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Under this head will be orinted from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them. Sometimes those 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 un element of timely interest to make it a conspicuous utterance.

Outlaw the Saloes!

North Carolina Baptist.

Sixty-two in this State have prohibition now, and some winning elections just ahead. Before the year goes out we expect to see the list grow to above seventy. And then? Why North Carolina should arise in her might and forever outlaw the saloon. Write it deep in the law of the State and have an end of the evil institution for good. May God and men speed the day !

Busy Dissemination.

Cleveland Modett, in McClure's

Within twenty years five great foes of the human race have been shorn of their worst terrors-hydrophobia, diphtheria, lockjaw suake poison and the bubonic playue, that scourge of former centuries. Against the menace of these five stand the Pastenr institutes, scores of them served by hundreds of baceteriologists, biologists and physiologists, aided by thousands of aspiring students. the whole admirably organized into departments and subdepartments, and sending forth serums and antitoxins by tens of thousands of doses a year.

The Good Way to Enjoy a Fortune.

Salt Jake City Telegram.

There is a world of fiction in that old saying about misery following in the wake of riches. The news of the day brings a story from Chicago which has direct bearing on this contention. Stephen B. Roath of Chicago had accumulated a fortune of \$2,000. 000 and was getting old. He said, "I have had fun gathering this money and I want to make somebody, happy with it." So he went back to his boyhood's home, at Norwich, Conn., and divided up \$1,000,000 among his relatives, most of whom were poor women. He can be happy now in the consciousness that he has done some good with his money and the added satisfaction of avoiding all contest over his will; though he still has a million, he can afford to die intestate and let the law distribute the balance of his fortune according to fixed and unlitigable principles. Isn't this a good recipe for being happy though wealthy? And then too isn't it a splendid way to obtain the greatest satisfaction out of one's fortune?

Railroads and Sabbath Desecration.

Greensboro Christian Advocate.

There is no doubt of a growing tendency, even among professing Christians, to ignore the law of the Sabbath. The socalled soulless corporation have had no little to do with educating our people away from the wholesome sentiment which held sway so long in this country in the matter of Sabbath observance. Even ministers, in many instances, have become "blind guides" on this subject. It may as well be understood and recognized, once for all, that if the corporation has no soul, the individuals who compose it have; and if there is not repentance in many places, these guilty men and women will wake up in perdition, along with the devotces of pleasure and self-indulgence, who patronize them.

A thousand evils, immediately or remotely connected with it, have come upon us through the reckless desecration of the Sabbath, and one of the crimes of the pulpit, in many places is its slience on the subject, if, indeed, we may not say that the pulpit fosters the sin. This is no time for soft or palliating deliverances on this subject. The curse which has always fallen with blighting effect upon the nation that tramples upon a fundamental law of God, is coming upon this nation.

The Dreamer's Way.

Los Angeles Times.

"To earn a little spend a little less." Such was the philosophy of Robert Louis Stevenson, a dreamer. Yet he was a dreamer who spoke and wrote many wise words, among the wisest of which were the ones here quoted. They are words well worthy our grave consideration, for it may be, our happiness Bies at the root of them. At any rate, it does no harm to think them over. Sometimes, in the midst of the "strenuous life" which is the shibboleth of this intensely commercial age, it rests a man's heart to be sure, to find any one in these times who would adopt a financial creed such as that taught by Stevenson. Yet, when we are hard labored in the strife, or when we stretch a weary limb or seek rest for a tired brain in the few moments of relaxation that sheer exhaustion forces upon us, we may think, with a sigh, that the world | there. It has become the cotton would be just as happy and we ourselves as well off if the mad pace we follow would slacken up a bit and the dreamers had their

The fierce struggle for wealth in which most of us are engaged and which, it would seem, we make our sole object of existence, is a poor way to spend a lifetime after all. The rewards of a life so spent, even when the object of it has been attained, are not nearly so great as one would suppose. And if we do not attain the object then our defeat is without one soothing memory, for the reason that we have missed the best that life offered us while we plunged madly and blindly across the wasted years.

The secret of the trouble lies in the adoration of mere material wealth, which has long beset the world, and the early ificulcation in the minds of the very children of such false doctrine. Even though the possessor of wealth may claim no other qualificationsthose of heart or of mind-we worship at the feet of the golden calf, just the same. We forget that mere money does not make a man rich. What sort of a heart has the rich man. What qualities of mind does he possess? What does he do for the good of humanity? Is he honest is he kind, is he brave, is he true? These are the crucibles in which he must be tried, and if any other man pass successfully the same tests, it matters not how few the pennies in his pocket.

The race for wealth-for great wealth-is a hard race, and yet not worth the running. The coining of a song, the minting of a good deed, the spendthriftry of helpfulness and cheerfulness is worth more than all the gold in the world. And, anyhow, since we cannot all grow rich, let us be content with the dreamer's way -to earn a little and spend a little less.

