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Astoria, March 2nd, 1886.

A GREEN ONE.

He Bays a Prairie Dog Town for a Mink Ranch.

"There are some mighty green men in this world," said the passenger from the West, "and I struck one of 'em a week or two. If I hadn't I wouldn't be here now. Last spring I went out into Western Nebraska and homesteaded a quarter section. I hadn't seen the land, but took it supposin' it was all right. But when I got there I found it all already inhabited. About 150 acres of the 160 were covered with a prairie-dog town. Well, I concluded to settle down and see what I could do, and I'm mighty glad now that I did. About two weeks ago I was up to the railroad station trying to get trusted for some bacon and flour and backer, an' feelin' right smart discouraged. I was out of money and grub, and the winter was comin' on fast, and I couldn't see any way out of it but to eat prairie dogs, and they're mighty hard to catch. But that day was the turning point in my luck. While I was at the station an Englishman got off the cars, an' said as how he was out west lookin' for a place to make an investment. Said he'd heard o' the fur business, an' wanted to know if he was out in the fur country yet."

"Furs," says I, "there ain't no 'em 'n' just then an idea struck me, an' I changed my tune. 'Furs,' said I, 'there ain't no better fur country than this on 'arth. Just come out to my place till I show you my fur farm.'"

"And he went out with me, an' I showed him the prairie-dog town, an' as luck would have it, it was a bright, sunny day, an' the dogs was out scootin' about by the hundreds."

"Talkin' about furs," says I, "what d'ye think of that? I've been six years growing those mink, an' ain't sold a hide. It's all natural grease. Guess they's 'bout seven thousand of 'em now, an' they double every year. How many will there be in ten years?"

"You oughter seen that Englishman's eyes open as he took out his pencil an' figured it up. He made it 7,168,000 mink."

"Well," says I, "call it 5,000,000, to be on the safe side. It won't cost \$1 to keep 'em, either, an' if they're worth a cent they're worth \$1 apiece. There's millions in it."

"Then we got right down to business, an' in less than an hour I had sold out for \$7,000 cash, an' the next day I paid \$320 for the homestead at the Land Office, got my patent, and transferred it to him and took the first train for the East. Step into the buffet with me, partner, an' take a drink."—[Chicago Herald.]

Logan a Crack Shot.

General Logan is looking better than at any time during the last twelve months. The manuscript of his book is in the hands of his publishers and he is now preparing himself for a long season of rest. The General is building a gymnasium in the rear of his house, where he proposes to spend an hour each day exercising with the clubs and dumbbells. General Logan is very fond of outdoor sports. He is an admirer of the sword and a swordsman, and knows how to use a rifle. He is one of the best pistol shots in the country. He has the handsomest shooting pistols in Washington. But he is the best man to bang of his strength or skill. When down at the Hot Springs of Arkansas a few years ago trying to throw off a peculiarly severe attack of rheumatism, he astonished the pistol experts of that pistoling country.

On one occasion a dozen young men were practicing from the piazza of the General's hotel at a bottle laid on the broad croch of a distant tree. The bottle was round. Unless it was hit plumply in the middle it spun round and round like a top. The young men were good shots, but now and then they would miss the somewhat difficult mark. Then the invalid senator would chaff them. The young men finally became irritated and asked the general if he could improve their skill. After a little more chaffing the general said:

"I'll tell you fellows what I will do. There are twelve of you, but I'll promise you each a box of cigars every time you hit the bottle if you'll promise me a box every time I hit it."

The boys accepted the proposition instantly.

"I'll shoot first, and if I hit, I'm to shoot again and again until I miss."

They had no objection, so the general fired twelve consecutive shots, each time breaking a different bottle, while the young men's eyes opened wider and wider.

"Do you want any more?" he asked, after the twelfth shot.

"No," said the young men, hastily. "I guess not."

"You can send those twelve boxes to my room whenever you are ready, gentlemen," said the general, as he lounged away. "Some day when I have more leisure I'll give you an hour's instruction in target shooting."

But the boys never held him to his promise. They paid their bets, however, and after that did their practicing when the general was not around.—[Washington Corr. Chicago News.]

Despotism Pure and Simple.

I suppose there is not in the whole world a monarch so despotic as the Burmese emperor. He is considered by himself and others absolute lord of the lives, properties and personal services of his subjects; he exalts and depresses, confers and takes away honor and rank, and, without any process of law, can put to death not only criminals guilty of capital offences, but any individual who happens to incur his displeasure. It is here a perious thing for a person to become distinguished for wealth and possessions, for the day may easily come when he will be charged with some supposed crime, and so put to death in order that his property may be confiscated. Every subject is the emperor's born slave, and when he calls any one his slave he thinks thereby to do him honor. To express their sense of this subjection all who approach him are obliged to prostrate themselves before him, holding their hands joined above their heads. Hence, also, he considers himself entitled to employ his subjects in any work or service, without salary or pay, and if he makes them any recompense it is done not from any sense of justice, but as an act of bounty. The goods, likewise, and even their persons are reputed his property, and on this ground it is that he selects for his concubine any female that may chance to please his eye. The possessions of all who die without heirs belong to the king, as do those of foreigners who have not married in the country, for they are not allowed to dispose of them, not even in favor of their illegitimate children.

Although despotism in its worst form constitutes, as it were, the very essence of the Burmese monarchy, so that to be called its king is equivalent to being called a tyrant, still has Burmese monarch (usually referred to as Loikaw Payah), the despot who for the last twenty-seven years has governed this kingdom, so far outstripped his predecessors in barbarity and pride that those but hears of it must shudder with horror. His very countenance is the index of a mind ferocious and intemperate in the highest degree. Immense is the number of those whom he has sacrificed to his ambition upon the most trivial offences, and it would not be an exaggeration to assert that during his reign more victims have fallen by the hand of the executioner than by the sword of the common enemy. To this atrocious cruelty he has united a pride at once intolerable and impious.—[Exchange.]

A Faith Cure.

"Say, wife, where's that bottle of cough medicine that cured my cold a couple of weeks ago?" inquired a Sacramento husband the other evening.

"I don't know anything of any cough medicine."

"Why, the bottle was sitting behind this vase. I took a spoonful of it and it cured me. I want some more."

"Behind that vase! Bless me, George, that was furniture polish!"—[California Maverick.]

She Judged Why.

"Ha! ha! That's a good one on women," laughed Mr. Dulman, the other morning.

"What tickles you now?" asked Mrs. Dulman.

"Why, ha! ha! a Canadian doctor says more than half the women are fools."

"Yes," replied Mrs. Dulman, wearily; "I guess he's right. Most women marry."—[Philadelphia News.]

Minister (fashionable church wedding).—"Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder. Let unite in prayer. Bride, kneeling whispering—"Remember, George, we are to pass down the right aisle, and do try and not be awkward. You mortify me to death sometimes."—[New York Sun.]

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