

GREAT BRITAIN'S CROPS.

IGNORANCE OF FARMERS THE CAUSE OF THE LOW YIELD.

They are Ignorant of the First Principles of Agriculture - A Bill to Establish Training Schools - French-Italian Treaty. Remodeling the Poles - Notes.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—The announcement of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's faithful henchman, Mr. Jesse Callings, of his intention to introduce a bill establishing departments of agriculture in the provincial schools of England, and providing training gardens for the practical tuition of pupils, has provoked innumerable smiles among his friends, and doubtless will excite the ridicule of the average English farmer, who "knows it all."

Yet there is vastly more of practical value in the suggestion than was to be found in the gentleman's proposal to allot "three acres and a cow" to each tenant farmer under the act to which that proposition was offered as an amendment, and if it is intended to apply to Ireland, as well as Great Britain, the project is worthy of serious consideration. In many parts of England, Scotland, and in a large portion of Ireland, the pursuit of agriculture is followed in its most primitive forms, and in most of these sections the meagre yield of the fruits of the farmer's labor is due not so much to the poor quality of the land as to the ignorance of its tillers of the first principle of practical farming.

Particularly in this so in Ireland. Large tracts of land for which maximum rents are exacted are, it is true, almost wholly unproductive; yet there are tracts presenting all conditions of abundant yield to the farmer, from which are produced little or no better crops than are taken from the bad land. This is not the result of the farmer's indolence, for he works hard; but it is solely the result of the man's ignorance of the work he has chosen, or been driven by circumstances to follow.

No one has taken the trouble to show him his mistakes and enlighten him in his calling and he goes his way, year after year, from bad to worse, until his landlord sets him and his family upon the roadside because he could not raise enough from his holding to pay his rent.

If Mr. Callings can succeed in establishing in the localities most in need of them, the training schools his proposed bill suggests, he will have done more at the expiration of five years toward pacifying and bringing contentment to Ireland than could possibly have been achieved in any other way, and rendered coercion forever impossible by removing even a suspicion of pretext for its application.

A Clerical Imposter.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—Joseph Eber, a clerical imposter, who claims to have been a professor of theology in Chicago, has been arrested at Danzig for illegally performing the ceremony of the mass and drawing the stipend of a priest. The attention of the police was attracted to him through his ill-concealed relations with a barmaid. Investigation disclosed the fact that the two were living together as man and wife, and the man's arrest followed. It is believed that Eber is none other than Keatinge, the clerical imposter, whose exploits in Dublin two years ago brought humiliation upon a large number of persons of high standing in and out of the church.

The Pope's Ideas.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Rome says that the encyclical on the social condition of the working classes, on which the pope has been engaged for a year, will advocate the principle of state intervention in favor of artisans, and will exhort Catholics to support their government in efforts to bring about social reforms and to ameliorate the condition of the working classes.

Remodeling the Poles.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—The minister of public instruction has ordered the discontinuance of instruction in the Polish tongue in the National schools of the province of Posen, in order to Germanize the Poles by teaching only in German.

England's Weak Places.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Baron Brassey, in a speech to the chamber of commerce yesterday, said that England was neglecting to properly protect her shipping by adequately defending her coaling stations against sudden war emergencies.

French-Italian Treaty.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—Negotiations for a treaty of commerce between France and Italy have been ruptured, as Italy refused to accept eighty-nine of the 273 articles of the old treaty. A new attempt to harmonize will be made.

French Opera in Berlin.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—For the first time in twenty years a French opera company made its appearance in this city last night. There was a large audience present and the reception given to the artists was heartily cordial.

Explosion of Millinite.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—An explosion of millinite occurred in a factory at Zurndorf, Hungary, yesterday, killing three persons and wounding twelve.

Borrowed a Few Dollars.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—The Hungarian government has bargained for a \$15,000,000 loan from the Rothschild syndicate.

Founder of Heidelberg College Dead.

