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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

RECENT reports have stated that in the delta of the Mississippi the cotton crop has been greatly injured by the worms and rust. Not more than half a crop is expected from that section. In North Carolina the crop will be shorter than it was once estimated. A man from Martin county some days ago asked that THE COMMONWEALTH say that Martin's cotton crop will not be more than 75 per cent.

THOSE soldiers who behaved so badly while returning from the Manassas manueuvres ought to suffer severely for their folly. The report that some of them left the cars at Riedsville and looted a store shows to what scandalous degradation some men can descend when they find opportunity. It seems to us perfectly right that the man whose store was looted and property damaged should be reimbursed for his loss. And the soldiers who behaved so ought to be punished severely. It seem to us another case in which the soldiers should have been guarded and kept in the cars.

It must have been a very pleasant occasion to those five hundred editors who visited Esopus to call on Judge Parker and assure him of their support and all their influence in the campaign. Judge Parker gave them a royal welcome, and there were some good speeches. The whole affair was conceived, planned and perfected by the tireless and versatile editor of the News and Observer, Mr. Josephus Daniels, and the editors gave substantial evidence of their appreciation by presenting him with a handsome silver cup. We congratulate Editor Daniels on the success of the occasion and also all the editors of North Carolina and other States who were fortunate enough to be present.

OUR readers will remember the full particulars were published in THE COMMONWEALTH some weeks ago of the death of one or two soldiers on the top of a train near Goldsboro. They were returning from encampment at Morehead City and at LaGrange some of the soldiers left the train, secured liquor and went on top of the train to ride to Goldsboro. They were drinking freely and at the covered bridge the accident occurred. It has been reported that at least one suit will be brought against the railroad company for damages. That seems like an attempt to get money any way, just so you get it. The railroad was not responsible for the accident and was in no way culpable. The real responsibility lay at the hands of some one who ought to have kept the car doors guarded at LaGrange but who did not do it.

THE COMMONWEALTH does not often talk shop, but the following clipped from the Merchants' Journal, of Raleigh, is so sensible and true, we give it place in this column: "Whenever any enterprise is sprung in a town for its benefit, the first thing the promoters do is to secure the help of the local paper to carry out the project. Yet, as is often the case, the same promoters, when the editor comes to them to seek an advertisement do not see that it will benefit them to use the columns of the paper, all because, as they will generally put it, they have been in business so long that they are known by every one; consequently they turn the editor down only to seek him out again when they have another pet measure to advocate and they want the public to get next. Reciprocity should be more freely practiced."

A postal card addressed to Dr. R. H. Lewis, secretary of the North Carolina Board of Health at Raleigh, will bring you a copy of the August Bulletin of the Board of Health. A copy ought to be in every home in North Carolina, for it contains a paper on "Causes and Prevention of Consumption" which should become a part of the general information of every person who can read. It is the most sensible and practical treatment of the subject we have ever seen. One can read it in ten or fifteen minutes. And as a good reason why every one should read it, the statement is made that one-seventh of the deaths in the civilized world are caused by this "Great White Plague." One-fourth of all who die in adult life are victims of the disease, and between four and five thousand die in North Carolina every year from this dread disease. The paper in the Bulletin points out how the disease may be avoided, and so it should be widely read.

WHILE the Republican papers are ridiculing the Democratic party for nominating for Vice-President Henry G. Davis who is more than eighty years old, and the Democratic papers are bragging over his activity and ability, notwithstanding his age, Canada can hush up both parties here. Thomas J. Curran, a writer in the August number of the Cosmopolitan, tells of Senator Wark, of the maritime province of New Brunswick, who was one hundred years old last February, and is still serving his country as a public legislator. He is said to have attended the sittings of Parliament during the last session as regularly as he did twenty years ago. On his one hundredth anniversary the Canadian government presented to him an oil painting of himself. At the reception at which the painting was presented he made a speech, it is said, that would have done credit to a much younger man. The government offered him a special car in which to travel from his home in Fredericton to the sitting of Parliament at Ottawa, but he declined the offer and travelled the seven hundred miles as an ordinary passenger. And while it may seem to the Republicans, and perhaps to some Democrats, that a younger man could have been chosen as the running mate to Judge Parker for Vice-President, the case of the Canadian Senator serving at the age of one hundred should stop all the questionings about our candidate's age.

