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#### POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magasines, newspapers, is fact wherever we may find them. Sometimes these selections will accord with our views and the views of our readers, nountinus 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 conspicited utterance.

#### Can Get their Own Price.

Charleston News and Conrier

It is claimed that the President has already secured the delegates from the South, and yet we are told that there is "danger to hand of Benevolence, intro Roosevelt from the South." The delegates to the National Republican Convention from this part of the country ought to name their price and stick to it. Somebody will pay them what they ask.

#### Vest's Wenderlal Memory.

Kansas City Journal Senator Vest physically is much enfeebled, but his intellect remains as clear and his memory as wonderfully retentive as ever. He is dictating a series of reminiscent articles to his stenographer, His eyesight is so bad that he cannot look up references, but it is found that every date and circumstance he gives is absolutely correct. The marvelous retentiveness and accuracy of his memory were illustrated a few days ago. He had dictated an article to his stenographer in which he quoted in full a letter which he received from Jefferson Davis nineteen years ago. It was feared he might have misquoted some parts of it, and before the stenographer left the house members of the family got the original letter and compared it with Mr. Vest's quotation of it. It was found that he had given word for word.

#### The Buty of the Democrats.

Richmond News-Leader In our view, Mr. Cleveland is the strongest man the Democratic party has and the best fitted to be president and the least

The Democrats who followed Mr. Bryan and accepted the free silver doctrine and the Kausas City platform have the right to have their feelings and opinious considered. They were taught to bate Mr. Cleveland bitterly and to suspect him profoundly. They learned their lesson-in our view a very pernicious and unhappy lesson-thoroughly. The nomination of Mr. Cleveland would be an offense and a challenge to this large element of the party. It would be asking them to go squarely back on their own heated but sincere expressions of a few years ago. Yet, Mr. Cleveland's unquestionable strength at the East and with the individual voters in the close States made him formidable and kept him dangling before the eyes of the party, an element of uncertainty, of mingled hopes and fears. Now he has considered and wisely taken himself out of the way and the party can settle down seriously to consider the remaining material. We do not think there is need to be in a hurry in reaching the final decision. So far Judge Parker, of New York, and Mr. Olney, of Massachusetts, look to us to be the most promising men; but chauges come rapidly and men develop swiftly in this country. The man to lead the party may be lingering somewhere obscurely, awaiting the opportunity destined to come between now and next summer. The part of the Democrats of the country is to study the material now before it and to wait a while.

GRATITUDE AND BENEVOLENCE

The Two are toe Often Strangers -Ingratitude the Meanest of all Mean Things-The Case of Cel. Blackwell.

Mouroe Enquirer. Col. W. T. Blackwell [who died in Durham a few days agol was financially ruined because he was too generous in endorsing notes of friends. When a friend went to Col. Blackwell with a request to endorse a note the big-hearted man could not refuse the request, and he, like many an other endorser of notes of friends, had the note to pay when it was due. Col. Blackwell "stood" for his friends and while he was doing the standing the men who should have paid the notes lay down. That is frequently the way of it. Did those friends of former days thank Col. Blackwell when he went down into his pocket and paid money for them? Not a bit of it. The man who lets his friend who endorses a note for him pay it is former acceptant. for him pay it is forever against the man who does the paying. If you endorse a note for a friend just for his accommodation and that friend is honest and pays the note himself, al-though he has to make sacrifice to do it, he will thank you for your kindness and will hold you in high esteem as a friend, but if you have to do the paying, that fellow for whom you endorsed is your enemy for all time. He never has another good word for you. Strange, but it is as true as if it had been read from the fifth chapter of Matthew. Gratitude is a rare virtue, anyway. There is pathos in Col. Blackwell's saying, "I remember when people used to rush across the street to speak to me. Now nobody notices me." And yet, Col. Blackwell was living among the people whom he had befriended in the days of his prosperity and for whom he had paid money when there was no possible chance for him to be benefited by that pay-ment. We venture the assertion that very few, if any, of the men for whom, Col. Blackwell "stood" ministered to him in his last sickness and stood by him in his poverty. Ingratitude! The meanest of all mean things. The good God, says a fable, had all the virtues to assemble be-fore Him. In the splendid courts of eternity the meeting of the virtues was held. Truth, Justice, Honor, Patience; Modesty, Benevolence, Gratitude and all the other virtues assembled

#### Working Backward.

and held a great jubilee in their Father's house. Noticing the fair forms of Gratitude and Be-

nevolence passing and repass-

ing and not recognizing each other, the good God called these

two virtues to Him and putting

the hand of Gratitude in the

them, for never before since the

world was made, and that was a

long time ago, had Gratitude

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

and Benevolence met.

