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GOOD MANAGEMENT.
How Bob Burdette Succeeded in Getting Along with a Colored Servant.

It doesn't lie in some people to get along with servants. They have no tact, no knack of managing. There is a great deal in managing a servant in such a way that the minion isn't aware of it. But some people don't know how to do this, and consequently a servant that is a jewel in my well-regulated household is utterly useless in my neighbor's service. Now, not long ago I had occasion to part with a colored man. I didn't want to cast him out upon the cold world, because I feared that if the world got too cold he would come back to me. So I unloaded him upon a neighbor. I never had a ripple of trouble with him. I had employed him ostensibly to groom a horse occasionally and mow the lawn once or twice a year. I soon learned that he was running an African dormitory and a poker layout in my stable, and the general appearance of my premises finally brought me letters from the American Missionary Union, asking permission to establish one of their Congo out-stations between my barn and kitchen. This, as much as any thing else, induced me to part with Albert. He shipped with me under the nom de plume of Albert Wilson, but I noticed that some of the natives called him "Lame Jake," and he requested me, in writing his letter of recommendation, to call him Thompson Easley. By and by my neighbor said to me: "That man, Sam Norton, you sent me—did you ever have any trouble with him?" I said no, never. "Well," said my neighbor, "I can't get along with him. He won't do one thing I tell him, not a thing." "Oh, well," I said, "he tried that on me, too, when he first came. I settled that in short order." "How did you manage?" asked my neighbor. "Well," I told him, "I quit telling him to do anything." And do you know my neighbor was real angry with me, and abused me, and said I was a fool and had deceived him. You see, he had no tact. That very night Albert landed on my coast again. He confided to me that his real name was James Sclair, and I brought with him his brother, whom he introduced as Walter Taylor. They took up their old quarters in the barn and boarded with me for a week, before I was able to secure them places in the county work-house. They both left me with sincere regret, and Albert said, in parting, that any time I wanted him to come back, a letter addressed to Charles Martin would reach him. Albert was a saddle-colored pagan, but he was the richest man in names I ever worked for.

ALONG THE COAST.

Devoted Principally to Washington Territory and California.

Fire near Suisun, Cal., destroyed a barn containing sixteen horses.
At a rabbit hunt at Alturas, Cal., 2,000 of the pests were knocked out.
An Indian died recently at San Diego, Cal., who was positively known to be 110 years old.

At Mayfield, Cal., Mrs. M. Fricker was bitten by a tarantula and died the following morning.

A. H. Reynolds has given the Walla Walla library neat and comfortable rooms for five years.

C. F. Julliard of Santa Rosa, Cal., was fatally injured by a large wine cask rolling over him.

There is talk of an English syndicate developing valuable iron mines near the Snoqualmie Pass, W. T.

At Eagle Gorge, W. T., a large tree fell into a camp of Chinese railroaders, killing eight and wounding ten.

The recent storms killed about 20 per cent of the sheep on the north side of the Yellowstone river, Montana.

Ten Crow Indians are under arrest at Miles City, Montana, for murder and horse stealing. Nine more are wanted.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Josephine Higgins, for the murder of her husband in San Francisco, failed to agree.

The dead body of an unknown man was found in a shed at Oakland, Cal. He was neatly dressed and about 50 years of age.

A rich silver mine, supposed to have been worked in the days of the padres, has been discovered in the mountains near Santa Ana, Cal.

The total gold product of Washington territory is said to be for 1886 \$75,000, \$14,000 of this amount being the product of Kittitas county.

A Montana man asked the judge to excuse him from jury duty on the plea that he was likely to be indicted himself. The judge let him off.

A cargo of ostriches from Natal has arrived at Los Angeles. The birds were imported for the purpose of stocking an ostrich farm near that city.

E. H. Gale has sued I. L. McDaniel, editor of the Biggs (Cal.) Argus, for \$27,000 damages. Gale charges McDaniel with having set fire to his livery stable.

Charles Mazzini of Santa Maria committed suicide about the 6th of December and his body was not found until a few days ago. He had over \$1,300 on his person.

The annual copper production of Butte, Montana, is placed at 80,000,000 pounds, and is increasing rapidly by the opening of new mines and building of new furnaces.

