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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

A northern man, a native of Ohio, was interviewed by the COMMONWEALTH some days ago concerning his opinion of the Southern people and especially their attitude toward the colored race. The Ohio man has lived in the South now two years, he says, and he sees all relations in a very different light now. When he first came South to live he thought the colored race was greatly abused. He had heard the many patented stories told throughout the North about the cruelties practiced upon the colored race by the people of the South until he thought of the Southern people perhaps only as merciless task-masters driving the colored race as if they were slaves or beasts. He says that all those exaggerated opinions have been changed by observations and by mingling with the people. He really thinks that the colored people receive better treatment in the South than they would receive in the North if they lived there in large numbers as they do in the South. Like most men from the North who give the subject any careful thought he believes that the people of the South know better what to do with the "race problem," as it is called, than the people of the North who have seen little of the negro and have had no relations with him whatever. As to the climate here, our friend from Ohio said it is simply ideal and he could not be induced reasonably to leave this balm Southland.

Delays by railroad trains are very annoying generally, and it is hard for the public to become reconciled to them. When one starts somewhere he wishes to get along there as rapidly as is reasonable, but the four hours' wait of several trains at Parme a few evenings ago called forth the following strictures by the Greenville Reflector: "That numbers of towns and thousands of people have to wait four hours for their mail, as was the case because of the late train Thursday night, is simply outrageous. The business of every town on the three branches of the Coast Line south and east from Parme suffered by this vexatious delay, to say nothing of the inconvenience and fatigue people were subjected to by having to wait for belated trains. It seems that no amount of complaining to the railroad officials does any good in the matter of getting better train schedules, and it is time the people were appealing to the government postoffice officials to see if they can effect a remedy. A train that carries the mails ought at least to be made to run on something near schedule time, and we believe if the government would make the railroads pay a forfeit whenever a mail train is more than thirty minutes late these long delays would not occur. Certainly the public is entitled to better service and some steps should be taken to get it."

"This is a good country," said a gentleman some days ago, referring to Eastern Carolina as a particular region of North Carolina. Somehow most of the immigration to this State has been directed to Western and Piedmont Carolina. There is a prevalent opinion, or belief, that in Eastern Carolina more unhealthy conditions prevail than in other parts of the State. This is a mistake, and THE COMMONWEALTH feels safe in challenging any to establish it, taking into consideration both the rural districts and the cities and towns in each region of the State. The people of Eastern Carolina are themselves to blame for much of the erroneous impression about the health of this region. Soon the season of the year will be upon us when some people think they must "go to the mountains or die." Well, they go to the mountains, see tourists or visitors to that part of the State and in their fadical way of talking about escaping chills and malaria generally by leaving this region for a few months, they succeed admirably in advertising this great and flourishing section of North Carolina as a veritable graveyard. People in the upper country and visitors to that part of the State get the notion that chills and agues sit on stumps and swamp logs hereabout like evil spirits waiting for an opportunity to pounce upon every passing victim on which they may do some deadly work. Eastern Carolina is truly a great country, and its possibilities in agriculture and other developments have not even been guessed at yet.

At the conference for education in the South held in Richmond last week, Mr. Josephus Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer, made a fine address on educational conditions in the South. He spoke for North Carolina as a representative State among the Southern States. For his fine address on the educational conditions of the State, he laid down the following propositions: "There have been four obstacles to educational progress in North Carolina: 1. The negro, enfranchised against the protest of the people who were forced against their will to pay tax to educate him. 2. Poverty—grinding poverty, following war and reconstruction, such as this generation knows not of. 3. The lack of qualified teachers and the lack of inducement to capable men and women to become teachers. 4. High mountain ranges and numerous water courses in the West, where people live far apart and where compact school districts are impossible, and great poconis or swamps in portions of the East which present the same barriers to consolidation in many parts of the coast region that the mountain ranges present in the West. These four obstacles: but the greatest of these has been, is now, and must be, at least in this generation, the negro. He has been the lion in the path, the ever present and often insurmountable obstacle to public education. There are those who assert that many opponents of taxation for public education on other grounds use the expenditure of money for negro education as a pretext, and that if no share of public money went to educating the negro they would oppose taxes for public education. That may be true with some. But the naked truth is that much of the money from taxation—I had almost said the bulk of it—that has gone to negro education has been given against the judgment of Southern taxpayers. Here, where we are seeking to get at the real facts so that the best results may follow, there is no need to look at things except just as they are—to paint the picture as it really is—warts, freckles and all." After discussing the question at length and ably under the foregoing divisions, Mr. Daniels made the following just and pleasing claim for North Carolina and North Carolinians: "North Carolina's contribution to the educational revival is found mainly within the State, for the true Tar-heel is ever mindful of the injunction, 'Beginning at Jerusalem.' Perhaps we stay there too long and preach too much to the saints. But North Carolina has furnished educational leaders, not only for its own schools and colleges, but has furnished educational leaders also for the South and elsewhere. Page, of New York; Alderman, of Louisiana; Branson, of Georgia; Pell, of South Carolina; Barringer, of Virginia; Houston, of Texas—all prominently connected with this conference and its work are natives of North Carolina, while Woodrow Wilson spent his boyhood in Wilmington; and Dabney and Claxton, of Tennessee; D. B. Johnston, of South Carolina; J. D. Eggleston, Jr., of Virginia; and other leaders in this movement began the work of their early manhood and retained their citizenship in North Carolina long enough to be indoctrinated with proper ideas of educational leadership. Its present Governor, Charles B. Aycock, and Georgia's foremost citizen, Hoke Smith, were both born in North Carolina. Among public leaders in the educational progress of today, the names of the South Carolinians 'lead all the rest."