TIFFIN, O., Jan. 27.—Dr. Jeremiah F. Good, founder of the Heidelberg college, and president of the Heidelberg Theological seminary, of this city, died Wednesday, aged sixty-six years. He was one of the most learned men of the Reformed church, and was held in high esteem throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania, where he is extensively known.

Attacked By a Bull Dog.

FINDLAY, O., Jan. 27.—A vicious bull dog, belonging to William Edwards, this morning attacked Charley Joy, a nine-year-old boy, who entered the yard in which he was confined, and before assistance reached the lad tore and mangled his face in a horrible manner, tearing one eye from the socket. The dog was immediately killed.

Ex-Premier Norquay Defiant.

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 27.—Ex-Premier is defiant, and seems disposed to brave his accusers. He says the floor of the house is the proper place to discuss the deficiency of half a million dollars attributed to the maladministration of his ministry. He declares that he will offer a satisfactory explanation when the time comes.

THE BOOK OF MORMONS.

The Last Witness of Its Authenticity Dies at Richmond, Missouri.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 27.—David Whitmer, who was in possession of the original Book of Mormons, died last night at Richmond, Mo. In 1879 two of the Mormon apostles, Orson Pratt and Joseph F. Smith, visited Mr. Whitmer for the express purpose of obtaining these, to them, precious sheets. Apostle Pratt said: "Father Whitmer, we desire to purchase the manuscript, and we are authorized to say that you may name your price, and be sure and put the price high enough for the church has plenty of money in the treasury, you know."



Mr. Whitmer replied, with quiet emphasis: "Elder Pratt, there isn't gold enough in the world to buy it." Before leaving Richmond Orson Pratt told the hotel proprietor that they would willingly have paid Mr. Whitmer \$100,000 for the manuscript. He was the last witness to "the divine authenticity of the Book of Mormons."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Topics of the Times Given in a Terse and Spicy Manner.

Kitty Anderson, a Greensburg, Ind., school ma'am, has been arrested for padding Clifford Dixon.

Raedin, Republican member of the house from Greenup county, Kentucky, has been unseated on a legal technicality.

George Licht, of Portsmouth, O., who left out with the Presbyterian Sunday school funds, has been found and will square up.

The Paulding, O., people threaten to lynch Joseph Waterside, convicted of manslaughter for torturing to death his seven-month-old baby.

Springfield, O., has a preacher named Summerhull. If he isn't capable of perpetrating some burning eloquence there's nothing in a name.

An effort is being made to raise money to refund the prizes paid for the burnt-out bench show at Columbus, as rooster dog was not on the published program.

That \$100,000 embezzled from the National bank, of Cleveland, by Paying Teller Stanley and invested in a Chicago wheat deal netted him five years in the penitentiary and the costs of the trial.

At Hillsboro, O., Up Newman, suspended from the police force with ten charges against him, refuses to go off duty and threatens to expose some of the respectable heathen whose love for darkness unguarded by policemen have caused the conspiracy to remove him.

Prohibitional Bill in Massachusetts. BOSTON, Jan. 27.—In the house the constitutional prohibition resolution was passed, to be engrossed, in concurrence with the senate, by a vote of 160 to 70, with one pair, being six more than the necessary two-thirds.

A proposed amendment to substitute the word "alcoholic" for "intoxicating" was rejected, 88 to 137. The constitutional amendment will have to be passed by a two-thirds vote in both branches next year before its submission to the people at the polls.

INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Colder, fair weather, preceded by snow on the lakes; brisk to high northwesterly winds, becoming variable and diminishing in force.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

Quotations for the Money, Stock, Produce and Cattle Market for Jan. 26.

New York—Money 3/4 per cent. Exchange steady. Governments steady.

Currency sixes, 118 bid; four coupons, 125 1/4; four-and-a-half, 107 1/4 bid.

The stock market was moderately active this morning, and the tone was firm. In the first half hour a steady buying of coal stocks and St. Paul shares caused prices to advance 1/2 to 3/4 per cent., and they remained at about this range to noon. At the present writing the market is steady.

