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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

Newspaper Reporters.

THAT was a high compliment Governor Aycock paid the newspaper men in Raleigh just before he left for his home in Goldsboro. He said that during his four years' stay in Raleigh as Governor of North Carolina the newspaper reporters had never given to the public anything concerning his work and administration which he did not wish given. He said they have been in close touch with him and to them is due much for the aid the newspapers have given him in making his administration successful. And when one comes to think of it carefully, the world generally is under great obligations to newspaper reporters and editorial writers. They exercise much more influence than they are sometimes credited with, and they are the most tolerant and big-hearted people on earth. They are a clever set generally, although now and then you may find one that should be counted out of this number.

Tar Heels Rank With the Best.

IN his inaugural address Governor Glenn said: "It is said we can often judge a State's progress by its schools, its roads and the morals of its people. Tested by such a rule our State has recently made most rapid progress, but still very much remains to be accomplished. In efficiency of teachers, improvement in school facilities and the length of the school term, our educational interest has been greatly improved and every boy and girl given a chance to acquire the kind and character of education they most need. Still, the lamented fact remains that North Carolina is next to the most illiterate State in the Union, and this alone should stimulate us to renewed exertions to lift the clouds of ignorance which surround and hang over us."

Will the Legislature Repeal It?

CHARITY and Children says: "The Legislature would do well to repeal the unjust law that prohibits the railroad from issuing passes to newspapers in exchange for advertising. If the newspapers and the railroads make a contract satisfactory to themselves, what business has a third party in the matter at all? The present arrangement is exceedingly cumbersome and inconvenient, and puts both parties to the contract to no little trouble and annoyance." The Raleigh Times comments further on the matter as follows: "What reason can any intelligent man give why a railroad should not give indefinite, unlimited transportation for indefinite, unlimited advertising space in a newspaper? The present plan of making a hard and fast contract is particularly hard upon a paper with a small circulation and cheap advertising rates. The editors of some of these papers find it hard to attend the meetings of the editorial associations within the limit of their yearly contracts. Personally, we have nothing to complain of; we get all the accommodation that's coming, and all we want, but we do not like the way it comes to us. In other words, we would like to be left free to make our own arrangements with the railroads for transportation, just as other men act independently in the management of their own business, and not to be forced to conform to the useless restraints of a populist law, which, for some strange reason, has found soil in which to live and grow in the Democratic party. Last year while the editors of Virginia and Georgia went to the national press association in a solid car by the courtesy of the railroads, North Carolina editors had to piece up their transportation as best they could. This is the price of populist rule, and peanut legislation."

A Freak Newspaper.

THE Charlotte Observer makes the following comments on a freak newspaper: "The spectacle of a print-shop off the railroad using a linotype machine and a Hoe perfecting press, capable of printing many thousand copies per hour, is presented at Moravian Falls, a postoffice six miles from North Wilkesboro, the nearest shipping point, and noted as the home of The Yellow Jacket, that unique bi-monthly periodical published by R. Don Laws, of which mention has heretofore been made. It is stated that the paper now has a circulation of 125,000 copies, extending over the entire country. It is Republican in politics and a partisan of the most pronounced type. In the issue of January 5th, 'A History of the Yellow Jacket' appears, from the pen of James Larkin Pearson, and is an interesting narrative. The editor of The Yellow Jacket is a native of Wilkes county and a mechanical genius. The Yellow Jacket was started, on a capital of a few dollars, in 1895, and has doubled its subscription list every year since."

COUGHS AND COLDS.

All coughs, colds and pulmonary complaints that are curable are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. Clears the phlegm, draws out the inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts, strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia. Harmless and pleasant to take. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

SPOILED HER BEAUTY.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 35c at E. T. Whitehead & Co.'s drug store.

The Village Doctor.

Evelyn Whitecomb, in Youth's Companion. I stood before the mound of earth— The summons came too late to say A last good-bye to his dear clay— And read this tribute to his worth: "Here lies a man who could forgive; His heart was great, his purse was small; For us he freely gave his all; He spent himself that we might live."

The years roll back, and I, again A boy, am trudging through the snow; The east-wind stings, my steps lag slow; Just then a gruff voice calls, "Hello! Get in and have a ride;" I go Right by the schoolhouse through the glen.

He takes a long ride just for me; I know it now, and cannot say How much it helped me on the way; For many and many a bitter day We crowded in the doctor's sleigh; A shelter, comforting as free.

That day I fell and broke my arm; When Jim and I were in the snow; The doctor came—I see him now; With kindly eyes, and "Steady How! Don't move, or I may do you harm."

They were his children to the end— The village folk, his only kin A widowed cousin he took in To shield from want; she since had been His caretaker and truest friend.

There's scarce a home in all the Glen That has not felt the kind care His presence gave, to heal, and bless With cheerful talk, that none might guess How his heart ached for our distress— His like we shall not see again.

When did he rest? No specters grim Were winter's chill, or summer's heat; Darkness or storm; wind, rain or sleet, Nor weariness could stay his feet. If some poor soul had need of him.

They saw him fall, but did not know— And then, one day, he fell asleep; They laid him here, our hearts will keep His memory green, and none may weep; For, he at rest, would have it so.

Property in the Homes.

