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The Farmer in Politics.

Under this heading *Land and Home*, a new agricultural weekly, has an article from which we segregate these sensible sentences:

The time has gone by for intemperate criticism of law-makers by those who do not lift a finger in the affairs of State. Why does the farmer go into his grain lot or dairy, and complain that the freights are ruinously high, and all the politicians of the land fit only for the prison? Whose fault is it? Is not the farmer a citizen, and are not the citizens the source of all political power? The farmer who indulges in tirades against political hacks, yet keeps away from caucuses, is not worthy to be a citizen. Perhaps farmers would not relish the charge of being the ultimate cause of political corruption. But in a measure it is true. Indifference to the public welfare is as dangerous to the State as sedition and dishonesty. All that any thief asks is to be left alone. * * *

It should be remembered that Cincinnatus, that old Roman farmer, was called to do state service, not because he could hold a plow, but because he knew something of state craft; and if the farmers have no remedy for acknowledged evils, they will not secure the public vote by a simple hue-and-cry. Well digested synopsis of public questions, with a definite plan of operations, is what will make the farmer of importance in politics.

Wherever men gather together to discuss public matters, there let the farmer be; wherever candidates are to be selected for public offices, let the farmer try his hand in selecting men that will represent him; and wherever monopolists plan to get rich at the public expense, let the strong agricultural arm be raised against speculation, fraud, and injustice. The farmer should be more than a nominal quantity in our politics. He should dictate measures, and not limit his duties of citizenship to choosing between the bad candidates of city bosses and machine politicians.

HOME INTERESTS.

President Wilder of the American Pomological Society is opposed to grass in orchards.

Land that will grow corn or an average hay crop is suited for the growth of the ash.

Russia stands first among the European States in the number of swine production.

Wheat, oats, buckwheat and rye contain more egg-producing qualities than corn.

It is estimated that France produces three hundred millions of eggs every year.

Feed the sheep well—give fresh, pure water and keep them out of the wet.

The wine product of California last season is estimated at 10,000,000 gallons.

Warmth saves feed, helps fattening and prevents sickness among live stock.

Without a prosperous agriculture there is no national prosperity.

The warmer the stable, the less feed required for the milkers.

The South raised last year 600,000,000 pounds of tobacco, which is 12,000,000 more than they ever raised before.

The most valuable domestic fowl is the turkey, and it can be raised profitably anywhere—if you only know how.

Within the last five years the acreage of cereals in the U. S. has increased from 74,000,000 to 95,000,000.

T. T. Miller, Esq., Beecher, Ill., is the largest breeder of Cotswolds in the U. S —if not in the world.

In California one man raises from 700 to 800 turkeys every year, besides tending a large flock of sheep.

A man in Easton, Maine, last year harvested 10,000 bushels of Potatoes from forty-five acres of ground.

Merino sheep feed in flocks, while mutton sheep separate almost as much as herds of cattle when feeding.

To prevent horses from over-reaching, shorten the toes of the front shoes and lengthen the hind ones.

The three principal countries in Europe which are exporters of butter are Holland, Denmark and Sweeden.

Buckwheat flour is recommended for giving the hair of horses a fine, smooth, brilliant appearance.

Poultry enough to produce an annual income of $100 might be kept on every farm in the country.

Arizona cattle were assessed last year at from $12 to $30 per head, and they can't be sold for that.

Feeding a sow plenty of oats, raw or cooked and seasoned with salt, is given to remedy her disposition to eat her pigs.

A process which, though old, is not universally known, is to shake a solution of gold leaf in aqua regia with ether, or naphtha. The gold will leave the acids to combine with the other liquid. Polished steel surfaces, such as knives, scissors, etc., on being plunged in this solution, when dry, are covered with a coat of gold, which is an excellent preservative from rust. Letters, designs, etc., may be traced by means of a pen, pointed stick or brush, and as the ether evaporates, the gold will remain fixed.

A Wonderful Clock.

