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OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

FARMERS and others who have stock cannot make a better and more profitable investment than to properly house and feed their stock during the cold winter weather. In many instances Good Investments. cows are allowed to stand in the open all night with no shelter and but little bedding; and sometimes where they have a shelter at all it is nothing more than a few boards or planks propped up against a fence corner-a poor protection indeed from the winter blasts.

1111 THERE has been general observation for some time that farm labor is scarce and it seems to grow scarcer. To some this seems unaccountable; but it is not so unaccountable, after all. For About Scarcity of Labor. two or three years the lumber interest has been

lively, and the saw mills have drawn heavily from the labor on the farms. Because the lumber market has been good mill men have been able to pay better prices for labor than farmers, and so much of the labor has drifted from the farms to the mills. Things will change a little when most of the timber is consumed, a condition which seems to be yery near at hand.

PRINCIPAL N. J. BEER of a certain school in New York City is now about eighty years old, has been a teacher for sixty years and principal of the

same school for fifty-three years. He has recent-Says Teachers are ly given out his opinion that not more than one Lacking.

teacher in ten is really fitted to teach. Here are some of his utterances about teachers and the teaching of the present day: "The caliber of the teachers of today doesn't begin to be what it was fifty years ago. Boys were better fitted for life by the teaching of fitty years ago than they now are. They perhaps knew fewer things, but those they did know they knew well." He thinks that men and women are entering the professions because it offers pecuniary advantage rather than because they feel fitted for the work.

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THE advocates of the Watts liquor law which has taken all whiskey disselling out of the unpoliced districts into the incorporated First Chance for Proof. towns, claimed that it would be effective in doing away with fights and homicides around the

country distilleries. The Christmas season has usually been a time for much of such disorder in the county. This is the first chance for proof of what the advocates of the law con ended for. If the number of cutting scrapes, homicides and the like shall be lessened by the operation of the law it will be a great triumph in its favor and a great relief to the people in the country districts who heretofore have had no protection against such disorders. And from the very nature of the case the law cannot fail

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THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER has learned the following which is something new and it seems to be good: "'The Village Improvement Society' is an organization which has recently taken root Praiseworthy Work. in several of the towns in this State. These so-

ciettes are composed largely if not entirely of ladies, and it is the duty of the members to look after and report upon the condition of the streets. with a view to having them kept clean; to see that the lots back of stores are kept clean of waste paper and other refuse; that vacant lots are rid of tomato cans and such other rubbish as usually encumbers them, and that they are made presentable; in a general way to cooperate with the municipal authorities for the promotion of public tidiness; and to encourage the setting out of trees and the better care of lawns and front yards. All of these objects are most commendable, and these societies should be counternanced and assisted where they exist and organized in smaller towns where they are not already. There are numbers of pretty towns in North Carolina the streets of which are disgracefully untidy, whereas they could be kept clean at trifling cost. The other objects of these societies are praise-worthy, but if they did no more than give their town clean streets they would justify themselves."

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No subject more interests the farmers of the South now than the cotton question. The Manufacturers' Record recently addressed a letter to a number of persons in the South asking their Vital Factors in Cotton opinion on three points: (1) Is there any dete-Production.

rioration in the quality of seed? (2) is there any decline in the fertility of the soil? (3) is there lack of farm labor? To these questions the Record prints many interesting answers. Here is the answer of Hon. S. L. Patterson, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Caroting: "I do not see in the near future any danger of a permanent decrease of the cotton production in the South. There must be a reversal of present conditions before such danger becomes imminent. Among these conditions I would note especially the higher prices that have obtained during the past few years, the increase of manufactories, and the efforts, thus far unsuccessful, of producing cotton in other countries. Referring to your speific questions-

"1. While the production of cotton, like that of all crops, may be improved by the careful selection of seed, I am not aware and do not believe that the best seed is sold to the oil mills and inferior seed reserved for planting. The tendency seems to me to be rather in the other direction. In this connection I say that this department is endeavoring to show by tests actually made the advantage of selecting good seed for all crops.

"2. I am of the opinion that indications point to a greater sense of the necessity of conserving the fertility of the soil and the more intelligent effo.ts to do this. The testimony comes to us from various sources of the purpose of larmers to improve their soil by a more intelligent use of fertilizers and rotation of crops.

"3. Undoubtedly the question of a sufficient supply of reliable farm labor is a serious one. The rapid development of various industrial enterprises has drawn largely upon the supply of farm labor. This can be partly compensated, however, by the increased use of labor-saving machinery. But the cotton crop is one requiring a certain amount of manual labor which cannot be supplied by machinery. A decided increase in wages may be necessary to hold the necessary labor, but the difficulty presents itself to the farmer of the risk of the next year's crop selling at prices very much lower than those of the preceding year. But for all this the cotton planters will manage in one way or another to meet the difficulties sented, and with favorable seasons will continue to produce as large crops in future as the last several crops have been. Notwithstanding serious obstacles to be encountered, I regard the future outlook of agriculture in North Carolina bright and promising."

