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THE RUSSIAN OUTBREAK.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador in Washington has been called out to say something about the Easter massacres in the czar's empire. Instead of denouncing the outbreaks, he seems to accept the situation, and offers an apology therefor.

The ambassador merely says that the outbreaks came in consequence of extortion practiced upon the Russian peasantry by Jewish money lenders, and not because of religious prejudice against the Jews of the empire.

In taking this course the count does not help out the case of his government in the least. It matters not whether the atrocities were occasioned by religious prejudice or alleged extortion, their occurrence is indisputable, showing a weakness in the Russian empire that explanations and apologies will not cure.

It is a fact that Russian laws prohibit Jews from engaging in the professions, agriculture, schools &c., except under very stringent regulations. The world knows, also, that there is deep-seated religious prejudice in Russia, and the Jew is the universal object of persecution in one form or another.

The masses of the peasantry are ignorant, and ignorant minds are always the easy prey to prejudice. Ignorance and prejudice always go hand in hand. The more enlightened people become, the more freedom and self-dependence they exercise in thinking about the situations of life that confront them, the freer will they be from the blinding influence of prejudice, whether it be religious, political or social.

THE NEW POTATO.

North Carolina is making an admirable record with her trucking interests. Heavy rains in the early part of the growing season, and the lack of moisture until the last few days, have proved detrimental to crops to a certain extent.

The Norfolk Virginian Pilot has the following to say of an enterprising North Carolinian's success in improving his potato crop:

It seems that down in North Carolina there is a very enterprising truck-grower, who paid a visit last year to the Bahama Islands. While there he took a great fancy to the sweet potato grown in that country, and he determined to make an experiment with the same vegetable on his North Carolina farm. The Bahama product brings exceptionally high prices on northern markets, the vegetable being considered quite a luxury among the well-to-do.

On the return of the North Carolinian to his plantation he made the experiments above referred to. He succeeded quite beyond his most sanguine hopes. The vegetables grew and flourished, really exceeding in flavor and quality the West Indian goods. This gentleman is sending large quantities now all over the country, and while he is practicing no deception at all, it is said that he does not go out of the way to tell buyers that the potatoes were grown in North Carolina instead of the Bahamas. The potatoes have appeared on the local market and were pronounced equal, if not superior, to the far-southern product.

The article in question goes on to say the department of agriculture is making experiments with many new vegetables that might, if introduced, prove valuable, especially to our southern states.

A great many parts of the world are being drawn upon for species of food plants that may be experimented with here. Mexico is especially productive in this respect, and Europe is being looked upon for plants that may be domesticated here and help to swell the trucker's profits from his industry.

Hon. W. W. Kitchin, congressman from the fifth district, sees in Judge Parker the suitable man for the next presidential nomination at the hands of the Democratic party.

Judge Parker is not running a boom, but prominent men are constantly joining his ranks. The chief justice does not owe his present exalted position to a skillful manipulation of politics; he is no peanut politician. His ability alone has raised him to his position, and his ability would produce in him the president that is needed to make the principles of democracy effective in national life.

It is to be hoped that there is no demand from any quarter for the exhibition of the negro murder, Broadnax, at the carnival in Reidsville. The mere suggestion of such morbidity is loathsome; and indicates a disease that we hope North Carolinians are free from.

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HINTS FOR FARMERS

Use and Abuse of Lime.

Lime is seldom abused by overuse, but in most cases too much is expected of it. It is not plant food in the true sense, but it acts powerfully in converting unavailable plant food into such forms that plants can assimilate it. Its principal use is to correct the physical condition of soils, loosening clayey soils and compacting light, sandy soils. If a soil is acid through the decay of excessive organic matter lime will sweeten it and also destroy the green mass so common in old pasture fields or in neglected lawns. Lime is generally used freely at first, as it has all the effect of abundant manuring or fertilizing. Organic matter is quickly broken up and nitrogen as well as potash and phosphate liberated in soluble form. Even the insoluble soil silicates are more or less broken up, yielding plant food in small amounts. The result on its face is that lime appears to be in truth a fertilizer, but sooner or later these stores of plant food are exhausted, and lime no longer gives results. This is properly the abuse of lime.

