

Farmer Grant.

THE AGRICULTURAL IDEA OF THE SITUATION. My summer rambles take me through some quaint and some neglected places. Amongst the men with rowdy faces. And such a one I met last night. At country fairs the constant winner: His face was brown, his hands were hard, His name was Skinner.

GREELEY AS PRESIDENT.

Difficulties With England, Russia, and Prussia - an Agricultural Question - Consequence of America. From Appleton's Journal. You ask me to tell you, my children, of the events which immediately preceded the destruction of the once great American Union, and the capture of the country by its present European rulers, and to say something, also, of the causes which led to these deplorable results. I undertake the task with a heavy heart, for whenever I advert to that terrible time, I cannot help contrasting our proud condition up to that fatal year with the humiliating position occupied now by the American people.

a copy of his book, "What I Know," etc., with his autograph upon a fly-leaf. The Emperor mistook the signature for a caricature of the Austrian eagle, and he readily joined in the war against the United States; while France was provoked to the same act by the fact that when the French Minister called on Mr. Greeley to present his credentials, the President, who was writing an editorial at the time, not comprehending the French language, mistook the Ambassador for a beggar, and, without looking up, handed him a quarter and an order for a clean shirt and a young-goose, and said to him, "Go West, young man - go West!"

A Brilliant History.

The history of the Republican party is not long, but it has a bright record of unbroken triumphs. Its fifth national convention has just adjourned at Philadelphia. Let us look, briefly, at its four predecessors: The Republican party was organized in the spring of 1854-5, and had already enjoyed its first victories and held a preliminary convention at Pittsburgh, when, on June 18, 1857, it assembled formally at Philadelphia, for the nomination of a Presidential ticket.

the day of its birth it has been a political missionary; without a snuff, it has proclaimed the broadest principles of human rights; without cant, it has dared to establish justice. Its record is a record of righteousness, and the history of the continent will never contain any more luminous page than that which bears the chronicle of its deeds. - Chicago Post.

Greeleyisms.

The Greeley platform—let us have office. The one term principle—"You lie, you villain, you lie."—Horace Greeley. What is Greeley's age?—Cabbage. The gold in Greeley's character is eighteen carrots. The favorite side dish of Gratz and Greeley—Lettuce alone.

Personal.

Miss GILBERT, matron of the Erving Women's Refuge, at Chicago, has been discharged because she was addicted to opium-eating. GEORGE ODDY, a wealthy New Yorker, was fined \$250, the other day, for non-attendance as a juror. M. GARCIA, the Minister of the Argentine Republic, is said to be the most scholarly in his attainments of any of the foreign representatives at Washington.

Curious and Scientific.

According to a number of experiments recently made by the London Chemical Society, the best mode of determining carbon in iron is by direct burning in a stream of oxygen. Electricity is developed in metallic wires by merely bending them, and the development appears to be independent of any thermic action. The diving bell has been successfully used in mines in Westphalia that were flooded with water, for the purpose of repairing the valves of pumps.

Monday as Pay-day.

Both in England and America, several large firms have tried, within the last year, the plan of paying their employes on Monday, instead of Saturday. In every case the results have been most gratifying. The temptations necessarily involved in a day of leisure and a pocketful of money have been no longer felt. Sunday, instead of being devoted to dissipation, has become a day of healthful recreation and rest; and the week's wages, formerly in great part wasted, have been used to far better advantage.

St. Charles Dilke.

I doubt whether there is now in England a drier, heavier, drier, more monotonous and prosaic speaker than Dilke. He is a very young man for English public life—only 28 years old; and it is a perfect mystery to me how at that time of life he has contrived to get rid of all the levity, all the brightness, all the fervor of youth, and to become methodical and dry enough to be an aged president of the poor law board. He seems as if his infancy must have been cradled in blue books, robed in red tape, and fed upon blotting paper and drying-sand. I heard him make his speech in the house the other night. Poppies were nothing to it. Hardly was it possible to keep awake. The speech was well got up as to facts, well arranged, and evidently well committed to memory.

Personal.

JEFFERSON DAVIS, it is said, is about to make the city of New York his future residence. The Right Hon. Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, enjoys £20,000, or \$100,000 per annum. JAMES SMITH, ex-Mayor of Brooklyn, who died last week, began life as a milkman, when Brooklyn was a village, and managed to purchase a farm in the place where the present City Hall stands. He died worth over \$1,000,000. The estate of the late John Slidell, which was confiscated soon after the close of the war, has been restored to his heirs by an order of Judge Thread, of New Orleans.

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