The most astonishing thing in the way of a timepiece is a clock described by a Hindoo Rajah as belong to a native prince of Upper India, and jealously guarded as the rarest treasure of his luxurious palace. In front of the clocks disk was a gong, swung upon poles, and near it was a pile of artificial human limbs. The pile was made up of the full number of parts for twelve perfect bodies, but all lay heaped together in seeming confusion. Whenever the hands of the clock indicated the hour of 1, out of the pile crawled just the number of parts needed to form the frame of one man, part joining itself to part with quick, metallic click; and when completed, the figure sprang up, seized a mallet, and, walking up to the gong, struck one blow that sent the sound pealing through every room and corridor of that stately castle. This done, he returned to the pile and fell to pieces again. When 2 o'clock came, two men arose and did likewise; and through all the hours of the day, the number of figures being the same as the number of the hour, till, at noon and midnight, the entire heap sprang up, and, marching to the gong, struck, one after another, each his blow, making twelve in all, and then fell to pieces.

A Few Good Puns.

Punning would not be so bad were it not so infectious. Puns leave germs which lie in idle minds till they fructify and bare a baleful crop of more puns. The other day some of us got talking about that witty old cynic Dean Swift, when one of the company took advantage of the opening and gave us this jen de mot of his: "Why," asked the Dean, "is it right, by the lex talionis, to pick an artists pocket?" It was given up, of course, and the answer was: "Because he has pictures." A silence fell about the table round until, one by one, we saw it. Then one thoughtful man observed: "It was impossible to give the answer—because the dean had contrived to reserve the answer to himself. I could not, for instance, say that it is right for me to pick an artist's pocket, because he has picked yours." Here is another conundrum, founded upon a pun, which only the propounder can solve: An old man and a young one were standing by a meadow. "Why," asked the young man, "is this clover older than you?" "It is not," replied the other. "It is though," returned the young man; "because its pasturage." Thereupon an abstracted-looking person, who had not understood the illustration, startled us all with this irrelevent inquiry: "Why cannot a pantomimist tickle nine Esquimaux? Give it up? Why, its because he can gesticulate.

Prof. Sheldon, of the Royal Agricultural College, of England, writes to the *Rural New Yorker*: "Great numbers of farmers are insolvent, and many more are giving up the business to save the remnant of their capital. Farms to let are advertised by the hundred, and rent is falling rapidly. Many heavy landarable farms do not find tenants at any price, and the owners have to farm them as best they can. Sound grass lands have, however, depreciated very little. Numbers of English farmers are in quite as bad a plight as the Irish. The worst is over so far as the cause is concerned. Those farmers who had laid by something will, in all probability soon find themselves in a fair way to make money again. It is, however, probable that the rains of last year will have so impoverished the land that crops will not be abundant this season. I doubt if the loss the nation has suffered (through the last three seasons) be less than $1,000,000,000."

Scraps.

"Love laughs at locksmiths," and yet there isn't anything funny about a locksmith.

"Sweet are the uses of a university," said a girl when a senior asked her to go to the concert.

An exchange says the young lady who can peel a potato in five seconds is as useful as the young woman who can speak five languages is ornamental.

When a woman sails along the street with a majestic stride, you admire her graceful carriage, but the charm vanishes when she becomes a little sulky.

An Ohio girl accidentally discovered that a beetle left in the center of a loat of bread-dough would live through the baking, and her lover was at the table when she made the discovery, and now she is saing him for a breach of promise.

An Arizona man, while digging a grave in which to bury the body of his wife, struck a valuable silver lode. Thereupon he remarked, "Well, I reckon Polly 'll keep if this wether continues," and kept on digging. To-day he is a rich man.

At dinner she had a doctor on either hand, one of whom remarked that they were well served, since they had a duck between them. "Yes," she broke in—her wit is of the sort that comes in flashes—"and I am between two quacks." Then silence fell.

We all know there have been mercenary men. One of this sort had the good fortune to be accepted by an heiress. At the wedding, when he came to that part of the ceremony, "with all my worldly goods I thee endow," "There goes his valice," said one of the bride's relations spitefully.

"We bring up our girls" remarked a modern writer, "like young men, and give them the freedom and privileges of bachelors, and then we expect that they will bear the monotony of matrimony and the restrictions of maternity with good grace, and be home-staying wives and mothers after having been maiden ramblers."