There are some folks who base their ideas of the prosperity of the country on the fact that there is more money in the savings banks. That is prosperity all right, and frugality and care for the future, and the old age that surely comes. But there is another kind of prosperity. The average American is better to himself and family than ever before. He has put some money into the bank, and he is probably now planning for a home of his own instead of remaining a renter. And he has purchased more comforts and good things to eat than ever before. He has put some of his surplus into good clothing, not only for himself, but for his wife and children. In fourteen years the population has increased 31 per cent. The increase in imports of tropical and subtropical products, which are used by manufacturers or go to supply the people with food and drink show a much greater increase than the population increase. More silk is worn in America than ever before. In 1880 the consumption of coffee was eight pounds per head. Now it is twelve pounds; there is a large per capita increase in the consumption of sugar, tea and spices. The life of the average American by birth or adoption is happier; contains more comforts and privileges than any other nationality. The result of better feeding and clothing and housing must show in the development of the race.

THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Per-u-na.



MR. ISAAC BROCK, BORN IN BURCOMBE CO., N. C., MARCH 1, 1730. His age is 115 years, vouched for by authentic records. He says: "I attribute my extreme old age to the use of Per-u-na."

Born before the United States was formed, Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 115 years ago. Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 115 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, December 4, 1893. A still more pretentious biography of this oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated December 11, 1893, and also the Chicago-Times Herald of same date. This centenarian is an ardent friend of Per-u-na, having used it many years. In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says:

"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so. "One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments of the lungs due directly to the effects of the climate. For 115 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States. "I have always been a very healthy man, but of course subject to the little ailments which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhoea. "As for Dr. Hartman's remedy Per-u-na, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for those ailments. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy. "It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. "When epidemics of the grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease. "I had several long sleazes with the grip. At first I did not know that Per-u-na was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that the grippe was epidemic in Ohio, I tried Per-u-na for the grippe and found it to be just the thing. "In a letter dated January 31, 1893, Mr. Brock writes: "I am well and feeling as well as I have for years. The only thing that bothers me is my sight. If I could see better I could walk all over the farm and it would do me good. I would not be without Per-u-na."

Ask your druggist for Free Per-u-na Almanac for 1905.

Rules for Banking

Portland Oregonian. Apropos of the recent bank robbery at Cody, it may be of interest to know that most of the Wyoming banks display the following sign: Member American Sharpshooting Association. Patrons thinking an error has been made are requested not to shoot the cashier before investigation. Strangers must enter the bank holding their hands above their heads or they will be fired on by the staff. Deposits of persons killed on the premises remain the property of the bank. The bank will not be responsible for lost guns or bowie knives. Patrons desirous of keeping in practice are requested to shoot the pens from the clerk's hands and to leave the cashier undisturbed. Persons desirous of transacting business quickly will please remember that shooting out the lights tends to delay rather than hasten the work of the staff. Undertakers—This bank will not be responsible for the funeral bills of persons killed by the staff in the course of business.

IN THE MERRY SPRINGTIME.

In the merry springtime the festive malaria microbes goeth forth determined to colonize every human organism. If this arch-foe has invaded your system allow us to suggest Eydale's Tonic. This remedy tames the blood from malaria microbes, eliminates poisonous matter from the system, strengthens the nerves, and restores robust health. Eydale's Tonic is guaranteed.—E. T. Whitehead & Co.

CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY THE BEST MADE.

"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds, says Mrs. Cora Walker, of Porterville, California. There is no doubt about its being the best. No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so sure a preventive of pneumonia. No other is so pleasant and safe to take. There are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after once having used this remedy. For sale by all Druggists."

TONIC TO THE SYSTEM.

For liver troubles and constipation there is nothing better than DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous Little Pills. They do not weaken the stomach. Their action upon the system is mild, pleasant and harmless. Bob Moore, of LaFayette, Ind., says: "No one talking, DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work. All other pills I have used griped and made me sick in the stomach and never cured me. DeWitt's Little Early Risers proved to be the long sought relief. They are simply perfect." Persons traveling find Little Early Risers the most reliable remedy to carry with them. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

How Niagra Helps Trade.

Selected. A clever game which is worked at Niagara during the winter months by shrewd merchants is described in an article by Mr. Broughton Brandenburg on "The Carnival of Ice at Niagara" in Harper's Weekly. Shanties are built on the ice about half way to the shore on the exact boundary line between the United States and Canada and occupied by traders. As they have neither license to pay, they are enabled to offer their goods for sale at greatly reduced prices. The officers of neither country disturb them, because they would first be compelled to prove jurisdiction. This would be impossible, for by the time the courts got around to it it would be spring, and both the ice and the shanties would be gone.

Why He Remained Home.

Model Husband (boastfully)—Yes, gentlemen, I've been married ten years and never spent a night away from home yet. Doubting Thomas—Large and interesting family, eh? "Only three of us." "Have one child, eh?" "No; the other is my wife's mother."

NO MORE STOMACH TROUBLES.

All stomach trouble is removed by the use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It gives the stomach perfect rest by digesting what you eat without the stomach's aid. The food builds up the body, the rest restores the stomach to health. You don't have to diet yourself when taking Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. J. D. Erskine, of Allen, Mich., says: "I suffered heartburn and stomach trouble for some time. My sister-in-law had the same trouble and was not able to eat for six weeks. She lived entirely on warm water. After taking two bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure she was entirely cured. She now eats heartily and is in good health. I am glad to say Kodol gave me instant relief." Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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