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## THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Observations of Passing Events.

THE late Judge Dossey Battle, while he was editor of a Tarboro paper, set on foot the influence that gave us our statute humane to our horse, against cruelty to animals. This paper has many times insisted that the law should be enforced. The Wilmington Star recently said: "Because your horse when left standing in the broiling sunshine for several hours these hot days makes no complaint, as would a man under similar conditions, is no reason why you should think that your horse does not suffer from the heat under such circumstances. 'Love me, love my dog' in such weather as this is to 'Love yourself, love your horse.' We have seen instances during this hot spell where owners or drivers of horses have seemed to take it for granted that those animals are not sensitive to heat, that they do not suffer when required to stand in the heat of the sun for such a time that were the man who forced them to do so were required to do the same by some one who had the power to do so he would complain bitterly of the inhuman cruelty, were he left vocal power enough to do so after the fearful experience. In this awful weather have regard for the comfort of those dumb beasts, you who have control of them. Remember that they, as well as human beings, suffer from the heat and try to make life for them as comfortable as you do for yourself. The humane man will in this fearful weather look out for the comfort of his horse; the human brute will seek the shade for himself while he will leave his faithful brute companion to suffer in the sun without one thought of his comfort."

THE COMMONWEALTH feels a keen interest in whatever pertains to the welfare of the farmers; for we realize that the success of agriculture in a county like Halifax, in a region like Eastern Carolina, and in a State like North Carolina, means the success of all classes. Many people in the country will doubtless remember one of the declarations of Tom Dixon in his address at the Weldon fair several years ago on "The Moral Significance of the Farmers' Alliance." Mr. Dixon said: "North Carolina is a great big farm." We have thought much of the declaration, and we are more and more convinced that Mr. Dixon was right. The chief interest in North Carolina today is agriculture, and the chief interest in North Carolina for a long time to come, if not always, will be the same thing. Every earnest farmer in North Carolina can lay to himself the happy congratulation that he is one of the great company of men in the State who are the very pillars of our prosperity and independence. This being true the small farmer who encompasses his own affairs alone and does his own labor on his own farm and field, is just as important in his place as is the large farmer who employs many laborers and manipulates large interests. Truth is, the small farmer who does a good part of his own work perhaps has the advantage of the large farmer, for what he does with his own hands he can be sure is done well, while the large farmer has to depend on the faithfulness or unfaithfulness of hired men. Let us not disparage the small farm. The one or two horse farm bears as important a relation to the great system of agriculture as the ten or twenty horse farm. The main thing is for each farmer to realize that he is an important personage in the work that he is doing. He is filling a good and true destiny in a good and laudable vocation, and the more fully he realizes it the better for him and the great system of endeavor in which he bears an important part.

OCCASIONALLY one sees an estimate of the cost of a great political campaign, like unto the one before the American people from now until next November. Of course all such calculations are purely estimates, for it is practically impossible for any one to get a true and correct account of the expenses of such a campaign. It is all right to spend money in a legitimate way for such campaign purposes, and it is but natural that many should interest themselves about the amount of money thus spent; but we think that wrong conclusions are sometimes reached concerning such expenditures of money. Many speak and write of the expenditure of such campaign funds as if they were altogether useless and the money entirely lost. Such is not the case. While there is no doubt that much of the money spent in campaigns is put to improper uses, it is not all spent in that way. The money spent in campaigns does good in at least two particulars: In enlightening the people through the literature that is sent out and in putting into circulation that which otherwise might lie idle. In both the great political parties in this country—indeed in all the parties—there are certain good principles which are worthy to be impressed upon the minds of the people. No party has all the good; and so in the distribution of the literature which sets forth the best principles of a party the people receive proper information that perhaps otherwise they might not. This is done through the expenditure of campaign funds. Then, every dollar that is put into active circulation helps swell the volume of money which may be utilized by the people in supplying the necessities of life. Rich men often contribute liberally to the campaign fund for the party of their choice; and thus they are helping in a two-fold capacity—they are helping spread needed information and are also helping supply money to swell the volume of circulation. So, after all, big campaign funds may not be altogether a bad thing. Of course we have no reference to corruption funds. To spend money for impure and improper purposes in a political campaign is just as bad as to spend money improperly in any other cause. But there can be no just objection to the distribution of literature that states facts of information, and many a man learns much about his own political party and opposing parties by reading such literature. We do well to bear in mind that all money expended in political campaigns is not altogether lost.

