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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

It seems to be pretty well settled that the President will call an extra session of Congress to consider matters pertaining to Cuban imports into the United States. The regular session of Congress will meet the first Monday in December, but the President thinks to call the extra session the 9th of November. While it does look like three weeks would make very little difference, still that time given to one particular thing might count much more than if it were mixed up with other things.

THE Wilmington Messenger has some very pointed things to say about money sharks, and closes an editorial article with the following paragraph: "The Atlanta papers charge that there are money sharks in that city who charge their customers from two hundred to a thousand per cent. on the loans made. No man can afford to pay such usurious rates of interest. Men who once begin it soon become much worse off financially than they were when driven to seek the aid of these usurers. They get into the latter's clutches and are soon on the downward road to financial and moral ruin. From the day that Christ overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple down to the present time the usurer has been the bane of the human race."

THE farmers of the State generally seem inclined to hold their cotton for 10 cents. They have their faith in a rise in the price on the government report that the crop is 25 per cent. short; and this being the case they think that the price must go higher. Cotton farmers at the opening of the season calculated on 10 cents for their cotton and a fall to lower than 9 cents brings them great disappointment, and they are not to be criticized for holding their cotton for a better price. The only question to be considered, are they able to do it? The farmer who had his supplies at home and did not have to buy them from some one's store, can afford to hold his cotton for whatever price he may set on it. It is to be hoped that farmers will not have to wait long before they get 10 cents for cotton.

THE NEW YORK TIMES in answering a correspondent's inquiry about the danger of sitting in a draft of air during a thunder storm says: "The only case in which an electrical discharge would be likely to follow an air current into a house is when such current carries a higher percentage of moisture than the body of the atmosphere. As this could scarcely be in a dwelling, it is quite safe to say that those who leave windows open during thunder showers run no greater risk of being 'struck by lightning' than do those who render themselves uncomfortable by high temperatures in a stagnant atmosphere. The only good reasons we know of for closing doors and windows at such times are to keep out the dust which usually precedes them and the driving rain of which they consist. If for any reason the lightning should want to come in 'out of the wet' it would not stop to knock at a closed door or lift a dropped sash. It does many surprising things, but these are not included in its repertoire."

THE Kinston Free Press quotes a leading business man who favors Mr. Josephus Daniels for next Governor of North Carolina. He gives as reasons that Mr. Daniels has, through the News and Observer, done more to build up this State and the South than any other paper published. It quotes the business man referred to as follows: "We may go back and take every issue of his paper for years, and he has advised and pointed out to our people the high road to progress and success. He has encouraged with all his might the building of factories of all kinds, railroads and improvements of all kinds. He has taken a lively interest in farming and farmers—in fact every class of people in our grand old State. The extra illustrated issues gotten out by the News and Observer from time to time show enterprises unequalled in all the South. There are numbers of great and good efforts that Mr. Daniels has made for the public good, by no means the least of which is the fact that he left no stone unturned to rid our capital city of saloons. The West, of course, is entitled to the Governor this time; but if they are unable to agree, I shall present the name of Josephus Daniels, Esq. He would make a noble Governor."

ACCORDING to the September Bulletin of the North Carolina Board of Health, there has been considerable increase in diphtheria in a number of counties in the State. The increase during the month of August over July was 400 per cent. both as to the area affected and the number of cases reported. The Bulletin suggests that on the family physicians rests much of the responsibility against the spread of the disease. The public health officers are also charged with much of the responsibility in governing and keeping the disease from spreading. The article on the disease closes as follows: "Diphtheria is essentially a disease of childhood, and the infection is therefore very frequently spread in the schools. It is, therefore, extremely important that the officials charged with the duty of giving notice of contagious diseases to those in charge of our schools, public and private, as set forth in section 11, should perform this duty promptly, and equally important that the said school authorities should see to it that the instructions laid down in section 12 are rigidly carried out. These are very grave responsibilities, and a failure to meet them is sure to entail sickness and death that could have been avoided. We very much fear that the duties cited are often overlooked, and we earnestly commend to those interested a careful re-reading of the sections of the law quoted."

Scarcity of Farm Labor.

Wilmington Messenger.
At the South in recent years there has been a marked tendency among the white people of the rural districts to move to the towns and villages, and it is increasing each year. This is because of the desire for securing better educational facilities for the children and of the great increase in the number of factories and other industrial plants. Many negroes also leave the country for the towns. This has greatly decreased the supply of farm laborers and has consequently increased the cost of raising the crops. One farmer in this State is quoted as saying the scarcity of farm labor in his section has advanced by two cents a pound the cost of putting cotton on the market.

This matter of scarcity of farm laborers has already become a serious one in many sections and will continue to grow more so each year unless something can be done. What we need in this State, and we suppose the conditions are the same all over the South, is immigration either from the North and Northwest or from Europe. But how to secure this immigration is the question. Most of the people who come South from other sections of the country are men who have means and come for the purpose of employing labor, or working themselves upon their own farms. They, of course, are welcomed, but we want laborers as well as labor employers and men of means; but the laborers do not come, and, according to Commissioner of Agriculture Patterson, they are not coming and compete with the negroes. The thousands and thousands of foreign immigrants who land on our shores each year either stop in the North Atlantic States or go west. None of them come South, for no serious efforts are made to induce them to do so, and if there were it is doubtful if they would come, for the same reason that keeps the American laborers away from us. What then are we to do? The question is growing more serious every year and nothing is being done to remedy the increasing evil. We must do something and should get about it in a hurry for there is no time to lose.