Lime also acts to prevent the formation of surface crusts, so common where intensive fertilization is necessary in order to procure heavy crops of early vegetables or where large crops of any kind are grown. It should be used at the rate of forty bushels of slacked lime per acre every fourth year. On very heavy, clayey soils use lime whenever the soil shows a tendency to form surface clods. On no account neglect using fertilizer because lime is used.—Fruit Grower's Journal.

Useless Tricks For Farmers.

To try to farm without a judicious application of manure to your lands. To buy what you do not need because it is cheap—or nice.

To plant more acres than you can properly take care of in the way of cultivation because you wish to have a "big" crop.

To expect to grow crop without due attention being given to their cultivation.

To expect to grow crops from poor seed.

To expect to have good farm stock without feeding and giving attention.

To leave your farm tools exposed to the weather.

To lounge about the village store or post office when the weeds are growing in your crop.

To talk of what your farming operations will be next year while you are doing nothing this year.

To plant fruit trees and then allow the cattle to destroy them.

To leave your neighbors' gates open and then expect yours to be shut all ways. You thus teach a bad lesson by your own example.

To be surrounded by mud when you can easily have good paths about your premises.—Southern Planter.

Fighting Pests.

It is reported that the striped cucumber beetle was one of the causes of damage to the Oklahoma melon crop last summer. In localities where such was the case early preparations should be made for disposing of this insect during this season.

In addition to the preventive measures of cleaning up rubbish and a thorough cultivation of the melon ground, the use of bordeaux mixture as a repellent and squash as a trap corn are among the most promising of the remedies recommended by those who have successfully dealt with this insect.

Squashes are planted about four days before the melons. One or more rows of squashes should be planted, according to the size of the field. Some of the trap plants may be dusted with paris green when the beetles gather on them. Others should be left to attract the beetles through the summer.

It seems that spraying the young melon vines with bordeaux mixture not only repels the cucumber beetle, but also poisons some of the insects which feed on the sprayed leaves.—Oklahoma Station Press Bulletin.

Manurial Value of Corn Stover.

According to the best analysis at hand, a ton of corn stover without any ears will be worth for the plant food it contains at the market price for these things \$4.50 per ton. Of course this is estimating at the value of the nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash it contains, but it does not properly show its agricultural value since the organic matter must go through the process of decay to render what plant food it has available to plants; hence it is hardly fair to give the full value of the ingredients—that is, we would not put corn stover at \$4.50 per ton merely for its manurial value. If in good feeding condition one might afford to pay more, knowing that he can recover a large part of the manurial value in the droppings of the animals fed upon the stover.—Practical Farmer.

To Sharpen a Hoe.

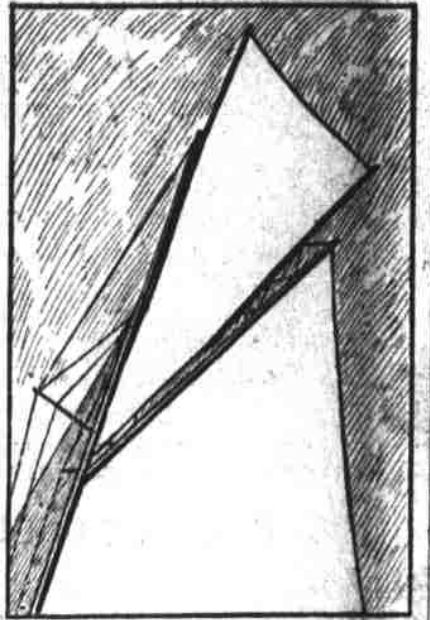
In sharpening a hoe the filing should all be done on the inside of the blade, thus leaving it perfectly flat on the lower side where it first strikes. If filed on the outside of the blade or filed on both sides and made wedge shaped the hoe will have a tendency to bounce or push out of the ground at each stroke. This will be particularly noticeable in hard ground or on striking a clod. Don't spoil a good hoe by filing on the other edge because it is handier. By the way, a good, sharp hoe will save a good deal of muscle in the course of a day, particularly if it is kept bright so it will "scour." The same principle of sharpening applies to spades or shovels. File them on the inside so as to leave a flat cutting edge on the back.

