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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE farmers' meeting to be held at the A. & M. College in Raleigh the last of August and first of September, is a fine opportunity for them to Farmers' Opportunity. little expense. Those who attended a like learn much about their work and business at meeting there last year reported not only a pleasant time but say they came away with much information about larming that they could not easily have gained in any other way. There is a prevailing opinion amongst those who have made observations of the work that no farmer can fail of benefit by attending the meeting. But for other engagements at that date we should be glad to attend as a newspaper man interested in the walfare of the farmers. Let as many farmers as can do so take it in. 1111

Some days ago there appeared in the papers a news item about Booker T. Washington and John Wanamaker which has caused considerable Significant News Item. in the South are saying that because Wanaunfavorable comment about them both. Papers maker allowed his daughter to be escorted in a public place by Booker Washington the people of the South should withhold their orders from Wanamaker's great stores. This might call off a dollar here and there from Mr. Wannamaker's business, which he might never feel; but all the same the women of the South could not be blamed for doing it. We believe that this is a grosser breach of good sense and propriety than was Roosevelt's episode of taking lunch with Booker at the White House. Here is the item as it appeared in the prints: "Booker T. Washington's appearance at dinner in the great dining room of the United States hotel created a mild sensation among the diners. Washington was the guest of John Wanamaker, former postmaster general, and acted as escort for Mrs. Barclay Warburton, Mr. Wanamaker's daughter, while Mr. Wanamaker walked to the table with J. R. E. Roberts. As they walked down the long line every eye was directed upon the group. Comparatively few of those present recognized any of them, and there was a general buzz of comment and a craning of necks."

EDITOR JOHNSON, of Charity and Children, pays a high tribute to the "blue back" speller, all of which we think is well deserved. He tells about a spelling bee at Jackson Springs during the Mid-Tribute to the "Blue Summer Meeting of Sunday-school workers there

in which the victors in the match received their

Back."

training in spelling in that grand old book. THE COMMONWEALTH has for about eighteen years stood firmly in its advocacy of the "blue back," and still stands for it, and we wish it understood that our position in defense of the old book is no joke. We mean every word. We do not believe that a better speller has ever been published. To be sure, there are some things left out of it that we have to use now, for they were not "coined" when the book was made and have not been added; but so far as its pages and columns contain words in ordinary use, it is the best arrangement we have ever seen. We are in thorough accord with the editor of Charity and Children in his concluding sentences about the book, in which he says: "For years we have carefully watched the modern methods for teaching the art of spelling in our schools, and we honestly do not believe that a book has ever been written that so thoroughly grounds a pupil in the vitally important matter of spelling as this same old 'blue back.' We rejoice to hear that in many of our schools the old book is being brought into use; the sooner its adoption becomes universal the better it will be for us and for

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RECENTLY there seems to have been a new awakening on the subject of sleep. There is little doubt about the fact that most people fail to sleep Do We Sleep Enough? enough. Nothing so builds up the waste of our system as refreshing sleep, apart from the more heroic remedies that Nature has provided against the ravages of disease. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, the famous author, has lived to the ripe old age of 83 years; and being interrogated concerning his good health at such an

advanced age, says that he attributes much to the full and regular amount of sleep he takes. He retires at 9 o'clock and sleeps until 7, and thinks he has used these ten hours out of the twenty-four wisely. Well, perhaps everybody does not need so much sleep, and perhaps many could not take so much if they should try. It is nevertheless true that few people take sleep enough. Much of the tingling nervousness that so distracts many people would be unknown if they would take more sleep, and many a system that is broken down in early life would be strong at sixty or seventy years if the proper amount of sleep were taken all the time from childhood and youth. To be sure, no one will for a moment claim that lazy sleeping is to be encouraged. The sleep which we advocate is that refreshing and healthgiving recreation which comes to those whose bodies and minds need rebuilding from the waste that follows the tax on energy by reason of earnest, honest toil of some kind.

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BAD WRECK NEAR NORFOLK

Train Plunged into River and Many Killed and Drewned.

One of the most horrible railroad wrecks ever known in this section of the country occured near Bruce station on the Norfolk and Carolina railroad as an excursion train from Kinston was crossing the Western Branch of Elizabeth river seven miles from Norfolk Thursday, August 17th. It was an excurson made up entirely of colored people and at this writing there is no accurate account of the awful wreck. The Norfolk Landmark of Friday, August 18. gave the best report it could and following is a paitial reproduction of the story :

The excursion train, which consisted of five coaches and one baggage car F. Reig, of Richmond.

bottom of the river.

The first coach followed and sank, being nearly submerged, and the greater number of the dead were in this car. The second coach fell on top of the first and was partly smashed. The third coach yet hangs from the trestle. The other two coaches and the baggage car remained on the track.

Ernest Walston, colored, of Greenville, N. C, one of the survivors, was in the car overboard. He says he felt shock and an instant later the car began filling with water. A mad scramble followed. Men and women fought to get to the doors and windows, smashing doors and ventilaters in their efforts to escape. Those on shore imcutting a hole through the top of the submerged car were able to rescue many, and others escaped through the windows and were picked up.

