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Speed the Plough.

Of all the sciences and professions

there is perhaps none of greater impor-

tance in a new country than that of

agriculture. Agriculture is properly a

science, although it is not always con-

ducted upon scientific principles. In

that progress which the highly favore

able conditions presented would lead

one to expect. Comparatively few have

been found willing to devote themselves

to it, and of those who have fewer still

appear to have succeeded in the higher

sense of the word. Thus one constantly

meets the complaint that "farming does

not pay." Does not pay? There must

be something radically wrong when such a statement is made in a fertile.

highly favored land like this. One

reason for this anomalous condition may

be found in the fact that of those who

have chosen this, the most certain road

to independence, a large percentage is composed of persons who have suddenly

become agriculturists-who are totally

unacquainted with the rudiments of the

science. Now, it is obvious that such persons labor under great disadvantage

for some time at least. It would be a great absurdity for a young man who had spent some few years of his life in

training for a boot-maker, suddenly

taking to surveying, with the hope of im-

mediate success. No less absurd would

it be to find men springing from all the trades under beaven, flushed with a little

wealth, or imbued with a desire to try

their fortunes at farming, suddenly

plunging into the abyss of agriculture,

and all meet with immediate success.

Far be it from us to discourage persons

wholly unacquainted with the science of agriculture turning their attention to

it in this country ; for it is our firm con-

viction that a careful and industrious

person, possessed of an average stock

of pluck and plod will more surely make

his way to comfor able independence

in this pursuit than in any other. Such

agriculture is a science, and that very

many of those who have engaged in it in

this Colony are not scientific persons,

focts form excellent arguments in fa-

Clubs, Agricultural Societies, annual

Exhibitions, Ploughing-matches, &c.,

the tendency of all which is to afford

inexperienced persons opportunities for

improvement. Such associations and

tion. How much more necessary must

especially those upon this Island, sadly

neglect that rotation of crops, by which

alone the best of soil can maintain its

vizor and productiveness. In not a

cannot be neglected with impunity. An

outraged soil will be revenged. Then,

again, there exists great negligence with

regard to seed. To sow imperfect seed

is a practice pearly allied to madness

that "like produces like," so strikingly

illustrated among the watering-troughs

effectual remedy for all these faults is to

be attained through the means we have

already suggested—that of drawing the

farmers together, at least once a

year, in friendly rivalry, to be

failure, as the case may be. A very

successful agricultural exhibition has

in future. It affords us very great satis

faction to observe that the Saanich

farmers have, in the most spirited and

practical way, inaugurated ploughing.

matches. The prizes are much too light,

it is true; but we are not without

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diary Fires.

LONIST .- In your paper ter enoumerating half-aises, churches or barns dorsed as incendiary by veral juries which were "all these fires were parently by the same

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X. Y. Z. ne Insurance Compan-should consult together atter. Incendiary fires ningly frequent of late, is the guilty parties are

OLONIST | will be played to day te Eleven and the Vic-. The wickets will

few dollars for that purpose, will step forward and render the prize list more connection with next year's exhibition; & Co., came off at the noble example set by the Sanich farmers and hold local ploughing-matches : ducted upon scientific principles. In soon to see the Society in a position to this Colony agriculture has not made offer a good prize for the best managed farm, as a means of promoting proper attention to farming in all its details. Indeed, it might be highly proper for the Government to place a distinct sum annually at the dispusal of the Society for this purpose. It is earnestly to be hoped that both government and people will take a deeper intere-t than they have hitherto done in promoting in every legitimate way the agricultural

Sunday Oct 17

Cricket Match.

The match between eleven of the Collegiate School and eleven of the Victoria Junior Club came off yes erday and resulted in an easy victory for the Victorians, who scored in one innings more than the Collegiates got made by Fry:

prosperity of the country.

VICTORIA JUNIOR CLUB, 1st INNINGS. COLLEGIATE SCHOOL.