The Christmas Spirit.

THE COMMONWEALTH

Carolyn Wells in Atlanta Constitution, To-day from East to West Hushed is the traffic's roar : And kneeling nations, blest, Incarnate love adore. Spirit of Christmas, may we

Thy guiding star.

Thy star, which, as we slept, The orient renewed, Shall teach us to accept Our gifts of gratitude; And we shall give, illumined by

thy light, Our gifts aright.

The gifts of loom and field, The gifts of heart and mind, Shall, through thy spirit, yield The peace we fain would find. Fulfilled of thee, our hearts shall cherish then

Good-will to men. Destruction of Forests.

Newport News Press.

Those who are studying the important subject of deforestation in the United States note that pine and cedar trees are rapidly being consumed for All's right with the world!" the purpose of supplying trolley and of consumption it will not be a great while before the visible supply will be exhausted. The fcresters look to catalpa to fill the place of pine and cedar in this particular. The catalpa flourishes and in their dim, dumb way men had and has the advantage of growing very since "the first man stood God constraight, and attains the needed size in quered with His face to heaven uptime required for cedar and pine is vealed in that message, that the sermore than double this.

plentiful. The professional optimist of praise. may find in this statement some conso-No doubt coming generations will be and the presants, the gentle and the largely composed of a similar class, and simple, the wise and the ignorant, cenhovels. The disappearance of timber Jesus is the dominant figure in the as a building commodity might produce such conditions in America.

All Overworked,

Austin Statesman. As a matter of fact, not only is too much stress given to the literary and logical equipment of teachers, too little given to the sociological and psychological equipment, but teachers are overworked. Our schools are overcrowded, our teachers overburdened with pupils. Nor is it quite certain that the curriculum is not overburden. ed with studies and too much mental activity demanded in too short a space many a child's mental and physical school mills all because there is no day is a cause for profound sadness. method by which instruction can be suited to the needs and abilities of the

RECTOR OF ST. LUKES.

ASHBURNHAM, ONTARIO, TESTIFIES TO THE GOOD QUALITIES OF CHAMBER-LAIN'S COUGH REMEDY.

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angels began, Sing of glory to God and of good-will to man.

ORN is on its verge on the Bethlehem hills. The shepherds in the fields dawn lightens the east, the men become aware of a marvelous vision. An angelic host floats above them. They fill the heavens with light and song, the least of those revelations which as-

telegraph poles, and at the present rate sing, "and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

"down the ringing grooves of change" happiness of children. for God knows how many centuries. ave built such magnificent structures ly act, one moment of self-sacrifice,

Nearly two milleniums have sped lation for the passing of the material since that message, and the world has ble housing of persons in moderate yet there has been progress, and in that means. Unfortunately, a number of progress lies our hope. The world to- out under our own roof tree, whom we product of the forest has been a boon. one fact; today, as yesterday, the kings can share what we have on this day! the deforestation crimes of the present ter their eyes upon a Babe in a Mangeneration will fall with terrible effect | ger. Today the world waits in silence upon generations yet unborn. It has to hear those angels sing. Today, if on Are there no rankling differences that passed into an axiom that the nations no other day, men listen, pause and we may compose? No ancient enmi which house their nobles in marble heed. Whatever may be thought of the that we can dissolve? No long palaces house their peasants in mud His claims, of His teachings, at least ing hatreds that we can slake in kind world on Christmas Day.

Teday the rudest and the roughest the most irreverent and the most indif- that we can help to make one again? ferent, look with awe upon that subborn child; look with a touch of reverence which none is so low that he and ignoble; which shall pave the world is still. Its strife is hushed. 'Is Christmas morning once again, and we are as little children by a cradle, which, though swallowed by a future cross, is become a shrine-a

There was an ancient custom in the days when the right of private war was of time. No provision to speak of is zealously maintained, that all quarrels And we shall continue to advance made for lectures and the development should be held in abeyance during the while creation endures. The law of of the moral nature. The schools are Christmas season. A "Truce of God" life is upward. But we can make the made too much like engines with was proclaimed by the Holy Church, advance faster, bring the desired end which to stuff the mind with a given and he who broke it, for whatsoever nearer, and so help the great consumamount of information to be commit- cause, was deemed a recreant to his mation, if we will but try. ted to memory without regard to its manhood and to his religion. The ability to digest and assimilate. They custom fell into disuse, but it has in hand, nation confronts nation upon work too much on the principle of a come back again. For one day at many far flung frontiers; combinations sausage stuffer, which must put so least there is peace and good-will face combinations with war the watchmuch meat in each skin whether it among men. That there should be bursts the receptacle or not. Indeed, even one day when such principles ob- power bolds and oppresses those who tain is a reason for great congratu'ahealth is sacrificed to the grind of the tion. That there should be but one at opportunity; weakness assembles

