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# THE COMMONWEALTH.

**Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Never Suspect It.**

Most people do not realize the alarming increase and remarkable prevalence of kidney disease. While kidney disorders are the most common diseases that afflict the human system, they are not recognized by patient and physicians, who are not familiar with the signs and symptoms of this disease.

There is comfort in the knowledge of the cause of the trouble, and Dr. Kilmear's Kidney Pills, which are sold in every drug store, will cure the disease in its early stages, while the only other remedy is to wait until the system is ruined.

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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

### Observations of Passing Events.

This is to be a year in which the crop of candidates for various offices will be large. The Progressive Farmer wisely calls attention to the necessity of having men of capacity and integrity for office. It says that a man may be honest but worthless unless he has sense; a man may have sense but is worse than worthless unless he is honest. These observations are timely and true. Public office is still a public trust and none but those worthy of such trust should be placed in these positions of responsibility. It means much to represent a good people in any capacity as a public officer, and this should be considered both by the man who asks for the office and the people who bestow it. The truth is, the long-ago plan of the people asking the man to serve them was far preferable to the modern plan of the man asking the people for the office. The Progressive Farmer quotes a prominent man in the Atlanta Georgian as follows: "I will never vote again for any candidate for a State office who does not have some well-worked-out program for conserving and developing our rural communities, for constructing good roads throughout the State, for placing a respectable school-house and good school in easy reach of every child, for placing in every one of such schools well-trained and amply paid teachers, and for making our institutions of charity and higher education equal to any. I'm tired of hearing men talk, and of voting for men merely because they support a certain man for President and for reward for party service."

WITH all the educational enthusiasm that marks our time, there is a question now as to whether the children of the present are as studious as were the children of four or five decades ago. In the time when the beginners used the "blue back" speller, those a little advanced a reader of some kind and the higher classes had to work a long time in the arithmetic, the grammar and geography, there was more down-right hard study than there is to-day when every child is loaded down with a book bag containing as many books as five such children carried forty years ago. We may be classed an old fogey, but we do honestly believe that children now-a-days have so many things to study, so much scribbling over various exercises that they become confused and lose interest in their work. Years ago the ten-year-old would come home from school and tell his mother that he had "turned a leaf" that day with just as much pride and triumph as the twelve-year-old to-day exhibits an essay on Shakespeare marked "fine" by the teacher who passed upon its literary excellence. Set us down, if you will, as a critic of some things in the present rush in books; but we do believe that children are hurried through school at too rapid a pace. Of course there are other sides to the question. Now, college students graduate with degrees younger than students entered college forty or fifty years ago. The mad craze for business success demands that beardless youths shall be in business and in the professions with the rank which men a third of century old took fifty years ago. And there you are.

UNDER the above heading the Richmond News-Leader of February 26 printed a letter by James Cannon, Jr., of Blackstone, Va., which makes interesting reading, as it applies to North Carolina now. It is rather a long selection for this column, but the logic is too good to miss. Here is the letter: "Editor The News-Leader: The editor of The News-Leader is a man of ability and usually expresses himself with clearness and force, and when his prejudices are not involved he is morally logical. In the issue of Feb. 19 he writes under the heading of 'Surrendered Rights' a sound, interesting article from which we quote: 'In Greensville county circuit court the other day H. C. Traylor was fined \$10 and costs for failure to obey the directions of the State entomologist in treatment of his fruit trees. The case was the first of the kind in Virginia and was very hard fought. The evidence relied on technicalities and was defeated. This will be good news to progressive people who realize the enormous importance of the fruit crop and the vast possibilities of fruit growing in Virginia. The prosecution of the case is on a line with the general policy of development and preservation of our natural resources which the State is adopting more and more clearly each session of the legislature. We are getting away from the old besotted devotion to extreme ideas of personal rights and local independence which really means selfishness, lack of public spirit and unprogressiveness. Twenty years ago it would have been thought horrible to give the State the right to direct a man how to treat his own fruit orchard. Now we have learned that a man who keeps a dirty orchard or allows his trees to remain diseased is a hindrance and danger to his neighbors; that their rights are involved with his and must be respected. We are taking another step forward and in a few years from now will forbid a man from destroying his own forests on the ground that the maintenance of a certain amount of forest land is necessary for the public welfare. All these restrictions and innovations tend to progress and the general enrichment of the Commonwealth. They involve restrictions of rights and intrusion by the State upon domains hitherto regarded as sacred. They are necessary, however, for the enrichment and advantage of the whole people. Just as is the case in all organized society, each man must surrender a little of his natural inherited privilege for the good of all, including himself.' It is upon this very principle that we are demanding the abolition of the saloon. It is a public nuisance. It is a menace to the property, the life, and the morals of every community in which it is located. We demand that the dram-drinkers shall surrender the right to a place 'to drink liquor to their comfort' in order that this menace may be removed and we need no longer be in danger from the drunken, disorderly people who are rendered crazy and dangerous by the saloon. If The News-Leader considers this principle sound as to fruit trees, forests, etc., why is it not sound as to saloons? 'Is Saul among the prophets?' It looks that way."