Old Dick Hargood married a second wife the day after the funeral of the first, whereat the neigbors serenaded him with tin pans, horse-fiddles and yells to signify their indignation. Dick stood it as long as he could, and then went forth and spoke thus: "Boys if you care nothing for the joys of a briedgroom, I think you ought to respect the feelings of a widower, the late partner of whose bosom is yet hardly cold in the grave" The boys were stunned, and silently departed.

Desperate Efforts to Suppress a Virginia Newspaper.

CHICAGO, March 26.—A Washington special of the *Inter-Ocean* says: The people of Alexandria, Virginia, are doing things in the old way. A man named Foster, who is clerk in the Treasury Department, and lives at Alexandria, publishes a local weekly paper in that city, called the *Liberal* in which he has criticised the public acts of city officials in plain language. A week ago he was approached by an unknown African, who demanded that he should cease the publication of his paper, and declining to accede to this demand, Foster was assaulted and cruelly beaten, so that he was unable to leave his bed for several days. Yesterday was the regular publication day, but the printer who has been doing the presswork for Foster declined to print yesterday's issue, saying that he had been waited upon by a delegation of citizens and threatened with the destruction of his business if he did so. Foster took his forms and type to Washington, and the regular edition was printed in a job office in this city. Last night by the 6 o'clock boat Foster went to Alexandria with the papers. He was met at the wharf by three armed men, who seized the papers and threw them into the river. The only objections to Foster's paper are his criticisms of Alexandria municipal affairs. Such an act has not been committed in Alexandria since slavery was abolished.

Brilliant Reception to Gen. Grant at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, April 2d—Gen. Grant had a reception at the St. Charles hotel from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and afterwards took a drive through the city. Last night the carnival court having serenaded the queen and other distinguished members of the court, in accordance with the annual custom, repaired finally to the mansion of Albert Baldwin, president of the Royal Host, where a large company, including Gen. Grant, who had been specially invited by the host, was in attendance. After an introduction to the ex-president, the entire company participated in a magnificent banquet. During its progress, Baldwin announced that the general had been elected a member of the Royal Host with the title of Duke of America conferred upon him. The general was immediately decorated with the order of St. Rex by Judge Geo. H. Braugbn, lord high chamberlain. The general acknowledged the compliment in substance as follows:

Ladies and Gentlemen: I thank you very much for this kind reception and for the compliment which the Rex association has just paid me. For, pronounced republican as I am, it would under ordinary circumstances hardly be proper for me to accept the distinction which you have just conferred upon me, especially as I have been frequently charged with the attempt to seize upon a higher title. But, as I said before, under such circumstances, and appreciating the objects of your worthy organization, I accept the title of duke, and thank you again for the compliment paid and kind reception extended.

NEW ORLEANS, April 3d—In reply to the speaker of the house Grant said: "I have always felt that differences between a common people after they have been once settled should remain so forever afterward." In accepting the invitation to vicksburg he said: "I once went into Vicksburg by the back door; I would like to go in by the front."

From Everywhere.

A young lady in Vicksburg cowhided a young man who sent her a comic valentine.

Hawkeye Burdette has been compelled to give up lecturing on account of ill health.

During a period of nearly two centuries the first born of the House of Austria has been a girl—a curious fact.

At Madrid, Spain, sentries exposed to the "death breath," blowing from the Guadarama Mountains, are changed every half hour.

Diptheria is raging in Central Russia; since November over 40,000 persons have died from the disease in two provinces.

The debt of the Dominion of Canada is $147,481,070, the annual interest of which is over $7,000,000.

Venice has had so severe a winter that the wells have dried and the canals have been full of ice.

A Lowell man was recently felling a tree by the roadside, when he saw a man and woman passing in a sleigh right under the falling tree. It was to late for assistance, and the tree fell, coming square down between the horse and the occupants of the sleigh. The forward part of the sleigh was smashed, but neither the horse nor the man or the woman was hurt.

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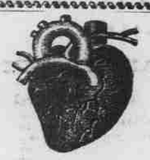

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