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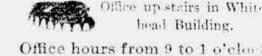
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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

ADMIRAL Evans, in command of the United States fleet in Hampton Roads, announced that every ship would sail on the morning of December Christmas in a Strange Land. 16, so as to reach the harbor of the Port of Oh, Queen of all the nights was Spain, Trinidad, on the morning of December 24; that part of Uncle Sam's sailor boys will be allowed to spend Christmas eve ashore, and part Christmas day. They carry with them 40,000 rands of turkey, and an unusually elaborate Christmas menu has been prepared. So, while we are eating our Christmas dinner our sailors will be enjoying an American repast of like nature; while we are at our usual Christmas diversions, they will be engaged in American sports; but it will not be an American Christmas, for the atmosphere will be different. It will not be home. They will know that, far away across the waters, a nother's heart is filling, in imagination, a vacant seat at the Christmas board; that, when she serves each member present, she thinks of the son in a strange land; that when, on Christmas morn, the usual greetings are interchanged there's one for him-a silent one-from a father's heart. Our boys are on no mission of war, but they serve their country faithfully and they deserve a silent greeting from us all on Christmas morn.

ALMOST at the very time Representative Clayton of Alabama, is agitat-

ig an anti-third-term bill, and about to introduce it, President Roosevelt It was the last of many a day repeats the statement made on the night of his The Matter of a Third Term. election, declaring that under no condition will he accept a third term; that he will continue to follow the precedent set by Washington; that the spirit, if not the letter, of that precedent precludes him from another election. This determination on the part of the President comes as a thunder-bolt to the political world. Thousands of conjectures had been made as to our President's action in case of pressure, and but few had given him credit for sincerity in declining re-nomination. Among this number Mr. Bryan was foremost, for he has said that doubt is nothing more than a reflection on Mr. Roosevelt. Since Mr. Roosevelt's second declaration, Democratic politicians, in their efforts to display acumen, have expressed various opinions, many saying that this determination has been caused by the President's knowledge that he would fail of election. This is hardly true, for of all Americans, Roosevelt would be most certain of election. He has the confidence of the people and would certainly get their votes. Then let us disregard the foolish comments of politicians, and give Mr. Roosevelt credit for the sincerity of any ordinary man, which would forbid his going back on his word. As for Ir. Clayton's anti-third-term resolution, its passage would certainly do Now from the feast of joy there in harm and might do much good in the future.

Now that another year has rolled by and another Christmas is approaching, we are looking toward that day of all days with the anticipation of all great deal of post-live. To us who are no The Joy of Christmas.

We have long since lost the sweet delasion, and Santa has changed the big-hearted old man, with over-llowing pockets and jingling 14. With a aver figure of our Lord on the Cross-the impersonation -acrifice. Our joy now is but the reflection of the joy of our childas they gather around the Chrismas herthstone and revel in goodies, use officin they know not; and, as we thank God that His unseen hand as enabled Santa to fill their stockings, we realize that the joy of childcond-receiving has been changed to the joy of giving and seeing others reeive. Therefore, as we picture, in our imagination, the Christmas joys of ur own little circle, we should not forget the orphan's homes near by. Those outling hearts will, perhaps, on that day forget that the world is gay, and themselves in the recollection of the time when they too stood at fond 219-221 Atlantic Trust Building, remain' knees and ate of Santa's goodies. So, if we would fully realize the joy of that day's blessings, let us-each one-look to the Lord who has commanded us "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction," and to as He has bidden us. There is no joy save in self-forgetting. Every great system of ethics has been founded on charity, and it is still the source of all good. Let us, for one day at least, try to approach, as near as human beings are allowed, real joy as taught by the All Wise.