The SPORTING WORLD

Shamrock III. Has a Big Club Topsail
When the new Lipton cup challenger, Shamrock III, appears on this side of the Atlantic she will carry a gigantic club topsail that is the wonder of British experts. Designer Fife is confident that the big sail will be a splendid aid to the Shamrock III. in her quest for the world's yachting supremacy.

The new challenger carries more than 14,000 square feet of canvas.

Captain Bob Wringe is the man who will sail Shamrock III. against Reliance in August, and the British people



GIANT CLUB TOPSAIL OF SHAMROCK III. are sure that he will succeed in capturing the America's cup for Sir Thomas Lipton.

Wringe is a seaman of wide experience, having worked his way up from before the mast. He lives in Brightonsea, England, the native town of Captain Sycamore, and there is talk of nominating him for mayor if he captures the cup.

Plans Big Fistic Carnival.

If all the plans of James R. Murphy, who is looking after the interests of the Broadway Athletic club of Butte, Mont., go through, the mining town will have the biggest fistic carnival in its history. Matchmaker Murphy has been negotiating with all his talent for some time, and he is of the opinion that he can secure all the men he wishes.

It is proposed to match Terry McGovern against Aurelia Herrera, the Mexican; Joe Gans against Jimmy Britt for the light weight title, Bob Fitzsimmons against Jack Root, Rube Ferns against Joe Walcott and George Gardner against Jack McCormick of Philadelphia.

Murphy hopes to be able to arrange all bouts so that they can be held during the latter part of June.

Corbett Hopes to Beat Jeff.

James J. Corbett is now in San Francisco with his wife and "Yank" Kennedy. The latter will aid the former champion to get into condition for his mill with Jeffries, which will come off in Frisco in August.

"I am glad the time is drawing near for the battle," said Corbett, "for I have been anxious for a return match with Jeffries ever since he defeated me at Coney Island, New York. I am confident that I can turn the tables on him in our next go. I have been training in a mild way for almost a year, and I believe I am stronger and better physically than at any other time."

Intercollegiate Shooting.

The intercollegiate shoot between teams of five men each, representing Harvard, Yale, Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania, recently held in Philadelphia was won by Harvard with a total score of 200 out of a possible 250. Princeton was second, with 197; Pennsylvania third, with 173, and Yale last, with a total of 172. Each man shot at fifty targets.

For the individual honor Dupont of Harvard and Stutesman of Princeton tied at 44 out of 50.

International Polo.

Chairman H. L. Herbert of the Polo association has stated that there is a possibility of two English teams playing here this season. Messrs. Buckmaster, Freake, Rawlinson and one of the Nickals brothers are understood to have the project under consideration, and now, according to a letter from Mr. Hazard of the Pickaway Hunting club, who is in England, still another team is likely to come.

Princeton and Lafayette.

Manager Lawson of the Princeton Football association has announced that the Tigers will play Lafayette next November. This will be the first game between the colleges since 1901, when Princeton scored only 6 points against Lafayette.

Bill Gleason.

Bill Gleason is free to sign with the Phillies provided the New York National club, to which he was assigned, does not raise an objection. When Bill was released by the Detroit club, every other American club was warned to keep hands off.

Trotting at Poughkeepsie.

The Hudson River Driving Park association of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., has arranged to hold a large meet Aug. 4, 5, 6 and 7. Large cash prizes have been offered in the different trotting and pacing classes.

A Miner Pitcher.

Mordecai Brown, the St. Louis twirler, who recently let the Chicagoans down with one hit, is a coal miner by occupation. How nicely he, Bill Phillips and Jack Strvetz could sing "Down in a Coal Mine!"

JINGLES AND JESTS.