**She Likes Good Things.**  
Mrs. Chas. E. Smith, of West Frankfort, Me., says: "I like good things and have adopted Dr. King's New Life Pills as our family laxative medicine, and our family is glad to do their work without making a fuss about it." The genuine is in a yellow package. These painless purifiers sold at E. T. Whitehead Co.'s drug store. 25c.

**Hay Fever and Summer Colds.**  
Victims of hay fever will experience great benefit by taking Foley's Honey and Tar, as it stops difficult breathing immediately and heals the inflamed air passages, and even if it should fail to cure you it will give instant relief. The genuine is in a yellow package. E. T. Whitehead Company.

## Blaming the Newspapers.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

The newspaper editor and the newspaper reporter come into a deal of blame that is not their due, this not alone from people whom they write about or whom they fail to write about, but also from people who write articles for the paper or talk articles over the telephone. Take the telephone talker who at a late hour of the night insists on giving you the full details of a lawn party for the benefit of something or other to take place the next night, and insist that you get in a raft load of names of patronesses and waitresses. The voice over the telephone is wavery and weak and the beset reporter gets some of the names mixed, so that next morning there is a jumble of identities. "How stupid those newspaper folks are!" says the lady who gave the news, never realizing that she is the one at fault. There had been possibly twenty-four hours in which she might have prepared the item and sent it to the office. Unconsciously she gave a large amount of trouble.

Another trouble in the newspaper office is the style in which communications are sent in for publication. These come on many shaped scraps of paper, pieces of envelopes, backs of weather maps, some articles on tiny pieces of paper, others on huge sheets too large to be handled satisfactorily by the type setting machines and many written on both sides of the paper, a matter always giving trouble to newspaper men, while many writers are so sparing of paper that they never leave room at the top of the article for the caption to be written.

And on top of this hit-or-miss style of sending in news or communications if there is an error the newspaper man is hauled over the coals about his delinquencies, when the truth is he deserves a medal for doing as well as he has. He has at times taken an article in chaotic form and beat it into shape in pure desperation, and even then has had errors thrown back at him, while the outside public, never thinking of what has really taken place, thinks that the newspaper man is a blank idiot, judging from the shape in which certain articles appear.

Every paper is anxious to get the news, and strives to get it first in any shape, but when people furnish communications on general matters or want boosts of something or other in which they are interested, it is the feeling in the newspaper office that these could at least take the trouble to put this in presentable shape for publication. It is certain that if this were done there would be less complaint about errors in papers and the newspaper man's life would be made the happier thereby.

## Mother or Wife—Which?

(Richmond News-Leader.)

Persisting in its enthusiastic, if somewhat misguided purpose to attribute all Virginia's greatness to North Carolina, the Charlotte Observer—Charlotte is in North Carolina—recently asserted that the mother of James Madison was a North Carolina woman. Thereupon the Charlottesville Progress expressed some natural surprise at the unusual circumstance of a man having two or more mothers and with gentle sarcasm suggested that the Observer prosecute its historical and biographical endeavors further with the possibility of discovering that Mr. Madison was born in North Carolina without the knowledge of any of his friends or relatives and contrary to the general belief of his parents and family. It pointed out that the history accepted in Virginia is that Mr. Madison's mother was Nellie Conway, of Lancaster county, this State. That good lady lived and died in the belief that she was Mr. Madison's mother but the Observer seems to have a theory that she was mistaken.

Now, however, we see that the North Carolina claim on Mr. Madison is revised. The Observer of Tuesday editorially says it was his wife who was born in North Carolina. Considering that she came to Virginia and married a Virginian, she did the best she could under adverse conditions and we are inclined to overlook her early misfortune. And it is now in order for the Charlotte Observer and the Charlottesville Progress to organize a profound discussion as to whether a man's mother or his wife is entitled to the larger share of credit for any greatness he may develop.

Baby won't suffer five minutes with croup if you apply Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil at once. It acts like magic.

## The Joy of Home.

(Mary F. Butts.)

We have roamed in the fragrant fields,  
We have lived with the murmuring trees;  
We have heard the love talk of the birds,  
And the whisper of the breeze.  
We have rocked on the laughing wave,  
Where the breaker tossed its foam;  
Now we turn again, as the bright days wane,  
To the happy hours of home.  
For not on the mountain top,  
Nor yet in the softest vale,  
Not where the caves fill and strains  
To the boisterous summer gale,—  
Not in the secret woods,  
Though the restless heart may roam  
The world around, can joy be found  
Like the joy of love and home.

