

THE FARM AND HOME

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO FARMER AND HOUSEWIFE.

Farmers Owe Less than Any Other Large Group of People and Fewer Farmers "Fail," Commercially Speaking, than in Other Business.

The Credit of Farmers.

The pessimists, the ignorant and the calamity shouters are very fond of prating on the "poverty of the farming community," and some agricultural journals, not conversant with the facts, have assisted in spreading the idea. They have done their utmost to destroy the farmers' credit. But the real truth is this: While many farmers have been in distress, yet, taking the farming people as a whole, it is safe to say that the farmers have passed through the years of depression better than anybody in the country.

Immense Apple Crop.

The apple crop this year amounts to about 200,000,000 barrels. In bushels it is about equal to our wheat crop. New York contributes 95,000,000 barrels, Michigan 30,000,000, New England 40,000,000, and other sections also produce largely. One-half or more of this enormous crop is wasted—allowed to rot on the ground—although it could be dried or converted into vinegar.

"Blood Will Tell."

The expression "Blood will tell" applies to all classes of stock. It may be noticed in the fleet running and trotting horses, the beef, butter and milk breeds of cattle, the numerous breeds of sheep which are bred for mutton and heavy fleeces, and in the swine, which possess meritorious characteristics peculiar to each breed.

Apples for Horses.

A quart or two of sweet apples per day for each horse will be worth more to it than the same bulk of oats additional to its regular ration of hay or grain. The apples are better than any kind of roots, and this year they are everywhere cheap and plenty.

Farm Notes.

Turnips for table use should be put in layers of sand in barrels. When stored that way they are fresh, and never wilt or shrivel up. Fruit, bees and poultry can be kept on the same land, and a crop of buckwheat, for both bees and poultry, will assist in reducing the cost.

Management of Poultry.

The conditions for success in poultry raising are: Warm, light and dry quarters, clean water, wholesome food, and a moderate range. My cold-weather ration for thirty hens consists of as much finely-cut hay as can be grasped in both hands, two quarts of bran, and the refuse from the table for the last twenty-four hours.

On the Care of Sheep.

It is knack and personal management, and not luck, which will keep a flock of sheep in good condition during the winter. They should enter their winter quarters in good shape, and then be tended with intelligence. It is folly to try to make anything out of the weaklings, and they should be weeded out closely.

expect our sheep to pine away and perish. A good sheep will make a growth of nearly three-quarters of a pound a day the first 280 days, when it becomes excellent mutton. For 600 days it will make half a pound. Such a sheep will net 6 cents a pound on the farm, usually, and such sheep, having a large carcass, will have a proportionately large fleece, be it worth what it will. In sheep breeding there is but one way of keeping an ideal flock, and that is by trying to improve it when it is seemingly at its very best.

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FLEEING IN DREAD

Plague in India Drives Thousands Into the Country.

BOMBAY, Jan. 13.—It is estimated that over 500,000 persons, comprising more than half the population of the city, have fled to the country to escape the plague. The streets are practically deserted, shops and bazaars are closed and business is practically at a standstill.

The doctors are beginning to fear treating the plague patients, lest they contract the disease, and many of the native doctors have fled. About 800,000 persons are encamped at Andheri, but they will not be able to remain there, long, owing to the scarcity of water and the unsanitary conditions prevailing.

The cemeteries of the city are filled with the dead, and it is becoming very difficult to bury the corpses, owing to the refusal of even friends and relatives to handle them, dreading contagion.

Up to Wednesday night the official statistics showed that there were 3,394 cases of the plague and 2,356 deaths from the disease.

Go Aground in the Ebb.

HAMBURG, Jan. 15.—During the past few days there has been a series of groundings in the river Ebe that has not been equalled in a long time. The Hamburg-American steamer Finest Bismarck, which struck bottom a week ago, remained fast until Wednesday night, when she managed to get afloat. The Normannia, belonging to the same line, while coming to the port from Genoa also took ground and is still fast. The German steamer Hochheimer, from Bombay, ran aground in the river, and while in this position she was run into by the British steamer Fernmoor, from Galveston. The latter had her stern stove and her bows cut down to the water's edge.

Will Marry Gould.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Katherine Clemmons, the California actress, will become the wife of Howard Gould. This statement was made yesterday by Mrs. J. W. Dayan, mother of the lady, who has just returned from a visit to her daughter.

"My daughter will be with us very soon," she said, "when she will leave for New York. Miss Clemmons is engaged to marry Howard Gould, of course, and has been for a long time. It would be foolish to deny it, but we dislike the notoriety which the announcement brings. Professional notice is one thing and the intrusion into personal matters is quite another. In deference to the wishes of Mr. Gould she has given up her professional engagements, not because Mr. Gould has any prejudice against the theatrical profession, but only because he feels it to be unnecessary for her to continue at work."

