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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

WHILE the Legislature hammers away at the railroads to get passenger rates reduced the disastrous wrecks continue, and many of the people would feel more interested in measures proposing more safety in travel than they do in reduction of passenger rate.

THE snow and sleet which covered the earth and loaded the trees to breaking last week, called back old time winter weather which our fathers and grand-fathers told us about.

MR. GILBERT T. STEPHENSON, of Northampton county, secretary of the Peanut Growers Association, is making strong effort to have a fine peanut display at the Jamestown Exposition.

"A WORD fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver"—And truly have the people and the press of the State so regarded the words of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson in declining the \$100 a month pension proposed by the present General Assembly.

FROM time to time the question comes up in one way or another whether or not there is enthusiasm in the work of our public schools. And as often as the question comes up there is some one to suggest that enthusiasm in public schools is not very marked except amongst some of the leading State officials and those who have much to do with public school affairs.

IT HAS often been given out by educators that the man of few books and they well mastered is a safer and sounder scholar than the man of many books poorly mastered. It is not the man of the most varied reading that every time has the best and most useful fund of knowledge.

A liquid cold relief with a laxative principle which drives out the cold through a copious action of the bowels, a healing principle which lingers in the throat and stops the cough—that is Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup.

Most Dangerous Occupations.

"There are two avowedly dangerous occupations, in which, in spite of all safeguards, a man takes his life in his hand every time he goes to work and in which the concomitant risk must be reckoned against," writes Arthur B. Reese on "Our Industrial Juggernaut."

"Dynamite is death-dealing from its making to its use. In a blasting-powder plant men work eye to eye with death, with faces sober and drawn. Every moment death stares them in the face.

"In the six big tunnel-construction jobs in and about New York on an average a man per day is killed. A cave-in of rock or sand or mud engulfs the gang, or a blast of dynamite blows them to pieces, or they are overcome by the 'bends', the terrible disease due to compressed air. Tilling feverishly in three-hour shifts under a tremendous air pressure of three atmospheres, the 'sand hogs' deep down under the rivers face a thousand dangers in order that the pressing problems of transportation may be solved for the great metropolis.

Prohibitionists should rejoice over the fact just made public that 30,000,000 Americans, more than one-third of the total number, are now living under prohibition laws. Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee are almost entirely prohibition, and other States are making what the Associated Prohibition Press calls "progress."

The truth is not so hard to discover amid the perplexities. If a third of the country has passed prohibition laws the reason is that it does not approve of the open saloon. Experience in Maine, Iowa and other prohibition States has shown that prohibitory laws do not decrease the amount of liquor consumed in the territory they cover, but they do lessen the injurious influence of the saloon.

The Importance of a Postage Stamp. At the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, at Washington, each separate postage stamp is handled by more than two hundred people before it comes into the purchaser's hands.

Hunting for Trouble. "I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Allegheny Sierra Co.

RICHES IN MEXICAN RUBBER.

Fortunes Being Made Out of a Once Despised Shrub.

The excitement which followed the discovery of oil in Texas a few years ago has its parallel in the craze which exists throughout northern Mexico over the discovery that the guayule shrub contains valuable rubber properties.

The utilization of the shrub is no longer an experiment. More than \$3,000,000 has been invested in the erection of guayule rubber factories in this region in the last eighteen months and the investment of several millions in the industry is in prospect.

The guayule shrub covers many million acres of land upon the plateau of northern Mexico and its habitat extends into southwest Texas for a distance of 150 miles. The shrub grows to a height of about four feet. It has been heretofore considered a nuisance to the land-owner, as it interfered with cattle grazing.

The despised shrub has become an object of the greatest attention. Much care is taken in cutting the growth so that the shrub may reproduce itself from its roots. It is said it will bear cutting every third year.

Many land-owners made contracts with guayule rubber manufacturers for the sale of the shrub at from \$30 to \$50 a ton. This was several months ago, in the early days of the excitement. Few sales are now being made for less than \$80 Mexican money a ton.

Francisco Madero of Parras, Mexico, is the owner of 4,000,000 acres of guayule producing land. He is said to be the largest individual land-owner in northern Mexico. He estimates that his land will produce at the first cutting not less than 5,000,000 tons of guayule.

At \$50 gold a ton the shrub would bring him \$250,000,000. In the opinion of experts who have gone over much of this land it will yield at least two tons of the shrub to the acre. That being true, its value is \$400,000,000.

