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THE EDITOR'S LEISURE HOURS.

Points and Paragraphs of Things Present, Past and Future.

A Kansas City police judge recently held that a person has as much right to hiss in a theatre at something on the stage that displeases him as he has to applaud what pleases him. And the *Charlotte Observer* well observes that to the common-sense decision it might have been added that "one has no right to do either to the extent of making himself a nuisance to others, which is often the case in the matter of applause." For downright, uncalled-for foolishness we think also that undue applause anywhere can cap the climax.

The past few days have been a season of commencements of the various schools in the State. On almost every train on the main lines of railroads there have been crowds of persons either going to or from a commencement. It is gratifying to those who are interested in educational matters to see the concern of so many of the best people of the State for the schools, both public and private. It looks like there is soon to be a revival in educational work, and that North Carolina will be wider awake than ever to the importance of properly educating the boys and girls.

The sentiment of the people in the North and in the West is rapidly changing concerning many questions in the South. These questions are peculiar to Southern people, and the North and West have about made up their minds to let the South work out her own problems without interference. And when this is done, it will be done well; for the Southern people are in the front rank of all the march of progress, and that is enough to vouchsafe their ability to settle some other matters upon which depends much of the future good of this region.

THE speech of Hon. W. W. Kitchin of the Fifth congressional district against the unseating of Crawford, the Democratic member from the Ninth district in favor of Richmond Pearson, Republican, was indeed a strong and able argument. He was frequently interrupted by the Republicans, but he held his ground and doubtless convinced the house that Pearson was not duly elected. Twelve Republicans would not vote, and one can safely conclude that they were not satisfied that Pearson was really elected.

THE sympathy for the Boers in the South African war has been general throughout the country. It begins to look now from the reports in the papers like the British will soon have done the work and the Boers will have to submit to the terms of peace which their enemies may name. But through it all the Boers have surprised the world by their tenacity and the resistance with which they met their mighty foe. They will live in history as great fighters and men who dared all for what they thought was their rights.

From the various colleges there go forth at this season young men with diplomas declaring their proficiency in the courses of study they have taken. These diplomas are all right, but the young men who carry them from the college to their homes must not depend upon them too much. What they can and will do is what the world is waiting for. They must not be too choice of their job, either; for no matter what they do, if they do it well, there will soon be waiting for them a better place.

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THE YIELD OF THE PACIFIC.

Everything From Wheat to Pepper.

Considered from the point of view of what grows in them—which is, after all, the point of view of most people of to-day—the islands of the Pacific present everything from the wheat of Argentina to the pepper of Guiana, and a host of things found neither in the tropics of South America, nor in the hot heart of Africa, nor elsewhere, save within their own abnormal spheres, says a writer in Ainslee's Magazine. Beginning with the wheat and live stock and the ordinary edibles and utilities grown in Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand, there is a rapid multiplication of strange and unusual products as the zone of output move north and west. The Dutch East Indies are like the northern regions of South America, putting forth the best coffees from Java that the coffee world affords, the nutmeg which flavors men's milk punches and women's baked apples, the camphor that cures wives' headaches, the pepper that supplies taste to the far-gone palate, the ginger that brings tears to the eyes of the small boy and balm to his suffering midriff. From the same regions comes also the valuable teak to calk ships, and upon which much of the future merchant marine of the South Pacific is likely to depend. From Java and Sumatra, up to the Philippines and Formosa, is the chief source of the world's supply of straw hats, of ropes wherewith criminals are hung or sails set, of mattings for floors instead of carpets.

Eastward from the coast is the home of the cocoanut and pineapple, and the bread fruit, which does not endure exporting, to say nothing of the universal banana. Along the shores of the farther islands the natives and the Chinese, who from time immemorial have invaders, gather pearl shells and the long slimy snails, called beche de mer, one of the most popular courses on the tables of the well-to-do in China. In choice spots among all the islands, spots becoming constantly less discoverable, the Oriental food hunters find the delicate bird's nest, for which mandarins and financial potentates of the Mongolian kingdom pay $250 per pound that their cooks may make them soups from it. There are mineral, metal and timber resources as yet little more exploited than those in the Philippines. There are possibilities of agricultural cultivation, which have not been sounded save in the southern islands, where John Bull has put the aborigines beneath his solid foot and ventured to transform the semi-tropic regions into the likeness of his home country. Tobacco is growing richly in most of the larger islands, and cotton has been tried with such success that the South Sea Island product is a considerable factor in the cotton market price lists. Some sanguine prophets look to a time when this cotton crop of the Pacific will be a serious competitor with the Southern States.