Agricultural and Immigration Questions Affecting the South.

Nearly eight pages of the October issue of the Southern Farm Magazine of Baltimore devoted to letters from officials of Southern and Southwestern railroads engaged in the practical task of attracting white settlers are striking illustrations of the widespread interest in Southern immigration. The interest is shown in the North and West by the throng of homeseekers moving from those quarters, by the activity in the South of real estate men who have succeeded in other parts of the country, and by the general spirit of inquiry. Its complement is in the quickening activities in many parts of the South to make advantages known and to welcome the new-comers.

Of special interest in this connection is an article in the same issue of the Magazine by Mr. Thurston H. Allen of Florence, Ala., who presents the detailed figures of the experience of German settlers in Alabama with several kinds of crops. This thrifty class depends largely upon itself, but others look to the negroes as helpers in their farming operations. Much misapprehension about the capabilities of the negroes as farm laborers has been created by agitators. Mr. Thomas P. Grady contributes some sensible advice on this point, to the effect that the farm is a first-class school for the proper education of the negro, and he urges that meanwhile Southern farmers might find relief from temporary inconvenience by giving more attention to the raising of good grade live-stock.

The Southern Farm Magazine, which is published by the Manufacturers' Record Publishing Co., Baltimore, is invaluable to all who want to keep in touch with the great questions affecting Southern agriculture and immigration interests. Price \$1.00 a year.

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BROKE INTO HIS HOUSE.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 14.—A man was robbed of his money and health by invasion of chronic constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills were put into his system, his trouble was cured and he is now healthy and strong.

A LITTLE TALK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Words to be Heeded.

Kinston Free Press.
Now for a little talk with the boys and girls of the Kinston schools. The graded school has opened, and the private schools are well under way. Nearly all of you boys and girls are now at work upon school duties. Did the question ever occur to you? If not I will ask it. What are you going to school for any way? Are you going there to have a "good time"? Are you going there to get through with a disagreeable piece of work? Are you going there to develop your minds and so make of yourselves the best possible men and women? To be sure the good time must not be lost sight of. There is something sadly lacking in the school or in your self if you don't have a good time while in school. You must not let your school duties keep you from having a sure enough good time, with plenty of play thrown in. And one of the very best ways in the world for you to have a good time is for you to perform your school tasks so willingly and honestly that the performance will become a pleasure to you.

To be sure there are disagreeable tasks to be performed during a course of school, but you must not allow them to rob you of the sweetness and joy of your school life.

You may not realize it now, but remember, boys and girls, that sometime sooner or later, you will realize that your school days were meant simply to prepare you for the life beyond the school that awaits you. Your school is nothing more nor less than a place in which you are to form correct habits of living. You are now "twigs." The school takes hold of you and bends you—and you know the way the twig is bent the tree's inclined. But I'm sure you understand that.

There are a few things, though, that we must notice especially:

It is very easy for us all, and young people especially, to fall into habits. Now, instead of falling headlong into habits, we must in some way, get habits into us. In other words we must not let habits master us, we must master and make habits. There is going to be trouble between yourselves and some habits this very year. See that you master the habit. Form correct habits of living and then life will not be anything like so hard, dark and gloomy as some people say it is.

Now, as to some of these habits:

Make it a habit to do everything you are called upon to do as willingly and cheerfully as possible. Some things will be disagreeable; but disagreeable tasks can be done cheerfully—and then they are not half so bad as you thought. Be sure to be on time for each duty that claims you during the day. That habit will be of great value to you when you go to a business man for a job. Then another habit you can form in school with your teachers and fellow-pupils better than almost anywhere else is that of politeness. Nobody wants the surly, impolite boy or girl around, much less the surly, impolite man or woman.

Then in your habit forming form the habit of doing good, honest work. Do not let idleness get hold of you; for if it once masters you, you might as well get off the face of the earth and give your place to somebody else.

Then above all, be faithful to your father and mother, love them, cherish them, obey them, try to please them.

There are a great many other habits that might be spoken of, but if you will start this school year with a determination to form these habits that we have been talking about, you will find life much easier and you will be far more successful than you had supposed.

SET YOUR HEELS.

Commoner.
When you're feelin' kind o' blue And the world sets down on you, Don't lose hope and ease your grip— Set your heels so they won't slip. Set your head, and with a smile And keep shovin' all the while, Keep on shovin' till you lose All the symptoms of the blues.

Don't lose hope if luck seems tough; Show you're made of sterner stuff. Don't sit down to sob and sigh; Brace up for another try. Brace up! Stiffen up your lip. Set your heels so they won't slip, Then shove hard and wear a smile And you'll get thar after while.

Do your friends seem to be few? That's when it is up to you. But there's left one faithful friend Who will stick unto the end, He will stick through thick and thin, So brace up and wade right in. Set your heels and brace your back And success you will not lack.

Don't sit down to peak and pine. Stiffen up your wobbly spine. Spit up in your hands and then Grab a hold and try again. Grab a hold and set each heel; Put your shoulder to the wheel. Shove with all your bloomin' might And you'll find things movin' right.

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