8, And never lay abed till noon, and never sat up late. He finished Latin, French and Greek when he was 10 years old, And he knew the Spanish alphabet as soon as he was told; And never in all his life forgot to shut the stable doors. He never grumbled when he had to do the evening chores; He never, never thought of play until his work was done; He labored hard from break of day until the set of sun. He never scraped his muddy shoes upon the parlor floor, And never answered back his ma, and never banged the door, "But, truly, I could never see," said little Dick Malloy, "How he could do these things and really be a boy."

SEVERE ATTACK OF GRIP

CURED BY ONE BOTTLE OF CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY. "When I had an attack of grip last winter (the second one) I actually cured myself with one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," says Frank W. Perry, editor of the Enterprise, Shortsville, N. Y. "This is the honest truth. I at times kept from coughing myself to pieces by taking a teaspoonful of this remedy, and when the coughing spell would come on at night I would take a dose and it seemed that in the briefest interval the cough would pass off and I would go to sleep perfectly free from cough and its accompanying pains. To say that the remedy acted as a most agreeable surprise is putting it very mildly. I had no idea that it would or could knock out the grip, simply because I had never tried it for such a purpose, but it did, and it seemed with the second attack of coughing the remedy cured it not only but of less duration, but the pains were far less severe, and I had not used the contents of one bottle before Mr. Grip had bid me adieu." For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, N. C., and Leggett's Drug Store, Holmwood, N. C.

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