> THE "New York American" gives an intensely interesting psychological liscussion of self-murder, in which is set forth the theory that the act springs from self-pity, and that morbid self-The Cause of Self-Murder. pity is dangerously akin to insanity; therefore Then met scorched hands in friendthe man who regards, for a moment, the impulse to self-pity is about to enter the road to suicide. With this realization, the first promptings should be wilfully and persistently put down. No doubt the suicide often believes himself a sort of hero, his act an act of bravery. Such an idea is the delusion of an unbalanced mind, for the suicidal thought itself is but the manifestation of insanity. This idea, when once implanted in the mind of a man will do much to save him from the suicide's grave. We quote: "The act springs from self-pity. And morbid self-pity is dangerously akin to insanity. If persons feeling the suicidal impulse realized that it was a symptom of that most fearful of visitants-madness-they For every day I stand outside your might be protected from themselves by the counter impulse of saving their minds. Surely any intelligent person, experiencing a sense of aberration, would hasten to do something to fight it down and overcome it. But the unfortunate suicide, blinded by self-pity, does not realize that the destructive impulse is a mental danger signal, as pain is the signal of danger to the physical body. Physicial pain seems fiendishly cruel at times. It is a ravening thing, affecting the innocent and guilty alike. But it is Each night I burn the records of the the means of preservation. Pain and fear are vital necessities for the preservation of life. It seems paradoxical to say that the urging to selfdestruction can be a saving quality, but there is no doubt that many have The releifed populse is an indication that the emerious have been permitted to drag the anchor of insanity. Immediate diversion is necessary. A isit to the theater, a ride out into the country, a brisk walk may be enough to restore self-control. Even in the midst of the most poignant grief or disappointment no person wishes to do an insane thing. The suieide does not realize that the impulse is mad, and dies deluded. It should e taught that self-destruction is madness. That would be more effectual

in preventing it than the religious dictum that it is a sin. By resisting

the temptation the victim of unhappiness proves to himself that he is sane

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The Mission of the Flames.

"Excelsior" is Our Motto.

(By Will Carleton.) The Christmas Eve had steeped

once more From off the sunset's gilded cars,

And on her dark-blue dress she wore The priceless jewels of the stars.

By many grateful souls caressed! And most of all by those whom He Took once within His arms and

And twice three hundred hands were there, To take the gifts that hearts employ Carasses of the heart to bear;

And on the altar's cushioned soil, Where many happy eyes could see. There loomed that growth of playful toil

And toilsome play-a Christmas tree.

In gloomy streets not far away. Two foemen fought each other's life:

Of fancied wrong and frenzied strife.

Each cursed the other with his heart And planned a death-bed o'er and o'er;

And each, to do its murderous part, The grim five-bladed dagger bore. O Christmas—birthday of the joys Of peace, that every bosom craves!

Why on thy eve should Passion's Call yet his muster-roll of slaves?

We know not: oft the brightest

In God's sweet heaven secure and high, Is dimmed by clouds from near and

That need a storm to brush them

A sudden shout, a wailing cry: The temple's roof is thatched with

flame! Huge treasure-torches gleam on

longer children Christonas is not what it once Now, heroes of the human race, If such there be within this call, Arouse and clear the child-strown

> Before you gilded frescoes fall!-The swift response was strong and

As ever could be said or sung: Men fight like men themselves to

They fight like fiends to save their young! Through smoke and flame the newly

Strove as the unleashed whirlwind

And to an hundred parents gave The present of their chrildren's

No stronger two than those who

Had lurked each other's blood to claim! Last ones they were to leave gate That hung on hinges forged of

flame. Cursing they met each other's view-Looked at each other's arms, and

smiled-

For each had saved the other's

Opportunity's Reply.

They do me wrong who say I come

When once I knock and fail to find you in;

And bid you wake and rise to fight

Weep not for precious chances pass-

Weep not for golden ages on the wane:

At surrise every soul is born Beale.

have fled; To vanished joys be blind, and deaf and dumb;

Laugh like a boy at splendors that

My judgments seal the dead past with its dead-But never bind a moment yet to come.

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Where North Carolina Was First.

(News and Observer.) At the recent meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy, representing all the States where there are chapters of this organization, Mrs. I. W. Faison, president of the North Carolina Society, in making the report of the work of North. Carolina, took occasion to give brief summary of how North Car o-The temple smiled with youthful lina has led in important historical movements. From her admirable report the following extracts, which will be of general interest, are What will the voice of the New Year

> "History shows that North Carolina stands first in whatever she undertakes. North Carolina has many historic facts for which she has never been given credit by some. Situated between Virginia on the one hand and South Carolina on the other, and always a very modest State, she did not proclaim these facts as the other two States, who have made the welkin ring, as it in sanity made in France during the were, of their deeds of valor. For p ast year divides the patients in the every fact that they can give we can various public asylums for the ingive one better. A few of these sane into three groups, namely, those

North Carolina.