A Reform Party.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—The commonwealth conference at the Lindell hotel in session from 1 o'clock p. m. till 5:30 last night, when its labors ended. The session was largely occupied in discussing an address to the public. This document of about 800 words was issued over the signatures of Jacob S. Coxe as chairman of the conference. The reforms advocated are the imperative mandate to legislators, non-interest-bearing bonds, direct legislation, good roads and trionic ballot. The populist leaders of the last campaign are arraigned as corrupt and incapable. An organization committee was chosen, of which J. S. Coxe is chairman and Carl Browne secretary. All reform organizations are invited to send delegates to the national convention to be held at Nashville, Tenn., on July 4, next. No name was decided upon for the new party, that being left to the Nashville convention. One of the resolutions calls upon all the unemployed to meet in their respective towns on Washington's birthday and organize for weekly parades thereafter. The conference adjourned at 7 p. m., to meet in Memphis, Tenn., on February 22, with the reform press association.

Brave Officer Gone Mad.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Capt. Phil McGiffen, the former officer of the United States navy and afterward of the Chinese imperial navy, who fought in the flagship Chen Yuen, against the combined attack of the entire Japanese fleet in the memorable battle of the Yalu river on the afternoon of September 17, 1894, has been taken to the post graduate hospital in this city, a violent madman. The complete wrecking of this brilliant naval officer is the result of the terrific strain to which he was subjected during the battle of the Yalu. Both his ear drums were ruptured, his eyes permanently affected and his head and body filled with splinters of woodwork and steel. It is only by operation that the cause of the officer's insanity can be determined.

May Fight in Nevada.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 15.—The Carson City location for the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight was almost confirmed by Corbett last night. He has evidently been advised by Stuart, and has shaped his plans accordingly. He told a personal friend yesterday afternoon that after the close of his engagement in Kansas City next week he would visit his home in San Francisco and would finish training in California, "which will be very close to the scene of the battle."

SHE GIVES IT UP

Spain Acknowledges She Can Never Suppress the Rebellion.

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THE U. S. INTERVENTION ACCEPTED

OLNEY SUBMITS THE TERMS UPON WHICH SPAIN SHOULD GIVE UP CUBA—CUBA TO BE GIVEN COMPLETE AUTONOMY AND TAXING POWER.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Journal's correspondent at Madrid telegraphs: Spain has at last concluded that all her efforts to suppress, or even to make any impression upon the Cuban insurrection are futile and useless. Appreciating this fact, which has been patent to all other nations for nearly six months, Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo has definitely accepted Secretary of State Olney's proffer of American intervention as well as the terms of his excellency, President Cleveland, and Mr. Olney prescribe as the price for their interference and the use of their prerogatives in attempting to bring about a state of peace in the island of Cuba.

Following the refusal of the American secretary of state to accept, so far as America was concerned, the plan of the Spanish prime minister for a restoration of Spanish rule in Cuba, Mr. Olney through the usual official channels, submitted in full to Senator Canovas the terms for peace with Cuba upon which the administration of President Cleveland was prepared to intervene and use its efforts to bring about a settlement between Spain and the colonies.

The conditions, I am able to state upon the highest authority, mean perfect and complete autonomy for Cuba. I am unable to transmit now an authentic copy of the correspondence on the subject between the United States and Spain, through Secretary Olney and the Spanish minister to the United States, Deputy de Lome.

I can state with absolute knowledge of the facts, however, that they provide for home rule; to disburse all public moneys; Spain to be debarred from all share in the revenue of the island and all interference in elections held on the island.

In fact, the scheme sent to the extreme point of empowering Cuba to levy a tariff in her own favor against exports from Spain sent to the island. The Cuban attitude toward Spain was to be entirely one of independence, except of the one matter that Cuba was to remain in name a Spanish province.

To Distribute Seeds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The agricultural appropriation bill was presented to the house yesterday by Mr. Wadsworth, chairman of the committee on agriculture. It carries an appropriation of \$3,152,752, an increase of \$102,080 over the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year. The only material increase is under the head of the bureau of animal industry, and is intended to allow the extension of meat inspection. The committee discussed the matter of compulsory meat inspection, but decided to make it the subject of an independent bill and not to place it in the appropriation bill.

For the purchase and distribution of valuable seeds an appropriation of \$120,000 is made and the secretary is directed to expend the appropriation. Secretary Morton made no estimate for this expenditure, and as in former bills it was inserted without his sanction.

Olney is Southed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—After an executive session of a little more than two hours the senate refused to reconsider the treaties with the Orange Free State, and the Argentine Republic, as requested by Secretary Olney. Mr. Olney had called attention to the fact that a clause preventing the extradition of the citizens of the country from which the extradition was asked had been omitted.

