Republicans Envy.

Mr. Littleton's Speech.

The Blue Back Forever.

basis of all true education."

Convention Enthusiasm.

Our Illiteracy.

ion of those efforts."

The World More Tem-

perate.

As to Charlotte's Prchi-

bition.

liars. Everybody is more temperate now."

To these observations the Atlanta Constitution replies:

ers, and had this to say a few days ago:

envy after the trigid occasion at Chicago."

EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE noise of the St. Louis convention made about as much impression

"We sincerely hope that the St. Louis convention will turn out to have

made as much history as noise. The Republican leaders must be sick with

THE speech of Mr. Littleton of New York in presenting to the National

Democratic Convention the name of Judge Alton B. Parker for President,

was what its beauty and finish in cold type would indicate, many a man

in the convention must have felt paid in full for his time and trouble in

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THE COMMONWEALTH all the while has been a stickler for the "blue back"

in our schools. Several other papers in this State have stood firm in their

lotte Observer has been level-headed on this question as on almost all oth-

"We are more than pleased to be informed that Webster's blue back

spelling book has been adopted in Chicora College, the Presbyterian school

for young women at Greenville, S. C. It is stated in a private letter that

every pupil of that institution, from preparatory to senior, must spell and

read in that blessed book. It is well for the pupils of Chicora College.

The Observer has ever maintained that the blue back spelling book is the

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ONE could read the newspaper accounts of State and National conventions

with more interest if so many foolish things were not reported. To one at

and sensible men can so far forget themselves as to be drawn into a con-

cert of antics and gyrations and shouts which are equalled by nothing and

approached only by the wild screams of an Indian war dance. Applause

and enthusiasm are well enough in their place and really help along a good

cause when they are properly indulged in; but the wild, riotous, mob-like

proceedings that have come to characterize all latter-day important con-

ventions are unquestionably harmful. Sometimes it seems like our con-

ventions are too large. The plans of organization seem to be too liberal in

the number of delegates. Really something ought to be done to reduce

Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner has sent out a circular

"According to the last United States census report 19.5 per cent., or

about one in every five of the white people of this State over ten years of

age cannot read and write. With one exception our State stands at the

bottom of the list. For the honor and the safety of the State, for the good

of these illiterates and of all the people, every patriotic citizen should aid

in every effort to reduce this appalling illiteracy. It can be reduced only

by bringing the illiterates of school age into the schools. You can aid

now in the efforts that will be made to reduce the illiteracy in this county

by furnishing as accurate a list as possible of the illiterates in your dis-

trict, thereby supplying the information necessary for the successful direct-

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THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN is quoted as follows: "One reason, perhaps,

why prohibition, as a legalized system, doesn't get on is that in the matter of

ing. Once it wasn't disgraceful to be drunk. It is now. Among cultivat-

ed people all passions and emotions are held down. At weddings there are

no tears of joy. At funerals no howls or sobs or lamentations. At reviyal

meetings no shrieks or incantations. The Homeric heroes in their wrath

bellowed like boobies, shed tears in their fits of anger and called each other

"All of which is true, but particularly true with reference to indiscrimi-

nate drinking. Not so many years ago it was no bar to political prefer-

ment or business success that a man was in the habit of indulging himself

READERS of THE COMMONWEALTH may remember that during the prohi-

bition campaign in Scotland Neck last year, this paper printed a number of

forceful one by Editor W. F. Marshall of the Gastonia Gazette. Of the re-

cent prohibition victory in Charlotte Mr. Marshall has this to say in the

"Charlotte has gone dry. The majority last Tuesday was 485 for probi-

bition. The dispensary was outlawed along with the saloon. The neigh-

bors of Mecklenburg's good town have cause to congratulate themselves as

well as Charlotte. Surrounded by prohibition territory, Charlotte with her

numerous saloons has been an inviting and fertile source of trouble, of evil.

It was feared by some of her neighboring towns that the dispensary might

prevail, but these fears have been proven groundless. A dispensary would

have been somewhat less demoralizing to her neighbors, perhaps, than the

saloons have been; but strong drink is strong drink, and it bites and

stings and maddens even when sold by a dispensary. Hence the satisfact-

ion we feel that Charlotte has gone dry. Charlotte's drink money can now

be spent for better things without worsting the town at all, and the devil

has prospects of seeing a little more trouble in Gastonia than heretofore."

to excess; now there is little room for the drunkard in any line of life."

letter to the county superintendents of the State urging them to help re-

graph he says:

conventions to a show of intelligence and civilization.

securing the opportunity to hear such a great speech.

