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## EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

It is hardly conceivable that with the mercury climbing towards the top of the thermometer here July 2nd there should have been snow as near us as Montana. But such was the case, according to the following item which appeared in the press of the country: "Butte, Mont., July 2.—Snow was general in Montana to-day, slight flurries being reported from all over the State. The fall was heavy on the continental divide. The temperature has dropped to 45. Snow alternates with cold rains and great damage to crops is feared."

JURY trials are discussed in North Carolina now more than ever before in the history of the State, perhaps. There have been so many homicides in the State during the past year or two and so few people have been hanged, the public mind turns to the subject of jury trials, and the discussion is general. It does seem that it has come to be a hard matter to hang a person in North Carolina. There have been some noted trials in which the accused have been regarded by the public as being worthy of death, but it is seldom that there is a hanging in the State. The reputation of the State seems to be suffering somewhat by reason of the many homicides, and there seems also to be a general feeling that there is a little too much leniency towards those who commit such crimes. All's the pity that 'tis so.

JUDGE PARKER, of New York, has been down to Atlanta to attend a banquet, and the Charlotte Observer speaks of the occasion and Judge Parker in Ho a Possibility? as follows: "The appearance in Georgia, at a banquet in Atlanta and in an address before the State Bar Association, of Chief Justice Alton B. Parker, of New York, may be said to mark the launching of the boom of that gentleman for the Democratic presidential nomination. Judge Parker is undoubtedly a nice man and a good Democrat, and he carried his State, when he was elected Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, by a great majority. Whether he can do as much as a presidential candidate is another question—a man may be able to carry his State or county for one office and not for another. It would be well to wait and see if the New York Democrats think he is the strongest candidate, and not too precipitate in the matter of commitments, for it is certain that the Democratic party must have New York if it is to elect the next President. If his fellow party men of his own State say that by reason of his lack of familiarity with active politics it would be injudicious to nominate him for President, then it would be in order to drop him out of the calculation; if they say he can carry his State, he becomes a proper subject for consideration. But as yet they have said neither, and—well, there is plenty of time."

THERE has been no general State law enacted in North Carolina in a long time that has been watched with more interest than the Watts liquor law. The people of the State became greatly aroused on the temperance question during the sitting of the Legislature and much hard work was done all over the State to have some good temperance law passed. The Watts law gave fairly good satisfaction to the temperance people and it went into effect July 1st. It has gone out from Raleigh that the liquor people are showing no disposition to disregard the law. Many distilleries that have been operated in the country will move to town. Attorney General Gilmer is reported as saying that the Watts law is effective in every way and seems to think that it is satisfactory. There has been one effort, it seems, by the liquor people to evade the Watts law, which is given in the following item from Wilmington to the Charlotte Observer July 2nd: "Two licenses were granted yesterday to retail liquor dealers at Wrightsville Sound. The place is not incorporated and the applications were held up for some time under the provisions of the Watts act passed by the last Legislature. Wrightsville is a summer resort and resort hotels are exempt in the act, therefore the bars applying for renewal of licenses had to build extra rooms for the accommodation of guests so they would come under the hotel exemption. The best legal talent was called in by the board of commissioners before granting the licenses even with the addition of the rooms."

STRIKES affect labor, labor affects money circulation, and money circulation affects the comforts and wants of the people. There have been some strikes recently, but the Atlanta Journal views the matter hopefully. It, however, in no uncertain way gives expression to the conviction that strikes are not promotive of prosperity, but are the rather a hindrance to it. The Journal says on the subject: "A marked improvement in the labor situation has taken place within the last month. Several large strikes have been settled and a number that were threatened have never materialized. Outside of the Philadelphia textile workers and the street railroad employees at Richmond, there are no strikes just at present which are worthy of any grave consideration. The railroad employees are nearly all at work, and the iron and steel industries, together with the tin-plate mills, are moving along as usual. The National Civic Federation Review concludes that the labor situation has improved 75 per cent. during the past month. This journal regards matters in very hopeful light, from an industrial standpoint. It sees nothing in the way now of a speedy termination of the builders' strike and considers the probability of a complete settlement of labor difficulties for a time at least, as most encouraging. It is prophetic of continued prosperity that these strikes and lockouts are on the wane. Prosperous times must soon come to an end if thousands upon thousands of workers remain idle for months with increasing numbers withdrawn from the great wheels of industry. Now that the men are going back to work, the only serious cloud on the commercial horizon is fast dissolving."

## NO LOST EFFORT.

Exchange. A young Sabbath school teacher in Boston had in her class a boy who seemed fairly incorrigible. Still she clung to him. She prayed for him every day, and often a dozen times a day.

Finally he was arrested as an accomplice in a burglary and sent to prison for two years. She did not give up then, but visited him often in prison, always finding him hard, sullen and defiant.

After his release from prison he disappeared and no one knew where he went.

Years passed and the teacher married and went far from her native town to live. She had grown children of her own when she and her husband went to the Pacific slope to visit relatives and friends. They found the town or city in which one of their friends lived greatly agitated over the liquor question.

"We are trying to elect a 'no license' mayor," said the gentleman they were visiting. "He is coming to dinner to-night, and I'll be glad to have you meet him."