It was contended that each government was the charge of its own subjects or the question of their extradition and the explicit language suggested by Mr. Olney would create an unnecessary innovation for which no good reason could be given.

A resolution was passed removing the injunction of secrecy from the general treaty of arbitration between this country and Great Britain.

War Vessel Struck.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The United States steamship Montgomery, which sailed for Florida waters on Gibraltar duties, returned to the Brooklyn navy yard, having met with an accident before she got clear of the harbor, which will necessitate her going into the dry dock immediately. Captain Bradford says the vessel struck something as she rounded Governor's island Tuesday and that he thought it best to come back and have the vessel examined. He could not say what the obstruction was.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The navy department has been advised that the cruiser Montgomery struck a submerged object of some kind while rounding Castle William and the cement under her port propeller appears to be damaged. She has been ordered to the Brooklyn dry dock for thorough examination.

Will Foreclose the U. P.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A member of the Union Pacific reorganization committee says that President Cleveland will adopt one of two courses, either call upon congress for an appropriation to pay off the first mortgage bonds and assume government ownership and management of the road or to dispose of the government claim by foreclosure. The latter course will no doubt be taken in the matter, as President Cleveland's views in opposition to governmental control of railroads are well known.

BROTHERS FIGHT FOR A WOMAN.

Brothers for the Same Hand and the Woman Gives Them Up.

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—A Herald special from Crawfordville, Ga., says: Because of a woman John and David Warris fought a duel to the death near here Saturday. The men were brothers and the woman was the wife of David Warris, who married her during Christmas week.

It seems that the girl had been engaged to marry John Warris, but without giving a reason she jilted him a week later and wedded David Warris. Recently John Warris learned that the girl had been told slanderous stories concerning him by his brother David. For this reason the young woman had jilted John and out of pique a few days later married David.

John Warris saw his brother's wife Sunday morning and related the story of her husband's duplicity. She was greatly enraged by the recital and both agreed that David should be punished for his treachery. The woman told John he must fight David and kill him. The couple separated and in the afternoon John went to David's home and charged him with treachery. David did not deny the story and John then insisted that one or the other must die.

Mrs. Warris also denounced her husband and insisted that he must fight John. David consented and the two brothers went to the yard, revolvers in hand, and paced each other at ten paces, Mrs. Warris looking on.

John gave the signal to fire and the pistols cracked simultaneously, but neither was hit. At the second exchange of shots both men were slightly wounded. At the third exchange John Warris' right hand was shattered, but he took his pistol in his left hand and insisted that the duel be continued. A fourth exchange of shots followed, and David Warris fell dead with a bullet through his brain, and John received a third wound, which may prove fatal.

Seeing that her husband was dead and her brother-in-law badly wounded, Mrs. Warris sent for a physician to whom she told the story of the duel. She seemed to think that her husband received only justice and that she and John Warris acted properly. John Warris is badly wounded. He is closely guarded and will be removed to jail if he recovers. Mrs. Warris may also be arrested.

Spain Cannot Win.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Speaking of his recent visit to Cuba, Senator-elect Money says: "I went there to personally inform myself, for my own guidance as a member of the house committee, to the condition of things in the island. At the very outset I will say that everything I saw and heard taught me that Spain is unable to cope with this insurrection. She will never put it down. Spain will never end this war with victory to herself."

"This is also the opinion of Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee, and he has heretofore expressed it to Secretary Olney. He has sold the secretary of state that the insurrectionists, whether soon or later, were bound to succeed. The last thing General Fitzhugh Lee said to me as I left Havana was: 'Please see Secretary Olney and tell him that today I am more firmly convinced than ever Spain cannot put down the insurrection, and that every day it continues means a loss of life and property without the remotest encouragement of any final Spanish success. As I long since told him, the insurrection will succeed. My judgment to that effect receives daily confirmation.'"

"Saturday I saw Secretary Olney and communicated to him General Lee's message."

Mr. Money says that the province of Pinar del Rio is still occupied by insurgents, although General Weyler asserts that they have disbanded.

Reports of a Massacre.

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A dispatch from Bonny, on the coast of Upper Guinea, reports the massacre of all the members of a peaceable British expedition which left the coast about January 1, intending to proceed to Benin City, on the Benue river, by way of Sapele. The expedition consisted of Acting Consul Phillips, Maj. Copland Crawford, Captain Bozragon, who was the commander of the force of the Niger coast protectorate; Captain Staling, belonging to the same force; Messrs Campbell and Locke, consular officials; Dr. Elliot, Messrs. Potts and Gordon, civilians, and a number of Kroonmen and native carriers.