noise as a part of their duty. The Nortolk

was indeed a gem. We know nothing of its man-

ner of delivery; but if its effect on the convention

advocacy of this good old book of our fathers,

grandfathers and great-grandfathers. The Char-

home and not in physical touch with the crowd-

ed convention halls, it seems strange how wise

duce the illiteracy in the State. In one para-

thirst and of allaying it this generation is more

moderate than any other that has gone before

it. In other words, there is less excess of drink-

letters from persons in prohibition territory

showing that prohibition does not injure busi-

ness. Among those letters was a strong and

as any other part of its work-it looks like latter-day conventions regard

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THE PARLOR.

oseph C. Lincoln, in Saturday Evening Post. The kitchen's where the cookies are and other stuff to eat, And you can fool around in there and dance and scroff your feet;

The dinin' room is light and bright and kind of "every day," And, when it rains or snows oustide, s

bully place to play; The settin'-room is best of all, with lamps and books and plants, And chairs a chap can curl up in with-out the "dont's" and "can'ts;"

The bed-rooms -well, they don't count much except at night, you see. Bul say! the best front parlor—that's the room that worries me.

It's shut up almost all the week, the shades are pulled down tight, The blinds-are closed and it's as dark

almost, as if 'twas night; And if you do peep in you see the what-not shells in rows, The album and that picture thing you hold against your nose;

The organ and the sofa, too, the chairs all stttin' round. Each just exactly straight as if 'twa planted in the ground; And every blessed thing that's there

seems just as if it said : "Come in, my boy, but keep real still, cause all creation's dead."

When Sunday comes it's opened up but there's no comfort then, And you keep wishing all the time they'd shut it up again. You mustn't make the organ go, not move the furniture.

You can't lay down because your boots will spoil the sofa sure. You mustn't rock the patent chair, 'cause somethin' on it's broke And sounds like cats that want to sing,

but can't because they choke; You mustn't touch the what-not stuff, nor blow the pampas grass, Nor look out of the window, 'cause your breath smokes up the glass.

The other rooms you understandyou're living in them now; But that old parlor, sakes alive! What

is it, anyhow?

It's grand and fine, I s'pose, and suits the minister and such, And p'raps its just the place to keep the things you mustn't touch. And maybe Sunday ought to be a day

when no one's glad. But I don't see why bein' good should make you feel so sad; And when I get to be a man, and rich there ain't a doubt

That in the house I build they'll leave the best front parlor out.

Your Own Boss.

Now and then I hear a boy say: "I could only be my own boss, then would be happy."

Did you ever know anyone, that amounted to much, who was his own boss? The only one that I ever read about was Robinson Crusoe, and he was glad to quit.

You have heard of the "independent farmer." He is dependent upon wind water and frost. He must be at home every morning and night to milk the cows. The physician must buy his clothes and groceries of his patients.

Do you think that Marshall Field, the great merchant, is independent? Not a bit. He carries two great stores around on his back. He would be unhappy if he were not doing something for the thousands in his great army.

No one can be his own "boss," unless he goes out of the world into the wilderness, and then he will find himself dependent upon the berries and animals.

There is one way, however, of becoming your own boss. Let me tell you. It is to stay right where you are, and begin by ruling yourself. That is the first step. Then begin to belp other people, and after a while you find them willing to do anything for you. Your workshop will become a

A Timely Question.

"Father." said a little boy to his profane father, who had just invoked curse on his soul if he failed to win a bet, "father, are you willing that God should take you at your word? "No," gasped the conscience-stricken

man ; "no, no !"

This question of his little son stuck to him all day. He could not saw it off, saw as fast as he could. Suppose want your boy to be stingy. He must the great God should take him at his word! He lett off work at an early clai class in it. In theory this sounds hour, in much distress of mind, and in the evening went to a little prayer-meet- ity every want, and wants more. The ing in the neighborhood with the awful question still sticking into him. It was sharper than a two-edged sword. Then he stated his case and begged his neighbors to pray for him. It ended in his conversion. The swearer turned believer. "Oh," he said, "the most powerful preaching I ever heard was that anxious and solemn question of my little son."

A GREAT RULER.

SCHOOLING MADE

TOO EASY A PLEA FOR THOROUGH METHODS

Multitudes Going to Colleges, But Not Many Becoming Scholars.