The Press An Educator.

Speaking of the press as an educator, the Richmond Times says:

"The public press is a great educator. It is not so many years ago that thousands of people were superstitious about an eclipse of the sun, and such phenomena were always attended with more or less fear on the part of the masses. But, thanks to the public press the people were prepared months ago for the eclipse which occurred Monday, and every body who could read simple English had an opportunity thoroughly to understand the phenomenon from a scientific point of view.

"It is the duty of a newspaper to print something else besides the news, and no one agency has done so much to educate the public, to remove popular superstitions and generally to clear the cobwebs away, as the press. The modern newspaper has many sins to to answer for, but it also has much to its credit."

"The age of superstition is rapidly passing," said the professor.

"Yes," replied the doctor, "spooks no longer have even a ghost of a chance."—American.

A CARD OF THAKS.

I wish to say that I feel under lasting obligations for what Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has done for our family. We have used it in so many cases of coughs, lung troubles and whooping cough, and it has always given the most perfect satisfaction, we feel greatly indebted to the manufacturers of this remedy and wish them to please accept our hearty thanks.—Respectfully, Mrs. S. Doty, Des Moines, Iowa. For sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

How A Boy Succeeded.

Boys sometimes think they can not afford to be manly and faithful to the little things. A story is told of a boy of the right stamp and what came of his faithfulness.

A few years ago a large drug firm in New York city advertised for a boy. Next day the store was thronged with applicants, among them a queer looking little fellow, accompanied by a woman, who proved to be his aunt, in lieu of faithless parents, by whom he had been abandoned. Looking at this waif, the advertiser said: "Can't take him; places all full. Besides he is too small."

"I know he is small," said the woman "but he is willing and faithful."

There was a twinkling in the boy's eyes which made the merchant think again. A partner in the firm volunteered to remark that he "did not see what they wanted with such a boy; he wasn't bigger than a pint of cider." But after consultation, the boy was set to work.

A few days later a call was made on the boys in the store for some one to stay all night. The prompt response of the little fellow contrasted well with the reluctance of others. In the middle of the night the merchant looked in to see if all was right in the store, and presently discovered this youthful protege busy scissoring labels.

"What are you doing?" said he. "I did not tell you to work nights."

"I know you did not tell me to, but I thought I might as well be doing something."

In the morning the cashier got orders to "double that boy's wages, for he is willing."

Only a few weeks elapsed before a show of wild beasts passed through the streets, and, very naturally, all hands in the store rushed to witness the spectacle. A thief saw his opportunity and entered at the rear door to seize something, but in a twinkling found himself firmly clutched by the diminutive clerk aforesaid, and, after a struggle was captured. Not only was a robbery prevented, but valuable articles taken from other stores were recovered. When asked why he stayed behind to watch when all others quit their work, he replied: "You told me never to leave the store when others were absent and I thought I'd stay."

Orders were immediately given once more, "Double that boy's wages; he is willing and faithful."

To-day that boy is a member of the firm.—S. S. Evangelist.

Correct Form In Letter-Writing.

To every one outside the family circle the Christian name and surname should be written in full. A married woman writes her name, Mary Bruce Talbot, and in a business letter adds beneath it, in brackets, Mrs. John Talbot. An unmarried woman writes "Miss" in brackets, before her full name, to a stranger when a reply is expected.

Typewritten letters are only admissible for business communications. In such epistles the signature should be written by hand.

Speak first of the interest of your correspondent and afterward of those which concern yourself.

Never write anything over your own signature of which you might later be ashamed.

Never allow any one to read a letter intended for your eyes alone. It is intrusted to your honor, even if not so explicitly stated.

One does not use the word "house party" in an invitation but says, "I am asking a few friends, etc."

A letter sent by hand should be left unsealed, unless a servant be the messenger.