Central Pacific, 109 1/2; Mis. Cent., 8 1/2; C. C. & I., 8 1/2; N. Y. Central, 107 1/4; Del. & Hudson, 109; Northwestern, 109; Del. Lac. & W., 109 1/4; Ohio & Miss., 23 1/2; Illinois Cen., 119; Erie, 119; Kan. & Texas, 17; Pacific Mail, 54 1/2; Lake Shore, 94; St. Paul, 76 1/2; Louisville & Nash, 41; Western Union, 77 1/4.

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FLOUR—Fancy, \$3 00/4 10; family, \$3 00/3 50. WHEAT—No. 3 red, \$2 00/2 05; No. 2, \$2 00/2 05. CORN—No. 3 mixed, \$1 10/1 15; No. 2 mixed, \$1 10/1 15. OATS—No. 3 mixed, \$1 00/1 05; No. 2 mixed, \$1 00/1 05. HOGS—Family, \$14 75/14 87 1/2; regular, \$15 00/15 12 1/2.

LAID—Kettle, \$4 00/4 50. POULTRY—Common chickens, \$3 00/3 50 per dozen; fair to prime \$3 75/4 00.

WOOL—Unwashed fine merino, 17 1/2 to 18; one-fourth blood combing, \$3 24/3 24; medium delaine and clothing, \$2 50/2 50; bred, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4; medium combing, \$2 24/2 24; fleece washed fine merino, X and XX, \$2 27/2 27; medium clothing, \$2 30/2 30; delaine fleece, \$2 00/2 00.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, \$14 00/15 00; No. 2, \$13 00/14 00; mixed, \$10 00/11 00; prairie, \$9 00/10 00; wheat, oats and rye straw, \$5 00/5 00. CATTLE—Good to choice butchers, \$5 00/5 40; stockers and feeders, \$2 50/3 75; yearlings and calves, \$2 00/3 25.

HOGS—Select butchers, \$6 00/6 75; fair to good packing, \$5 50/6 50; fair to good light, \$5 00/5 50; common, \$4 00/4 50; culls, \$3 00/3 50. SHEEP—Common to fair, \$3 00/3 50; good to choice, \$4 25/5 00; common to fair lambs, \$3 25/4 50; good to choice, \$5 00/5 50.

Buffalo Live Stock. CATTLE—Dull and weak; common to fair, \$3 00/4 25; good to choice shipping, \$4 25/5 00; extra steers, \$5 25/5 00; stockers and feeders, \$2 75/3 25; veals, \$6 00/7 00; receipts, 165 head.

HOGS—Market weak; light, \$5 00/5 25; mixed and Yorkers, \$5 00/5 50; selected Yorkers, \$5 50/6 00; good to choice heavy, \$5 00/5 50; receipts, 5,385 head.

SHEEP—Higher medium to good, \$5 00/5 40; choice to extra, \$4 90/5 00. LAMBS—Steady; ordinary to choice western, \$5 75/6 25; extra, \$6 40.

Pittsburg. CATTLE—Prime to extra, \$5 00/5 25; fair to good, \$4 25/4 50; common, \$3 00/3 50; feeders, \$2 75/3 25; stockers, \$3 50/4 00; receipts, 304; shipments, 301.

HOGS—Active and unchanged; receipts, 1,600; shipments, 600; Philadelphia, \$5 50/6 00; Yorkers, \$5 50/6 00; common, \$5 00/5 50; 40; mixed, \$4 25/4 75; pigs, \$3 00/3 25. SHEEP—Fair; receipts, 4,000; shipments, 1,700; prime, \$4 75/5 00; fair to good, \$4 00/4 50; common, \$3 00/3 50.

New York. WHEAT—No. 1 state red, \$3 00/3 05; No. 2 red winter, \$2 90/2 95; March, \$2 90/2 95. CORN—Mixed, \$1 10/1 15; March, \$1 10/1 15. OATS—No. 1 white, \$1 00/1 05; No. 2, 41¢. CATTLE—\$2 75/3 00 per 100 pounds live weight. HOGS—\$4 00/4 05 per 100 pounds.



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