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## THE EDITORS LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.
In the Atlantic Deep Waterways Conference recently held in Philadel-
shia, North Carolina took a prominent part. Congressman Small received
North Carolina Again. all the credit which he so richly deserves as he
has worked for the project in season and out of
season. It was he who obtained the first appropriation from Congress for
the construction of any portion of the waterway. He was accorded a fine
reception whenever he made himself heard. He spoke particularly with
reference to the North Carolina part of this chain of waterways, and his
speech was frequently referred to during the session of the convention.
Mr. Small does things in a quiet, unobstrusive way, yet when he under-
takes a thing he keeps continually at it. His time in Congress has been
well spent in the effort to benefit his section, and now he is beginning to
reap a reward in his large influence in a matter which is now commanding
the attention of the entire Nation. He has mastered the subject and is
truly an authority!
Mr. Roosevectrs removal of the phrase "In God we trust," from the
new ten dollar gold coins just issued has called forth much unfavorable
comment. The President in a recent letter to

## Spitting Hairs.

 the law for the inscription. Continuing, he says: "My own feeling$\qquad$
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cheapen it, and above all, any use which tends to secure its being treated
in a spirit of levity, is from every standpoint profoundly to be regretted.
It is a motto, which it is indeed well to have inscribed on our great nation-
al monuments, in our temples of justice, in our legislative halls and in
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$\qquad$ Washington or McKinley because their pictures may be seen on a postage seription on our coins, yet custom demands it; and custom, when once es-
tablished, is strong enough to make any law a dead letter. In fact Black stone gives it as a foundation of law. Let us not quickly depart from the
good old customs of our ancestors!
Every statesman and financier seems to realize the need of a more elasc system of currency. For several years Republican leaders have talked
of currency reform, but no step has been taken,
Currency Reform. $\begin{gathered}\text { We have disregarded the old adage, "In time }\end{gathered}$
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