## Some Old-Time Zoology.

(Youth's Companion.)

In the Raleigh State library is an interesting old volume presented by President Madison in 1831. This quaint book is the first history of North Carolina, written in 1741 by "John Lawson, Gent.," a surveyor-general of the Lords Proprietors. The history is well worth reading, but perhaps the most interesting portion of its many pages is that in which Mr. Lawson describes the flora and fauna of the new country. He is evidently the ancestor of the railway conductor who decided that according to the rules of the road, "Dogs is dogs and cats is dogs, but turtles is insects!"

We will next read of beasts, said the historian. The chief are the buffalo, or wild beef; the tiger; the beaver, and the bearmouse. The buffalo is wild beast of America which has a bunch on his back. These monsters are found to weigh (as I am informed by a traveler of credit) from 1100 to 2400 weight. The bat or bearmouse is the same as in England. I have put them among the beasts as partakers of both the nature of the bird and the mouse. Now I shall proceed to the known insects of the place.

Insects of North Carolina. Alligators, rattlesnakes, frogs, vipers, tortois, terepin, rottenwood worms, etc. The alligator is the same as the crocodile. After the tail of the alligator is removed from the body it will move freely for several days. I have named those among the insects because they lay eggs, and I did not know well where else to put them.

## Suggestion to Boys.

(Georgia Cor. to Rich Square Times.)

Some years ago while some school boys in the Southern part of this state were returning home from school late in the afternoon, by chance they met with an old gentleman that had every appearance of a plain, country farmer. The old man while dressed neat yet not stylish or fashionable had much of a rural appearance, so much that the boys decided he was nothing more than an ordinary tiller of the soil, and one, too, that was in feeble health.

These boys feeling that a little fun was the thing itself most needed, yelled out at the traveler in such language as this, "Hello old hay seed, what's the price of fodder?" Come out from under that old claw hammer coat, I know you're there." "When are you going to have a corn shucking, and haul your cotton seed?" Such were the greetings lavished upon the old man. But one of the boys, the only son of a poor but pious widow, treated the old man with all the politeness that the little fellow knew how. That boy that tried to reflect credit on his mother by appearing civil now has the honor to occupy a seat in the United States Senate. The old gentleman to whom the boys were so rude was no one less than the Hon. Alexander H. Stephens, a man whose name has adorned the Nation's history.

## The Doctor's Expectations.

"I am glad to find you so much better, old man. Does the doctor expect you to be out soon?"  
"I think he expects me to be out the amount of his bill. He sent it in to-day."—The Catholic Standard and Times.

## TEN YEARS IN BED.

"For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P., of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a God-send to me." E. T. Whitehead Company.

## Strange Case Indeed.

(Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.)

The following is taken from the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer:  
High Point, N. C., July 25.—One of the most peculiar cases on record developed here this week and which caused the death of the two-year-old girl of Mr. Jones Griffith. For some time the child has suffered with complications of diseases and recently its stomach began to swell until it assumed enormous proportions, and strangest of all, three large cracks appeared in the child's head, through which the pulsating of the brain could be seen. The attending physician had never had or seen a case like it, and the physicians that saw the child were baffled. The parents, after the child's death were asked to let the physicians perform an autopsy but they would not consent to it. The remains of the little one were carried to Pinnacle, this State, for interment.

This peculiar case calls to mind the aged lady with horns growing out from her head and who has visited High Point on several occasions. Her name is Hightower and she is seventy or more years of age. Two large horns, very much resembling those of a ram, protrude from the head and cause Mrs. Hightower, so she says, extreme pain at times. She says that when the horns began to appear her head almost split open with pain.

## Mrs. Cleveland's Romance.

(Selected.)