Professor Baldwin jumped from the car of the balloon Eclipse from a height of 1,100 feet with a parachute, and accomplished the perilous descent safely at San Francisco.

The United States assay office in Boise city received in two days nineteen hundred ounces of gold bullion, the largest amount ever handled in that length of time by the office.

A Chinaman was found hanging from one of the support wires of the smokestack of the Hastings saw mill at Vancouver, B. C. At the coroner's inquest a verdict of suicide was returned.

Thomas J. Cazneux, who was clerk in the office of the last Tax Collector of San Francisco, has disappeared, taking with him, it is said, the funds of the office, which will amount to \$15,000.

The petrified skeleton of a whale over 30 feet long has been discovered by an officer of the Coast Survey on a range of mountains in Monterey county, Cal., over 3,300 feet above the sea level.

Mike Donnelly was arrested at Walkerville, Montana, on a telegram from Sheriff Jones of Dillon. He is suspected of being Harding's accomplice in the Glendale stage robbery and murder.

The brakemen on the Atlantic & Pacific struck against an order requiring them to remain on top of the cars throughout the run. The order was rescinded, and trains are again running on time.

There are being shipped from Oyster bay, Mud bay and Big Skookum, W. T., as much as ten tons of oysters per week. This industry gives employment to at least fifty persons—largely Indians.

Jeff Howard of Virginia, Nev., took up a subscription for the alleged purpose of burying a man who was recently killed there. He ran away with the funds, however, and was arrested and is now in jail.

Mr. Tyler has exhibited on the streets of Bakersfield, Cal., a mastodon's tooth recently found in San Luis Obispo county. The tooth weighed about five pounds, and is in a fair state of preservation.

A. L. Bortcher, who got his feet

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

A Column Devoted to the Interests of Farmers and Stockmen.

It is money in your pocket to attend carefully to your fowls.
Fowls are very fond of milk, and should have all they want.
Ripe raspberries are still being gathered in the gardens at Newcastle, Cal.

The use of pyrethrum on cabbage plants to kill the worms has been attended with entire success.
California sent 20,000 tons of grapes to the east last season. The value of her total crop is estimated at \$3,560,000.

Polk county (Or.) growers recently shipped 14,878 lbs. of hops to Chicago, upon an offer of 33 cents per pound.
A good expedient for securing dryness within the coop is to use dry earth scattered about under the roosts and over the floor.

There never was a time when so many minds were at work or so many efforts made in various directions to advance the practice and science of agriculture.
Try crude petroleum, which will cost about 10 cents a gallon, as a wood preservative. Applied to fences and wood that rests on the ground, it will add years to the wear.

The business of exporting apples is increasing. Two years ago 220,000 barrels were shipped from the port of New York; in 1885, 302,000 barrels, and last year 349,000 barrels.
An excellent mode of utilizing any spare time of winter is to clean up and burn all dried grass and weeds. Trimming the trees and vines may be done any time between now and spring.

An excellent method of utilizing hay seed and dust is to place it where hens can scratch it over. They will find quite an amount of valuable material which would be useless for any other purpose.
A dairyman should keep as many cows only as he can feed well. It is not economical to divide the food among a large number when the same results can be secured from a smaller number well fed.

Stock, as a rule, are naturally clean, and will not lie down to rest in a manure pile if more cleanly and comfortable quarters are provided, and we all know that cleanliness is conducive of health.
Professor Arnold believes that there is no way in which fertilization can be so promoted as by dairy farming. Butter takes nothing from the soil that effects fertilization in the way that wheat and other crops do.

It is doubtful if any system of feeding will of itself break up a broody hen effectually. As far as feeding is concerned the best plan is to give a scanty allowance for three days, and then commence a plentiful and stimulating diet, and place the hen in a small pen, with a young and vigorous cock.
If your hens are not profitable it is because of neglect. It is hard to manufacture something out of nothing, and when a hen receives no more than enough to support her physically she will not trouble herself about producing eggs that would rob her of needed nourishment. When fairly dealt with by being supplied with egg-producing food she will afford a proportionate return.