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Cheerful Reports Come from all Industrial Centers in the South Chicago Tribune

It is the season of the year for aking account of stock in the larger Southern commercial and industrial cities. Two of them already have made reports of a New Orleans and Galveston. The Times-Democrat, of the former city, says there has been improvement in every line-in cotton, grain, coffee, sugar, rice, and lumber; in foreign imports and exports; in receipts of produce and in return trade; and the coastwise traffic. Pinancial prosperity has been even greater than commercial. The output of manufactures has been largely ncreased, more has been done in building than for many years past, and a great system for draining and purifying the city h as been inaugurated, which has been made possible by the public spirited women of that city. During the year two rail-roads have established terminals center of the country; has regained the coffee trade of the Missisippi Valley; doubled its flour trade; gained over 12 per cent in the foreign export trade, and 32 per cent in bank clear ings, which were \$859,472,855 for the year closing September 1.

Galveston tells the same encouraging story of advancing prosperity. It has moved into third place among exporting cities of the country. Its cus-toms receipts increased 116 per cent over last year, and its ex-port value \$5,000,000 over 1902 and \$7,000,000 over 1901. Its coastwise trade has more than doubled. Its elevator capacity has increased to more than 4,-000,000 bushels, and it has fifty-three lines of steamships to foreign por.s. One of the most remarkable illustrations of its enterprise is the manner in which it has recovered from the disaster of September 8, 1900. was the general opinion at that time that it was doubtful whether Galveston could ever recover and at that the attempt should be abandoned, as the city was liable to an inundation at any

taking precautions against an-other invasion of the sea. A great sea wall is being constructed to extend a little more than three miles along the ocean front of the city. It rests upon front of the city. It rests upon had fortified himself with an iron a concrete bed laid over piling bar, taken from the bedstead. driven down to clay foundation, The first man to enter the cell sixteen feet thick at the base was knocked senseless, and it and five feet at the top, with a was only after being almost sufriprap of granite rocks to protect the foundation. The wall will rise seventeen feet above mean low water and nearly two feet above the highest point reached by the water in the hurricane of three years ago. When it is finished the city will be graded up to the height of the wall and will then rise seventeen feet above the ocean. New Orleans and Galveston

are not the only fortunate Southern cities. Cheering reports of prosperity come from all the industrial centers—Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, Birmingham, Savannah, Mobile, and Charles. ton. They are making great strides ahead, which of itself must invite closer commercial relations with the North and larger investments of Northern capital. This may conduce toward better social and political conditions.

A RUSSIAN EXECUTION.

Remarkable Sang Froid of a a Desperate Criminal on the Scatteld.

ashington Post

Some time ago a Russian criminal was executed in St. Peters-burg. He had during the last two years murdered twelve persons, the last one being a priest. The law did not show this murderer any mercy, but speedily condemed him to death

Stebjanski was the name of this wholesale murderer, and he hoped to the last for clemency. When the death warrant was read and the keeper informed him that he had but six hours to live, he raged and swore to re-venge himself in the most terri-ble manner. After being left alone in the cell the first thing he did was to break his lamp be abandoned, as the city was and, procuring some matches, liable to an inundation at any time. The people of Galveston ment the flames broke through did not share the general opin-

PROSPERITY OF SOUTHERN ion. They not only resolutely ing was for a time threatened set to work to rebuild on the old with destruction. Forcunately site, but to make a safer city by and gotten under control before much damage had been done, but in the meantime a terrible struggle ensued between the keepers and the criminal, who focated that the prisoner was finally overpowered. Next morning the execution took place The condemned man ascended the scaffold with much bravado. made a thorough examination of the same and finally declared that the rope was too short.

"I cannot get my head in the cop," he said, "and though it will cause me some inconven-ience to wait. I will smoke a cigarette while you are having it attended to.

He lighted a cigaret: e and. turning to the executioner, made a speech, pointing out the detestable in his profession, and as a condemned criminal in Russia has certain rights, no one dared to interrupt him.

The executioner, who really was a tender hearted man, became visibiy affected by the mor alizing words of the murderer, and turning to the crowd sembled before the scaffold, sembled before the scaffold, de-clared that his conscience did not allow him to proceed or to take a fellow man's life, and he then and there resigned his posi-tion and departed amid the shouts of the assemblage.
This caused great confusion

among the representatives of the law, for where could they in a hurry get a n oth er execu-tioner? The question was however, solved by the con-demned man, who declared that he would execute himself as oon as he got through smoking. He started an interesting conversation with the priest during the five minutes or so which he had left, and recommended that he read count Tolstoy's latest book, which contains some striking remarks about the relation of capital punishment to the teachings of Christianity. He hen threw a kiss to a pretty girl among the spectators, atuck his head in the loop and kicked away the trap beneath his feet.

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