1st innings. Nichols, b Nagle.... Faher, b Price..... 6 Nicholls, b Deacy.... Leigh, b Nagle..... Fell b Pr ce..... 6 leigh ot Nagle...... 2 Fell, not out...... Byes..... Leg byes..... Leg byes..... Total......37

persons must not, however, make haste to get rich at farming, or they are al-most certain to fail. We have said that Harvest Thanksgiving proved to be one of and hence the cases of failure, and the frequent cry that "it won't pay." These those glorious autumnal days forming a porvor of the establishment of Farmer's they be in a new country like this, where many of our agriculturists are complete novices in the art, and where even the most experienced are met by new condi-tions of clin ate and soil? We are led to believe that many of our farmers, lunch. The tables were erected on the barn floor and upwards of a hundred persons sat down. After lunch several local church matters were brought before the meeting by the Archdeacon and it was voted that the Offretory for the day [\$23] as well as that of last year [still in hand] should be devoted to obtaining a suitable font. It was also few instances, we are told, this good old rule is totally neglected. Our farmers may rest assured that this rule resolved that steps should be taken at once to clear up the churchyard and lay it out in burial lots, and a subscription to this effect was opened on the spot and some portion of the amount necessary was promised. As soon as this business was concluded, and while some were, wandering about the grounds in quiet enjoyment, and others engaged or felly. More cannot be had from a thing than it lossesses; and it we sow had seed, or seed deficient in the true seminal in athletic. sports, the tables were quickly and quietly removed and the unexpected and attractive sounds of music brought all together again, to enter into and thoroughly qualities, we ought, in the very nature o enjoy a homely and honest country dance of things, to expect a crop defective upon the barn floor. Four years have elapseither in quality, quantity, or both. The ed since these annual celebrations were first celebrated axiom in cattle-breeding, inaugurated, each succeeding year with increasing numbers and a greater manifestation of kindly and fraternal feeling. During this period the young of the setlement have of Padan-aram, and fully established by quickly developed from childhood to matuall subsequent experience, may, no rity, and it appeared a subject of agreeable doubt, be equally depended upon in the surprise to many to discover in their midst vegetable creation. Slovenliness in many fair and blooming young faceswearers of which was already able to take his tillage is another serious fault which, we fear, prevails to an alarming extent. their part in the battle of life. The setting sun warned all to separate for their distant By neglecting rotation of crops and a homes, a summons obeyed with much relucthorough and systematic tillage, many a tance. Before separating a vote of thanks farmer is overtaken by a crop of perto the Archdeacon and Mrs Reece was pronicious weeds which it will occupy half posed by Mr Skinner in an appropriate his time to keep under, or which will speech and was vociferously responded to drive him away altogether. The most

with prolonged cheering. THE work of denuding Ogden Point of its timber goes on rapidly and never a hand of those who say the public are the owners witnesses of each other's success or the and the Government is paid to conserve the public right to it and all that i contains. If the land be the property of private individuals who legally acquired it under just been held; and we venture to ex-nect smooth sailing in that department, the deeds be issued and the holders encouraged to improve it. As the matter stands now, the land is being rapidly cleared of a valuable and beautiful grove of forest trees for private use and gain, and in the end-provided possession of the tract be regained by the Government—the value of the property will be greatly depreciated. A good letter from "Druid" on this subject appears in this issue.

Kingscote, who was accidentally shot while A Goul appetite, A Vigorous Pigestion, and A Healthy Liver.

A Healthy Liver.

The pre-emptious and Indian reserves at Burrard Inlet have been surveyed and marked out.

Try them! Try them! the city who appreciate the importance appears in this issue.

forward and render the prize list more befitting the importance of the occasion. We hope to see a ploughing-match in connection with next year's exhibition: but it would be well if, in addition to ranges were 300, 600 and 800 yards. The that, each district should follow the best shooting was by Private Hargreaves, who scored 45. Col. Sergt. Peele and Band the sale—that she is destruct to prove who scored 45. Col. Sergt. Peele and Band the sale—that she is destruct to prove the portant part in naval operations on the Pacific Coast of Mexico—will be found to be as these would form valuable apxiliaries to the general or colonial one. We hope soon to see the Society in a position to made 16, leading the next best, Band Sergt, Soar, 4 points. The day was murky and not at all favorable for the exercise. Fol-lowing is the score:

