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Since the Boer war South Africa has pursued an even keel of her way with very little impatience sufficient to warrant a chronicling in the outside world taking place. Now there comes an astonishing bit of news from there to the effect that a consolidation of the four large colonies is being talked of. Cape Colony, Natal, the Transvaal and the Orange River Colony would together make a state of nearly half a million square miles, or five times the area of Great Britain and Ireland.

There are many obstacles in the way, however, and some of them at the present time seem almost insurmountable. To begin with there is the question of debt. Two of these colonies have alarming deficits, the Cape and Natal. Ever since the war the revenues have been falling off, and each year there has been a large deficit at the end of the year. In Natal and the Orange River Colony on the other hand, there have been surpluses ever since civil administration has been established. It is thought there might be considerable difficulty in persuading the two prosperous colonies to assume the burdens of the two smaller ones.

The question of trade is an important one also. The largest factor in this question is that of railroad rates. The railroads are all owned by the Government, and each state has been in the habit of fixing its own rates. The chief revenue of Natal is derived from the through traffic on the railroads and this also is a very large source of revenue to Cape Colony. Obviously the interior colonies will demand cheaper rates. The tariff, too, will be another subject of discussion.

By far the most important factor in the proposed union is the race question. In all of the colonies the number of natives far exceed that of the whites, who are divided into the British and the Dutch. Just what franchise privileges shall be given, or what representation shall be apportioned to the 4,000,000 inhabitants promises to provoke almost endless discussion. A convention will be held at Durban, October 12, for preliminary discussion.

Andrew Carnegie, millionaire philanthropist, has indirectly announced that he intends his real monument to be in the form of the Carnegie Technical School of Pittsburgh, and not in the now world-famed libraries. He has through private people of the Smoky City made known the authorization of the expenditure of \$10,000,000 more on this celebrated educational institution. With the plans completed which are now being considered this would become the greatest school in the world. Arrangements are being made now for its enlargement to a colossal scale. Judge Buffington and William Metcalf, Jr., two well known Pittsburghers, were called to Scotland within the last few weeks and the plans for the great school perfected at Skibo Castle.

The Carnegie school already boasts of 1200 pupils but the recent reports from its trustees indicate that the institution was altogether inadequate to the demands on it by the rapidly increasing membership. With this proposed magnificent gift Carnegie will have bequeathed \$20,000,000 to this school and while Judge Buffington and Mr. Metcalf would make no public announcement of Mr. Carnegie's detailed plans it is known that the worthy owner of Skibo intends to make this school the principal bearer of his name to the generations that come and will keep giving his wealth to the school as long as its needs for expansion demand it.

The whole scientific world is just now deeply interested in the recent address made by Professor Sir G. H. Darwin, president of Trinity College, in Dublin, Ireland, at the annual meeting of the British Association in which he developed the theory of consciousness in plants. He repeated the cause lost among some scientists of the doctrine of inheritance of acquired characters. That plants have memory and may develop habits and behave differently according to what might be called their moods he most emphatically maintained. He contended that plants are equipped with an organism which corresponds to the nervous system in animals and by means of which they are quite as sensitive to certain agencies as animals are. He says they are capable of telegraphing from one part of their anatomy to another and that there exists in them a faint reproduction of what we call consciousness in ourselves.

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Growth itself, he argued, was a sort of habit made possible by memory in their cells so that the process of growth could be changed in any period of its progress by its surroundings if not by its own free will. These changes in growth are remembered by successive generations and thus acquired characters are inherited. On this theory he bases all plant culture and blends it with fascinating originality to the whole Darwinian explanation of evolution.

A scathing arraignment of American missionaries in China is made by a high-class Chinese writer in the American Journal of Sociology. According to this authority, China would be much better off if the proselytizers from this country stayed at home. He says that his people have already a religion that is much better adapted to their needs than that which the American missionaries bring and that the latter will not gain the converts they desire until they learn to live the religion they try to teach. He points out that the Chinaman from his infancy is taught to live his religion, and to put in practice the precepts he learns as a part of his education, while the Americans who go as teachers of the Christian religion he says fall miserably in acting up to the principles they teach.

An atlas of the heavens listing some 23,000,000 stars has been completed by J. Franklin Adams, of Loyds, in London. This stupendous work is to be sold at cost price, \$125. It has been a labor of love with the compiler, who is an astronomer of no mean ability. To index this number of stars he has divided the firmament into 212 squares, which have been photographed on specially prepared plates, 15 inches square. The Southern constellations were photographed in South Africa and the rest at an observatory near Godalming, England, where Mr. Adams has a very complete astronomical equipment.

