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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

THAT is an ugly story which comes from Belhaven of the killing of two Greeks by a band of white caps. It was most highly handed lawlessness, and should be properly punished, as no doubt it will be. But after the law is vindicated in all such cases, the black stain still rests on North Carolina. The fact that such an act was committed in the State shows that there are those within our borders who care little for the State's reputation and little for the correctness of their own course towards others. We write without knowing what was the cause for the beating of the Greeks by the mob that maltreated them; but whatever the cause, there was a better way to avenge any wrong that they may have committed. All true lovers of the State will refrain from such violence and give the law a chance. It will be time enough for violence after the law fails to mete out justice to those guilty of great crimes. The law seldom fails of justice against out-breaking crime, and every deference should be paid to the law in all such matters. Such violent acts as are reported in the killing of those Greeks and beating others sometimes involve one country in war with another, and more's the pity that a whole State or Nation has to suffer for the lawless acts of a few men.

WE believe Barnum was credited with the original declaration that the people like to be humbugged. If such a statement is

Will The Demagogue Thrive? true it might apply to one phase of life

as well as another; and it cannot be denied that the people are often humbugged whether they like it or not. And what is the strangest thing mixed up with it all is the fact that the people who have been humbugged one time allow themselves to be humbugged in the same way again, either by the same perpetrator of the said humbugism, or another like him. A man will stand on a barrel or goods box in the middle of the street and sell cheap stuffs of some kind for fine soap, and just three weeks later another man can come along and practice the same thing on the same people who perhaps have packed away at home the soap that the first humbugger sold them three weeks before. But humbuggery is not confined to soap-selling. It enters into many phases of life; and this being a general election year, it may be the time when some demagogues expect to thrive on the humbuggery they can practice upon the people. Almost every man will tell you that he is too smart himself to be caught by a demagogue, but many are not, just the same. To paraphrase an old Latin adage, we say: Beware the demagogue.

NOTHING in all human character shines quite so brightly as the truth. One may be endowed with wonderful gifts of mind but if he will not tell the truth his mental endowments count for little. One may have great physical strength so that no task of hand or body seems hard or heavy, but if he disregards truth his great muscular strength is placed on a level with some powerful but treacherous beast. A man may have the capacity to accumulate wealth so that his dollars may pile up like the great Pyramids, but if he proves to be untruthful in his words and practices his character will be questioned and his money will be called "tainted". A disregard for the truth is the index of a false and failing life. Nothing in adults or children so discredits character as untruthfulness. A wise man who has had much experience as a teacher of boys was speaking recently about the kinds of boys he had taught and the various experiences he had had with bad boys, but he said he never lost hope in a boy as long as he would tell the truth. He said that when he caught a boy in a wilful lie he was soon ready to give him up as a hopeless case. While the boy was truthful he had hopes for something good from him, but when he proved to be a liar there was left little ground for hope. And this holds good all through human life. With truth as the guide-star of one's course and purpose there is hope for good, but when truth is lightly esteemed one may not be surprised at any result of such life. Let truth be impressed upon the life of every one under the touch of any and all influences, and hasten the day when it shall reign over all.

EDITOR JOHNSON in Charity and Children makes good points in the following editorial utterances that are worthy a place in this column. We print them as follows:

The Toady. "Look out for him in this presidential year. He is sometimes represented by a newspaper. A great paper makes a statement on a living issue. It may be very strong, but it is couched in decent and temperate language. A little 'weakly,' anxious to please its patron saint, goes it one better and employs language as lurid as its limited vocabulary will allow. The echo always goes a great deal further than its idol; it is obliged to in order to get any notice at all, but instead of admiration the very man whom it hopes to please feels contempt which he cannot express for his copyist. Even so great a magazine as the Review of Reviews has suffered in the estimation of the intelligent and discriminating on account of the blind infatuation of the editor for President Roosevelt. As for poor old Jacob Riis, he has made all kinds of a fool of himself. It is always well to keep in mind the great fact that there are others. No one man embodies in himself all wisdom. We have hardly a man in public life to-day without glaring faults. We advise such of our readers as may honor us by reading these lines not to go wild over anybody. It is a happy gift to keep 'calm and serene,' as good old Bill Arp used to say, and it is especially necessary when the political pot begins to lift the lid. Do not name your boy after a politician until he is dead. He may make you ashamed of your self if you do. Do not go crazy over your preacher and think that there is no other his equal, for there are hundreds of others who can preach as well as he. In short, do not fall down before any man or any institution and claim for them perfection, for we are all very human and side by side with great virtues great failings may be found."

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### Doesn't Help Everything.

(The Standard.)

Say what the prohibitionists may there is no doubt that certain industries are injured by the strict enforcement of prohibitory and local option laws. Certain county boarding houses in "dry" towns are almost without patrons. Their hosts declare that their cells are vacant and few permanent customers are obtainable. The sale of pistols has fallen off in some places until there is "no money in it" for the hardware dealers who sell them to fool boys and drunken husbands. Police magistrates have almost lost their business. Surgeons have fewer heads to bandage and drugists sell less adhesive plaster. Collectors of bad debts are also complaining of dull business. But more meat is now bought, and more savings accounts are being opened and more children have warm shoes on their feet, and certain heads that have not worn a new bonnet for years are now adorned with waving plumes. The old worm-eaten argument that prohibition is a failure because "prohibition doesn't prohibit" appears to have been abandoned by the scared liquor interests. One Chicago wholesale liquor dealer confessed the other day that where up to last year he was yearly selling \$200,000 worth of his stuff in Georgia, he is not now selling a cent's worth. In time the other stock argument that prohibition "hurts" a town will have followed the other. For scores of cities and towns are disproving its truthfulness. Kansas City, Kans., under prohibition built nearly \$500,000 worth more of new buildings in 1907 than in 1905 under the saloon era. Atlanta will receive in taxes this year \$132,959 more than the receipts of last year. This increase is more by \$27,027.84 than the total amount received by the city from retail and wholesale whiskey licenses last year. The total taxable property in the city last year was \$80,067,103. The total taxable property in the city this year is \$90,783,850, according to the comptroller's compilation. Jacksonville, Ill., has been a local option city since last year. The postmaster of the city says: "I have talked with substantially all of the bankers of the city and a great many merchants, some of whom were opposed to local option law when the vote was taken, and I have never talked with, or come in contact with a single businessman who has said that the fact that saloons have been banished from the city has injured the other lines of trade. On the other hand, they have uniformly stated that the closing of the saloons has been beneficial to the other lines of trade which deal with the necessities of life."

