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THE STORY OF TWO PIGS.

As it is now a settled thing that Los Angeles is to have packing establishments—the Cudahy Packing company in this city and at least one more in the neighborhood of the Monte—it is right that the proposition of growing hogs should be considered in the light which facts throw on possibilities. The idea that good hams and bacon cannot be grown amongst orange groves has been dispelled by Mr. Cudahy himself, a most experienced man in this line, who says that there is no place on the American continent where hogs can be raised with more profit and advantage than right here, and that nowhere else would the cured product be more perfect.

It is not beneath the dignity of an editor to go into detailed mention of what may be done in the country in which his paper is published. Macaulay says that the greatest speeches ever made in the British parliament were on topics that related to the most ordinary details of life. Edmund Burke described Charles James Fox's celebrated East India bill as a measure which was designed to secure the rice in his pot to the ryot of India. Anything that directs men in the way to make a living is worthy of attention. Southern California is a missionary field as yet, and will be for many years.

Thus by way of preface. We will plunge at once into the question of hogs. Hogs are profitable in Los Angeles county, and we will proceed to prove it. Some five years ago Mr. Thomas Stovell, the proprietor of the Mechanics' Planing mill, concluded to retire from business on a modest competency. He bought himself a farm in the neighborhood of Long Beach—a modest farm of fifty-five acres. His idea was to experiment in a purely adventurous spirit in country life. His wife suggested that he should buy a couple of pigs, to consume the waste of the household.

We propose to tell the history of those two pigs, which were happily of opposite sexes, and which immediately began to increase and multiply. They had an average of two and a half litters a year. Up till the present year Mr. Stovell has sold from 7000 to 8000 worth of pork from these industrious porkers. As his porcine family developed on his hands he was obliged to acquire an additional sixty acres of land, so that, at present, he carries out his experiment on one hundred and fifteen acres. Part of this tract he cultivates in barley, another part in corn and still another in alfalfa, while he has a range of twenty acres which he allows to grow up in malva, grass and weeds.

This year he has already sold seventy-five hogs, and he has one hundred and sixty-nine which will be ready for the market shortly, and which he is finishing up on corn and barley, making seven cents a pound for the hogs he has already sold, and will get the same price for the remaining one hundred and sixty-nine. His receipts from this department of his farm, therefore, will this year range between \$3700 and \$4000—all from the two pigs of five years ago.

He has kept a methodical business man's account of the transactions of his farm, and he finds that he can make money on hogs with corn at \$1 a bushel, supposing that he were to feed corn exclusively. Mr. Stovell is a mesa farmer, and takes his chances of the seasons except as to his alfalfa patch, which he irrigates. Where he gets ahead heavily in the natural spontaneity of the soil. We have mentioned the fact that he has a twenty-acre patch of malva, grass and weeds. One hundred and twenty-two hogs have been turned into this lush spontaneous feed, and the feed is gaining on the hogs. Struggle as they may, they can't eat it down. This is heavily into the pockets of their owner. All he has to do is to finish them up on corn and barley.

Mr. Stovell, who has retired from business, and who is a red-headed and red-bearded man of fifty-four who looks about thirty-two, is now confronted by a singular predicament. He is making money on his farm, and threatens soon to have a regular wealth producing agency on his hands. He intends to call a halt right here, and to keep his hogs down, or he will soon find himself in a bigger business than when he was running his Mechanics' Planing mills. All he desires is to have a nice, well-appointed farm home. If those energetic hogs were allowed to work their grunting will upon him in the increase and multiply line they would soon have

him as deeply immersed in business as Phil Armour himself.

The story of two pigs! Is it not really interesting? What a splendid lesson lies wrapped up in this brief tale for the sluggard and the croaker? Let those who sit around croaking and talking about the impossibility of making a living in Southern California, outside of an orange grove or a vineyard, study this story of two pigs.

RAID ON OUR GOLD RESOURCES.

The extraordinary shipments of gold to Europe during the past six months have so materially depleted our store of that metal as to cause the most intense anxiety in financial circles. The last number of the Henry Clews circular says that the gold output during the past year has reached the enormous amount of \$62,000,000. And this tremendous outflow has been in spite of the commercial balances between this country and Europe, for the trade balance during the last three months has not been such as to call for any extraordinary shipments of specie from the United States. Financiers declare that they cannot satisfactorily explain the causes for this protracted raid upon our gold. The startling revelations in the Panama canal investigations have so shaken confidence in the French government as to cause a severe contraction of credit operations by the Bank of France and subsidiary institutions, the tendency of which has been to draw gold to that center. This is evident from the fact that the Bank of France now holds \$37,000,000 more gold than a year ago.

The anticipation that a grand struggle between some of the great powers of Europe is close at hand has had the effect of inducing those powers to gather in and hoard all the gold they can get. They well know that the military chest will not be a very important figure in such a struggle. A curious fact in this connection is that the increase of gold in the Bank of France (\$57,000,000) and that in the Austro-Hungarian bank, which has been foreclosing to enable the government to turn to a single standard, (\$25,000,000) would just equal the sum lost by the United States by the great outflow.