Business letters should begin with "Sir," "Dear Sir," or "My dear Sir," or if in the plural, with "Gentlemen," and end with "Yours truly" or "Respectfully yours"—never "Respectfully", alone, omitting the subject of the sentence. Ladies are addressed as "Madam," whether married or unmarried. —Mrs. Burton Kingsland, in the June Ladies Home Journal.

WOULD NOT SUFFER SO AGAIN FOR FIFTY TIMES ITS PRICE.

I awoke last night with severe pains in my stomach. I never felt so badly in all my life. When I came down to work this morning I felt so weak I could hardly work. I went to Miller & McCurdy's drug store and they recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy. It worked like magic and one dose fixed me all right. It certainly is the finest thing I ever used for stomach trouble. I shall not be without it in my home hereafter, for I should not care to endure the sufferings of last night again for fifty times its price.—G. H. Wilson, Liveryman, Burgettstown, Washington County, Pa. This remedy is for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

LATE SATURDAYS.

Saturday Night Business Hours.

SHOULD CLOSE AT 10 O'CLOCK.

Rev. M. L. Kesler in Rocky Mount Motor.

Rocky Mount is making gratifying progress in many ways There is a growing public spirit without which no town can ever grow into greatness. A just pride of place needs no apology and is felt by every worthy citizen. In our progress there are other things to be considered than manufacturing and merchandise. Whatever tends to make machine slaves of men, depriving them of proper home life and the opportunity for moral and intellectual culture ought to be discouraged by ever right-thinking citizen of our town.

Our merchants have done well in closing their stores at an early hour part of the time, but this ought to be extended to Saturday night as well. On that night the stores are open till midnight and many of our merchants and their clerks are not asleep before two o'clock Sunday morning. This late hour is inexcusable and public sentiment ought to make it impossible. Who but merchants and their clerks will submit to the outrage of a day of eighteen hours? They are thus deprived of time they ought to give to their families; they are deprived of rest and opportunity of reading and cultivating the arts of life that are higher than measuring cloth and weighing groceries. It is a seductive form of Sabbath desecration. These men fall asleep all brusied and tired, their brains buzzing with all the littleness of the long day and night trade; at a late hour Sunday morning crawl out from the sodden slumber unfit to be pleasant companions in the home or devout attendants on services at the churches. This custom is without reason or excuse. The beef market closes at a decent hour every evening and people have learned to conduct themselves accordingly, so of the post-office, banks and tobacco sales. Nobody has objected to these. People buy just so much groceries and no more. When they learn they can't buy them up to the very edge of Sunday they will buy them before the doors are closed. A large part of this midnight trade is from a class of people afflicted with unmitigated shiftlessness, who need the "move on" policy applied to them vigorously. They belong to the same tribe with the fellow who sat by the river and waited for the water to run by before he would cross. That kind of man never crosses. Now, I appeal to a righteous public sentiment to say that our merchants and their clerks who are among our best citizens shall not be subjected to such slavery. It depends largely upon the merchants themselves to say whether or not this thing shall continue. Some will shrink from the difficulty of securing the co-operation of all concerned. This is a difficulty, for we have some exceedingly small men. But a town in which the business men will not co-operate for the good of all is doomed to mediocrity and littleness. The purpose of this article is not to do any sort of violence to propriety and common sense. It is granted that the closing hour Saturday night ought to be later than other nights—say 10 o'clock.—but let the shiftless crowd know it is that and no more. And there are occasions when it would be well to remain open late every night—such are the weeks preceding the holidays.

When Paul stood in the midst of polite and cultured Athens he suggested that they were rather superstitious; were he standing in Rocky Mount he might suggest that some people were overmuch given to sifting the trash pile for stray nickels.

Now, if this reformation is needed, let none of you who are men whine off into a corner and say it can't be done.

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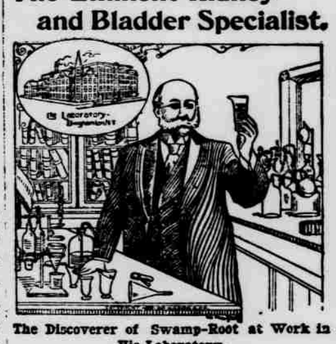

The Discoverer of Swamp-Root at Work in His Laboratory.