7 SHOTS AT . YDS. 800 Lieut Roscoe..... 13 Hongreaves.....
Homfray.....
Good......
Wolfenden....

FROM COMOR, NANAIMO AND COWICHAN .-Somerville preached on Salt Spring Island on the Mr. Grant Duff, Under Secretary for Kokesailah, where the settlers have organ- India, recently referred to a question of ized as a branch of the Presbyterian Church, the first importance to many other At the John Bull Hotel the apple trees were colonies as well as India; "Forests," he in blossom. At the Messre Pimbury's farm says, "are always looked upon as inexextensive drainage operations have been completed. This land, which was formerly a swamp, is now a beautiful farm covered ed. with various grains grasses, fall wheat turnips If any one will only take a walk in and potatoes; an extensive crobard has been the vicinity of Medana's Grove they planted out, and in the garden are to be found will see that Mr. Duff's opinion will the filbert, lilac, hawthore, tausy, resemany shortly be realized, unless prompt action sage and other old English plants. A bear is taken without delay by those who was recently held at W lliams farm for the erection of a large barn, which was comwith Cowichan produce. The settlement is a scene of steady industry all the way from THE COWIGHAN HARVEST HOME—Octobe Chemainus to Harris' wharf, and the sale lers are thriving and in good hope.

INTERNATIONAL RIFLE MATCH .- It is stated that Lord Elcho, a Scotch noblemen, whose tion of that 'Indian summer' with which the unequalled climate of this Colony is singularly blest. At an early hour the settlers from the remote and outlying portions of the district began to gather round the Church and churchyard of Cowichan to effer paper, referring to the proposed match, sugments name stands prominently connected with head. Verdict of the jury-Died of hard by an especial act their thanks to Almighty gests that the test should be made in shoot-God for the blessing of the year in t e results log at live game instead of an iron target. of Harvest. The service commenced at and claims victory for the American riflecompetitions are recognized as easential to any considerable degree of success in the oldest countries, where agriculture has been brought to the highest state of perfection. How much more necessary must of grain, hops and evergreens with such we take to be highly probable, the best be of actisans, instead of an Asiatic horde of skill as to make even the plan and bemely in accordance with the recognized rales of field hands. Young Chinese fops in New York have at the target has had something to do with peckties and patent leathers, and our contemporary's assertion that, 'An international match, to prove anything, should commence at Hoboken and be floished in the Rocky Mountains." There can be little doubt that British tiflemen are far ahead of those of America, in so far as regular match shooting is concerned, and the latter could not do better than court a contest which could scarcely fail to result in much benefit to their country in premoting greater profis eiency in the use of the tifle. The chief impo tance of such a contest would, to our thinking, consist in the tendency of these international trials of ski i to bring about a better acquaintance, and conseque tly better feeling between two countries who should never strive with each other unless in friendly rivalry.

CHINESE IMMIGRATION. - Rev. Horatio Stebbens took occasion lately before the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce to let the people of California know what they have to ront on one of the most remarkable civilizastirred by the emotions of the common mind. The disorders in California are the fruits of a vulgar prejudice against the people who came here simply to make a living in the marts of the world. Humboldt foretold that, in the future ages of this planet, the centre of the world would be within five hundred miles of where we stand. Now. the populations of the East are not coming bere to make this the common centre; but the population of the Occident are coming here-and I charge you, all ve little-mioded, small-souled politicians-I charge you, stand out of the way of this immigration, or you is raised to prevent it. If the Colony owns are dead men. I cannot ell what you are. get up, all ye village moralists who think the Kingdom of God enhanced by breaking tobacco pipes."

FROM THE MAINLAND .- The steamer Enterprise returned from New Westminster at 8 o'clock last evening, with Hon Henry beneficial results as Dr. Wa ker's Veret ble Vinegar B.t. ters. Its purifying effects add tone to the stomach, and invigorate the whole system. New Westminster of the death of Mr A Kingscote, who was accidentally shot while

of promoting a more scientific system of agriculture, and who could well spare a sage to San Francisco. Capt Sutton, of ing particulars of this affair lately referred to owners and the particular service she is

> THE ALLEGED HIGHWAYMAN. - Henry Mentzer, who is charged with having robbed a man from Steilacoom of a gold watch, some weeks since, was brought be-for Mr. Pemberton yesterday and remanded or eight days. Mentzer was caught by officers Kennedy and McMillan shortly after Le landed from a canoe. Hard stories are told of Mentzer, and if one-balf of them are true he must be a tough character.