Island, North Carolina.

American soil was on this island.

mington, sometime before the noted | 2,237 men and 1,048 mornen, a room, but boldly proclaimed that they of 3,638. The grand would not be taxed unjustly, and As the whole number of patients ? threw the tea overboad.

Carolina was "first at Bethel, farth- State. est at Chickamauga and Gettysburg, and last at Appomattox.

ern States.

said: "God bless North Carolina."

man killed in the army was Lieuten- country form the customary tipples ant W. E. Shipp, of Charlotte, N. C .; at cafes and drinking bars. The seriin the navy the first man killed was ous element in these statistics is that Worth Bagley, of Raleigh, N. C.

Castle, Cuba.

of George L. Reinheart, a Confederate soldier of the 26 and 23 North Carolina Infantry.

12. North Carolina was the first State to break ground for a building at the Jamestown Exposition and had the biggest day of any State morning and do something out of Clark estate and bounded on the during the whole time of the expo- your regular profession. Mind your west and north by Ganus' gut, on sition.

Virginia.

R. B. Glenn, and Judge Long have friends and neighbors. Be cheerful. the distinction of being the first to Fulfill your promises. Pay your discuss the much mooted question, debts. Be yourself all you would see the rate law, and declaring again in others. Be a good man and stop for State's rights.

is needed.

helped by its use.

Nursing baby?

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A Song of Gifts.

(F. L. Stanton, in News and Observer.) What will the bells o' the New Year

ring us? What will the days c.' the New Year bring us?

Sorrows and sighs, And weeping eyes. Gardens of bloom and brighter skies, A rose o're a grave where a dead

rose lies--What will the New Year bring us? this,

What will the bells of the New Year ring us?

sing un? Songs to cheer The hearts to bear.

Garlands over the thorns we wear, And love to kiss away each tear-These wil'. the New Year bring us?

Alcohol and Insanity.

(Southern Farn Magazine.) A report of the results of a care- States. ful and systematic investigation of the connection between alcohol and affected by simple alcoholism; second-I. First soldier killed in battle at ly, cases of alcoholism complicated Bethel was Henry L. Wyatt, of to a greater or less degree with degeneracy or mental debility; and 2. The first settlement of Ameri- thirdly, all cases of mania, intermitca was made in 1585 on Roanoke tent systemic delirium, etc., in which the abuse of alcoholic drinks has 3. The first white child born on been a definite contributing cause.

The first of these groups includes 4. North Carolina had the first 2,287 men and 721 women, a total of 'tea party" at Edenton and Wil- 3,008. The second group commercians no in Boston, Mass, and were not of 3,285. The Chied group meladic lisguised as Indians as they were, 2.538 men and 1.101 women, a col.,

French asylums for the manue from Hearse Dervice any lame 5. She declared her independence, all cause on January 1, 1967, was of the British crown in Charlotte, 71, 547, it follows that the croses of the crose of t Mecklenburg county, N. C., May the insanity due more or less exclusively the accommodiate out trientles 20th, 1775, more than a year before to alcoholism formed 13.6 per cent. and the limbile Generally, it was declared in Philadelphia, of the entire army of victiras of mental alienation who have become bur-6. But the grandest of all, North dens upon the benevolence of the

Another interesting fact revealed by the investigation is the important Can Cancer Be Cured? 7. Out of a voting population of role which has been played in the 115,000, North Carolina sent 125,000 drama of degradation by absinth 8. It was in the hour of the last or approximately half of the whole march of our troops that General Lee number, owe their degradation to are endorsed by the Senate and Legabsinth and the two or three order islature of Virginia. 9. In the late Cuban war the first so-called "aperatifs" which in this they reveal an increase during the 10 10. North Carolina's troops placed years from 1897 to 1907 of 57 per the first American flag on Morro cent. in the number of insane in 36 departmen's of France. The nation-11. Arlington Cemetery, as we al league against the abuse of alconow know it, was formally establish- hal is now orgaized and actively ed in May, 1864, and it is stated that pursuing a crusade against intemthe first interment therein was that perance and the sale of absinth and other noxious liquors.

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