STRICTLY POLITICAL. ALL ABOUT ONE MAN.

Roosevelt and New York.

Atlanta Constitution. Try as they may, the republicans cannot conceal the fact that they are in danger of losing New York state in the national election if Roosevelt is the party's nominee for president. And, as matters now stand, there is hardly any chance of keeping him from getting the nomination.

In the first place, the republican party in New York is split all to pieces, with practically no hope of bringing the warring factions together between now and the 1904 campaign. Both the Platt and Odell factions have at last thrown off the mask and gone at each other in earnest. That in itself is enough to make the situation in New York state anything but pleasing from a republican standpoint; but the trouble is more far-reaching than that.

It will be recalled that Roosevelt was once governor of New York. He rode into office, in true "rough rider" style, on the Spanish-American war craze, upsetting all the plans of the recognized party leaders and doing nothing after assuming the governorship to placate them. He was never—until lately—very much of a "party man," and throughout his administration he showed no respect for his party or its leaders. He gave offense right and left, and never once took the trouble to heal any of the wounds.

Roosevelt's friends have always claimed that he singly dealt a deadly blow to machine politics, of which Thomas C. Platt was the high priest in New York state. Governor Odell, it seems, has kept up the same policy, and "commercial politics," as the Odell people are pleased to term the methods of the Platt crowd, has not had full swing in New York for several years. Nevertheless, the Platt faction have controlled nearly everything except the governor, and they are still strong. The "easy boss" is not yet ready to pass in his checks, politically speaking, by any means. He proposes to fight it out, if he pulls the house down in doing so.

Since Roosevelt became president, Platt has tried to conceal his antagonism as much as possible, but the inevitable clash has come. In its present phase it is a clash between Platt and Odell, but Roosevelt is involved to an extent that is calculated to make him feel anything but comfortable. The leaders of the Platt faction no longer make any effort to conceal their hostility toward President Roosevelt, and one of the most prominent of their number, Lou F. Parn, a Platt lieutenant who has wielded considerable influence among New York republicans, in an interview published in the New York World on Monday boldly proclaimed that if Roosevelt is nominated for the presidency he will fail to carry New York state. He is quoted as follows:

"No matter who runs for governor he will go down in defeat. The republican party hasn't a man strong enough to be elected governor if Roosevelt is to be the presidential candidate. I suppose we all will have to support Mr. Roosevelt, but he is a beaten man."

"Of course, if men like Bryan control the democratic convention there will be a chance, but as it stands today the president couldn't make any sort of a race."

"That Pittsfield trolley car accident was a fortunate thing for Mr. Roosevelt. If that hadn't happened he would have gone on making those dangerous speeches up in New England and would have ruined himself and the party. He went home and the wise men of the party went down to Oyster Bay and called him off. You notice that his western speeches are entirely different from his New England trust speeches. He has got around to the right side at last."

Of course, there are other New York republicans who are doing all in their power to offset this sort of talk, but the fact is apparent that there is an open revolt against Roosevelt in that state.

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DAN A. GROSVENOR.

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good word for the tonic that brought me immediate relief. Peruna cured me of a bad case of catarrh and I know it will cure any other sufferer from that disease."—John Williams. Miss Mattie L. Guild, President Illinois Young People's Christian Temperance Union, in a recent letter from Chicago, Ill., says:

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Totential Customs.

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One. "I am but one. But I am one. I cannot do everything. But I can do something. And what I ought to do, God helping me, I will do."

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A Congressman's Letter. Hon. W. P. Brownlow, Congressman from Tennessee, writes from Washington, D. C., the following:

"I have suffered from catarrh of the stomach for several years, and for the past twelve months was in an exceedingly critical condition. My attention was called to your Peruna, and I began to use it, and my improvement was noticeable after the first three days. I have taken three bottles of the medicine and I feel satisfied that I am now almost, if not permanently, cured. In connection with the Peruna, I have used your Manalin for biliousness and torpid liver. I regard it as the best medicine for this purpose that I have ever used. Having been benefited so much myself, I give you this statement, that others may be likewise benefited."—W. P. Brownlow, M. C., Jonesboro, Tenn.

Mrs. Elmer Fleming, orator of Reservoir Council No. 168, Northwestern Legion of Honor, of Minneapolis, Minn., writes from 2335 Folk street, N. E.:

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