A boarding house keeper disposed of his wife and furniture to a boarder for \$15, but inasmuch as the wife was "not real estate nor chattel," it is understood that she sold the furniture and threw her in for good measure.

"The state is myself" is the much quoted remark of Louis XIV. The "Independent Party" "I am it" might be the corresponding expression of William Randolph Hearst.

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SOCIETY
Miss Bessie Capen, whose marriage to Archie Ross will take place during the latter part of this month, was given a china rush at her home in Willamette last Saturday evening. She was presented with a set of beautiful Haviland China, and the evening was pleasantly spent with games and contents of an amusing character. Refreshments were served. Those present were Miss Eva Moulton, Miss Nettie Kruse, Miss Mable Morse, Miss Bertha Runyon, Miss Marieta Hickman, Miss Lennie Irvine, Miss Genevieve Capen, Mrs. Leander Capen.

The Green Stars of the Saturday Club gave a chaffing dish party at the home of Mrs. C. H. Dye, Wednesday night. The parlors were filled with people long before the programme was rendered. A silver donation was taken up, and the society is divided into two sections, the greens and the reds, and each side are in a contest to see who can earn the most money before an appointed time.

To Give Cantata.
The Children's Cantata, "Fairies of the Seasons," to appear at Shively's Opera House, Friday evening, October 15, under auspices of Presbyterian Ladies' Aid, is a sort of high grade juvenile musical comedy, full of bright, sparkling music. Miss Viola Beaman, the pretty girl, will be introduced by a large company of fairies. The performance will be an artistic production and is an enterprise worthy of your patronage in every respect. Seats 25c and 35c, on sale at usual place.

Letter List.
List of unclaimed letters at the Oregon City postoffice for week ending October 7:
Woman's List—Johnston, Mrs. Fannie; Nelson, Mrs. A. L.; Weber, Miss Emma.
Men's List—Brown, Clifford; Evans, W. J.; Lovell, T. H.; Martins, Joe; Means, J. H.; Myers, Orion (2); Reasoner, Will; Stewart, Wm.; Smith, B. F.

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MR. BILL GOES EAST.
Will Make Effort to Increase Population of County.
D. K. Bill, of the firm of Schooley & Bill has gone east on an extended tour of the central and farming states with advertising matter and general information of the resources of Oregon and CLACKAMAS COUNTY, in particular, and those wishing to sell their farms and other property, will do well to list the same with W. F. Schooley & Co., Oregon City, Ore., 696 Main St. This firm has made several large transfers in the last few months and the demands for good tracts, both large and small are greatly sought. Mr. Bill is making a very extensive canvass throughout the east and a decided increase in population and home-seekers is sure to be the result.

OUR FARMERS' PAGE.
ENTERPRISE READERS ARE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE AGRICULTURAL, HORTICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, DAIRY OR "BIG CROP" ITEMS FOR THIS DEPARTMENT.

WHEN TIP DRIVES HOME THE COWS.
The farmhouse stands upon the hill,
Low, white and fair to view;
While 'cross the valley mountains fill
The sky-line's fading blue.
The hermit through its evening hymn
Chants as a nun her vows,
In woodland aisles, so vast and dim,—
When Tip drives home the cows.

There's naught to tell of care or strife,
All peaceful lies the vale.
As from the forest path now rife
With many a bedtime tale
From brooding bird in leafy nest,
From moss where insects drowse,
There comes the hoof-beat's hurrying zest,
As Tip drives home the cows.

With ewe alert the faithful dog
Watches each laggard kine;
O'er hilly slope and spongy bog
He keeps them straight in line;
On through the bars with urging bark
Until the stanchions house
Each tired neck, or light or dark,
Of Tip's home-coming cows.

With swish of tail and grateful moo
They stand and patient wait
To yield, without the least ado,
Because the hour is late,
The nectar garnered from the fields
Wherein they daily browse,
There is no sight such pleasure yields,
As Tip's safe-sheltered cows.

THE POULTRY YARD.
The season for caponizing ends this month. The shiftless poultryman will be caught napping. Get rid of all surplus stock at once and save feed. Do not winter droves. Peter Tumbledown thinks winter is a long way off yet, and no use bothering.

These are busy times, I know, but it will pay you to throw up a few shovelfuls of earth, now and then, for the chickens to work in. Keeps them busy; they are the ones that do best. Take every precaution against dampness. Many of the reported "mysterious" diseases owe their origin to damp quarters. Chicken-pox or sore head, distemper and roup are the result of negligence in this matter.

