

Pope Leo as a Chess Player.

It may not be known that Leo XIII. is an ardent lover of chess. He has been a constant player for over thirty years, and his skill in the game is anything but mediocre.

Floors Made of Paper.

The newest floor is made of paper, and is of German importation. The paper is imported in a dusty, powdery form, and is then mixed with a kind of cement which gives it a substance to the impalpable stuff and a plaster like appearance.

Took Three.

Magistrate (sternly)—You're a pitiable specimen of humanity. What brought you to all this degradation and disgrace? Prisoner (proudly)—I took three policemen.—T.H. Bits.

A Cycling Calculation.

An Italian engineer has calculated that there must be by this time as many as 10,000,000 cyclists in the world. If only one-half of them were to mount their machines on the same day, each traversing about twelve and a half miles, their combined journeys would represent a distance equal to 2,500 times the circumference of the earth.

A Million—In Her Mind.

Evansville, Ind., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Maria Bethel of this city has received word from England that she is heir to an estate valued at \$99,000,000. An attempt was made about two months ago to poison Mrs. Bethel, some strange man leaving a cake of ice at her house containing poison.

Queer Lighting.

Last Saturday a queer freak of lightning occurred at Creston, W. Va. Four men were playing poker on a large rock under a cliff during a severe electrical storm, and suddenly lightning struck the stone table, hurling the men for some distance, but not seriously injuring them, while the money on the table was equally divided and thrown on either side of the rock.

Postoffice Statistics.

The United States has 71,250 postoffices, with 195,720 employees, easily leading all other nations in these respects. Germany comes second on the list with 37,540 postoffices, and has 175,759 employees.

Dairy Notes.

It takes a good deal of stamina for a butter or cheese maker to refuse the milk that is brought to him when he knows that it is only just enough off to warrant its refusal. In many cases the man is working at a small salary and cannot afford to lose his place.

They are trying to form a milk trust in the city of Washington, but we understand that no great headway has as yet been made. An attempt was made to impress the consumer with the idea that said trust would give them better and cheaper milk.

Pasteurization of milk and milk products should be followed to a far greater extent than at present. The fact that dairy products are so largely consumed, and that they are very good carriers of disease germs, make it imperative that every safeguard should be thrown around them.

Bottled Milk.

I have found that there is less expense and trouble in delivering milk in bottles than by dipping it from a can. The bottled milk commands a better price, says a contributor to Rural New Yorker. As the bottles hold just one quart, there is no over dip.

Cheese Spoiled in Curing.—Many a well-made cheese is spoiled in the curing room. Too many makers pay too little attention to the curing of their cheese. Much of the success is attributable to proper care of the cheese after reaching the curing room.

Connecticut Cattle.—Cattle Commissioner Sprague has rendered his report for the year ending September 30 last. The general health and condition of dairy cattle is very good. Out of 137,000 milk cows and 70,000 other cattle only 71 were condemned.

Never use moist or dirty litter. Three Miners Are Killed. Aurora, Mo., July 25.—George Mestek, Bob Grimm and John Grimm were killed last evening in the Stotts City mines, by a premature explosion.

THE DANGEROUS CLASSES.

Some Good Advice Given Rich Men's Sons on Leaving College.

This is the season for good advice to college graduates. To have really the best effect, however, the advice ought to be addressed to the young men about four years before they graduate, and it ought to include their professors and parents.

It is generally admitted that the times are more or less out of joint. Every commencement address dilates upon evils in public life and calls upon the young warriors just going into the world equipped to fight manfully against these threatening ills.

Let these principles be impressed upon every student, not only upon his graduation, but all through his college course and in vacation times at home: If you are going to be a lawyer, don't put your conscience at the disposal of any rich individual or corporation that can offer you a good fee to invent methods of defrauding the public.

If you are a director in a railroad company, don't go to a meeting of your good government club to protest against betrayals of the people by boodle officials while your agents are hiring those same officials to commit the crimes you denounce.

This is the moral lesson that needs to be taught in our colleges, not how the poor little rascals that do political work on street corners and in saloons can be kept from yielding to temptation, but how the rich and powerful and well educated can restrain themselves from putting temptation in their way.

Why not cultivate the imaginations of the ardent young men whose characters are ready to take the impress of the mold? Let them realize the baseness of living as pernicious parasites on society, taking everything and giving nothing, destroying the vitality of the social organism that supports them, and, like the San Jose scale, good for nothing but to be scrubbed off with whale oil soap.

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TREATY IS SIGNED.

Reciprocity Deal With France Concluded Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The long pending reciprocity treaty negotiations between the United States and France were signed yesterday. The concessions granted by France embraced most of the articles in what is known as the French minimum tariff. This comprises 614 heads, the rates being on an average about 50 per cent below those in the general tariff of France.

France secures important concessions on over 100 of the chief products sent by France to this country. The treaty will result in placing the products of the United States on the same basis in France as products of Great Britain and Germany. At present these countries have the minimum French rate, while American goods, with few exceptions, have had to pay the maximum rate.

SHANGHAI July 26.—The reports regarding a Japanese-Chinese alliance, which have been persistently denied for some time, have now assumed definite form and are causing great excitement in Russian circles.

AMERICAN FARMERS.

General E. C. Howard Tells the Buffalo Conference About Them.