## The Proposed Prohibition Law.

I.—WHAT IT WILL DO.

It will abolish every licensed whiskey and brandy distillery in the State.

It will abolish every saloon and dispensary in the State.

It will stop the wine traffic within the State. For wine can be sold only at the place of manufacture in quantities of two and one-half gallons or more and not shipped anywhere in the State.

It will stop the sale of all those chemical mixtures by whatever name known that will produce intoxication.

It will place under the most stringent and binding regulations pharmacists and physicians, who may handle intoxicating liquors for medical purposes only.

It will allow the officials of any county or town to regulate or prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors by pharmacists in the drug-stores.

II.—WHAT IT WILL NOT DO.

It will not prohibit the farmer from making cider from fruits grown on his own land and selling the same at home or in his market town.

It will not stop the manufacturer from making his wine and shipping it outside of the State.

It will not stop the sale of those medical preparations and essences that may have alcohol in them to preserve them or to hold the medicinal agents in solution, such as camphor, vanilla, etc.

It will not repeal existing prohibition laws.

It will not prohibit the sale of wine to ministers or church officials for sacramental purposes.

If this law fails to be ratified by the people at the polls on May 26, 1908, it will not affect the present status of any existing prohibition law in the State. In other words, the dry territory will not be changed.

III.—IT IS FAIR.

We are sure when you have studied this law you will agree with us that it is fair.

Under this law, Greensboro's voting wet would not make it wet, and Salisbury's voting dry would not make it dry. Under local option Greensboro has voted dry, and as a locality she must remain so until the locality as such votes wet, while Salisbury has voted the other way. This vote on "the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors" in North Carolina is quite a different thing from local option.

Again, this law is right. For the influence of liquor is never local. Salisbury or Wilmington citizens, while controlling the sale of the traffic, do not control the dangerous and damaging influence of this traffic. This influence is felt for hundreds of miles around. Every citizen in the State has a right to self-protection against the influence of this traffic, now centered at a few points, and the only way of protection is the abolition of the traffic throughout the State.

Raleigh, N. C. R. L. DAVIS.

**Why, Certainly he Will.**

(Saw Hill Record-Standard.)

Some time ago a cranky sort of an old man came into this office and stopped his paper because something in it did not just suit his fancy. We have frequently met him on the street since and it is amusing to note the look of surprise on that old fellow's face that we are still in existence regardless of the fact that he stopped his paper. Some day—and it won't be long either—that old gentleman will turn up his toes. Neighbors and friends will follow his lifeless clay to the silent city over the hill and lay them to rest among the flowers. An obituary will be published in these columns telling what a good neighbor and beloved citizen he was—which the recording angel will overlook for charity's sake, and in a very short time he will be forgotten. As he lies out there in the cold, cold ground, wrapped in the silent slumber of death, he will never know that the last kind word spoken of him was by the editor of that paper which in life he so spitefully "stopped." Did you ever pause, reader, just for a moment and think that the editor of your paper, whoever he may be, will write your obituary some day?

Mr. Wm. H. Anderson, M. D., of Soda Springs, Ida., says that Bees Laxative Cough Syrup has relieved coughs and colds where all other remedies especially recommend it for children. It is pleasant to take. For coughs, colds, hoarseness whooping cough. Money refunded if not satisfied. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

## SAWED OFF ITS HEAD.

On a Famous Old Frigate.

(Baltimore Sun.)

The figurehead which was placed on the frigate Constitution is now at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. It is a figure of Andrew Jackson, and connected with it is a curious incident.

The original figurehead of the Constitution was a figure of Hercules. This was destroyed by a cannon ball at Tripoli, and then a figure of Neptune was erected. This also came to grief, and at the time the vessel was rebuilt there was no figurehead except a billet.

At the time the new ship was finished Captain Jesse Duncan Elliott of Hagerstown, Md., who had distinguished himself in the battle of Lake Erie, was in command at the Boston navy yard. Captain Elliott was an enthusiastic Democrat and an ardent admirer of President Andrew Jackson.

