

Lincoln's Joke on Seward.

On the 9th the First corps, commanded by Gen. Reynolds, was reviewed by the president on a beautiful plain at the north of Potomac creek, about eight miles from Hooker's headquarters. We rode thither in an ambulance over a rough corduroy road, and, as we passed over some of the more difficult portions of the jolting way, the ambulance driver, who sat well in front, occasionally let fly a volley of suppressed oaths at his wild team of six mules. Finally Mr. Lincoln leaned forward, touched the man on the shoulder and said:

"Excuse me, my friend, are you an Episcopalian?"

The man, greatly startled, looked around and replied:

"No, Mr. President, I am a Methodist."

"Well," said Lincoln, "I thought you must be an Episcopalian, because you swear like Gov. Seward, who is a churchwarden."

The driver swore no more.—Century.

No Wasted Moments.

An anecdote of Gladstone is going the rounds which shows how carefully he makes use of every moment of his time. One day the great Englishman went to visit a friend, and after an interesting conversation of an hour or so, the host left the room for a few minutes. On returning he found Gladstone deeply immersed in a book, which was carried for use at just such spare moments as this. This was Gladstone's method of utilizing every minute; but it is not fair to conclude that every man should do the same. It is not often a wise use of time to spend one's odd moments in thought. If a man is apparently idle, that is no evidence that his brain is idle. Some men can think more in five minutes than they can read in an hour.—Boston Transcript.

Pussy's Great Catch.

We disapprove of cats catching birds, but where they take such chances as did the Lewiston pussy that leaped from a third-story window, snatched an English sparrow from a telegraph wire and struck the ground right side up and safely, we are almost glad to learn she kept her prey.—Kennebec Journal.

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Dated Jan'y 7, 1895.	No. 23 Daily.		No. 41 Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
Leave Weldon	11 53	9 27	
Ar. Roeyk Mt	12 57	10 20	
Lv Tarboro	12 20		
Lv Rocky Mt	1 05	10 20	6 00
Lv Wilson	2 03	11 03	
Lv Selma	2 53		
Lv Fayetteville	4 30	12 53	
Ar. Florence	7 15	3 00	
	No. 47 Daily.		
	P. M.		A. M.
Lv Wilson	2 08		6 35
Lv Goldsboro	2 55		7 20
Lv Magnolia	4 02		8 29
Ar. Wilmington	5 30		10 00
	M.		A. M.

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

Dated Jan'y 7, 1895.	No. 78 Daily.	No. 32 Daily.	No. 40 Daily.
	A. M.	P. M.	
Lv Florence	7 25	7 15	
Lv Fayetteville	10 10	9 19	
Lv Selma	11 52		
Ar. Wilson	12 42	11 15	
	No. 48 Daily.		
	A. M.		P. M.
Lv Wilmington	9 00		7 00
Lv Magnolia	10 32		8 31
Lv Goldsboro	11 35		9 40
Ar. Wilson	12 25		10 27
	No. 78 Daily.	No. 32 Daily.	
	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Lv Wilson	12 52	11 20	10 32
Ar. Rocky Mt	1 48	12 02	11 15
Lv Tarboro	2 21		
Lv Tarboro	12 25		
Lv Rocky Mt	1 53	12 02	
Ar. Weldon	3 10	12 54	

Train on Scotland Neck Branch Road leaves Weldon 3.40 p. m., Halifax 4.00 p. m., arrives Scotland Neck at 4.55 p. m., Greenville 6.37 p. m., Kinston 7.35 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.20 a. m., Greenville 8.22 a. m., Arriving Halifax at 11:00 a. m., Weldon 11.20 am m., daily except Sunday.