Another bad feature of this raid by Europe upon our gold is the fact that it has so far operated upon the treasury of the United States as to bring its gold down to the very verge of that required to be kept in order to cover the percentage of reserve held by law to redeem the outstanding treasury notes. The failure of the monetary conference to arrive at any satisfactory conclusion in regard to silver has also had the effect to cause the English financial institutions to increase their gold reserve, and the depletion here has been accelerated by this fact.

All Europe seems to have had its eye upon our gold, and has gone for it with an unprecedented alacrity. As Clews says, there is a limit to our exposure to depletion by these processes, and it would seem as though such a drain cannot go much farther. There is also this satisfaction, that if the dangers should really happen against which these boards have been accumulated, the catastrophe will have been provided for in advance, and the exposure of the United States to drain will have been correspondingly diminished. Our exposure to this sort of thing is no more than might be expected from our large dependence upon European credit; but it should surely be a serious question with Americans whether this sort of subject is any longer a necessity, at least to such an extent as it now exists; and whether, with our vast increase of wealth, the time has not come when we should have credit institutions competent to relieve this country from foreign relations that expose us to all the political and financial dangers of conditions in which we have no direct interest.

DEATH OF HON. THOMAS B. BROWN. This community was greatly shocked yesterday morning by the announcement of the sudden death of Hon. Thomas B. Brown. He had apparently been in the best of health, and there was nothing to break the force of his untimely taking off. Mr. Brown was in many senses a public man, and was well known in Southern California, though Los Angeles was the principal theater of his professional energies. He served at one time as district attorney of this county, and achieved quite a reputation for efficiency and integrity while occupying that position. The unfortunate preferences of his friends caused him to be a candidate at other times when the political conditions were not favorable, and when even his own pronounced personal popularity did not avail to insure his election. His practice at the bar was large, and his success was such that his business afforded him a large income.

But it was not as a lawyer or a public man that "Tom" Brown was known, and was of mark, and was loved, in Los Angeles, and in what spot soever he may have made his abiding place for a space however short. He was the gentlest and kindest as well as the most manly of men. A great heart and a most lovable nature had this most gracious representative of nature's nobility. He was complimented yesterday by the moist eye of many a man not used to the melting mood, while the tender heart of woman distilled an unchecked tribute of tears. Many and many an Angeleno will be the sadder because the dead man will no longer gladden the daily ways of life, in which he always dispensed sunshine. But who shall dare to question the ways of the All-wise. From of old we were told that whom the gods love die young. We can illly spare Tom Brown, cut off in the very prime and flower of manhood. As the flippant phrase runs, good men are scarce, and we all naturally feel, to adopt the idea of the Apostle Paul, like holding on to that which is good. But alas! mortal clasp is but weak at best,

though it be even the endearing grasp of wife and dearest kindred! With a unanimity rarely witnessed, this whole community will breathe a note of heartfelt sympathy over the death of our lamented friend—gallant gentleman, staunch and never relaxing friend, great heart and blameless citizen. May the daisies, which will spring up over his grave mound, exhale sweetest fragrance! He leaves a wife and interesting family, and it is a consoling circumstance to know that he was quite forerhand pecuniarily.

Among the arrivals the other day on the Claudine from Honolulu were Paul Neuman and a nephew of the late King Kalakaua. They are on their way to Washington as ambassadors from the deposed queen. Paul Neuman is well known in this state. He represented San Francisco in the legislature of 1880, and achieved the distinction at that time of being chief of a gang of legislative boodlers who at that time had their headquarters in a house on Tenth street, which gained questionable notoriety as "The Robbers' Roost." So glaring were his aberrations during the session, and so severely were his courses criticized by the press that soon after the adjournment of the legislature he shook the dust of our state from his shoes and hid to Honolulu. There he flourished; was made a noble, and was raised by the late king to the position of attorney-general. Neuman is a bright man, of a very alert intellect, and not hampered to any great extent by delicate scrupulosity. No doubt he will present the deposed queen's case to the administration with great tact and ingenuity. But his record in California will be a drawback to his success.

President Henry B. Hyde of the Equitable Company. He Visits Southern California and Is Charmed. A Man Who Has Traveled Round the World Says This Section Is Uncollected—Some Facts About His Insurance Co.

Among the distinguished visitors who have been in Southern California during the past few weeks is Henry B. Hyde, the president of the Equitable Life Insurance company of New York. President Hyde after devoting a week to the country south of the Tehachepi, returned to the east. While here he visited all the various points of interest, including Santa Barbara, Ventura, Riverside, Corona, Pasadena and Redlands. With the whole country, and more especially Riverside, Redlands and Pasadena, Mr. Hyde was delightedly impressed. The extensive orange groves and beautiful homes of these three places named were really a revelation to the distinguished underwriter and he was not at all slow about expressing his surprise.