Engineer Reig, whose home is in Richmond, did not see the danger until too late. He applied the emergency brakes and jumped, landing in the river on a raft, and badly injuring himself about the face and eyes and back. The fireman, Alfred Cooper, beard the brakes applied and looked out of the cab, saw the danger and umped, escaping injury.

The crash when the train went into the river and the screams of the terrified passengers were heard for nearly half a mile, an i crowds immediately thronged the water's edge and boats were at once pressed into service in the work of rescue. The tug Glendale, for which the draw was opened, was about to go through, but the engineer saw the rapid train approaching and backed his engine, averting a further disaster, and did splendid work in rescuing those thrown in the water.

There were about 169 passengers aboard, and with the exception of the white men in charge, all were colored.

The only two white persons known to be killed were Edward Jolly, of Greenville, N. C., manager of the excursion, and his young brother-in-law.

The scene of the wreck presented an wful sight. Those arriving first saw the dead body of a colored man with his head only projecting from the water crushed to death under the demolished cars, and the mangled body of a colored woman caught in the wreckage vas visible near the water.

Superintendent E. R. Wooten of the Coast Line, immediately sent out a call for all the doctors in Norfolk, Porismouth and Norf ilk county and nurses that could be secured, and sent an emergency train with them on board

The baggage car was turned into a temporary hospital, while the busy doctors worked to relieve the injured

FLAGGED DOOMED TRAIN IN VAIN. Collins Ferguson, the bridge tender on duty, vigorously flagged the doomed train, and he, with Allen Banks, was thrown into the river when the engine struck the bridge in the center of the open draw. Banks was rescued, but the body of Ferguson has not yet been re-

Conductor Morris in charge of the train, did much in rescuing others from the

THOUSANDS RUSHED TO SCENE.

As soon as details of the accident spread, thousands of people rushed to relied upon with implicit confidence even in cases of cholera infantum. For sale by all druggists.

Solution in ferrying the injured to the eastern side of the river, where the relief train with every doctor in Norsick headache, etc., than these famous folk, Portsmouth and Norfolk county pills. Scores of testimonials prove FOLEYS HONEYANDIAR that could be secured were waiting. The their worth, Sold by E T. Whitehead the coust ar hallands injured were taken to the Norfolk & Co.

Protestant, St. Vincent's and Sarch Leigh Hospitals, and the seven dead bodies of the dead were taken in charge by Thos. Scott's Sons and sent to their morgue in Portsmouth to be prepared

A wrecking crew was sert- out from Pinner's Point and men were armed with hooks to reach the bodies in the cars, those that were taken out being reached in that way.

ALL DROWNED IN FRONT CAR. Nancy Walters, of Bristol, Tenn. one of the passengers who escaped from the second coach with slight injuries, said that many were hurt in the car in which she was. She believed that all were drowned in the front car

Nearly all the survivors were in pitiable plight. All who were seriously burt were hurried to the hospitals, carriages and transfer busses being used to carry the less serious. All of the hos pital ambulances were busy transporting the worst cases.

A great many of the unfortunates from Kinston, N. C., plunged into the had their cuts and bruises bandaged open draw. The train was in charge at the whart and went their way. Nearof Conductor Morris and Engineer D. ly all were wet to the skin and the women and children were shaking from The engine plunged into the open cold and fright. Terror had left a visdraw, carrying it away and struck the ible stamp on their faces, and to add trestle on the other side, sinking to the to their troubles nearly all of the survivors had lost all their money and belongings.

> FIREMAN ON DOOMED TRAIN SAYS ENGI-NEER WAS "GREEN."

Alfred Cooper, the colored fireman of the ill-fated train, said that Engineer Reigs was making his first trip over the road, and that he himself was not tamiliar with the track, as it was only the second time he had been over it. "When we passed the block station

before coming to the bridge we saw the white board which meant an open track. The approach to the bridge is a long stretch of straight-away road bed, but it is impossible to see only a short | the feet warm. distance from the bridge whather the draw is open or not. I didn't see any signal from the bridge tender. If there was a danger flag or other warning that the bridge was open I did not see it. We were within a car's length of the bridge before either the engineer or myself saw that the draw was turned. I saw the engineer put on the breaks. but it seemed to have no effect on the speed of the train. It is my belief that the break failed. It was then that I jumped. The train was going fifteen or twenty miles an hour."

At the Coast Line offices here it was confirmed that the white sign was shown for the excursion train, and properly so, as the semaphore signa's had reference only to the right of way of the train. The opening or closing of the bridge draw has nothing to do with telegraph orders. It was said that from information at the general offices the proper signals were given as to the bridge draw being open. Half a mile from the bridge is a big sign on the road side with the warning: "Draw bridge half a mile ahead." The State law requires that all trains come to stop before crossing a draw bridge.

Engineer Reigs possibly failed to see

An official of the line said that Conductor morris had made the statement that he could not imagine any reason why the engineer should have rushed the train to its doom.