When he came she saw a tall, fine looking man whom she would have said at once she had never met before.

"Why," he said, as he grasped her hand, "are you now Miss M—?"

"I was Miss M—," she replied.

"And you lived in Boston?"

"Yes, I did."

"And taught a class in a Sabbath school called the West End Mission?"

"And there was a bad boy in that class named Roger Martin?"

"There was a boy of that name in the class. I have never forgotten him."

"And yet you don't know him when he stands before you, for I am the same Roger Martin."

"I tried to forget you and all your teachings, I tried to forget God, I lived a wicked life for fifteen years after I left my home, but in all those years of sinfulness I could not forget your loving patience nor some of the things you had said to me. I feel that I owe my final conversion and acceptance of God to you. I wrote and told you so when I was converted, but the letter came back to me through the dead letter office. I wanted you to know that, through many days and years, God had answered your prayers for me and that none of your efforts in my behalf were lost."

## Show Him Your Hands, Mother.

Selected. I read a story the other day of a dying mother who felt her time had come and she moaned of her life so full of care, so weary with struggles, and as she laid her hands on the head of a daughter, she said with touching pathos: "I have nothing to show for it. I have toiled and toiled and have done so little, my child. How can I meet the Master?"

The weeping girl clasped the trembling, dying hand to her bosom, and cried out in an agony of grief: "Show the Master your hands, mother!"

Oh, those weary hands! What a lesson do they teach those whose lives are sheltered and whose way is made easy for them!

What profound respect I feel for the worn hands of the aged pilgrim whose feet never faltered in the path of duty and self-sacrifice and whose hands never shirked toil when the family expected it and whose tender heart held pity and patience for the wayward and the thoughtless to the very end.

How little the dear house mother troubles about the appearance of her hands! In all the years since childhood and motherhood brought incessant care to her heart and toll for her hands, the looks of these hands have never given her a day's pain or grief. Out of hot water into cold—equally expert with a broom or a cambric needle—one minute making a poultice and the next getting dinner—watching and waiting beside the sick bed, bathing feet, rubbing aching limbs, keeping bandages straight, dampening the fevered brow with a touch as light as a down, and lifting the sufferer from side to side with the strength of iron.

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## DOROTHEA DIX.

One of the Names of the Four Women For the Hall of Fame.

Selected. Dorothea Dix was the founder of our present humane system of treating the insane. She came from a humble home, and began to support herself when a child of twelve. At fourteen she was teaching school. While still in her girlhood she began her life of philanthropy, opening in a barn a school for outcast children, at nineteen years of age. When forty-one she began her life-work for the insane poor. At that time, unless wealthy, the insane were wretchedly treated.

But Dorothea Dix, frail, alone in the world, often so ill that her life was despaired of, conquered prejudice, won friends for her cause, and at last established in twenty States public hospitals and asylums for the insane, and saved from misery millions of people.

When the Civil War broke out she became superintendent of women nurses. In the four years of her service she would not take one day's furlough, and moreover refused any gift from the nation except a flag of her country. At sixty-five she resumed her asylum work, in which she remained till she was eighty-eight.

"The invincible power of a mighty purpose" made her a grand, inspiring example. "Her life was an epic; centuries hence it will find its Homer." The mural tablet in the Hall of Fame can only record her fame. Her great, loving "soul is marching on," forever.

## Enforces the Law.

Knoxville Journal and Tribune. The only safety to a State or community lies in a just and fearless enforcement of law. Give criminals an inch and they will take a foot. Permit a minor law to be violated and it will lead to the violation of greater ones. Wink at the law against gambling, and in will encourage the criminality disposed to do something worse; close the eyes to the illicit Sunday saloon and those who may meditate larceny may conclude that the officials are indifferent generally. Steal an election and men conclude that they may steal other things, without committing a greater crime. Stick to the law. Enforce it and punish offenders without regard to their wealth or social position. Render law-breaking unpopular and lawbreakers of every sort infamously. When this is done, there will be no such demonstrations as we have witnessed in Breathitt county, and no more violations that bring terror to communities and disgrace to States and cities.

## Please Stop My—What?

"Times are hard, money is scarce, business is dull, retrenchment is a duty. Please stop my—Whiskey?" "Oh, no; times are not hard enough for that yet. But there is something else that costs me a large amount of money every year, which I wish to save. Please stop my—Tobacco, cigars and snuff?" "No, no—not these; but I must retrench somewhere. Please stop my—Ribbons, jewels, ornaments and trinkets?" "Not at all. Pride must be fostered, if times are ever so hard; but I believe I can see a way to effect quite a saving in another direction. Please stop my—Tea, coffee and needless and unhealthy luxuries?" "No, no, no; not these. I cannot think of such a sacrifice. I must think of something else. Ah, I have it now. My weekly religious paper costs me five cents a week. I must save that. Please stop my—paper; that will carry me through easily. I believe in retrenchment and economy."

