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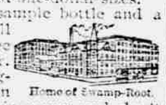

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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

Rest at Home.

TOO OFTEN people have comforts and pleasures at home which they seek elsewhere. For instance, many a person goes away to the springs or the seashore in summer to get rest which could be had at home at a great deal less cost and which would be really a more genuine rest than he gets away from home. Of course with many persons the better food which they get at the costly hotels makes considerable difference. This, with the absolute freedom from the care of business or work, induces an improved condition of the system, and they say great is the water or atmosphere at such and such a resort. Many times an equal result could be had at home with half the cost.

Defeated Candidates.

SOME one has remarked that there is always a sadness connected with a great State political convention. And it is even so. In such conventions there are always worthy aspirants who must, from the very circumstances, sustain defeat and disappointment. But that is a possibility counted upon by each candidate in the very outset of a contest, for each one knows that only one person can be named for the same office. Even that, however, does not prevent the final sting of defeat. But in a contest like the one over the nomination for Governor in the late Democratic Convention in Charlotte certain features largely make amends for the hurt sustained in defeat. Mr. Horne and Mr. Craig went away from the convention and back to the people at home with a proof of devotion and esteem on the part of their friends and supporters which nothing else on earth could have given them but the four days' balloting for the covetad place of honor. So, after all, there is a compensation in defeat; and what was true of Mr. Horne and Mr. Craig was true also of many others who were candidates for other offices. Such contests leave one entrenched in the good opinion of his friends more securely than before, and, as Mr. Craig said in Charlotte, they are largely paid for the contest in the gratifying knowledge that their friends are true and oftentimes more loyal than they had supposed.

Making the Country Attractive.

IT has often been urged in this column that more attention be paid to country life and the pleasures that come from good country homes. Happy indeed is the lot of the young men and young women who have the good fortune to be reared in fine country homes. The country is the finest place for an ideal life on earth, and making the country attractive is coming more into the thought of the people generally. The last issue of the Littleton Times-Herald printed the following well-timed observations: "There is no greater work, in our opinion, in any field of action than that of making the the country so attractive to our young people that they will not wish to go to the towns and cities to live. There is nothing more hurtful to the young of this generation than the demoralizing influences and disintegrating forces of a great city. To keep the country people from moving into the cities, to retain them in the country, much has to be done, the work of which has only had its beginning, but in this a good start has been made, intellectually, materially and industrially. An intellectual transformation is certainly taking place among the rural people. Nothing indicates this more clearly than the rapid spread of rural free delivery of mail and of telephone systems. A very intelligent man who travels over a large scope of country says that telephones are found in, at least, seventy-five per cent. of the country homes where he goes. For the rearing of great men and women there is no place on earth that even approximates the advantages of the Christian country home, and there are three great movements which are rapidly revolutionizing the country and making it attractive to thousands who hitherto have been turning their faces toward the city—rural routes, telephones and good roads."

Mr. Kitchin Honored at Home.

THERE was great general rejoicing throughout the State amongst Hon. W. W. Kitchin's supporters when it became known that he had been nominated for Governor by the State Democratic convention, and there was general good feeling even amongst those who supported one of the other candidates. It was quite natural that the people of Roxboro, his home town, should have given him a royal welcome on his return from the convention. He went home covered with honors, and his welcome was indeed hearty. The Roxboro Courier says the following of the welcome accorded him: "It was learned Monday evening that Hon. W. W. Kitchin would return home that evening on the 7 o'clock train from Durham. Arrangements for his welcome were hurriedly perfected, and when the train pulled in about three hundred people were at the depot to greet him, they had flags and banners, with one large banner bearing the inscription 'Person County's Welcome to Hon. W. W. Kitchin, her favorite son.' The procession marched from the depot to the court house, the carriage which was decorated, in which were Mr. and Mrs. Kitchin, leading the procession. At the square the crowd gathered and a well-timed and eloquent address of welcome was delivered by Mr. S. G. Winstead, which was responded to by Mr. Kitchin in a short but feeling speech. There was nothing elaborate in this reception, it could not have been as the time was too short in which to prepare it, but it did show that our people love their townsman, and they did appreciate the honor which had been conferred upon him and Person County by the great Democratic party of North Carolina. We predict that when the 4th day of November comes around the people of this county will show their appreciation of this honor by giving him the biggest majority they have ever given him, and they ought to do it, for it is no small honor for it to go down in history that the county had furnished a Governor to this great State."

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ROMANCE OF ELECTRICITY.

Reads More Like Fiction Than Fact—Its Wonderful Growth.

DISCOVERED MANY CENTURIES AGO.

(Electric News.)

Deep in the vellum-bound ancient volumes of many an old book store lies hid the romance of Electricity. It is a story so old as to be lost in the obscurity of the mystic East and so interesting as to read more like fiction than fact.