"When a Maiden Weds."
When a maiden weds,
All her friends look pleasant,
Wink and nod their heads,
When a maiden weds,
Everybody sheds
Cash to make a present,
When a maiden weds,
All her friends look pleasant.
—Life.

Information.

Bobby—Papa, what are the natural elements?
Papa—Fire, water and air, my son.
"And what's the political elements?"
"Fire water and gas, my son."—Chicago American.

Professional Opinion.

Softleigh—I say, doctah, do you—
—believe that liquor really affects a man's brain?
Physician—Yes, if he has any; otherwise it affects his legs.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Maiden and the Smudge.

There was a fair maiden named Rudge
Whose lily white cheek bore a smudge;
She gave it a smear,
And it spread to her ear.
And the sorely vexed maiden cried,
"Fudge!"
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Experienced.

First Trout—These fishermen don't seem to be able to catch you with their bait.
Second Trout—No, indeed! I'm old enough to read between the lines.—Puck.

No Way of Knowing.

"Do you know that your husband is a terrible flirt?"
"How do you expect I could find it out? You don't suppose he flirts with me, do you?"—Chicago Record-Herald.

Same Old Game.

A stranger one day cashed a cheque
On a city bank that was a wreck;
This newfangled gold bribe
Made him so hopelessly sique
That he hanged himself by the neck.
—Chicago News.

Chauffeur Versus Duelist.

Ottinger—There goes Count Nodough, the famous duelist.
Henriques—Did he ever kill any one?
Ottinger—Not until recently, when he became a chauffeur.—Judge.

The Exception.

"Do you really think I'm different from other girls, George?"
"Why, yes—that is, of course, with the exception of your twin sister."—New York Evening Journal.

The Same Old Game.

There once was a sporty young Mr.
Who said to a girl when he Kr.
"Won't you please be my wife?"
She said: "Not on your life!
The most I can be is your Sr."
—New York Times.

Her Title to It.

Nell—Is she a society woman?
Belle—Yes, indeed. She belongs to no less than eighteen societies for the suppression of as many things.—Philadelphia Record.

Locating the Responsibility.

This earth it is a pleasant place,
With changing joys throughout the year.
Most of the troubles which we trace
Are caused by people dwelling here.
—Washington Star.

The Reason Why.

"I wonder why Jane is willing to marry that stupid young Sappington?"
"You seem to have forgotten that Jane is twenty-nine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

All the Other Way.

Why should we call the women "dear"
Nor speak of men that way?
Each man has got his price, we hear,
Yet brides are given away.
—Philadelphia Press.

More Useful.

Sharpe—Every one seems to be working tramp jokes these days.
Wealton—H'm! Wonder some one don't work the tramps.—Chicago News.

The "Prolific" Author.

I love to take my pen in hand
On any theme in sight;
The less that I can understand
The more I like to write.
—Washington Star.

What Kept Them Apart.

Belle—He thinks I'm pretty, does he?
Lena—Yes. He says it is the regret of his life that you have no money.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Proper Supplies.

The ice-man now lays in supplies
Of paper from the mills
In quantities of massive size
On which to write his bills.
—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Real Reason.

Van Quix—Do you enjoy modern grand opera?
B. Sharpe—No; I'm musical.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Penalty of Ease.

The lazy man may have his wish,
But for success atones,
He misses many a dainty fish
Because he fears the bones.
—Boston Herald.

The Difference.

Customer—See here; this watch doesn't run half the time.
Jeweler—Well, your account does.—San Francisco Examiner.

Trustful Diagnosis.

This trust and that trust—
None of them will trust me;
That trust and this trust—
All of them will bust me.
—Chicago Tribune.

Saddest Part of It.

Lottie—What big feet Maud has!
Tottie—That isn't so bad. But she doesn't care who sees them!—Detroit Free Press.

Light Ahead.

Light is shining on the hills;
Fair 'twill be tomorrow,
Little way to happiness,
Fare you well my service!
—Atlanta Constitution.

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Does she act tired? Look thin?
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