Charlotte Observer. North Carolina is making rapid progress in education and wealth. In the whole body suffers. When the demany sections every child will receive mand comes for better scholarship cur a liberal education. Those who are institutions will supply it. But the less fortunate will be in a miserable question of the hour is, how are we go plight, when they find themselves at the bottom of our civilization. It is are now being educated, indeed, they also true that those who receive the are about to skip high schools and colhighest education will be at the top of leges and go to the universities. To the ladder. Many of our successful be a leader in your community, you and wealthy citizens are making terri- must then secure a better scholarship ble blunders in the education of their than the masses. You must put aside children. The law of nature is action ease and extravagance and grind and and reaction. As communities change grub, if you would attain learning. It from temperance to license and from is harder to-day to do this than ever license back to temperance, so ex- before in our history, because it is hard tremes in other matters change back to find a place where one can grind and forth. The wealthy citizen of to- and grub, free from the allurements of day laid up his treasures by toil and case and extravagance. Then, too, enself-denial. It was a hard life, but the dowed institutions and gifts of the grinding developed him into a man. wealthy are making paupers of the With love for his children he brings masses. Education is now within them up in ease and self-indulgence. reach of all at a small cost. Free tuition He sends them to the finely equipped and cheap board is offered to nearly schools, where all the modern improve- everyone rich and poor. The dollars ments are found and every facility for of the boys are spent in learning exlearning is pretended. The old adage, travagance. When tuition costs the There is no royal road to learning, is boy nothing, the opportunities offered torgotten. Each boy is allowed to se- by it have no value to him. lect his own course of study, and with- The amount of improvement a boy out experience he selects the one that gets is directly in proportion to the requires the least labor. Everything amount of mental work he does. Every must be done that will enable him to facility provided to relieve him from learn with least labor to himself. Is it work does its part in lessening his ima wonder that such a boy, when he en- provement. Every dollar spent in exters college or the struggle of life, is travagance is more than wasted. It undeveloped and soft? Yes, the boys develops new wants, it furnishes diverfrom the most wealthy families do not sion, it perverts the tastes. This evil generally take the front in the busy of extravagance is a difficult one to world. It is true that blood will tell, overcome. I once heard a talented and in spite of the difficulties of g mis- and very devout preacher say that he

from those families where the children Both went to school to me and the secure an education under difficulties college boy was far more talented. The boy that overcomes obstacles and forges his way by personal effort is an Give your son a chance for education overmatch for the soft fellow reared in but restrain his extrayagance. Le luxury, or the fellow who in false pride him know that it costs you something spends his father's hard-earned dollars and that he must not waste his opporin trying to live like the boy of wealth | tunities; that he must meet and over-Extravagance is found everywhere. It come difficulties, not shirk them; that the demand was only for better teach- he should seek scholarship and not | ers and for better and more nutritious simply go to college; that the diffiifood no objection would be raised. But cult curriculum develops the mind, a boy has some poorly developed facul- that his weak faculties should not lie ty, and consequently has difficulty in idle and waste away. Urge your son must be met not by grinding but by If he falls to do this support the teach- Soothing Syrup. shirking, and the difficult studies er in his efforts to require it. With must be discontinued. The school boys the most popular courses of study, that says no, generally loses the boy, and as for that, the most popular As the twig is bent, so grows the tree. schools, are those that require little Every careful planter prunes and cor- study, and make poor scholars. Sysrects a one-sided tree. But when it tematic study, systematic exercise and comes to his boy, the indulgent parent a nutritious diet are as essential- for lets his boy follow his bent and leave your son as a well-balanced ration is of what he has difficulty with, and does for your cow. You experiment and not see that his child is growing up consult scientific authorities for the lop-sided in his mental development development of your cow; why not sch expands—swells and puff. it Our schools must yield and supply use the same care in selecting heart and shortens the breath. Rapid what is demanded. Examine the cat the best curriculum for the develop heart beats and heart disease is alogues of our most largely patronized ment of your son's mind? The aver- final result. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure diinstitutions, and you will find the few age parent leaves the choice to his gests what you eat, takes the strain off taking the curriculum which made darling boy, who is without experience, scholars in the past, and the many tak- foresight or wisdom or conscientious ing the new courses, and the so-called concern. special course provides for the fellow who only wants to go to college and nothing more. They remind me of the farm negro who said he had been to college-he blacked shoes there. college, but not many are becoming bad that if I walked a block I would scholars. They are learning ease and extravagance. They are attending banquets, they are smoking and drink-

Your boy must have money to keep up with the other fellows. You don't join the fraternity that has the best sowell. But your boy is learning to gratmortal has never lived who gratified rants for five cents a dozen. every want and did not want more. Read Rasselas if you have forgotten that story and its sequel. Again, the law of nature must assert itself and reaction follow. Your boy spends the money you accumlate and his children

The pill that will, will fill the bill, Without a gripe. To cleanse the liver, without a quiver.

Take one at night.

in turn must toil and labor and rise to the top in their old age. And so the mill grinds on. Only a few well-batanced families escape such vicissitudes

Our legislators demand of our State

institutions numbers in proportion to the dollars appropriated, and by the law of political economy the demand creates the supply—the institutions are filled with pupils whether prepared or unprepared to enter; and, overloaded with material that cannot be digested, ing to create this demand? The masses

dig their way to success. Thus the son at college, and supported his famman of toil succeeds, and raises children lly on the other fourth. That college of ease and extravagance who are fail- son turned out a failure and the other son never went to college, but has Our successful men as a rule come been more successful than his brother.

What is the lesson to be learned?

J. C. HORNER.

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