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OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

Money in Berries.

FEW industries in North Carolina have made as rapid strides during the past decade as the berry industry. The farmers who have paid close attention to it in the localities that produce berries abundantly, have done well. The Goldsboro Argus of 12th said: "Strawberries are selling to-day for \$2.00 to \$2.50 between here and Wilmington. At these prices the growers are making money and are in good spirits. There is a good huckleberry crop, and Sampson and Duplin counties will reap a harvest."

There are two things which the farmers of North Carolina may well consider. One is, that farmers seldom if ever find a plenty of corn any drag on their hands. We have been in pretty good touch with the farmers of North Carolina from childhood, and we do not remember ever knowing a farmer to lose his corn by the weevils because he could not dispose of it. The other thing worth attention and which we are considering just now, is the fact that in this goodly land no one who is worthy and willing to give honest labor commensurate with the wages he receives need lack for employment. On this last proposition the Raleigh Times speaks as follows:

"It's a great blessing that this country affords an abundance of work for everybody who wishes to earn a livelihood. There is not only a plenty of work, but the compensation is such as to enable every man of sound body and average mind to earn a comfortable living, with the possibility of laying up something for a rainy day." This is the crowning glory of a life lived in America with her abundant and various resources.

THE COMMONWEALTH said about three weeks ago that the people of the State are generally pleased with the Watts law. Of course it was meant to include in that statement liquor dealers, wholesale or retail, or avowed whiskey advocates who are opposed to all restrictions against the whiskey traffic. We referred both to the people who earnestly desire some good liquor law and those who care not much about it, one way or another, but are just willing that there should be a fair law. A correspondent to the Raleigh Post some days ago wrote as follows right from among the people:

"I am sorry to note that the whiskey men, through their paid attorneys, and other means, are trying to make the impression that the country people desire a modification of the Watts law. Of course there are some in almost every community who are in sympathy with the whiskey traffic, but I am convinced by actual contact with the people, that the large majority in our country districts are well pleased with the protection which the present law affords them. And these are the men who have made the Democratic party a great power in our southland—the men who have fought its battles and sacrificed for its success."

It has been hard from the very beginning of the war between Japan and Russia to get anything like a satisfactory idea of the progress of the war from the standpoint of either nation. And when it is considered that all war correspondents have to submit to pretty strict rules, it is not so hard to understand why we gather so little accurate knowledge of the situation. Colliers' war correspondent with the Russian forces has sent to that paper a glimpse of the situation with correspondents in the rules which govern them. Following are the rules named:

- "The first rule for war correspondents says that they must not interfere in any way with the preparations for war, or the plans of the staff, or divulge military secrets of advantage to the enemy, such as actions in which forts are damaged or guns lost.
- "Rule two forbids the criticism of members of the General Staff, Corps, or Division Staff, and limits the report of an engagement to a simple statement of fact.
- "Rule three forbids the transmission of unconfirmed information about the enemy, such as rumors of victory or threatening movements, which may cause public uneasiness in Russia.
- "Rule four commands the correspondent to obey all orders received and to be careful in fulfilling instructions to the letter.
- "This manifesto orders the higher military authorities to turn back all correspondents without credentials. Those given permission to join the forces are in honor bound to observe the regulations, with the penalty of expulsion without warning for any violation. They can go anywhere in the field, and are barred only from the Russian fleet."

THE body of E. L. Wentz, the Philadelphia young millionaire who so mysteriously disappeared in Wise county, Va., last October, has been found. It was discovered on Sunday, May 8th, by a man named Dave Raleigh in the Black mountains near Big Stone Gap, Va. At the time young Wentz became missing his very mysterious disappearance was a matter of much wonder throughout the country. A large reward was offered for his body, dead or alive, but all search for it proved futile. It is now said that almost every foot of ground where his body was found a few days ago was searched last fall, and so the mystery is all the deeper that he was not found then. The finding of the body of the long lost man created quite an excitement in the community and soon steps were taken for an inquest. The dead man's brothers and father from Philadelphia hurried to the scene. An inquest lasting two days was held and the verdict of the jury was that he came to his death by his own hand. The father of the young man refused to believe it, declaring that there was no cause for suicide. When it was suggested that the young man was unhappy in business relations with his father, his father declared that the young man had an independent fortune of his own and so had no cause from that source to commit suicide. The father believed that the young man was either murdered or had an encounter with some one. Detectives remained about the place after the jury of inquest rendered their verdict, trying to find some clue to a cause of death other than suicide. At this writing it is not known whether the detectives have succeeded in finding other cause of his death; but whatever may be the result, it has been one of the most mysterious cases of the kind ever known in this country.

THE YOUNG MAN AND THE YOUNG WOMAN.

Their Demeanor in Public. How it May be Improved. Advantages of Common Sense Out-Door Association. Where There Must be a Chaperone and Where One is Not Needed.



from young men, be pretty sure of your young man. He should not be picked up at random, so to speak. It is bad enough if the man who calls on a girl in her home is the chance acquaintance, with no endorsement except from those who know only his name, but it is much worse if he is to be a girl's companion on a row or a ride or even on the golf links—although the last is probably the least undesirable locality in which to be left alone with a comparative stranger. Putting aside all other questions, there is always the possibility of accidents of one sort or another on out-door excursions and the girl who accepts a young man's invitation for one of these should be sure that he is the man on whom she would be willing to depend in case of such an accident.