There is a disease prevailing in this country most dangerous because so deceptive. Many sudden deaths are caused by it—heart disease, pneumonia, heart failure or apoplexy are often the result of kidney disease. If kidney trouble is allowed to advance the kidney-poisoned blood will attack the vital organs, or the kidneys themselves break down and waste away cell by cell. Then the richness of the blood—the albumen—leaks out and the sufferer has Bright's Disease, the worst form of kidney trouble.

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Last fall I sprained my left hip while handling some heavy boxes. The doctor I called on said at first it was a slight strain and would soon be well, but it grew worse and the doctor then said I had rheumatism. It continued to grow worse and I could hardly get around to work. I went to a drug store and the druggist recommended me to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. I tried it and one half of a 50-cent bottle cured me entirely. I now recommend it to all my friends.—F. A. Babcock, Erie, Pa. It is for sale by E. T. Whitehead & Co., Druggists.

Advice to Young Women.

Dr. Hemphill gives this good advice to the young women of to-day: "Young woman, never give your hand in marriage to a man who drinks any more than you would marry a basilisk. Reform him after marriage, will you! Never! I have seen it tried too often, and where are the women who tried it? Some in madhouses, some in almshouses, some in suicide's graves, all utterly wretched." Such advice is worth passing on to the "other girls"—the girls that have not had the arrest of thought that our Y's have had and therefore are not so "wise."

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A Word in private to . . . Suffering Women.

No one but yourselves know of the suffering you go through. Why *do* you suffer? It isn't necessary. Don't lose your health and beauty, (for the loss of one is speedily followed by the loss of the other.) Don't feel "weak" and "worn out." Impure blood is at the bottom of all your trouble.

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	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Leave Weldon	11 50	8 50			
Ar. Rocky Mt.	1 00	9 52			
Leave Tarboro	12 21		6 00		
Lv. Rocky Mt.	...1 05	9 52	6 37	8 15	12 [illegible]
Leave Wilson	1 59	10 25	7 10	8 57	2 [illegible]
Leave Selma	2 55	11 10			
Lv. Fayetteville	4 30	12 22			
Ar. Florence	7 25	2 24			
	P. M.	A. M.			
Ar. Goldsboro			7 55		
Lv. Goldsboro				6 45	3 30
Lv. Magnolia				7 51	4 35
Ar. Wilmington				9 20	6 00
			P. M.	A. M.	P. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

	No. 78. Daily.	No. 102, daily ex Sunday	No. 32. Daily.	No. 40. Daily	No. 46, Daily.
	A. M.		P. M.		
Lv. Florence	9 50		7 35		
Lv. Fayetteville	12 20		9 41		
Leave Selma	1 50		10 54		
Arrive Wilson	2 35		11 33		
		A. M.		P. M.	A. M.
Lv. Wilmington				7 00	9 35
Lv. Magnolia				8 20	11 10
Lv. Goldsboro		4 50		9 37	12 20
	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Leave Wilson	2 35	5 33	11 33	10 45	1 18
Ar. Rocky Mt.	3 30	6 10	12 07	11 23	1 54
Arrive Tarboro		6 46			
Leave Tarboro	12 21				
Lv. Rocky Mt.	3 30		12 07		
Ar. Weldon	4 35		1 20		
	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	

†Daily except Monday. ‡Daily except Sunday.

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Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 3:00 p. m., returning leave Parmele 9:35 a. m. and 6:30 p. m., arrive Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday 5:30 p. m., Sunday, 4:15 p. m., arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m., 6:10 p. m., Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m and Sunday 9:00 a. m., arrives Tarboro 10:10 a. m., 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro daily, except Sunday. 5:30 a. m., arriving Smithfield 6:40 a. m. Returning leaves Smithfield 7:30 a. m.; arrives at Goldsboro 9:00 a. m.

Trains on Nashville Branch leave Rocky Mount at 9:30 a. m., 3:40 p. m., arrive Nashville 10:20 a. m., 4:03 p. m., Spring Hope 11:00 a. m., 4:25 p. m. Returning leave Spring Hope 11:20 a. m., 4:55 p. m., Nashville 11:45 a. m., 5:25 p. m., arrive at Rocky Mount 12:10 a. m., 6:00 p. m., daily except Sunday.

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