The president had lately been in Boston and had been most hospitably received, and Captain Elliott conceived the idea of placing a figure of the president at the prow of the Constitution, believing that it would give the people of Boston much pleasure. The navy department gave him permission, and so a wooden figure of "Old Hickory" was put in position on the ship.

This act raised a storm of dissent in the Hub, and Captain Elliott was threatened with a coat of tar and feathers. The excitement was intense, and the language was virulent. Handbills denouncing the act, denouncing the president and Elliott, were circulated in the streets, and the newspapers took up the cry, and in this day and generation the partisan violence and vituperation which raged in New England are inconceivable.

On a dark night in July the deck of the ship was invaded, and, although a sentry was close at hand, the head of Jackson was sawed off and taken away. New England was delirious, and for a time the perpetrator of the act was unknown to the public.

Six months later one Samuel W. Dewey, a Boston sea captain, took the discovered head in a bag to the secretary of the navy at Washington and avowed himself as the criminal. That official was amazed at the man's audacity and asked him if he did not know that he would be severely punished. Dewey calmly replied that he had considered the matter and had ascertained that the legal penalty was slight and could not be applied until he was convicted by a jury in Essex county, Mass.

"And if you think a jury in that county," he added, "will punish a man for cutting off the head of Andrew Jackson you are welcome to try it."

The secretary went to the White House for instruction, while Dewey was detained. General Jackson laughed heartily at the whole incident and forbade the man's arrest. Before this Captain Elliott had provided a new head for the figure, and the wooden statue of Jackson that is now at Annapolis was at the prow of the vessel for forty years.

Captain Elliott's last voyage on the Constitution was from the Mediterranean to Hampton Roads in 1838. Here he was removed from command because of charges of severity to the men and other things. The Constitution finally went out of commission for active service at Portsmouth, N. H., after a career of nearly fifty-eight years in the service. In 1890 she was transferred to Annapolis for the use of the midshipmen.

When the civil war began her position there was deemed unsafe, and she was sent to the New York navy yard. In 1865 she was returned to Annapolis, where she remained until 1871, when she was taken to Philadelphia, where she was again rebuilt. In 1878 she was used to transport exhibits to France for the Paris exposition of 1878, and her career at sea finally ended in 1881. The centennial of her launching was celebrated at Boston in 1907, where she was built.

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## KINSTON GIRL TAKES HER LIFE.

Miss Nellie Fields Puts Ball in Her Brain.

HER FATHER IN ARKANSAS.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Kinston, N. C., Feb. 27th.—Miss Nellie Fields, the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fields, committed suicide about 10 o'clock by shooting herself with a pistol, at their home on Peyton Avenue. Several weeks ago the young girl contracted the grip and had an unusually severe attack, having been confined to her bed ever since. For several days she had been despondent and depressed but no one suspected that she was contemplating self-destruction.

This morning she had been sitting before the fire in her bed room. Mrs. Fields left to go to the smoke-house for some provisions and had hardly reached the door when she heard a pistol shot. She ran into the child's bed room and found her lying across the bed in a pool of blood, a pistol in her right hand, showing the fact of suicide. The pistol had been placed under the right jaw and the ball had lodged in the base of the brain, death being almost instantly.

It is supposed that becoming unable to resist the depression, the child's reason was affected and that when her mother left the room she saw the pistol lying on the mantel, seized it and shot herself. Neighbors heard the pistol and ran at once to render assistance. Dr. W. T. Parrott was summoned but the child was dead before he reached the house, the shot entering the brain and causing instant death. Her father, Mr. Fields, who has been at Hot Springs, Arkansas, for some time undergoing treatment, was notified by wire.

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(Selected.)

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When we were first acquainted  
Your locks were like the raven,  
Your bonnie brow was bent;  
But now your brow is bald, John,  
Your locks are like the snow;  
But blessings on your frosty pow,  
John Anderson, my Jo.

John Anderson my Jo, John,  
We clamb the hill together,  
And many a canty day, John,  
We've had w' me anither;  
Now we maun totter down, John,  
But hand in hand we'll go,  
And sleep together at the foot,  
John Anderson, my Jo.

Here comes the Spring winds to chape,  
Till and trouble, the Pinesilver Carboloid (acts like a panacea) for cuts, sores, burns, chapped lips, hands and face. It soothes and heals. Sold by E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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A girl generally plays with a man's heart just about as carefully as a baby toys with a watch.—Dallas News.

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Senator Beveridge says that "Fairbanks forever" is Indiana's motto. As a candidate?—Boston Globe.

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