Destruction of Trees.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST. Time and again I have urged immediate action FROM COMOR, NANAIMO AND COMICBAN .— on the part of the authorities to stop The steamer Sir James Douglas arrived the wholesale felling of trees and sapfrom Combz, Nanaimo and other ports at 41/2 lings in the neighborhood of James' o'clock yesterday afternoon, bringing about Bay, but without avail. The forests 30 passengers and a large freight of young are being fast decimated by the axeman cattle, hogs, chickens and geese, besides a quantity of produce. Among the passen-by those it is presumed who have no gers were Rev Mr. Somerville, Mr A Mnorol legal or equitable title whatever so to Mr Sayward and Mrs Williams. The news in one innings more than the Conegliates got in both. Several of the young fellows showed much proficiency with the bat and ball. The highest score of the day [47] was expected to sail to-day for San Francisco. From Cowichan the news is quite interesting. | injury of the residents of Victoria, and es-Armstrong, who was arrested for shooting pecially to the residents of James' Bay, beat Boterell, has been released on bonds. The cause they are particularly exposed to gentlemen who went up for the exploration of Cowichan Lake have not yet returned. A and further that the pretty summer resurveying party have been encomped during the week on Munro's prairie. The Rev Mr

Miscellaneous Items.

Mrs Fred Douglas, Jr., is described as a beautiful brunette, whom nine persons out ten would prenounce a white woman.

A laborer in an ice-house down East was killed by a large lump of ice failing on his

A Detriet paper gives amongst its miscel laneous paragraphs a wood ent of an immense eye, with the explanation beneath: 'Portrait of Andrew Johnson, by himself,'

Table napkins made of paper are the

lines of a log building look pretty to the occasion. After service, all present were that a conviction that his countrymen would abandoned queues and silk frocks, and at-

It is mentioned as very creditable in the French Emperor that when he communicates with the Corps Legislatiff he addresses them as Messieurs, not men.

A French paper thinks that lovers sitting together on a hot summer evening may be bappy in the thought that their blood is commingled in the same mosquito.

It being hinted to a barrister who was weavying the court with a long and dull argument, that he ought to bring it to a close, he angrily replied. I will speak as long as I please! You have spoken longer than you please, already, replied his antagonist.

A New York clock company last week dispatched a Pacific reliroad car loaded with clocks through to San Francisco, whence they go by steamer to China. These are the first clocks ever sent across the continent.

Londow, or rather Sydenham, is about to take a lesson from Boston in the matter of a monster festival. On the 8th of September a expect if they continue to oppose the immigreat musical jubilee takes place at the Crysgration of the Chinese. He said: "We tal Palace under the auspices of the Tonic Salfa Committee. with a chorus of 8,000 voices in tions of the earth—the cradle of mankind, the Handel orchestra. The Anvil Chorus, That civilization has stood there cullen as firing of cannon, ringing of peals of bells and the pyramids-but now it begins to be and other features of the 'Hub-hubbub' iubilee will be imitated. It is thought that this will be the last attempt in England to imitate the Yankees. It is believed in England that 4,000 or 5,000 voices are about the limit of vocal force concentrable in one direction, and that to add more is to increase the coup d'œil perchance, but not the effect.

Holloway's Pills.—The changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most caution of their health and most particular in their dit. These corrective, purifying, and gente speriont Pills are the best remedy for all defective scrips of the digestive organs; they augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct olitousness and carry off all that is noxious, from the system. Holloway's Pils are composed of rare ball-ams, unmixed with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted for the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless me tione has gained fame in the past, so will it preserve in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and its incapability of doing harm.

That freshn'ss and beauty of complexion, so much to be desired, cannot be retained unless the female system is in a healthy condition and free from obstructions. For those die eases peculiar to the female sex, whether in young or old, married or single, at the dawn of womanhood, or the turn of life, no other remedy produces so beneficial results as Dr. Wa ker's Veyet ble Vinegar B.t.

Important Information!