General E. C. Howard, editor of Farm, Field and Fireside, of Chicago spoke before the recent conference of social and political reformers at Buffalo on "The American Farmer." In the course of his address he said:

"I am not here to plead for any public policy which shall favor agriculture to the injury of any other business. The farmers of our country have come in for some pretty hard names of late. At some of these, such as 'hayseeds,' 'horny handed sons of toil,' etc., they can afford to smile good naturedly. At others, like the 'man of the muck rake,' or 'the man with the hoe,' they are thoughtful. Does the occupation of agriculture necessarily tend to degrade?"

"George Washington was first and last an agriculturist. Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield and many others distinguished in peace and war were at some time in their lives farmers, and, like Antaeus, took an irrepressible start upward from a touch of the soil.

"And yet some of our farmers cringed inwardly when lately they looked upon Miller's 'The Man With the Hoe.' This is not my likeness. It is not a picture of my son. Is it to be a portrait of my son's son?"

"A thing that grieves not and that never stoils and stannet, a brother to the ox. If not our occupation, do its conditions mean this for those who come after us? Must the descendant of the American farmer revert to the European peasant type?"

"Bowed by the weight of centuries, he leans upon his hoe and gazes upon the ground, the emptiness of ages in his face, and on his back the burden of the world.

"Our farmers' sons find that the old farm is depreciating every year; the incomes from it are diminishing; there is not enough for all; the sons and daughters cannot be sent away to school or to college, as was the practice 24 years ago, when I left home on the New England farm for my four years' course of study. The boys and also the girls seek employment in the cities.

"This is not European life, one may say. Yes, but it is the history of many a boy who has been forced from the farm by its hard conditions during the past 6 or 7 years—nay, for 25 years past. These sons of the farmer are looking down. Their faces are toward the ground."

The speaker gave some startling comparative figures regarding incomes and said that the agricultural population of the United States is compelled, under present conditions, to live on an income below that provided for paupers, and receive less for their labor than is paid for convicts.

"This is but a single specimen fact," continued General Howard. "It can be multiplied from almost every class of industry. Thousands are tramps and beggars today. We know it. For my part, I cannot ignore facts and figures. They mean not starvation alone, they mean the wrecking of homes, the breaking up of families, the crushing out of bright hopes of youth, the shattering of faith. They mean the poverty and untold sorrow. They mean the breaking of hearts. They mean despondency, despair and suicide. They mean crime.

"But this is not Christian. Some of my brethren of the church may say, 'These are the necessities of life, and they should be meekly borne and developed patience.' Here we take issue. It is not an inevitable and cruel necessity that pauperizes the American farmer and degrades his children and kindles in his heart too often the spirit of retaliation and revenge. The economic or financial system of our country is somehow wrong when 91 per cent of the families own 29 per cent of the wealth and 9 per cent of the families own about 71 per cent of the wealth.

"Until some remedy is suggested for the evil of falling prices, and until the rich cease to become richer and the poor poorer, how are we to bring any good cheer to the farmer? But there is a brighter side. Wyckoff found no happier spot in all his travels than on the Minnesota farm. The family and the neighborhood life were idyllic. These hard statistics are averages and tell of a terrible depression and a wrong to be righted.

"On the other hand, it would be almost impossible to make anarchists out of American farmers. They love their country. In the civil war and in the last war the best recruiting grounds were in the great agricultural states. In peace they are industrious; in war they are patriotic. They are the great conservative and preservative element in social life, in politics. They will stand by the free public school, the uncorrupted ballot box, and will not easily adopt rash measures."

Will Abandon His Mines. PANA, Ill., July 25.—The Penwell mine was closed down yesterday. It is President Penwell's intention to abandon his mines and mining interests in Pana, indefinitely, claiming that, under present conditions, granting of the locked out miners' demands would prove a greater loss to him than abandonment of his mines.

Attended Dynamite Trial. NEW YORK, July 26.—Police Magistrate Jacob Bronner of Brooklyn discharged from custody the twenty-one men arrested for the alleged dynamite trial to blow up the Elevated railroad structure at Fifth avenue and Thirty-ninth street last week.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the County Court of Lancaster County Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of Robert Forrest, deceased. You are hereby notified that I will set at the County Court Room in Lincoln, Neb. on the 1st day of December, 1899, and again on the 1st day of March, 1900, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is six months from the 1st day of September, A. D. 1899, and the time limited for the payment of debts is one year from the 1st day of September, A. D. 1900. Notice of this proceeding is hereby published four weeks consecutively in The Nebraska Independent, a weekly newspaper published in this state. Witness my hand and seal of said County Court this 12th day of July, 1899. J. T. Cochran, County Judge.

A STATE CAMPAIGN FUND

The State Central Committee, at its recent meeting, authorized the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee to open, through the columns of the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT, a popular subscription for raising funds for the coming campaign.

In accordance with this action of the committee, blanks for such subscription, will appear in the paper each week, and additional pledges will be sent to any who apply for them.

The educational work not only of the coming campaign, but also that of 1900, must be vigorously pushed, and your committee should be enabled to make an aggressive fight, which can only be done by having the necessary funds to push the work.

The Publishers of the NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT have kindly undertaken to receive all subscriptions that may be made and hold all pledges for future payments, publishing from time to time the list of contributors to the fund. They will also publish receipts from the chairman of the State Committee, showing that all funds received have been turned over to the Committee for purposes intended.

Where it is convenient to do so, clubs can be formed and the remittance be made in the name of such club, of a number of individuals can send their subscriptions in one remittance. We hope for a generous response to this appeal. This is a campaign in the interest of the people, and they should hold up the hands of their servants and leaders as they move along in the front rank.

By order of the State Central Committee, Peoples Independent Party of Nebraska. J. N. GAFFIN, Chairman. J. M. THOMPSON, Secy.

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