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C. S. Rhoads, Indianapolis, Ind., writes: "For the past two years I have hardly known what it was to have a sweet, restful night's sleep. Cares and overwork seemed to weigh me down more than it should or would had I been able to get my proper rest. My doctor was unable to help me and ordered me South for a complete rest and change. As this was simply out of the question, and as I had heard several of the men under me speak of how much Peruna had helped them, I decided to try it and am glad indeed that I did. Six bottles made a new man of me. I eat well, sleep well and get up feeling refreshed and rested. "My official duties are not half so hard and I certainly have good reasons to heartily endorse Peruna."—C. S. Rhoads.



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Judge Wm. T. Zenor, of Washington, D. C., writes from 213 N. Capital street, Washington, D. C.:

"I take pleasure in saying that I can cheerfully recommend the use of Peruna as a remedy for catarrhal trouble and a most excellent tonic for general conditions."—Wm. T. Zenor

Mrs. Amanda Morrill, 180 Reid street, Elizabeth, N. J., writes:

"I have been sick over two years with nervous prostration and general debility, and heart trouble. Have had four doctors; all said that I could not get well. I had not walked a step in nine months, suffering with partial paralysis and palpitation of the heart every other day, and had become so reduced in flesh as to be a mere skeleton, weighing only 85 pounds. "Up to this date I have taken Peruna for seven months. It has saved my life

as I can safely testify. I have not felt so well in five years, having walked over one mile without ill result, and have also gained thirty pounds since commencing to take Peruna. In fact, I cannot praise it too highly."—Mrs. Amanda Morrill.

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Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

## Drink Buttermilk.

Medical Talk for the Home. The hot season is at hand. Busy people in hot weather frequently find themselves faint and thirsty, scarcely knowing what to eat and drink. It may be they have already drunk cold water freely, but it fails to satisfy. They will perhaps resort to a glass of beer and a sandwich, blindly stumbling around trying to find something to fill in the long space between meals.

Now, what these people want is a glass of buttermilk. "This answers the purpose of both food and drink. People who have had breakfast at 7 o'clock during the hot weather, will find themselves more or less hungry by 10:30. Instead of taking a lunch, or getting a glass of beer, the very best thing in the world is a glass of buttermilk.

The acid of the buttermilk quenches the thirst. The nutritive properties of the buttermilk make a first-class lunch. If nothing is taken with the buttermilk it will agree with almost any stomach, and as it contains all of the tissue salts it makes almost an ideal food. Those who take dinner at 1 o'clock will find themselves wanting something again by 4 or 4:30. Here is another chance for a glass of buttermilk.

Nervous people, thin-blooded people, people who have dyspepsia, had better give buttermilk a trial. Not too much should be drunk at any one time, not more than one glass. It should be at least two hours and a half after eating before the buttermilk is taken, and no other food should be taken for about the same length of time. Those who prefer can add a teaspoonful of sugar to the glass of buttermilk. As a tonic and nutritive there is nothing better in the world.

## Colored Man Who Has Wealth.

Greensboro Record. The average colored man may not be accumulating wealth, but there is one hereabouts who is doing very well. His name is J. M. Smith and recently he gave in for taxation twenty-three houses and lots in Greensboro. The figures ran from \$75 each to \$500, and they are located in Gilmer township.

## CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.

When the stomach is overloaded; when food is taken into it that fails to digest, it decays and inflames the mucous membrane, exposing the nerves, and causing the glands to secrete mucus, instead of the natural juices of digestion. This is called catarrh of the stomach. For years I suffered with Catarrh of the Stomach, caused by indigestion. Doctors and medicines failed to benefit me until I used Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.—J. R. Rhoad, Coppell, Tex. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

## Boys, Read This.

Gazette. Idleness is the devil's own work-shop, and especially is this true of boys. We never feel sorry for the boy who has to work, even if it be to help make a living for himself and family; but we do pity the boy who has nothing to do, and whose parents are able to keep him from having to labor. The boy who may work and get only a stipend of a dollar or even less per week, is learning a trade, and, what is more, is learning habits of industry. It is often the boys who begin early in the life of industry that come the successful men of the nation. The boy who waits until he is grown, or until he acquires an education, before he begins to labor or learn a profession, is apt to start in life handicapped and outstripped by his seemingly less fortunate competitor who started in ahead of him. It pays a boy better in the long run to work for twenty-five cents a week and learn a trade, with habits of application to business, than to do nothing and be supported at the expense of his parents. Boys, do something, be something.

## Nearly Takes Our Breath.

Business Guide. A North Carolina man comes along and claims that he has a device which will make collisions of railroad trains impossible. By attaching his machine to the locomotives two trains coming from opposite directions are brought to a standstill before they are near enough to strike each other.

A Tennessee man brings up an electric carrier, by means of which a man in the country can step to his front door, place his letters into a box, touch a button, and his mail glides down a wire into the nearest city postoffice. The same box is sent back with whatever mail matter may be on hand to his address.

A Prof. Whitney is now in Denver, Colorado, preparing to place a 13-inch cannon on the summit of Pike's Peak, from which he will fire a magnet, attached to a coil of wire thirty miles long. This magnet will land in the electrical sea, which he claims has just beyond the pale of the laws of gravitation, and the world can be lighted up from the city of Denver.

## JUST ABOUT BEDTIME.

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