THE LATE ELOPEMENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

On Sunday last an event occurred in this

city which has caused considerable commotion among the Jewish portion of our citizens. From all sources, through diligent inquiry, one of ours' has been enabled to gather the following particulars of the affair. It sppears that a well known Hebrew family have several grown children, one of which is a girl of about twenty-two years of age. Frances Mayer was a girl of many accomplished mente, and, to use the language of the nover list, as, 'beautiful as a pink.' She was witty, vivacious, full of life, and beloved by all who knew her. Many a young man would have given as much as Jacob did for Rachel could he have gained a smile from her : but so far as any one knew, she smiled for none, and her heart beating quicker at the spand of any footstep; therefore, the news that was wispered from mouth to ear on Sunday-that the fair Frances Mayer had mysteriously disappeared from home, leaving benind her a letter in which she announced that it would be useless to make search for her, as she des be useless to make search for her, as she desagged entering a convent—caused no little astonishment. It became the topic of conversation and everywhere one went he would hear people making surmises and conjectures upon the probable causes that led her to take such a step. After awhile another version of the affair was given to the gossiping public, and as impartial journalists we shall give it to our readers, permitting them to choose whichever version pleases them heat: choose whichever version pleases them best: The second version is that the young Jewess was acquainted with a young Christian—a young man who had been brought up to Catholicism. He loved her with all the arder of a first love and his love was reciprocated by the young lady, but her parents not only would not listen to anything of the kind but rejused to permit the young man to visit their house and still further strongly urged their daughter to give her hand in marriage to a man old enough to be her father, but who, by shrewd business speculations had grown to be a great meneybage. With her heart filled with the image of the young Catholic she had no room in it for the ugly features of old Two-per-cent, and she frequently declared that she would rather become the bride of death than of the old man whom her parents desired her to wed. But parents are not in the habit of believing their daughters when they ride high horses and make melo-drama-tic threats, consequently they did not believe her. Matters remained in state quo for some weeks until Sunday last, when a young girl was missing and a letter left for the parents informing them that as they had persistently refused to allow her to associate with young and congerial spirits, and were conseantly urging her to marry some one whose sole recommendation was that he possessed a plethorio bank account, she had determined to forsake her home and become a Christian. Yesterday the members of the police force were searching for the wherabouts of the girl, but up to nine o'clock had not succeeded in getting any clew to ber.

Reminiscence of Byron's Boon Companion, Captain Medwin.

The moral atmosphere in which Byron's entire life was spent was for the most part very far from pure. A few years ago the writer of this article, then living in a German university town, accidentally became acan hority for the Dear Duck' commencement of Lady Byron's letter at that time an old man, decrepit with age and enfeebled by disease and melancholy withal because of the recent death of an elderly lady with whom he had lived in those relations of Platonic intimacy hallowed by the matual attachment of Cowper and Mrs Unwin TA attachment of Cowper and Mrs. Unwin. TA essual acquaintance with this unhappy man was sufficient to dissipate the last vestige of that factuardy admiration which every boyahood conceives for the wild life led by Byron and his fellow rouse at Newstead. Captain Med win bad come of a good family—being a cousin of Shelley—was a fine scholar, having made the acquaintance of the classic wrights in their soil, and in his day had enjoyed so me reputation as a man of letters. But as I knew him he could have been only the wreek of what he had been once. His face bore of what he had been once. His face bore unmistakeable evidence of a mind ill at ease. He was crabbed fretul, misanthropic, and I fancied jealous of the well-carned reputation of the men who rule in the English realm of the men who rule in the English realm of terrers at the present time. He ridicated Tencyson and spoke disapprovingly of Bulwer; but complimented Longfellow and declared that be would rather have written Poe's Raven' than any other poem of the present century I know not whether he still sur-vives, but if he does not, death has done for him a more friendly office than was in the power of friend or relative; it has southed a spirit to which a life misspent had made rest impossible bere.

A Young MILLINER FALLS HEIR TO NINETEEN MILLION DOLLARS .- The Davenport, Iowa, Democrat says : A few years since an Englishman living in this country formed the acquaint nee of a young lady in the town of Fort Edwards, New York, by the name of Ellen Grey, a young woman who earned her daily bread by pursuing the vocation of a village milliner and dressmaker. Like many others, this acquaintance ripened into love. and subsequently they became engaged. His relatives resided in England, whither he repaired, and after a short time became the ortunate possessor of immense wealth by the death of a blood relation. Corresponding regularly with his fair betrothed living far across the bring sea, he expected to return at a certain day and make her his wife. He died about two years ince, before consume mating bis wishes, leaving his immensa wealth to the Fort Edwards milliner. The will was onested, but its validity was fully established, and certain messages bearing the seal of O.d England have been fransmitted through the English Consul to the young lady, informing her that there awaits her in one of the English banks a small patcel co tain g over \$19 000 000. As a proof of the correctness of the above, we are reliably informed that Miss Grey has laft for England, accompanied by the English Consul and other felends, to receive this soug little