The product of the guayule shrub is not the equal of Para rubber, but it is valuable for many uses, particularly in the manufacture of automobile tires. The manufacture of these tires has caused an enormous increase in the demand for rubber.

One ton of the guayule shrub will

produce about 250 pounds of rubber. When the manufacture of rubber from this new source was first begun the product sold for seventy cents a pound, one ton's extraction bringing \$175 gold. This price has not been maintained, however, but the independent manufacturers say that it will be reached again soon.—Selected.

Be Kind to the Living.

"Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The best things you mean to say when they are gone, say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them now in my weary and troubled hours, and open them, that I may be refreshed and cheered, while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way."—Selected.

Raising Cotton in Texas.

A Texan writing to the Dallas News tells of his experience in raising cotton this year, which was in the nature of the phenomenal. The owner of a small farm which he cultivates himself, planted part of it in cotton. On a certain three-acre lot he raised 3,500 pounds or seven 500-pound bales. The rows were laid out five and a half feet apart, ran north and south. He also relates that cotton planted in rows running east and west did not produce "nearly so much" as the cotton with rows running north and south. This agricultural note, while in a measure explaining the bountiful cotton crop of Texas this year, also offers a suggestion that it would be well to plant cotton in rows running north and south since by this method the growing cotton gets the benefit of the most sunshine.—Cotton Journal.

A Valuable Lesson.

"Six years ago I learned a valuable lesson," writes John Pleasant, of Magnolia Ind. "I then began taking Dr. King's New Life Pills, and the longer I take them the better I find them." They please everybody. Guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists, 25c.

The coincidence of Great Britain and Senator Tillman apologizing the same week, tends to give color to Horace Johnson's predictions that more earthquakes may be expected at an early date.—Hartword Times.

The Jar of Coughing

Hammer blows, steadily applied, break the hardest rock. Coughing, day after day, jars and tears the throat and lungs until the healthy tissues give way. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops the coughing, and heals the torn membranes.

The best kind of a testimonial—"Sold for over sixty years." Made by J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass. Also manufacturers of Sarsaparilla, Pills, Hair Vigor. We have no secrets. We publish the formulas of all our medicines. Showiness, consultation retard recovery. Cure these with Ayer's Pills.

These Useless Questions.

How many of our words are absolutely superfluous, serving no end but the waste of time.

A man stood before a mirror, his face well lathered and his razor in hand.

In came his wife; she looked at him, and inquired, "Are you shaving?"

"No," he replied, fiercely, "I'm blacking the kitchen range. Where are you—out driving or at the mill?"—Woman's Home Companion.

Rising from the Grave.

A proud merchant manufacturer, Wm. A. Furbush, of Lynchburg, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetic stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists, 75c. Only 50c.

Her Husband—"If a man steals no matter what it is—he will live to regret it. His Wife—During our courtship you used to steal kisses from me. Her Husband—Well, you heard what I said.—Chicago Daily News.

Neighbors Got Fooled.

"I was literally coughing myself to death, and had become too weak to leave my bed; and neighbors predicted that I would never leave it alive; but they got fooled, for thanks be to God, I was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery. It took just four one dollar bottles to completely cure the cough and restore me to good sound health." writes Mrs. Eva Unepher, of Government, Stark Co., Ind. This King of cough and cold cures, and healer of throat and lung, is guaranteed by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

"You don't mean to tell me you called Jim Jeffries a liar?" "That's exactly what I did." "What did he say?" "I don't know. He was in San Francisco at the time. I was in Chicago."—Cleveland Press.

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There is real pleasure in chewing the best tobacco grown—where the best tobacco grows—in the famous Piedmont Country.

Only choice selections of this well-matured and thoroughly cured tobacco is used in making SCHNAPPS. That's why SCHNAPPS and others of the Reynold's brands, as shown by the Internal Revenue statistics for a fiscal year, made the wonderful growth of six and one-quarter million pounds, or a net gain of one-third of the entire increased consumption of chewing and smoking tobaccos in the United States.

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SCHNAPPS is like a cup of fine Java coffee, sweetened just enough to bring out its natural, stimulating qualities. SCHNAPPS pleases all classes of chewers: the rich, because they do not find a chew that really pleases them better at any price; the poor, because it is more economical than the large 10c. or 15c. plugs and they get their money's worth of the real snappy, stimulating flavor so appreciated by tobacco lovers. All imitations contain much more sweetening than SCHNAPPS. They are made that way to hide poor tobacco improperly cured.

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