"Did you ask her father?"

"What did he say?"

"He said yes." "Then that settles it."

"Not much it doesnt. Now 've got to ask the girl."

#### Good Cause For Thanks.

Oxford Ledger. The editor thanks Mr. R. T. Crews, of Tar River, for a nice gourd, the handle of which is over three feet long, and a meas of nice Irish potatoes, which were planted the last day of August, along with a beautiful sample of mahogany wrappers Mr. Crews is a capital farmer

#### Peelings From the Grange Ob-Server.

Orange, Va., Observer. a

and a true Democrat.

The bicycle now giveth place to the icicle.

Old 1903 is rapidly spending its last quarter.

The buckwheat cake, after patiently waiting its turn, is now in our midst.

The dentist is a funny man, by his profession shown—he works on other people's teeth to find work for his own.

Speaking about Congressmen-at-large, the daily roll call shows that a good many of them are that way all the time.

There is only one sure way to stop a small boy from asking questions, and that is not satisfactory if you have any further use for the boy.

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BRIER PATCH CHAMPIONS.

How Uncle James Scoggine Settled Glant Pete Westmere land.

GASTONIA, N. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1903.

J. L. S. in Yorkville Requirer.

As the Enquirer from time to time presents the familiar names and faces of persons we have known for a long time ever since our childhood—a reminiscent spirit is aroused and we often feel that we would like to add something that has ap-parently been omitted.

The name and face of Mr. James Scoggins, as it appeared in last Tuesday's paper, recalls several incidents that might interest many of your readers, who may not be familiar with his earlier life—only one of which I

will meution now. In his earlier days Mr. Scoggins was without doubt one of the finest specimens of physical manhood in Western York and he always bore the reputation of a man who had the courage to maintain his natural precedence. The incident of which I am going to speak took place at what is known as the "Brier Patch" muster ground near Smyrna church, a short time be-fore the beginning of the Civil

It was customary, on muster days, to have liquor on the grounds. It might be a candidate's or some one who wanted to turn a little booze into money. In the latter case it was not looked upon as it now is for a man to sell liquor. In fact, some good men—men of means and character did it. Anyway it was always convenient for those who would do so to get tight, and sometimes pretty drunk, just as the spirit moved them in that direction.

At the time of which we speak the crowd was pretty well liquored up, among them Tom Lanier and Tom Whitesides, (who, to distinguish him from several other Tom Whitesides, was called "Bad Legs." How or where he got this sobriquet I never knew, unless it was from never knew, unless it was from just such occasions as this, when his lower extremities afforded such a poor means of locomo-tion.) Mr. Whitesides though, was a first class gentleman, and related to some of the best families in Western York. But, like many otherwise good men, liquor sometimes got the advantage of him.

The shooting match was a very common pastime with some people, and Tom Lauier made it a specialty by which to increase bis income. He was acknowledged to be one of the best marksmen in the country, and many times he was employed by others to do their shooting at the muster ground matches when they had bought chances. On this occasion Tom Lanier claimed to have won a very fine (Whether Mr. Whitesides had ver wagered the gun or not I do not know). But he was shooting with the crowd and Mr. Lanier undertook to take the gun away from him by force. A tussel ensued, which was followed by blows, and finally the two men fell with Lanier on top. The crowd gathered around and cries of "Hands off; let 'em fight it out " "Dou't part 'em men; don't part 'em. Let 'em bave a fair fight," while all was going the same way against Whitesides. Mr. Scoggins was always a quiet man and never took stock in any such carous-als. Yet, he would not stand by and see a man imposed upon when he was unable to help himself. Pressing into the crowd and seeing into what hands this traveler from Jerusa-lem to Jericho had fallen, Mr. Scoggins stooped down to pull Lanier off him, when Pete Westmoreland, who was a stout, heavy-set man, a blacksmith by trade and as plucky as a bald hornet besides, struck him such a blow in the back of the head that Mr. Scoggins said that he "could see stars all over the ground." Pete had struck such

a blow that the force of it had staggered him back a few steps As Mr. Scoggins raised up he saw Pete's eyes flashing fire, while he said with an oath, "Pete's a hoss." Just then he made another lunge, but as hi got within proper range he met a blow from the sledge hammer fist of Jim Scoggins which sent him backwards with a momen-tum somewhat similar to that of pair of old fashioned winding

blades that had lost their equi-librium while running at a high speed. This broke up the fun and ended the chapter. Etta Jane, S. C., Nov. 20, '03.