the church door and put off at the ben- is still waged. Men are beggared, wo ediction on one day of the week. Just men shamed, children cursed, in the so the spirit of peace and good-will of present strife of trade, commerce, labor the Christmastide comes, like Christ- capital, speculation, politics. The mas itself, but once a year. It is slipped on like a new and comfortable garment, worn for a day, and before we have become accustomed to it, it is will to men today, tomorrow, forever. cast aside and forgotten. The day after, we awake as we were before. The interlude of comity and kindness bas made no change.

'We ring the belis and we raise the strain.

We hang up garlands everywhere. And bid the tapers twinkle fair, And feast and frolic-and then go Back to the same old lives again."

On certain days in Latin-Am about three doses of the medicine. To ican countries the people have about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicities being glad to have found such in the procession of the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story that one of these for the moment filled in the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story the procession of the procession of the men present. There is an alleged humorous story the days that shall follow after. Let itation, being glad to have found such the place of an ancient worthy in whose a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours, the place of an ancient worthy in whose honor the demonstration was being Rector of St. Luke's Church.

The place of an ancient worthy in whose honor the demonstration was being made. Finding himself angered by forever resound with the glad sociation of the gracious message a time stomach. Coyoling the son, of W. Va, says: "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have found it to be a very efforever resound with the glad sociation. the conduct of one the spectators, in | mation

····· ing the saint, and would be meted out to more of sadness tha the story. We

till we get through." And this brings to us the dominant thought of this little Christmas preachment, our spasmedic compliance with

the great command of the angelic song, our intermittent observance of have watched their flocks through the spirit of Christmas. This, then, is long night, when to the ever recurrent a plea that it may not be for a day miracle of a new day is added another only, and that it may not be for chil manifestation of Power Divine. As the dren only that we keep the great holiday of the world, with peace on earth and good-will toward men.

It is natural that we should wish that joy might be unalloyed on this and through them is youchsafed not day, and it is indubitable that unalloy ed joy may be had only by those who sure us that "God's in His heaven, are beginning life, not by those who have experienced its troubles: there "Glory to God in the highest," they fore the spirit of Christmas, which is to commemorate the birth of a Childfinds its sweetest manifestation in the The old earth has been spinning verdant heart, the youthful mind, the

As for ourselves, there is eyer : touch of sadness in our glee. We twine in a great many places in this country worshipped some power above them the cypress with the laurel. The mind goes back to other days when we were children; we recall those no longer from sixteen to eighteen years. The turned," without realizing the truth re- bare we fain would see again. The vanished hand is extended on each revice of man for man is the worship of curring anniversary, the longing of Some one in discussing the matter man for God, and that there is more the stilled voice deepens ever. But it declares that the Egyptians would not merit in the Divine sight in one kind- is not so with our children. There of brick and stone if wood had been than in a thousand meaningless songs Let us make them happy. But is that all? Can we do more?

Are there no little children besides those whose feet patter through our which has made possible the comforta- yet but half learned the lesson. And own halls, those who clusted around our own hearth, whose laugh rings thrifty, industrious and deserving per- day does not let Christmas pass un- can make happy? Are there no little sons are unable to erect stone and mar noticed. Putting aside questions of children who have not the advantages ble palaces, and to these the cheaper doctrine, of theology, we may recall that our own enjoy with whom we Yes. And is that all?

Are there no others of larger growth to whom we may extend the gra feeling of the sweetest day of the te ness? No jagged breaks that we can knit together? No lives riven asunder, no lovers parted, no friends severed

Can we not begin on this Christman lime spec:scle, a mother and her new- Day, that "Truce of God," which shall banish all that is selfish, mean, narrow may not feel. The clamor of the way for that profound alliance between men and men which is yet but a dream, a hope? Shall there not be inaugurated a brotherhood as eternal as the message, as overwhelming as the

Men and the world have mightily ad vanced in nineteen hundred years since those angels sang in the morning

The world is full of discord. Arms word within many a natural border : would diminish it; aspiration grasps desperately striving, fain to enjoy that Our religion is too often assumed at which it now repudiates. Private war world is still unkind. There is need of a new proclamation of the old yet ever marvelous story : Peace on earth, good-

"Every reform," said a great modern philosopher, "was once a private opinion." When the man who holds it has communicated it to another man so that it becomes his private opinion, the reform is ultimately assured which is but another variation of that Child grown to manhood, "Where two er three are gathered together in my Name, there am I in the midst of



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