

THE PRICE OF GENIUS.

What It Means to Man to Be a Pioneer in Thought.

To be a pioneer in thought is to stand alone with nature, not for a few minutes, but for life. The isolation of the few great minds of each generation of men is utterly undreamed of, for want of understanding, by those about them. Yet think what it is to pass one's days in a thought world where the thinker roams alone; to grapple with problems the very terms of which are beyond ordinary comprehension and the solution appreciated only in years to come; to contemplate in lonely ecstasy, after still lonelier despair, the revelation that comes with months and more of pondering. When some one asked Newton how he came to make his wonderful discoveries he replied, "Simply by always thinking about them." Consider Kepler toiling year after year fruitlessly for some ratio that should link the planet's motions by a general law, calculating assiduously and putting hypothesis after hypothesis aside as he found it would not work until at last, after almost inconceivable toil, he hit upon the one that would.

As if this loneliness by nature were not enough, it must needs be accentuated by man, for he rises in such cases in chorus to condemn. Consider Darwin, in patient study, testing the working out of natural selection and adding fact to fact, only to have the whole denounced as ridiculously absurd. Think you the denunciations of the master while living are wholly compensated by the plaudits after he is dead? The loneliness of greatness is the price men make the genius pay for posthumous renown.—Percival Lowell in Atlantic.

THE COOK'S FAULT.

No Wonder the Bird Was Not Tender When Served.

One of the most annoying things about swans is that they live to an extremely great age and that it is impossible for the ordinary observer to guess what their years may be. President Grover Cleveland once had an amusing experience with some swans, according to a writer in the American Magazine. He had been in the south shooting and brought home a number of wild swans, one of which he sent to each member of his cabinet and to some other associates.

"All the boys," said Mr. Cleveland, "thanked me politely for having remembered them, but none of them seemed to have much to say about how they enjoyed the birds."

"Carlisle, I found, had his cooked on a night when he was dining out. Another, when I asked him, said he hoped I wouldn't mind, but he had sent his home to his old mother. Thurber didn't mention his bird at all for two days. Finally I asked him about it."

"Thurber, did you get that swan all right?"

"Yes, sir—oh, yes, I got the swan all right, thank you, and he bent over his desk and seemed very busy."

"Fine bird," I said.

"Yes, sir, fine bird," and he went on working.

"Enjoy eating him, Thurber?"

"He waited a minute, and then he said: 'Well, sir, I guess they didn't cook him right at my house. They cooked him only two days.' And he went on working without cracking a smile."

Edible Flowers of India.

Many edible flowers, it appears, are to be found in India. One of the most appreciated grows on a tree about which we have very little information, but which in the country itself is named the "mhowad." The natives consume an enormous number of these flowers, whose pale yellow corollae are pulpy and thick, and they prepare them in various ways.

When they are fresh they are put in cakes, to which they give a sweet flavor, but they are more especially used for making bread after they have been dried and reduced to flour. By allowing them to ferment a kind of wine is produced, and by distilling them a brandy is obtained of which the Hindoos are very fond.—Vulgarisation Scientifique.

A Dandy of 1770.

From an English newspaper printed in the year 1777 is the following description of a dandy: "A few days ago a macaroni made his appearance in the assembly rooms at Whitehaven, dressed in a mixed silk coat, pink satin waistcoat and breeches covered with an elegant silk net, white silk stockings with pink clocks, pink satin shoes and large pearl buttons, a mushroom colored stock covered with fine point lace, hair dressed remarkably high and stuck full of pearl pins."

Utter Contempt.

"I s'pose you wouldn't marry me if I were the only man on earth?"

"I wouldn't even be engaged to you," responded the girl, "if you were the only man at a summer resort."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

And the Parson Passed On.

"And what are you here for, my friend?" asked the visiting parson of an inmate of a reformatory.

"Cause I can't get out, thank you," replied the victim.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Lots of Company.

Stranger—You must find it very lonely on these hills. Shepherd—Lonely! No, I don't. Why, there was a man an' a 'oss passed yesterday, an' there's you today.—London Punch.

Greatness is the ability to meet the unexpected.—Stowell.

RURAL WRITINGS

[Items from the country are solicited for this department. Mail or send them in as early in the week as possible; items received later than Wednesday can not be used at all and it is preferred that they be in not later than Tuesday. Always send your name with items, that we may know who they are from. Name of sender not for publication. See that your writing is legible, especially names and places, leaving plenty of space between the lines for correction. Be careful that what you tell about actually occurred.]