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The Young Men's Christian Association of Norfolk, Va., is an institution for the physical, social, mental and spiritual welfare of young men, and in order to accomplish this work the citizens have erected a four-story building on the principal street of the city, namely Main street, in which will be found a reading-room supplied with all the leading papers and periodicals, a public correspondence table where young men can write letters, social rooms, lecture hall, gymnasium and bath-rooms. There is carried on in this building for the mental welfare of young men, a night school in which all the important branches are taught that help a man to be a bread winner. Lectures and practical talks are given by prominent men from time to time, and all young men are welcome to use the reading-room without charge. On the social side there are entertainments, social gatherings with good fellowship and plenty of games of skill. In the physical department there is a thoroughly equipped gymnasium with a competent trained instructor in charge. Classes for young men, business men and boys are conducted regularly. From the spiritual standpoint there are religious meetings for men Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock that are addressed by strong speakers. Bible classes are conducted at stated times. The General Secretary, Mr. A. M. Clemence, and his assistants can be found at the office from nine o'clock in the morning until 10:30 at night, and will be glad to welcome young men as strangers, direct them to boarding houses, and assist them to find employment for which there is no charge made. Any young man reading this is cordially invited to make the building his headquarters any time he is in the city of Norfolk.

Just Be Glad.

Be glad. When you have said all there is to say about life's sorrow, disappointment and pain, about its selfishness and wrong that sweep over the earth like dark shadows; about the shortness of its days and the certainty of its nights, it still remains blessedly true that the universe is thrilling with the song of gladness. Be glad for the beauty of the spring-time, the blue of the skies, the music of the birds, and the glory of the sunsets. Listen to the laughter of the little children, answer to the handclasp of friendship, grow warm in the love-light of countless happy homes, and be sure that somewhere over and above all is a great Love that makes all these things possible. Note the noble lives around you—commonplace, it may be, but unselfish, brave and true. Note the deeds of quiet self-sacrifice, the swift rush of human kindness to every place of need, the uprising of stately walls to shelter the weak and helpless, and believe, if you can, that the kingdom of Christ is coming in the hearts of the children of men. O, put away gloom and grief and complaining! Do his work, trust his promise, and be glad.

He Wasn't Ashamed.

A clerk and his country father entered a restaurant Saturday evening and took seats at a table where sat a telegraph operator and a reporter. The old man bowed his head and was about to say grace when a waiter flew out, singing, "I have beefsteak, codfish balls and bull-heads." Father and son gave their orders, and the former again bowed his head. The young man's face turned the color of a blood-red beet and, touching his father's arm, he exclaimed in a low, nervous tone: "Father it isn't customary to do that in restaurants!" "It's customary with me to return thanks to God wherever I am," said the old man.

For the third time he bowed his head, and the telegraph operator paused in the act of carving his beefsteak and bowed his head, and the journalist pushed back his fishball and bowed his head, and there wasn't a man who heard that short and simple prayer that didn't feel a profounder respect for the old farmer than if he had been the President of the United States.

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GOOD COOPERATION.

The Power of an Idea—A Story and A Suggestion.