NOTHING ON THE MARKET EQUAL TO CHAMBERLAIN'S COLIC CHOLERA AND DIARRHOEA REMEDY.

This fact is well known to druggists everywhere, and nine out of ten wils give their customers this preparation when the best is asked for. Mr. Obe Witmer, a prominent druggist of Joplin, Mo., in a circular to bis customers says: "There is nothing on the market in the way of a patent medicine which equals Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. We sell and recommend this preparation." For sale by all druggists.

The Greensboro Record says that in that prohibition town they make good liquor out of tomatoes and it possesses did not ask any further questions the the essential quality of making one drunk. Down this wav, they distill what is said to be a pretty fair article of brandy out of poke berries. The old soaks are hard put to it, but they generally manage to quiet the craving in some way.-Charlotte Chronicle.

The pills that act as a tonic, and not as a drastic purge, are DeWitt's Little Early Risers. They cure Headache, Constipation, Bilionsness, etc. Early Risers are small, easy to take and easy to act-a safe pill. Mack Hamilton, hotel clerk at Valley City, N. D, says: "Two bottles of these Famous Little Pills cured me of chronic constipathe scene, and every available boat in tion." Good for either children or

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS. Budget of Domestic Lore From Which Something of Use May Be Gleaned.

Pillows wear out just like anything else, says a housekeeping authority, even though one may change the tick covering from time to time; the feathers become impregnated with dust and dirt and lose the life that is in all good feathers at first. Then, too, years ago feathers were not prepared, nor pillows made according to the scientific methods that now obtain. A pair of feather pillows bought to-day of a reliable firm, are not at all like the feather pillows of but grandmother's day, as one soon finds, and it would be wise for many & housewife to go through her bed chambers and place new pillows on every bed, renovating the feathers in the old pillows, perhaps, but using them for filling sofa pillows, for which purpose they do very well, but not for affording comfortable rest and sleep at night.

Half a lemon placed in the water in which dish towels and kitchen cloths are soaked is said to sweeten them won-

The following recipe is highly recommended for its efficacy in cleansing fabrics without injuring the texture of "starting" the color, however delicate: Grate two potatoes of ordinary size into a bowl containing one pint of clean, cold water. Strain carefully through a sieve. allowing the liquid to fall into another versel containing an additional pint of cold water. Let it settle and then pour off the water and bottle it for use. It may be put into a clean fruit jar. Kub the soiled garment softly with a sponge dipped in the potato water, after which wash it in clean water. Dry-carefully in the shade and then fron it. Use the sediment left after pouring off the water for cleaning heavy clothes, rugs and car-

Try a poultice of tea leaves as a cure for burns and scalds. Pour boiling water over the tea, and as soon as the leaves are soft, and after they have cooled off a little, form a poultice of them over the burn and cover with cotton. The pain it is said, will stop immediately.

It is said that thin silk stockings, it worn under ordinary cotton stockings will prevent chilblains as well as keep

The various brushes used about the household and for toilet purposes can and then drying, bristles downward. For the finer hairbrushes use borax in. CHARLES MILLER WALSH stead of soap. When brushes are hung up let them hang with their backs to A good old-time housewife offers the

following rule for starch: Mix one tablespoonful of starch with four tablespoonfuls of cold water and pour on this three quarts of boiling water. Boil for 20 minutes. Then add one teaspoonful of salt and a piece of paraffine wax half FOMBS, GRAVESTONES the size of a nutmeg. Stir until the wax is dissolved, then cool and strain through cheesecloth. To add lustre, soak the articles in this preparation for six

That salt possesses tonic qualities is well known, but it has remained for a anteed. Write for designs woman suffering from nervous prostration to use a dry sea salt rub with benecloth in a strong solution of the sea salt, then dries it. After her cold bath each Cemetery and other morning she wipes off the moisture with a towel, then rubs with the salty cloth purposes a Specialty. till her skin is in a glow. She says she has found this to be far more invigorating than the usual bath in salt water.

The persistent use of borax will destroy cockroaches. Once a week cover the pantry shelves with powdered borax. Sprinkle it plentifully in the closets and about the kitchen, especially about the sink and all pipes. When renewing, shelves and line with clean paper. Persist in this, and the bugs will go.

SOMETHING UNIQUE IN FOGS

Audible as Well as Visible.

A young married friend of mine has recently had staying with him his wife's mother, a very dear old conutry woman to whom the ways of London are as a sealed book, relates a writer in London The bedroom which the old dame oc-

cupied looks out upon the railway, and as London was enveloped in fog for two or three days during her visit she experienced a good deal of annoyance from that apparently necessary nuisance, the fog

was due to the fog, and as the old lady to extend beyond October 31 t. matter dropped. On her return to the country, how-

ever, she was full of the wonderful things she had seen in London. "Did ye see a Lonnon fog. granny?" said one of her listeners one evening.

when London was again the all-absorb-"Aye, that I did!" replied granny; 'and heard un, too!

interested listener. "How didst you "Why," answered the old lady, perfectly in earnest, "Lonnon fog bain't like ours; every now and then it goes off wi'

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