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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.

THERE has been general observation for some time that farm labor is scarce and it seems to grow scarcer. To some this seems unaccountable;

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.

THE Charlotte Observer has learned the following which is something new and it seems to be good: "The Village Improvement Society

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 opinion on three points:

"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.

"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 efforts to do this. The testimony comes to us from various sources of the purpose of farmers 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.

The Christmas Spirit.

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 see afar Thy guiding star.

Thy star, which, as we sleep, 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 the purpose of supplying trolley and telegraph poles, and at the present rate of consumption it will not be a great while before the viable supply will be exhausted.

Some one in discussing the matter declares that the Egyptians would not have built such magnificent structures of brick and stone if wood had been plentiful.

Nearly two millennia have sped since that message, and the world has yet but half learned the lesson. And yet there has been progress, and in that progress lies our hope.

Today the rudest and the roughest, the most irreverent and the most indifferent, look with awe upon that sublime spectacle, a mother and her newborn child; look with a touch of reverence which none is so low that he may not feel. The clamor of the world is still. Its strife is hushed.

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THIS GLAD CHRISTMAS DAY

What it Means to Men Everywhere. A Gracious Message to the World.

Selected. "Blow bugles of battle, the marches of peace; East, west, north and south, let the long quarrels cease.

MORN is on its verge on the Bethlehem hills. The shepherds in the fields have watched their flocks through the long night, when to the ever recurrent miracle of a new day is added another manifestation of Power Divine.

The old earth has been spinning "down the ringing grooves of change" for God knows how many centuries, and in their dim, dumb way men had worshipped some power above them.

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Congressman Irving Dungan of Jackson, O., elected to the Fifty-second Congress as a Democrat, in a recent letter from Washington, D. C., says: "I desire to join with my many friends in recommending your invaluable remedy, Peruna, to anyone in need of an invigorating tonic, and whose system is run down by catarrhial troubles. Peruna is a permanent and effective cure for catarrh and I would advise all who are afflicted with this disease to try this remarkable remedy."

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