David Excelsior Cloyd. Over a year ago Dr. Walter H. Page, editor of The World's Work, delivered a lecture at the State Normal School at Athens, Ga., on the subject, "The School that Built the Town." On that occasion one of the professors at the State University, which was located in the same city, posted on his class-room door, a notice dismissing his class for the afternoon. One of his students, upon seeing the notice on the door, made inquiries concerning the cause of the professor's absence, and learned that he had gone to attend Dr. Page's lecture. This student hastened on foot, for more than a mile, to the Normal School that he might share with his professor the benefits of the lecture. The words of Dr. Page made a deep impression upon the young man's mind—the clear and forceful argument that a school should stand for the best things attainable and in every possible way should build up and enrich the life about it; set him thinking as nothing else had done. He had attended a country school and had taught a country school, but the idea had never occurred to him that a school could be made to have influence upon the life of a community as the lecturer had convinced him that it should have. As he continued his work at the university he began planning to go back to his old country school after graduation, and there to build a school that would uplift the country around about him. His plans were not yet clear, but the conviction deepened that something could be done, and that he was the one to do it. Then a body of eminent educators came to all his and had a conference. This same young man was a silent and unobtrusive listener at the addresses and discussions of the conference. A great deal was said about consolidating schools, transporting pupils, introducing industrial courses into the curriculum. This was the needed suggestion—the young man saw the way open before him. He would finish his work at the university, get his degree, and then go back home and get charge of his old country school and there put into operation all these new ideas. Commencement was soon over, and the young man was back again at his father's country home. As he stood next day thinking of the problem before him, his eyes fell upon the rural free delivery mail-box by the roadside, and the thought came to him that within a few minutes he could deposit there notices that would reach every patron in the two districts that he had decided to consolidate. A meeting was called and the plan for consolidation was presented, committees were put to work, subsequent meetings held, and the plans finally approved. One school was abolished and united with the school at Sandhill, a little village of 200 inhabitants. Mr. Williams, the hero of this story, was made principal of the school and two young ladies, Misses Jessie Swope and Nanna line Myrick, graduates of the State Normal School at Athens, were employed as his assistants. A school wagon was purchased for the transportation of pupils. A farm adjacent to the school grounds was rented to cover the extra expense of the transportation. Five hundred dollars was raised by private subscription to pay for the wagon, to increase teachers' salaries, and otherwise to improve the school, this method of raising funds being necessary because the state constitution practically prohibits a local tax for school purposes. Arrangements were made with the patron living farthest from the school to have his two oldest boys care for the team and transport eighteen pupils in return for the incidental fees for his five children. Later another wagon with a capacity for ten pupils, was purchased and a student engaged to bring pupils from another direction. Then four buggies were offered for use, each carrying four pupils, thus making a total of six vehicles in the service of the school for the transportation of the forty-four pupils from the more remote parts of the district. The patrons became intensely interested in the greater opportunities which they were opening up to their boys and girls; school opened, and within a few days the enrollment in this central school was more than double what it had ever been in the two separate schools. More than two hundred pupils were there with new life and new hope; and groups of parents stood about, each telling of what he had done to help the school, and each rejoicing in anticipation of the better days that he was helping to bring to

Improving Cotton Seed.

Recently much has been said by cotton experts as to the deterioration of cotton seed as the prime cause of decreased production of lint. There is not much truth in that statement. But it is evident that owing to the plan of ginning cotton these days seed are pretty thoroughly mixed. But it is not a difficult matter to improve the seed. When a farmer decides on a variety that suits him, let him put a careful hand or two to picking choice bolls from choice stalks. After he has made that selection and gathered 300 or 400 pounds of seed cotton, he will be sure of good seed of one variety. He may have to wait till the ginning season is nearly over and perhaps pay something extra to have a small lot ginned. Five hundred pounds of seed cotton will give ten bushels of the selected seed. Let a similar selection of choice bolls from best stalks be made from that crop. He will then be able to exhibit a variety of cotton that is the same throughout the field. It stands to reason that improved cotton seed will increase the yield. Well selected corn is better than the shattered corn picked up in the bottom of the crib. There is no reason why industrious, young farmers should not improve their cotton seed until select lots will bring one dollar per bushel. There is a fine opportunity for a careful young farmer to get one dollar a bushel for choice seed instead of 25 cents at the oil mill. Thoroughbred seed of any kind will always be in demand at a fair price.

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According to President Roosevelt's

book he prefers the companionship of the cowboys to that of shall farmers. Roosevelt is spectacular. He likes to have something doing all the time. He longs for the strenuous life and likes nothing better than war. We'll have it if he shall be elected President.—Logansport Pharos.

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