The Santa Cruz (Cal.) Sentinel tells of a farmer in that country who raised two crops on the same piece of land last year, and has a third now well on the way to maturity. The field was sown with grain early in January, 1886, and a heavy crop of hay was taken therefrom in May. It was then thoroughly plowed and corn planted thereon, and although not a drop of rain fell all through the season, a good crop was harvested in the latter part of October. Again the land was plowed, wheat was sown, and by January 1st there was a fine stand of that grain, with every promise of an early and abundant harvest.

When transplanting trees do not expose the roots to the wind, sun or frost; shorten in the tops well and cut off all broken or bruised roots with a sharp knife. When but very few trees are to be set, dig large, liberalized holes, improving the soil, if clayey and poor, with good mould from under old trees, or well-rooted stable compost, and some ashes, and a little slacked lime is well, but all must be well mixed and worked in together before putting to use. When ready, fill the whole to a depth to receive the roots so as not to set any deeper than grown in the nursery. First settling the soil put in by walking about on it; add more soil then, if necessary, to adjust the proper depth, and set the tree and fill in, spreading the roots out laterally and filling all the crevasses with the soil well, and when filled settle the soil gently with the foot about the trunk, but more heavily at the outer edges, and slop in one or two pails of water, as per size of tree or plant.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Latest Telegraphic Report.

A Synopsis of Measures Introduced in the National Legislature.

Senate.

Senator Mitchell submitted an elaborate report from the Committee on Transportation Routes to the a Boards, declaring its belief that the interests of the people of the Pacific Northwest imperatively demand the speedy completion of the works at the mouth of the Columbia, and the canal and locks upon the cascades of the Columbia river; and it is recommended that a "liberal annual appropriation be made therefor, and that the work of constructing a railway around the dalles and the Celilo falls of the Columbia river, and of blasting open the contracted waterway, so as to secure navigable water, should be entered upon without delay by the United States Government, and your committee therefore recommends that it be done without further preliminary survey or report, and that an appropriation of \$500,000 be made at the present session of Congress for such purpose."

As passed by the Senate, the appropriation for a salmon hatchery on the Columbia was amended by providing, in effect, that the money shall not be available until the Legislature of Oregon and Washington Territory shall enact legislation to protect the salmon from improper capture or destruction, the reference being to fish wheels and traps. Dolph secured a modification by providing that if, in the opinion of the United States Fish Commissioner, the existing laws of Oregon and Washington are insufficient for the protection of salmon, then the Commissioner shall withhold the appropriation until the necessary laws are enacted.

Mitchell introduced the following bills:
Making an appropriation of \$8,000 for a life saving station at Yaquina bay.
Appropriating \$25,000 for the purchase of additional ground for the custom house at Port Townsend.
To pay M. S. Hellman, of Canyon City, \$7,000 for grain and flour delivered at Camp Harney.
To pay Chas. W. Denton, of Oregon, \$25,000 for occupation of lands by Indians and injuries thereto.

Bills were reported from the committee and placed on the calendar as follows:
For the location and establishment of a home for disabled volunteer soldiers west of the Rocky mountains.
For a boat railway around obstructions at the dalles and falls of the Columbia river.
The credentials of Algernon S. Paddock as Senator from Nebraska, for the term commencing March 4, 1887, were presented and placed on file.

Among the new items inserted by the Senate Committee in the sundry civil bill, are \$10,000 for a salmon hatchery on the Columbia, an appropriation for maintaining post lights on Puget sound, and to fill up the gap in the littoral triangulation between the Oregon line and Port Orford of \$3,500; to fill up a gap in the littoral triangulation between Port Orford and Coos bay, \$2,000; repairs of the signal service station at the mouth of the Columbia, \$500. The appropriation for continuing the survey of the coast of Oregon and continuing the survey of the Columbia river from the mouth of the Willamette toward the Cascades has been increased to \$7,000. The appropriation for continuing the exploration in Alaskan waters and the establishment of astronomical, longitude and magnet stations between Sitka and the southern end of the territory has been increased from \$5,000 to \$12,000.

House.

House passed a bill, providing that the Adjutant-General Department shall consist of one Adjutant, with the rank of Brigadier-General, four assistant Adjutant-Generals, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonels, and six assistant Adjutant-Generals, with the rank of Major.
House bill appropriating \$100,000 for the erection of a branch soldiers' home west of the Rocky mountains was passed.