From the electric light in the library reading room and the electric cars rumbling past the building the story of electricity can be traced back through the centuries until the tiny thread is lost in the great Empire of China thousands of years ago.

Long before any records in books the superstitious people of the East bowed down to the magical powers of the lode-stone. The name "Electricity" goes back twenty-five centuries and is derived from the Greek word "electron," meaning amber. This amber came from the north Baltic countries and was extensively used in the arts and for ornamental purposes. It was one of the old Greek philosophers, Thales, who discovered in polishing his amber stylus that the fossilized resin possessed the mysterious power of attracting light bodies when rubbed. Thales argued that the amber possessed the secret of life but he failed to explain the magnetic attraction.

The learning of the Greeks was adopted by the Romans and Pliny, the elder, wrote considerable of this strange property of amber. He said the stone was rubbed into life by his fingers. The Romans contented themselves with this knowledge and arrived no further towards a solution of the problem. While they believed Jove hurled his immortal thunderbolts in just anger over some fancied wrong they little knew that their amber ornaments contained the secret of the lightning. The great Cæsar was awed and astounded at the strange lights which on certain nights played ghost-like about the spiked helmets and spear points of the Roman legions. Those ancient minds believed more in ghosts and immortals than in science. They little understood nature and attributed all such phenomena to the actions of the gods. The static electricity shining in "St. Elmo's light" upon the steel spear points of the army and the masts of each trireme in the Roman navy was translated as a message from the gods in assurance of victory.

Fortunately electricity was neither forgotten or neglected when the great Roman civilization passed away and the Dark Ages succeeded. The next record of electrical experiments is recorded in the seventeenth century when Gilbert, the Englishman, studied the electron and the magnet and wrote his famous book, "De Magnete," which was the beginning of a new era in electric science. Gilbert told little that Thales had not known but he paved the way for a new scientific development. Guericke, a Prussian, invented the first crude electric machine. His simple device was a cylinder of sulphur mounted on an axle and turned with a crank. By whirling this cylinder and pressing a silk cloth against it frictional or static electricity was produced. This machine gave a considerable quantity of electricity and stimulated further experiments. Though many properties of the mystic force were discovered little other progress was made during that century.

The next century brought discoveries which filled all Europe with excitement and nearly every book printed during that time contains articles on electricity. The glass electrical machine invented at this time consisted of a large glass cylindar or disk revolved on an axle and rubbed with leather. This machine produced a large, brilliant spark. DeFaye, a Frenchman, sent a spark through a cord 1,300 feet long and suspending himself from a silk cord was charged with electricity. When his friends approached him they were astonished to see a large spark leap from his body to theirs. Musschenbrock tried to store electricity and produced the Leyden jar, named after the city where it was first used, and received a shock which nearly knocked him to the floor. The Leyden jar brought alarm and terror to all who saw for the first time the great power of electricity. The books say that Louis XV held an audience with this jar of stored electricity and that his royal arms were jerked nearly from their sockets, which mystified him greatly.

Then our own Benjamin Franklin stepped to the front and proved with his kite that electricity from the friction machine and the lightning from the clouds were the same thing. He was the greatest electrical scientist of the age and the history of electrical progress dates practically from that day. He constructed a battery of Leyden jars which was little short of the lightning itself, shocking animals to death and setting fire to tinder.

Franklin's experiments were repeated in Europe and he was honored as being the greatest scientist of the age.

Up to this time static electricity was the only kind known. To-day two kinds of electricity are recognized, the static electricity which is motionless and takes the form of discharges from one body to another, and electricity generated by chemical means. The next world-astonishing development in electricity was the discovery of the chemical battery which gave a steady flow of current. A man named Galvani, a professor of anatomy at Bologna, in 1790 was experimenting with an electric machine. By chance some frog legs were lying upon the same table, having been ordered by a physician for Galvani's sick wife. A spark jumped to one of the frog's saddles and it twitched as though with life. Galvani followed up the experiment thinking he had discovered the secret of life, which was the topic of all scientific study and research in those days.

In the course of his experiment Galvani hung the frog legs on a copper hook with the toes touching on a zinc plate. This also caused the legs to twitch, evidencing an electric current. But it remained for Volta to show that Galvani had created an electric battery. Volta constructed his "voltaic pile," composed of alternating sheets of copper and zinc separated with a cloth moistened with an acid solution. This gave a continuous flow of electricity and scientists dropped their experiments with the friction machine to take up the study of the cell battery. They thought then that the body was nothing more or less than a voltaic pile and that life was a manifestation of electrical energy. Personality and emotions were spoken of, and written of, in electrical terms. Powerful batteries of as many as a thousand cells were constructed and it was noticed that the new machine gave no brilliant sparks but a steady flow of current of a power so mysterious and threatening as to be held in silent dread. When the poles of such a machine were grasped it was as though the victim was held in the grasp of a giant and his body was convulsed and tossed about. By its action water was decomposed, carbon and metals melted, chemistry was revolutionized and scientific research extended.