### The Elevator Boy.

(Rebecca Harding Davis, in Interior.)

There was a lean, freckle-faced boy who a year or two ago ran the elevator up and down in an old shabby office building in Philadelphia. I often went up in it, but certainly I never suspected "Billy" of any noble quality which raised him above other boys, high as was Saul among his brethren.

But one day the old house began to shudder and groan to its foundations, and one outer wall after another fell amid shouts of dismay from the crowds in the streets. And Billy, as these walls came crashing down, ran his old lift to the topmost story and back again, crowded with terrified men and women. He did this nine times. Only one side of the building was now standing. The shaft of the elevator was left bare, and swayed to and fro. The police tried to drag the boy out of it, and the mass of spectators yelled with horror as he pulled the chain and began to rise again above their heads.

"There's two women up there yet," said Billy stoutly. And he went up to the top, facing a horrible death each minute, and knowing that he faced it. Presently through the cloud of dust the lift was seen coming jerkily down with three figures on it. As it touched the ground the whole building fell with a crash. The women and the boy came out on the street unharmed, a roar of triumph rose from the mob. Scores had been saved by the fidelity of the heroic elevator boy.

But it was 6 o'clock, and Billy slipped quietly away in the dusk and went home to his supper; for your real hero does not care to remain for the shouts and clapping of hands.

### The First Sign.

(St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

Today I saw the red or maple bough. The first faint flame that ruddy glows, The promise of the summer's blazing torch, Lit first, while linger winter snows. And quickened, through the bending maple bough The pulse of life goes throbbing true, Responsive to the call, to feed the fires All careful at the lighting new. And soon from all the vales and distant hills Will beacon lights forth signal flash, Anemones and blood-root, wintry pale, And meadow-rue in courage rash. Nor snows may quench nor storms beat out the flame, Enkindled in these early days, Until from out the length and breadth of land Shall burst, triumphant, summer's blaze.

### A Boy Aeronaut.

(American Boy.)

A year or more ago The American Boy chronicled the efforts of a thirteen-year-old boy, Cromwell Dixon, of Columbus, Ohio, to invent an airship. It was related that he had a workshop at the rear of his home well equipped with batteries, tools, and mechanical devices; also that he had successfully built a row boat which would carry four persons, and a fish that would swim by clockwork. Recently Cromwell had had the satisfaction of being able to navigate the air in the airship upon which he has been so long at work. Unannounced, he made his first ascent from the Columbus Driving Park, and soon hundreds of people were watching the ship which was moving far above their heads. It was rightfully a proud moment for this—the world's youngest aeronaut.

It will be recalled that Cromwell expended three hundred dollars for Japanese silk with which to make the gas bag. To fill the bag with gas he used home-made generators. The four-inch mesh net he also made himself. For power on this, his first invention of the kind, he utilized an important part of a bicycle. From the bicycle he eliminated the wheels and pedals, but retained the sprocket and handle bar. This pedal arrangement provided the footpower which operated the propeller. Cromwell calls his airship a "skycycle."

On his second attempt to navigate the air, when he reached a height of 2,000 feet, he had a most exciting experience. He found his ballast was too light and that he might be unable to descend. With decided presence of mind, he left his saddle and climbed along the light frame-work until he reached the end, and there let out enough gas to give the ship proper ballast. He then tied the end of the bag and, returning to his seat, pedaled for all he was worth and thus reached the ground in safety. Much more, without doubt, will be heard of this youthful aeronaut.

### The Average Family Earning.

(Southern Journal.)

It will be an interesting item to each reader to learn what is the average earnings of each member of the family. The average annual amount earned by the farmer's family is \$73, to each person in the family and to all other classes \$39. This is an encouraging fact to the soil tillers. Many are disposed to be dissatisfied with farm life; therefore the boys and girls leave the farm and go to cities and engage in pursuits that pay only \$39 per year when other expenses are deducted. On the farm when the sale of poultry, stock and crops are combined, if divided equally with each child in the family there will be about \$70 to \$75 per member of the family. This is a good average for a family of half a dozen. By fertilizing the land, giving it two extra workings in 1908, and using the best of seed, the agriculturist believes that the crops will be so increased that all the farms will produce enough to allow \$100 to each member of the family. Let every member of the family work in unison, keeping an account of sales, and try to bring the amount up to \$100 to every boy and girl in the family.

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### The Spelling Bee.

(Exchange.)

Some of you who think you are well up in spelling just try to spell the words in this little sentence:

"It is agreeable to witness the unparalleled ecstasy of two harassed peddlers endeavoring to gauge the symmetry of two peeled pears."

Read it over to your friends and see how many of them can spell every word correctly. The sentence contains many of the real puzzlers of the spelling-book.—Exchange.

Heavy, impure blood makes a muddy, pimply complexion, headaches, nausea, indigestion. Thin blood makes you weak, pale, sickly. Burdock Blood Bitters makes the blood rich, red, pure restores perfect health.

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