The romance of President Cleveland's marriage was one of the most interesting in our Presidential history, relates the Kansas City Times. It was the first marriage of a President of the United States while in office. Mrs. Cleveland's father had been a law partner of the President, and when he died his daughter, then a young girl, became Mr. Cleveland's ward. At the time of the marriage the President was forty-nine and his bride only twenty-two. Such a disparity in years is ordinarily frowned upon, but the circumstances of this match were extraordinary. Mrs. Cleveland became one of the most charming mistresses the White House has ever had. She bore herself with great dignity, reserve, and distinction, yet quite as democratic as her station would justify her in being. Her attitude toward her husband was at all times wholly exemplary. She exalted him, but without ostentation and without in the least belittling herself. In private life she maintained the reserve, even the seclusion, that her distinguished husband sought. Throughout Mr. Cleveland's illness, in their common joys and sorrows, in her husband's long period of suffering and now in her own bereavement she has set an admirable example of wifely devotion, patience, and dignity.

## Things of To-Day.

(Christian Evangelist.)

"The habit of being young," on which a well-wisher congratulated Mr. Rockefeller on the occasion of his sixty-ninth birthday, is one which all persons, whatever their years, should conscientiously cultivate. Dr. Osler was right in his contention, that the world has no room for old people, but age is not a matter of years. Those are the benefactors of their race who graft the fruits of long experience into the stem of a perennially youthful mind. A contemporary recently repeated the long bead-roll of men who, keeping the courage, hope, enthusiasm, love of industry, which are the characteristics of youth (the last too often lost, even before adolescence is over, but invariably an attribute of childhood), have done great things in advanced years; not at the relatively youthful age of sixty-nine, but after eighty. It must suffice here to quote from the list Cato, who studied Greek, Plutarch Latin, and Socrates music, after eighty; Ranke, who began his many volumes "History of the World," Goethe who completed Faust, and Bancroft who published his History after that age, and the well-known examples of Palmerston becoming Premier and Gladstone overthrowing the conservative government of England after the same advanced period of life.

## Excellent Health Advice.

Mrs. M. H. Davison, of No. 397 Gifford Ave., San Jose, Cal., says: "The worth of Electric Bitters as a general family remedy, for headache, biliousness and torpor of the liver and bowels is so pronounced that I am prompted to say a word in its favor for the benefit of those seeking relief from such afflictions. There is more health for the digestive organs in a bottle of Electric Bitters than in any other remedy I know of." Sold under guarantee at E. T. Whitehead Company's drug store. 50c.

## ACT QUICKLY.

Delay Has Been Dangerous in Scotland Neck.

Do the right thing at the right time. Act quickly in times of danger. Backache is kidney danger. Doan's Kidney Pills act quickly. Cures all distressing, dangerous kidney ills.

Plenty of evidence to prove this. Mrs. Robert Williams, 317 South Washington Street, Rocky Mount, N. C., says: "I willingly recommend Doan's Kidney Pills, as they benefitted me greatly. I suffered for a long time from a dull, nagging backache and rheumatic twinges in the region of my kidneys. I was restless at night and arose in the morning unfit to commence the day's duties. I obtained no relief from the various remedies I used, and had almost despaired of ever being cured when Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me. I obtained a box, used them according to directions and could soon see that they were helping me. A further use completely banished the backache and improved my condition in every way."

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Remember the name—DOAN'S—and take no other.

## Because You Don't Know Him.

(Selected.)

Two on the street were talking earnestly.  
"No, he may be all right, but he doesn't appeal to me," one was saying, of some person under discussion.  
"That's because you don't know him!" responded the other promptly. "Let me tell you of some of the things he has done."  
How often we carelessly pass judgment on a person, with the verdict that he "doesn't appeal" to us, when, but for our ignorance, we might love him for his works' sake! Then let us take more pains to find out the good things that may be known of people.

## FOR SORE FEET.

"I have found Bucklen's Arnica Salve to be the proper thing to use for sore feet, as well as for healing burns, sores, cuts, and all manner of abrasions," writes Mr. W. Stone, of East Poland, Maine. It is the proper thing for piles. Try it! Sold under guarantee at E. T. Whitehead Company's drug store. 25c.

The more Judge Landis studies the opinion of the Oil Trust case handed down by judges of the Federal Court of Appeals the more will he be disposed to ponder Kemble's famous lines:

"Perhaps it was right to dissemble your love,  
But—why did you kick me down stairs?" —Hartford Times.

## MEN PAST SIXTY IN DANGER.

More than half of mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate glands. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rockport, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for twenty years, although I am now 91 years old." E. T. Whitehead Company.

The redoubtable Frank H. Hitchcock—the he of the steam roller—Prox Frank, let us call him for short—is to be chairman. To be sure. They need him in their business. They could not get along without him.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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