Also Senate bill, authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust and settle the account for arms ammunition and accoutrements between the United States and Montana Territory.
Also House bill, authorizing the Secretary of War to credit the territory of Dakota with \$27,650 for ordnance and stores issued to said territory.

Loving, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, reported a bill granting a pension to Watt Whitman.

Taulbee, from the same committee, reported adversely Senate bills granting pensions to the widows of Gen. Logan and Gen. Blair.

The House passed the bill providing an additional Justice for the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Louisa M. Alcott's works have reached the sale of over 500,000 copies.

—Teresina Tna, the violinist, is only eighteen years old, and is under a two-years' concert engagement at \$8,000 a year.

—General Robert Toombs, who is now totally blind, is living at his home in Washington County, Ga., from whence he is fond of sending out to his friends occasional religious tracts which happen to suit his fancy.

—Ned Price, once famous as a prize-fighter, but who retired from the ring twenty-five years ago to study law, has a large and profitable practice in New York, makes creditable arguments before the Court of Appeals, and is a good deal of a public man generally.—N. Y. Sun.

—The annual circulation of periodicals published in London is 1,017,000,000 copies; in Paris 1,100,000,000 copies; in New York and Brooklyn 516,000,000. But New York and Brooklyn, it must be remembered, do not, relatively, embrace so much of America as London does of England or Paris of France.—Chicago Current.

—"Auld Robin Gray" was written by Lady Anne Lindsay, daughter of the fifth Earl of Balcarres. She was born on November 28, 1750, and at the early age of twenty-one produced the ballad which Sir Walter Scott says "is worth all the dialogues Corydon and Phyllis have had together from the days of Theocritus downward."—Chicago Journal.

—That special qualities are essential to the success of magazines is shown by the fact that the number of able men who failed to meet these requirements includes Charles F. Hoffman, N. P. Willis, Park Benjamin, William E. Burton, Washington Irving, the Duyckincks, Thomas Dunn English, James R. Gilmore and George K. Graham.—Chicago Herald.

—American magazines pay four scales of prices for short stories. The first is \$10 or \$15 for a complete story, paid by the smaller magazines; the second is \$10 a thousand words by the popular monthly publications; the third is \$15 a thousand words to writers who have acquired some degree of reputation. The fourth varies with the fame of the author. Howells, or "Mark Twain," will produce no story or article of any kind for less than \$500 or \$1,000.—N. Y. Post.

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—"Is marriage declining?" asks an exchange. No; it is generally accepted.—Burlington Free Press.

—A bright story in grammar is told of a little school girl. "Quarrel," she parsed, "is plural." "Why?" "Because it takes two make one."—N. Y. Daily Evening.

—"Ma," said little Tommy, "do the Injuns own the railroads?" "No, my son." "Well, they've got something to do with them, 'cos pa says he bought his ticket of a scalper."—N. Y. Herald.

—A wild Texas steer crushed a New York man against a stone wall the other day. The man said between gasps that he never understood the working of a Bullock press before.—N. Y. Mail.

—Husband (jokingly)—"Oh, I'm the mainstay of the family." Wife—"Yes, and the jibboom, and the—and the—"

—Small boy (from experience)—"And the spanker, too, mamma."—Boston Courier.

—The Times plainly wrote that dogs on the park would "drive" off the Park Commissioners, or the Commissioners would drive off the dogs. An esteemed compositor set up dine for "drive." Annoying is a mild word for it.—Hartford Times.

—Money no object. Nervous guest (to landlord of a summer resort hotel) "What are your precautions against fire?" Landlord—Insurance. It costs big money to insure a property like this for twice what it is worth, but our policy is to spare no expense.

—They were sailing on the beautiful waters of Mnetonka, and she looked up into his eyes and asked him to tell her about all the different boats. "George," she said, "what's a brig, a d schooner, and a yacht and oh, George, what's that little fishing boat out there?" "That, Angie, is a smack." (Sweetly.) "George, couldn't'er—couldn't'you give me a—er—a fishing boat?"—Minneapolis Saturday Mail.

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