President Hyde is a globe trotter, having completed a tour of the entire world within the past few years. This was, however, his first visit to Southern California. He regards it as the most beautiful spot he has ever seen. In fact, Mr. Hyde said to a HERALD representative: "Yes, sir, I have beheld all the famous and noted countries of the world, but taken as a whole Southern California outranks and outshines them all."

This remark coming from a gentleman of Mr. Hyde's experience is a compliment of which every friend and well wisher of this section can be proud. Henry B. Hyde, the president of the Equitable, is apparently a gentleman 55 or 60 years of age. He has a most interesting personnel and is known and recognized as one of the greatest underwriters that the world has ever seen. He is a man of great intellectual vigor, remarkable physical activity and great force of character. The company of which Mr. Hyde is the head is one of the largest institutions of its kind on either continent. It is in truth a veritable giant among the financial institutions now existing.

In order to give the reader an idea of the almost incomprehensible magnitude of the business of the Equitable it is only necessary to say that it now has on its books something over \$800,000,000 of insurance. This vast sum is \$100,000,000 in excess of that of its nearest competitor. The three greatest live insurance companies in the world all have their headquarters in New York. Of these three companies the Equitable is the junior in point of age, by from 12 to 20 years, and yet the paid business on its books is a million in excess of either of its competitors. This remarkable fact certainly speaks volumes for the able management of President Hyde. It is the finest record ever made by any company occupying the position that he does.

President Hyde is a modest, retiring gentleman, with a keen eye which lights up his face with intelligence to a remarkable degree. While he has been asked to what cause he attributed the growth of the Equitable company during the last few years. He said: "I will tell you why we have grown so. We have always conducted the affairs of the company on an economical basis, and in the best manner of the holder. This is amply demonstrated by the fact that policy holders are today receiving larger and better results on their policies than has ever been paid by any company on any form of a policy. These facts, when submitted, speak more forcibly than any other ever made to advance any theory."

In this connection it is also well to say that the policies of the Equitable are absolutely free of the onerous restrictions and ambiguous technicalities contained in the policies of many other companies. It is a company that practices what it preaches. It declines to contest its policies, and this is given as one of the reasons of its universal popularity. This is shown when it is stated, and truthfully, too, that the discriminating public is now placing the greater part of its insurance with the Equitable, as its annual new business is millions in excess of any other company.

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SOCIETY.

Mrs. M. S. Severance held a reception Thursday evening at her residence on Adams street. There were 150 guests present and the affair was one of the social events of the present gay week of festivities. The costumes of the ladies were very elegant. Lowinsky's orchestra was in attendance and furnished excellent music. Refreshments were served during the evening.

The ladies of Christ's Episcopal church held a very successful reception last evening at the residence of Thomas L. Winder, on South Flower street, for the benefit of the rectory fund. All of the rooms on the lower floor were thrown together, and nothing but the enjoyment of the guests was omitted. The parlors and hallway were canvassed and dancing was indulged in by the young people during the latter part of the evening. Smiles and flowers decorated the parlors. A vase of papyrus and lilies appeared to advantage in the library.

Refreshments, consisting of oysters in various styles, were served upon small tables during the evening. The rooms were thronged during the entertainment. Mrs. Winder, assisted by the following ladies, received and presided over the refreshment rooms: Mrs. A. M. Stephens, Mrs. J. D. Bethune, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Wesley Clark, Mrs. J. Anderson, Mrs. Van Zandt, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Ryland, and Rev. Mrs. A. S. Clark.

On Monday evening, the 6th inst., the Elysian club held its regular monthly dance at Krause's hall last night. There was a large crowd present and the affair seemed to be exceptionally enjoyable. The grand march was led by W. P. Jeffries and Miss Gusie Foss.

There were 16 numbers on the program, including several new figures. Lowinsky's orchestra furnished the music. The committees were as follows: Executive, W. P. Jeffries, C. P. Kitts, W. C. Mooney, R. Wankowski, G. A. Fitch; floor manager, R. Kendall, aids, W. Wolfe, F. Knopf; reception, W. Kennedy, A. Edouart, jr., L. Shepard.

Tonight the Alumni society of the Los Angeles High school will tender a swell reception to the winter class of '93 at the High school building on Castelar street. Excellent music has been engaged for dancing.

THE SUPERVISORS. The matter of widening Vermont avenue was continued to February 23d. A petition of Charles C. Mason et al., from the vicinity of Whittier, for the formation of an irrigation district to be known as the Strong Irrigation district was presented, bond was approved and an election ordered for March 13th.

A communication was received from Pasadena residents asking the board to meet a committee to investigate the matter of taking care of storm water was received, and the board decided to meet the committee in their rooms February 16th.

The petition of Frank Bartlett post, to have the board authorize the disinterment and burial of Wm. Lilly, an ex-union soldier buried in the potter's field, was granted. The board has been assisting Mrs. Charles Dwyer an indigent, and District Attorney Dillon made a report that he had brought a suit against her husband to compel support, and it resulted in proof of his inability. He also reported that since the beginning of the suit the couple had resumed cohabitation as husband and wife. The board directed the withdrawal of assistance to Mrs. Dwyer.

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