Disney Items.

Ernest Goodrich left for his home in Illinois last Friday.

Hatch brothers, Loren, Clarence and Thomas Simonson were in town last Friday on business.

The stormy winds that prevail now-a-days make it bad for threshing, but we trust it will be better in October.

Clarence Simonson got back all right from his hunting trip, and reports the shooting is poor but hunting is fine on account of the scarcity of the game.

Andrew Schmidt is doing the cement work for John Berger's new house and has the same nearly completed I understand. The dimensions of his house will be 26 x 28 with a 12 x 16 kitchen. Our informant made

an error in giving us the dimensions before, so we note a correction.

O. B. Hatch, of Cedar Bluffs, Neb., has given up his hotel business in that town and is talking of coming up to Holt county to rent a farm. He says in his letter that he is sorry he did not stay here while he was here, as a rich country like where he is, is not a place for a man of limited capital to get a start. Others who have tried the same experiment that he did, found that to be true and it is not strange that he should be like all the rest of the Holt county boys who go away for a time and then want to come back again.

The controversy between Cook and Perry in regard to which deserves the honor of being the first man to discover the north pole, has aroused considerable interest here and the result is that nearly every one in this locality believes in the absence of further evidence that Cook is fully entitled to the honor alright. Should the evidence that will be presented to the scientific clubs of two or more countries show that Cook did not reach the pole as he claims he did, we will bow to the superior judgment of those bodies of competent men and accord all honor to the actual discoverer, otherwise our present opinion

will remain in full force and effect and we accord Dr. Cook the honors we now believe he has earned instead of Lieutenant Peary. Ironsides

Inman Items.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinn of Omaha were here visiting friends, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Butler last week.

Orin Bishop is here from Wisner this week repairing his property on his farm northwest of town.

Mrs. Chas. Smith went to Norfolk Wednesday for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Dan McGrane.

Quite a number of young folks went on a hunting expedition last Monday. They expect to be gone about a week.

Mrs. Dell Perry and children returned to Norfolk last Tuesday after a visit here with friends and relatives.

Cleave Roe was called to Ainsworth last week on account of his brother, who has the typhoid fever and is dangerously ill.

The farmers have been making good use of the good weather they have been having and most of them will have finished their haying this week.

Mrs. Willie Leidy who has been to Turner visiting with her parents returned last week accompanied by her mother, who will make a short visit here.

Master Laurence Malone, after spending his vacation in the hay field here, returned to his home at O'Neill Sunday evening where he will attend school.

Ira E. Cahoon, the proprietor of the Fontanelle Creamery, Fontanelle, Neb., came up Wednesday to enjoy the pleasure of a few days hunting here.

Charley Boyle was taken to Omaha last Monday where he will probably undergo some surgical operations. Nothing definite as to his condition can be stated.

Mr. Frank Charles, the liveryman of Chambers, drove over from Chambers Monday to meet Rev. and Mrs. Hindmarch, who have been at Neligh attending the conference.

There was no change made as to who would be sent here as the minister of the Methodist church and we were all glad to welcome Rev. John Coleman back for the next year.

J. J. Halloran has rented his farm and will have a sale which will include live stock, farm implements, etc., next Saturday, October 2, after which he is going to move to town. Sunshine

Kola Items.

Jacob Pfund sr. was in O'Neill last week. Quite a delegation from Kola at-

tended the sale at Amelia last Saturday.

Mr. Stratton and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a little daughter at their home.

School has begun in Dist. 247 about 4 miles northwest of Kola with Miss Grace Pfund as teacher.

Mrs. J. J. King of West Point, Neb., came on last Tuesday's stage to visit at the homes of Mr. Bruner and Mrs. Monroe, her brother and sister.

Notice.

The communion of the Lord's Supper at the Dorsey and Scottville Presbyterian churches next Sunday, October 3rd at 11:30 a. m. and 3 p. m. respectively. All cordially invited to be present. H. Jacobs, Pastor.

To the Public.

The ladies of the Episcopal church wish to extend a vote of thanks to the public for their generous donations in the erection of their new church building, and especially those who assisted them at the Bazaar of All Nations.

GOVERNMENT HOMESTEADS.

One and a half million acres of farming and grazing land will be opened for settlement in the Cheyenne River and Standing Rock Indian Reservations, October 4th to 23rd. Registration to be made at Aberdeen, and at Pierre, the capital of the state.

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