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POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time motoworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, hooks, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them. Sometimes these selections will accord with our views and the views of our readers, sometimes the opposite will be true. But by reason of the subject matter, the style, the authorship, or the views expressed, each will have an element of timely interest to make it a conspicuous utterance.

The Man to be Feared.

Charlotte News.

The man who has nothing to lose, who is absolutely unselfish in his advocacy of a cause and who believes in the ultimate triumph of right is the man to be feared.

Class Government Wrecks Republics.

President Roosevelt, in Labor Address at Syracuse.

In the history of mankind many republics have risen, have flourished for a less or greater time, and then have fallen because their citizens lost the power of governing themselves and thereby of governing their State; and in no way has this power been so often and so clearly shown as in the tendency to turn the Government into a government primarily for the benefit of one class instead of a government for the benefit of the people as a whole.

Requirements for Preservation of Self Government. President Roosevelt, in Labor Address at Syracuse

Many qualities are needed by a people which would preserve the power of self-government in fact as well as in name. Among these qualities are forethought, shrewdness, self-restraint, the courage which refuses to abandon one's own rights, and the disinterested and kindly good sense which enables one to do justice to the rights of others. Lack of strength and lack of courage unfit men for self-government on the one hand; and on the other, brutal arrogance, envy, in short, any manifestation of the spirit of selfish disregard, whether of one's own duties or of the rights of others, are equally fatal.

No Room for Idlers.

President Roosevelt, in Labor Address at Syracuse.

There is no room in our healthy American life for the mere idler, for the man or the woman whose object it is throughout life to shirk duties which life ought to bring. Life can mean nothing worth meaning unless its prime aim is the doing of duty, the achievement of results worth achieving. A recent writer has finely said: "After all, the saddest thing that can happen to a man is to carry no burdens. To be bent under too great a load is bad; to be crushed by it is lamentable; but even in that there are possibilities that are glorious. But to carry no load at all-there is nothing in that. No one seems to arrive at any goal really worth reaching in this world who does not come to it heavy laden."

Illiterate by Preference.

Charity, and Children.

The news item going the rounds of the press that there are ten thousand white boys in North Carolina between 12 and 21 years of age, who can neither read nor write is a distressing statement. It must be borne in mind, also, that it is not the fault of the State that these young men are so illiterate. They have the chance to learn if they want to learn; but this is the matter of deepest regret. They simply prefer to be in the dark. The loss of this suffrage is no great matter, for a boy who has the opportunity to learn to read and refuses to do so is not worthy of the suffrage, but the thought of this helpless element cast upon the State in the years to come without one gleam of aspiration is enough to make us tremble. Whoeyer, by word or deed, can stir the ambition in a sluggish and stupid mind like this, has wrought a great work in behalf of the State and the race.

An Affliction More Annalling The

I. A. Avery in Charlotta Observer.

"I am going down to the hospital to tell a young man that he will never see again," said an eye specialist a few days ago. He will never read again; never again see appreciatively the beauties of the universe. The incident will be marked as ordinary, though sad, and yet it is a tragedy worse than death. Death is kinder than a living hurt that does not die; and blindness is a part of the loss-wail, which cries the grief universal. Blindness as a physical evil, weakness to replace strength, or the loss of character, or the end of love-these sum up bitterer distress than grief before a bier. To have a thing and lose it. Here is the large spring of tears—here mankind's kinship in feebleness. Lost! 'Tis the most direful word in the language. It is God's term to describe a condition that we know not of and it is given to man to wear it as a badge of worst mourning. The telling of all sorrow that one knows could begin with that one work. To live after remembering happiness that is dead; to breathe and be mocked by the ghost of sweetness; to lose beyond recall—so comes the tragedy and the pathos. Lost! Blind! There are so much of both. Loss this side the grave is the worst after all; and the most grewsome death's head is on real flesh and blood.

Our Breaking In.

Richmond News-Leader.

Our lives are strangely like and unlike those of the beasts we break in for our service. We know that like us they begin with a stock of inborn traits and tendencies inherited from somebody, sometimes from immediate progenitor, sometimes brought by the mysterious and processes of nature from some ancestry dead and forgotten generations ago. As with them, so with us, the time of breaking in is the most critical of all. Every horseman knows that there is an art in it which no books, instruction nor example can teach. Some men never can turn out a colt with good temper, manners and gaits, and other men rarely fail to do it. We as children begin our breaking in and our work time as soon as we begin to be conscious. From the very start of knowing anything we learn that our desires must be thwarted, our wills controlled, our acts regulated by pertain laws and we continue to be taught that same ilesson until knowledge ceases and we forget everything. Our punishments and admonitions, the spur and rein and whip and bit, do not end with our childhood. In fact, when we have missed them at that time and come to manhood or womanhood unbroken or half-broken, not well under discipline, we catch the punishment most heavily. Nature is master of us and we cannot escape and morality also is a master and trainer whose requirements we must obey on penalty of swift and heavy punishment.