The yacht Ivy has returned to Bonny and reports that the entire party was killed by subjects of the king of Benin, which country is included in the Niger coast protectorate. A scanty unofficial report of the affair which has reached the foreign office says that the members of the expedition were captured and not killed. The foreign office deprecates the assumption they were massacred until official advice shall have been received. It is stated that the expedition was not armed and it is likely they have fallen victims to some of the wild tribes infesting the borders. It is probable that the king of Benin will not be involved in the matter.

Sell a Railroad.

WALLACE, Idaho, Jan. 13.—The property of the Coeur d'Alene Railway and Navigation Co., consisting of a narrow gauge railway from Missoula to Wallace, and a line of steamers plying between Missoula and Coeur d'Alene City, was sold here yesterday by order of the United States circuit court, under decree of foreclosure held by the Central Trust company of New York for \$220,000, the Northern Pacific Railroad company being the purchaser.

GLOOMY FUTURE

Spain Now in a Serious Condition With the Outlook Dubious.

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THE PEOPLE MISTRUST THE LEADERS

POLICY OF WEYLER IN CUBA PROVOKES GREAT IMPATIENCE AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE SONS IN THE WAR—ROMANS OF A CHANGE IN THE CABINET.

MADRID, Jan. 12.—The popular impatience with the government because of the failure to suppress the rebellion in Cuba and the Philippine islands is daily increasing. Thousands of the young men of Spain have been sent to Cuba, where they have met their death from disease or the hardships of the campaign. Their families believe that they would be alive if it were not for the procrastinating policy of Captain-General Weyler, who despite his promises to put down the insurrection, has apparently accomplished little, while his unaccustomed troops have been dying by scores of hundreds. The leaders of both the conservative and liberal parties are distrusted, and the present outlook is chaotic. Rumors of a change in the ministry are frequently put in circulation and as frequently denied, but in the present temper of the people the succession of the liberals to power would not banish the distrust which prevails everywhere. The future is looked forward to with much anxiety.

Debs Going to the Strike.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 12.—Engene V. Debs passed through this city yesterday en route to Leadville to investigate the miners' strike, which has been in progress there for the past five months.

"I desire," he said, "to look over the military camp which has been maintained against the miners, to see with my own eyes how much force has been considered necessary to keep the miners from committing arbitration. I have not read your governor's attempt to justify himself for keeping the armed guard at Leadville. In the east we have heard that over 2,000 men were kept there, but I am informed here there never have been over 957 soldiers in camp. My conviction is that the miners' stand is wholly to maintain wages. No laboring man upholds violent measures, and I do not believe that the Leadville miners, the body of them, were interested in the attack. In so far as the miners seek a peaceful, lawful way to maintain wages they ought to be supported by every class of organized labor. Every wage worker is vitally interested in the result. It is my impression that the men will win, for the mine owners cannot operate with the men they have taken in. I do not know that this is a move to break up labor organizations, but I am satisfied that if they can break up the organization here it will be the initial step. Break up organized labor in Colorado and the miners will soon be in the condition of the Pennsylvania coal miners. They will simply be convicts."

Fight at the Church.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 12.—Official advice received here from Jerusalem show that there has been further trouble among the worshippers at the church of the Holy Sepulchre. It appears that the Roman Catholics were opposed to members of the Orthodox Greek church entering the church by a certain door on the eve of January 6, the day observed by the orthodox church at Christmas. The latter insisted upon their right to enter and the result was that the two factions became involved in a serious fight, which did not end until the Turkish authorities intervened to restore order. Some of the combatants were badly injured, but it is not known whether anybody was killed.

Will Probably be Pardon'd.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 12.—An effort will be made to secure a pardon for S. R. Dawson, serving a ten years' sentence in the penitentiary for murdering Walter Scott a year ago. Dawson is the inventor of a method of hardening copper and making Damascus steel. His eighteen-year-old daughter Christmas eve a year ago left her father's house and eloped with Scott, a merchant. They were married, and an hour later Scott went to Dawson's house for his bride's clothing. Dawson murdered him on sight. A local corporation is interested in the manufacture of the Damascus steel. Dawson has the secret, and will tell no one about it unless he is released from confinement. This leverage may secure his pardon.

Relief for Famine Sufferers.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The queen has contributed 500 pounds to the fund that has been started by George Faudel Phillips, lord mayor of London for the relief of the famine sufferers in India.

High Water in the Thames.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—There is very high water in the Thames and at several places between Teddington and Reading the river is out of its banks. The cellars of the houses along the riverside at Windsor are full of water. Further flooding is certain, as the river is rising.

A Costly Fire.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Fire broke out in the Richmond block and damaged the building and contents to the extent of \$150,000. The building is a five-story structure, located at the corner of Seneca and Elliott streets. It is occupied by the clothing firm of Altman & Co. The retail department is on the first floor and the other floors are used to store surplus stock. Nearly \$2,000,000 worth of stock was in the building and it was more or less damaged by the fire and water.