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THE OWNER OF HIS COUNTRY. Lecturer on Sub-Treasury Steps

New York World.

A well dressed young man mounted the steps of the Sub-Treasury about 4 p. m. yesterday and delivered a lecture on finance. He soon succeeded in gathering a crowd. He pointed office remarking that when he thought of two such great men being in such close proximity this thought always came to

The crowd laughed and ap-plauded, but a friend took the lecturer by the arm and led him

The Pecan Tree.

The pecan trees planted twen-

Philadelphia Press.

Miss Loveylipz—He said my mouth was like "a cleft honey-comb." Wasn't that sweet?

Miss Chellus—M-m, yes but a honey-comb d.esn't look very neat or pretty when it's split open you know.

#### A Certain Significance.

"Do you regard money as the supreme test of success?" asked the man with the artistic tem-

perament.

"No," answered the practical person, "but the absence of it is a pretty sure sign of failure."

Western Traveling on Special Car Rabibits Romarkable Generousty. Citisens of Muncie, Ind., and ens-Citizens of Muncie, Ind., and employees of the Big Four railroad were perplexed over the actions of a woman who passed through Muncie the other night in a special car attached to the Big Four train, says an Indianapolis dispatch. She said she was en soute from New York, where she itsed, to California to spend the winter. She gave her name as Miss Williams to some persons whom she met in the dining car, but said nothing of herealf further than this.

(A war against cornets and fudge in being waged by the faculty of the university at Ann Arbor.—News Item.)

at Am Arbor.—News Item.]
Tall me truly what's the rub,
Michigan, my Michigan?
What unfeeling, meeding dub,
Michigan, my Michigan dub,
Michigan, py Michigan,
Is attempting to buit in
With a lot of protusts thin?
Do not Heten to his chis,
Michigan, my Michigan.

What self constituted page.
Michigan, my Michigan,
Fion declared this war on fed,
Michigan, my Michigan?
Think of all the peer code
Geing bungry to their heale!
I can see their bowet down is
Michigan, my Michigan.

You have won a ineting no. Michigan, my Michigan. earry out this grudg correct and is fudge:

## THE OLD RELIABLE



THEM IS NO SUMMITUTE

## HERE ARE THE Draws a Laugh on Morgan.

to the statue of George Washing-ton and then to J. P. Morgan's

"George, you are the father of our country, but you are not in it with Johnny Morgan—be is the owner of it."

#### th City Tar Heel.

ty years ago in the court house lawn by Col. Creecy, have come into bearing this season for the first time. The natural age of a pecan tree is four bundred years.

#### Helding Her Down.

Washington Star.

#### LAVISH SPENDER OF MONEY

dining car, but said nothing of herealf further than this.

Miss Williams is the most lavish spender of money that the employees of the road ever came in contact with, and she insisted on paying for many of the dishes which she ordered for others at the table. She seen had the reputation of being a millionaire, and she sustained it by tupping the trainmen, from conductor to parter, with sums ranging from \$5 to \$25.

At Muncie she noticed a large number of persons standing on the oletform when the supper gong rang, and she gave the porter a roll of notes and

told him to have all the people bountifully at her expense.

And the corrects—calter alive!
Michigan, my Michigan!
Why should anybody strive,
Michigan, my Michigan,
To abalish that which grants
Grace in lovely debitinates?
Hight as well abeliab shoes,
Michigan, my Michigan!

Michan the atreauce in the atreauce my )

Ladies' and Misses' Coats. Misses' and children's coats

at \$1.50, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3, \$4, Ladies' coats at \$5.00, \$6.25, \$7.50, \$6.00, \$10.00, \$12.50.

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seen on this market.

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