If you have more pullets than you wish to keep yourself, and if your stock is good, just tack a shingle out on a tree in the front yard and let folks know about it. You can sell some of them to better advantage than you can in the regular market.

Value of Good Seed.
Last summer the agent of the South Texas Truck Growers' Association visited the Bermuda Islands and the Canary Islands and secured a big consignment of seed. These seed have produced this year's onion crop in Texas of a greater size and of a fine quality. Whereas it was formerly estimated that the Bermuda growers shipped \$1,000,000 crates of onions to the United States annually, it is now estimated that their shipments this year amounted to about 380,000 crates.—Mexico Record.

Regular Feeding and Variety.
Two things are essential to the thrift of animals—a variety in their food and regularity in its receipt. One article of food cannot supply all the necessary sustenance, because it may lack some of the essential elements.

THE SEPTEMBER SCHOOL BELL
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The Homeward Call.
Far a rippling river wanders
Through the fertile valley lands,
Through the meadows and the corn fields
Where an old gray farmhouse stands;
And waits there for my returning
Mary with her eyes of blue,
With her face so sweet and gentle,
And her heart so pure and true.

Breaking a Cow to Milk.
If you are going to break a young cow, the first thing you have to do is to keep cool. Many kinking cows are made bad by bad breaking and bad temper. It is a good idea to tie the new cow up the first few days and give her the very best treatment so she has won your confidence. Before you are going to milk be sure to have your finger nails trimmed as close as possible. Do not rush milking at once, but start gently. When you are through milking get her and give her something to eat during the time of milking. I have done milking for fourteen years at home, on the farm of my parents, and know 'xho-coof' I speak—Paul Kautz in Agricultural Epitome.

HINTS FOR STOCK OWNERS.
Before weaning him, be sure the colt has learned to eat grain. Keep a mixture of crushed oats, wheat bran and a little oil meal in the feed box, so he can eat but a little at a time. If a number of colts are weaned at the same time, or even if there be but two, be sure that one does not boss the other and rob him of his food. Always halter-break the colt while he is running with the dam. Never use a rope halter, but use a five-ring leather halter made to fit him perfectly. Handle this halter with the greatest care.

Feed the pens ready for the breeding hogs. The quarters must be made warm and comfortable, if success is expected. It is harder work to keep hogs healthy when the weather is damp, but you can do it by giving them well-drained quarters. In their native state swine are very active and healthy. Domesticated swine are often become unthrifty or sick because of insufficient exercise. Every keeper of hogs should have a yard at least one rod square.

Put the heifers that are to calve next spring in the barn with the milking cows. See that the windows are in repair, and clean, and the mangera likewise. Keep some good cats in the dairy barn. Feed and handle the heifers carefully. By the time they calve, they will know that you are their friend, and there will be no "breaking" to milk when that time comes.

Do not let the flock run out on frost-bitten pastures; this will give them a set-back. During very cold, settled weather, sheep will eat more than on days when it is warm and rainy. Be guided by conditions. The sheep that furnishes a coat both for himself and his master does not owe the latter anything for his keep, and the better he keeps the better the coat.

Try letting the lambs into the cornfield after the corn is well eared. They will nibble off a good deal of food.

thought that I should like to give your readers my way, which I like better than pickling and then smoking or applying liquid smoke. My method is to smoke the barrel instead of the meat. Invert the barrel over a few live coals, on which place a few corn-cobs or any material that you wish to use to smoke the barrel; admit air enough to keep a good smoke, but avoid too much heat, as that would shrink the barrel and cause it to leak. Smoke the barrel for one or two days. Then put the meat in the barrel and cover with pickle the same as for dry smoking, and it will be ready to use in a few days. I use a pickle as follows: One part pickle, as strong as salt will make it, to two parts water, with a pint of molasses to six gallons of pickle (which can be varied to suit the taste). If you wish to keep the meat in warm weather, use more salt in pickle.
Bright October, torch in hand,
Crossed the land,
And she touched a sunnise spire
With her fire.
Then a blaze of red and yellow
In the trees,
Running riot leapt and trembled
In the breeze.
The average cow produces a little more than two pounds of butter fat per week. This is worth about 20 cents per pound in the country districts. Does any farmer think he can keep a cow on 40 cents per week? Fifteen pounds of butter fat is not an impossible accomplishment. While it is impossible for the average farmer to have a herd of cows all of which will produce 15 pounds of butter fat in a week, it is certainly possible to raise the average far above two pounds per week.

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