Also, she should know the man well enough—or her mother or father should know him well enough—to be sure that his character is such as to make him a desirable companion. He may not be of necessity a bad sort and yet his bringing up, his associates, may have been such that a girl's parents may feel that it is decidedly inadvisable that their daughter should stamp herself in public with him as his friend and companion. But if he is known to be a clean, honorable, well-bred young fellow, and if the girl is the right sort of self-respecting young woman, there is no reason why the two may not have certain outings together without laying themselves open to criticism. Of course, all these outings must be chosen with judgment.

Suppose a girl and a man have been infected with the returning fondness for bicycle riding. The new wheels are enough to win even old boys and old girls to a desire to learn what wheeling really means. Is there any reason why the young couple should not go out for a short spin or a long run? None in the world. If they choose to take a compact lunch with them and eat it by the roadside and rest there afterwards or read or chat, they may do it without fear of censure—provided, always provided—that they are the sort of young man and woman I have described. I do not think it is the wise thing to permit this liberty too freely among heedless, feather-brained boys or girls. There may be no real harm in it. But the animal spirits of youth do strange things sometimes and many a boy or girl has been carried away to an exhibition of romping, a display of hoydenishness that has laid up store of uncomfortable feeling for later days, when a better appreciation has been gained of true dignity and self-respect.

Take them for all in all, our boys and girls are pretty thoroughly to be relied upon and the worst there is to fear from them, as a rule, is a lapse into silliness. But even this it is well to spare them. And so, I say, be sure of your boy and girl before you turn them loose unchaperoned. If they have been trained as they should have been they will be guilty of no mistake—but both should have had practically the same sort of training before they are granted full liberty. The rule that applies to cycling applies to boating, to fishing, to walking, to riding to driving.

Even the best bred boys and girls will occasionally give way to the animal spirits aforesaid and make fools of themselves. That is, they will have a tendency to do this. And for that reason it is a good thing for their parents to send them out equipped with a sufficient store of good advice. Often it is mere thoughtlessness that makes young people ride along country roads yelling like Comanches and disturbing the peace of quiet folk. Sometimes they seem to lay aside their manners when they put on their cycling togs. On this account it is often more desirable to have a chaperone when there is a large party than when there are only a few on the expedition. A racket of any sort is contagious and where two

or three people would not think of winking the echoes with their shrieks of innocent glee, a dozen or so would be pretty sure to raise a rumpus. There are other conditions in which a chaperone is advisable. One is when the excursion is to be extended and a return made late in the day. If the party means to stop for a night anywhere, a chaperone is indispensable. It may be a jolly, young married woman or a girl of the older set who is the sister of one of the younger members of the band. In any case she will add dignity to the company. Even if a meal is to be taken at a hotel or inn it is well to have an older person along.

Once it would have been hard to find a woman of even comparatively mature years who could be called upon to chaperone a wheeling party. But we have changed all that. The improvements in modern science are bringing things to such a pass that soon there will be no old people. They will all of them be always young. Keeping in step with this advance is modern invention, making exercise not only easy, but a delight. The visions that the old men saw, and the dreams that the young men dreamed in Bible times will be matched by the realities that will be achieved by the young, middle aged and even elderly women who have the physical training that keeps them in order, supplemented by the means that render out-door excursions a joy.

The Home Newspaper.

Lexington Dispatch. We occasionally meet a man who announces gravely that the price charged for the local newspaper is too much when he can get some big weekly from away-off yonder for one-half or one-third the cost of the home paper. But, did it ever occur to such persons that it costs the local newspaper management more to issue the same sized paper? Did it ever occur to them that the city weekly does not tell anything about the neighborhood in which they live, and where their principal interests are centered? If a wedding, or a death, or a birthday party, or a fire, or some other red letter occurrence takes place in their family the local newspaper takes pleasure in writing it up, and one copy of the paper containing such notice is more than a bushel basket full of city weeklies. The record of one birth or death, of one marriage, or other events of local importance is filed away with the deeds and notes and pondered over years after to the intense satisfaction of the persons concerned. To get into the city weekly it is necessary to do something striking and the shadier that is the more space you are given. Kill a man, rob a train, rob your grand-mother, loot a bank, make a stake gambling on futures, invent some new method of bilking the people, or a unique form of homicide and your place in the city weekly is assured. But your home paper tells of your progressiveness, speaks well of your family when they do that which justifies it, spreads the mantle of charity over misdeeds and seeks to make the life of those around better by its existence. Is it not worth what it costs you to get such a paper? If not, we beg you at least to consider these things before you say the price charged for the local newspaper is too much.



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LADIES AND CHILDREN

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AN OPEN LETTER. From the Chapin, S. C., News: Early in the spring my wife and I were taken with diarrhoea and so severe were the pains that we called in a physician who prescribed for us, but his medicines failed to give any relief. A friend who had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and we at once felt the effects. I procured a bottle and before using it the entire contents were entirely cured. It is a wonderful remedy and should be found in every household. H. C. Bailey, Editor. This remedy is for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Scotland Neck, and Leggett's Drug Store, Hobgood.

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