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FOREST RESERVE.

Outlook Paverable for Success in Congress-A Project Which Would Benefit the Country at Large.

Knouville Bestinel. An important meeting has been in session at Asheville, N. C., this week the result of which may be manifest in the during the coming winter. The advocates of a Federal forestry reservation in the South met in convention for the purpose of reviewing the progress that has been made in the past year by the Appalachian Park Association, in its effort to mold a strong congressional as well as a general public sentiment in favor of the Appalachian Park. The outlook is favorable for success to a greater or less degree. One of the actions of the convention was to change the name to the Appalachian Porest Reserve Association, the reason for this being that it was feared the original name would be misleading to some members of Congress who are opposed to the establishment of "parks" at the expence of the government The Appalachian Forest Reserve is something more than a park scheme. It has a higher motive than that of providing an oasis in the busy industrial, agri-cultural and commercial world, to be visited by those in quest of the beautiful and of pleasure It proposes that the government shall appropriate millions of dol-lars with which to procure millions of acres of timber lands in the Appalachian mountain region in east Tenuesace, western North Carolina, a corner of South Carolina, a part of north Georgia and a strip in south-western Virginia. That timber is becoming a scarcity in both the North and the South is a fact that cannot be denied. less some herois efforts are made to preserve timber lands, the country will within a few years be without a supply sufficient to meet ordinary demands. The lumber famine has been

visited upon European countries

and they are importing Amer-

ican lumber in vast quantities. Hardly a day goes by but that shipments are made from Knox-

ville to Liverpool and to other

ment will make the appropriation for which the Appalachian Forest Reserve Association is appealing, the timbered lands in the Appalachian mountains will be placed under government control, and government agents will see that they are properly cared for, with a view to conserving the undergrowth and the young timber until it may be fully developed. Such steps are absolutely necessary to meet the conditions that are certain to be confronted. If the present generation does not take some action in this matter, it may be allowed to go unattended for years, and until it is too late. Then future generations will place the blame where it propery belongs, upon the shoulders of the men of to-day. forest reserve is of more than a local benefit. While the track is located in this immediate section, as stated above, the ultimate benefits of the project will be participated in by the entire nation. It therefore follows that every patriotic American Congressman, who has at heart the welfare of the country at large, cannot do otherwise than support the Appalachian Park bill.

Senator Beveridge Indentified by Ris Passes.

United States Senator A. J. Beveridge had rather a humiliating experience in a railroad res-taurant at Fort Wayne while on his way to South Bend to address the Indiana Bankers' Association.

He wore an old suit of clother without a vest, and a slouch hat. When he had finished his lunch he found he had no money. He told the waiter that he had either lost it or had been robbed on the train. The waiter placed him-self between his guest and the door and said he had heard tales of that kind before. Mr. Beveridge was greatly embarrased and Manager Hubbard was called and demanded his pay. It was only by producing his railroad passes and a number of letters that Senator Reveridge was final-ly allowed to depart.

A cyclone struck Atlantic City Wednesday morning doing considerable property damage and cutting the city off from communication with the outside Ruropean ports. If the govern- | world.

Train Wrecking Ought to Be a Capital Offense.

Why not make train wrecking a capital offense? Burglary is punishable by death, the law presuming that a burglar is pre-pared to commit murder if secessary in order to effect escape. whether or not he actually takes human life. In the case of the train wrecker scores of lives are imperiled and many frequently eet violent deaths at the hands of persons seeking either booty or vengeance: against some corporation. Everything is in favor of the burglar as against the train wrecker.

Scandals in Nearly all Government Departments.

Charlotte Observer. Representative Wachter, Redistricts, says the public service is permeated with grafting and at the next session of Congress he will introduce a resolution providing for an investigation of every department of the govern-ment. There is ground for sus-picion that Mr. Wachter's charge is well grounded. The Post-office Department has been shown to be recking with cor-ruption and Indian land frauds have been developed in the In-terior Department, involving also officials of the Department of Justice. The Agricultural Department is under the charge that there is collusion between that there is collusion between the seed contractors and inspec-tors, and scandals involving the Treasury, War, and Navy De-partments are of long standing. Indeed, the State Department is the only one that is not under a cloud of greater or lesser size.

There was never a time when all the departments of the government stood in greater need of a thorough overhauling, and a determined and capable committee of Congress could no doubt ascertain facts and make dis-closures which would astonish the country. Incidentally if may be remarked that those who, more than a year in advance, are confidently pronouncing the case of the Democratic party hopeless in 1904, do not reckon with the investigation of Re-publican methods at Washington certain to be made before the next election, or the effect of the disclosures upon the minds

of voters,

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