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EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS. OBSERVATIONS OF PASSING EVENTS.

THE Warrenton Record tells how the Warren county farmers in session a few days ago, offered prizes for certain products in Warren county as follows: "For the largest yield of corn from one acre of high land, \$10, and low grounds \$10. For the largest yield of cotton from one acre of land, \$10. For the largest yield of tobacco from one acre of land, \$10. Mr. H. T. Macon offered a prize of \$10 for the largest yield of hay from one acre of land in 1906. Mr. John Grubham added \$5 to this offer and the Association agreed to give \$10, making in all for the best acre of hay \$25. Millet and cow peas are not to be counted in the contest."

Because of a tendency away from editorial work in the ordinary newspapers, we have asked once or twice in this column whether or not readers prefer news entirely to editorial work occasionally. Mr. John B. Hourine, of Wilson Mills, Johnston county, and an esteemed subscriber to THE COMMONWEALTH, writes that by all means he prefers some editorial work. He writes as follows: "You may think you are not doing any good, but you will find when you lay your armor by that you have. It is a direct talk to your readers and good talk has always done good. I will give you one case—Lord Wellington once went into a school in the city of London and was much pleased with the new methods of teaching. As he was going out he saw a boy standing with his face to the wall. He said to the teacher: 'How is this?' The teacher said, 'That boy is incorrigible. I have punished him in every way, but I can not get him to learn.' Wellington took hold of the boy and said, 'Sonnie, you have a good face and ought to learn. I would just show my teacher that I can, and get his praise instead of his abuse.' That boy died Dr. Adam Clark."

The New Bern Journal speaks thus of Hon. Claude Kitchin's bill recently introduced in Congress: "The Raleigh News-Observer quite justly approves the bill introduced in Congress by Representative Claude Kitchin to change the law so that cases cannot be so easily shifted by corporations and railroads from State courts to the Federal courts, the present law making the change permissible when the amount reaches two thousand dollars, Mr. Kitchin's bill raising the amount to four thousand dollars. Certainly in North Carolina this amendment will find approval, for there are constantly occurring instances where cases involving more than two thousand dollars, and often more than the proposed change, are settled with a few hundred, instead of as many thousands, because plaintiffs have neither the time or money to follow cases through a series of courts, year after year, with the attendant worry and expense which must follow the trial, or its attempt, in the Federal court. The Judiciary Committee has favorably passed upon Mr. Kitchin's bill, but it can of course be defeated in the House or Senate by the friends of corporations and railroads, who prefer to have the Federal court as a refuge, when their cases are likely to go against them, and when by changing from a State to Federal court, the party seeking just and legal redress can be worn out, and defeated through the time and expense necessary to follow up the corporation."

WE read and speak of millions of dollars and millionaires as if such were a matter of course and that it need not be considered anything out of the ordinary. And not only do we think and speak of millionaires in a commonplace way, but here and there we have heard of men who commenced life penniless and became millionaires. We read a while ago of millions of money and turned to contemplate a penniless lad and wondered how it could ever be possible for him to become a millionaire. And the more we pondered the more overwhelming became the contemplation that a lad penniless at the age of twelve years should ever be able to amass a million dollars. And as we pondered and wondered at the possibility we could not contradict it, for a few have amassed millions who were practically, if not wholly, penniless at first. So we can not say it is impossible; but some have doubted the justice of it. And in contemplating such a wonderful financial feat some raise the question whether or not one can come into this world with no possession, start the race of life without a penny and wind up a millionaire and be strictly honest at every turn and trick of fortune. It is wrong to think and say hard things about rich folk just because they are rich; but comparing the situation with penury one does not have to possess millions before he is rich. To be sure, God has endowed some persons with the gift of making and saving money, and it is not wrong for them to make and save money in accordance with the gifts and endowments which God has placed upon them; but when we think how much money a million or a hundred million is, the question will spring up now and then whether every cent of the vast sum has been made in a clear-cut unquestionable course of dealing. To make bold, we ask the question, Can a penniless man make a million dollars and be perfectly fair and square from his first penny to the last dollar that caps his million?

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SOME GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS. SHOULD GIVE HELP TO THE ROADS. It is by Many Regarded a Great National Duty.

(Brooklyn Up-Town Weekly.) The writer of this article has given considerable thought to the good roads proposition as embodied in the Brown-Lattimer bill, and has reached the only conclusion possible—that Congress ought to quickly pass this bill into law. Indeed, we do not believe there can be suggested a single good reason why it should not be done. We all know that the highways are as essential to our civilization as the mills which grind our wheat and corn are essential to our physical comfort. We know that every pound of farm produce is to be moved over the highways before it can reach the railroad or the waterway for shipment; must first traverse the highways before it can reach the consumer. The road conditions in all but two or three States are deplorable, in many sections worse than when first opened up, and in few sections are they at all satisfactory. The States have dealt with the highway question from the beginning of their existence as States. No solution has yet been found. The reason is not far to seek. The burden of road construction and maintenance has always fallen upon the farmers—those least able to bear it, while those equally benefited and best able to bear the expense have escaped almost wholly the obligation. The solution is in an equal distribution of cost. This can be reached in but one way. The Government of the United States lays duties on consumption. In this way the bulk of the money coming into the national treasury is derived from all classes, in town and country alike. Everybody contributes to it. The proposed good roads legislation covers the case of necessity, because it takes back to the people in equitable share that which they have contributed to the government and provides for improvements that will strengthen all our institutions and make the country more prosperous than it has ever been. The government uses the highways as if it owned them in the fee simple, and yet contributes not one cent to their maintenance. It sends its agents along the country roads, and permits no one to impede their progress. At the beginning Congress authorized the establishment of post roads. The government has not established such roads, but uses those already in existence, claiming unimpeded right-of-way wherever it chooses to go. The argument is not far fetched that the government owes it as an obligation to the people to aid in systematic road building in all States, contributing in this way to the general welfare, and furthering the purposes for which government itself is sustained by its loyal citizens. The friends of national aid to road improvement only ask the fair discharge of a government obligation.

KILLS LIKE LIGHTNING. HOW DEADLY RHEUMATISM OF THE HEART COMES ON.

Those pains you feel when you first arise in the morning—aching pains in the joints, shooting pains in the muscles—are signs of warning. They are danger signals, evidences of a deep-seated trouble that if not removed may affect the entire system and cause chronic disease, or if the cause is not removed, they may develop suddenly into the deadly Rheumatism of the Heart, which kills like lightning. Better get rid of the cause at once. Rheumatism and its kindred diseases are caused by the accumulation of poisonous acids of the blood. Rubbing with oils or liniments will not cure it; it is an internal disease, and can be conquered only by an internal remedy. There is just one complete cure—RHEUMACIDE. RHEUMACIDE neutralizes the poisonous acids, sweeps all the dangerous germs out of the blood and makes you well all over. RHEUMACIDE CURES because it is the only remedy that "gets at the joints from the inside." Mr. W. R. Hughes, of Atkins, Va., writes: "Four bottles of RHEUMACIDE have entirely cured me of a long standing case of Rheumatism, and greatly improved my general health. I was a total wreck, having had rheumatism for twenty years. I spent several weeks and much money trying specialists in New York, but RHEUMACIDE is the only cure I have found. When I began to use it I weighed 140 pounds. Now I weigh 180 pounds, my normal weight." For sale in Scotland Neck by E. T. Whitehead & Co. After the Jamestown exhibition, Atlanta will have the exposition spotlight.

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