Galvani and Volta were followed by a coterie of brilliant men, and the names of Oersted, Ampere, Davey and Wollaston became known throughout the world. In 1820 Oersted discovered the relation between magnetism and electricity. By his experiment it was found that the galvanic current deflected the magnetic needle. After this principle we are able to measure the amperage and voltage of the constant current.

In 1831 Faraday discovered the principle of voltaic induction, which gave rise to the faradic, or alternating current. Then followed the dynamo, based upon this same principle, and electricity began to assume great commercial importance. The telegraph, the telephone, electricity as a source of power, the arc and incandescent light, the electric motor car, the X-ray, wireless telegraphy, the electric furnace and many important discoveries have followed.

The future of electricity promises more for this world than any other thing.

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PROTECTING THE TIMBER.

Louisiana's Forest Law Proposed by Governor Blanchard.

PROTECTION ESSENTIAL TO PROSPERITY.

(U. S. Forest Service.)

If the legislature of Louisiana passes the forestry law proposed by Governor Blanchard of that State, and said to have the support of the largest timber owners, it will be the most advanced step yet taken by any State to regulate timber cutting on private lands. By the terms of the proposed statute the cutting of trees under twelve inches in diameter four feet from the ground will not be permitted. The law does not apply to those who, in good faith, wish to clear the land for agricultural purposes, or who need the timber on the ground for roads or ditches, or in case an owner or tenant who uses the wood for domestic purposes.

The lumbermen will be required to fell the trees in a way to cause least damage to young timber, and the refuse must not be left where its presence will invite fire or otherwise endanger the small trees. The penalty provided for violations of proposed law is a fine of $25 to $100 for each offense, and imprisonment may be added. Each tree wrongfully cut will constitute a separate offense. The proposed law not only delimits offenses and names penalties, but also sets forth the reasons why such a law is thought advisable. Timber is becoming scarce, it says, and ought not be needlessly wasted. Forest destruction will carry with it other evils besides dearth of wood. It will cause destruction, soil erosion, and increase floods and droughts, to the damage of the whole people. The forests ought not be wholly cut down, the proposed law further says, because they assist in obstructing disastrous tornadoes.

The Supreme Court of Maine recently ruled that that State may lawfully restrict the clearing of privately-owned forest land, if the public would be injured by such clearing. Louisiana's proposed law goes still further in the same direction and follows the lines of the opinion rendered by the Maine Supreme Court. It is worthy of note that the two States which are first to take this advanced stand in forest protection are fifteen hundred miles apart and have forests not at all alike in character, different soils, climates with few points in common, crops of wholly different kinds, geography and topography of opposite extremes, yet each realizes the immense importance of its forests and how essential their protection is to the continued prosperity of its people.

What He Wanted To Say.

(Success.)

"Hello!"

"Hello!"

"Hello, confound you! What do you want?"

"Is this 6445?"

"Of course! Why don't you go ahead and talk?"

"Oh, you needn't get mad about nothing."

"Well, my time's worth money! I can't stand here all day jabbering 'hello' to somebody!"

"This is about the first time I ever used a telephone, and—"

"Did you call me up just for practice?"

"No, of course not."

"Did you call me up to tell a funny story?"

"No, I—"

"Well, why don't you go ahead then with your business?"

"You don't give me a chance. As I was saying—"

"There you go again! Say, how long are you going to keep me standing here?"

"You can sit down if you want to!"

"I'll sit down on you if this is supposed to be a joke! Who are you, sir!"

"My name is Brown. I moved in directly opposite you a few weeks ago."

"Well, Brown, I'm sorry I have spoken so harshly to you, but I'm not feeling up to the mark to-day. Hope you will pardon me."

"Oh, certainly."

"What was it you wished to say to me?"

"Why, I wanted to tell you that your house is on fire."

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Of Myself.

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Some honor I would have,
Not from great deeds, but good alone;
The unknown are better than ill known—
Rumor can ope the grave.
Acquaintance, I would have, but when 't depends
Not on the number, but choice, of friends.

Books should, not business, entertain the light,
And sleep, as undisturbed as death, the night,
My house a cottage more
Than palace, and should fitting be
For all my use, no luxury,
My garden painted o'er
With nature's hand, not Art's, and pleasures yield
Horace might envy in his Sabine field.

Thus would I doubt my life's fading space,
For he that runs it well twice runs his race;
And in this true delight,
These unbought sports, this happy state,
I would not fear, nor wish, my fate;
But boldly say, each night,
To-morrow let my sun his beams display,
Or in clouds hide them! I have lived to-day.

—Abraham Cawley.

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