

HEOJNED JOHANNESBURG.

EVENTFUL LIFE OF A PRATT OFFICER.

Died in the Workhouse at Gulliford — He Had Paid \$250 For the site of Johannesburg — Mr. Kruger Condemned it.

The Daily Graphic says:—There died at Gulliford last week a man of whom the following remarkable story is told:—His name was James Outerson Pratt, and it is said that about twenty-five years ago he purchased the site on which the town of Johannesburg now stands for the sum of £250. For several years before his death Pratt was an inmate of the infirmary of Gulliford Union Workhouse. He was born in 1834, and was the son of a barrister. Shortly after Pratt's birth his father succeeded to a large interest in some estates in Northumberland, and at the age of thirteen Pratt was sent to the East India Company's Naval College at Finchley. Later he went and saw fighting against Malay pirates. He was made a Lieutenant at 21. Owing to illness he obtained leave of absence, during which he served with Sir Robert Laikeman's letter in the Kaffir war in 1852-53, receiving a medal. When the Crimean war broke out he served with the Naval Brigade at Sebastopol, being severely wounded by the bursting of a shell. His left leg was shattered, and his left arm, collar-bone and three ribs were broken, the second finger of his right hand being also shot away, and a severe wound inflicted on his head. After careful nursing Pratt recovered sufficiently to proceed to India, where it is stated, he saw fighting during the Mutiny. For distinguished service with the Calcutta Naval Brigade, which got the name "Pratt's Own," he was rewarded, and after the quelling of the Mutiny he is said to have been appointed Resident Magistrate of one of the districts in the Bombay Presidency. He afterwards married a niece of Sir William Chaytor, Bart., and five years later sent his wife to England for the purpose of having their two daughters educated, but the ship they went by (the *Madeira*) was wrecked off Cape Coast, and all on board perished. Pratt was shortly afterwards invalided home, but as his condition was so critical he was landed at Cape Town, and for nearly two years he was practically insane. During that time someone reported him as dead to the authorities, and consequently when the East India Company's affairs were taken over by the Government his name was struck off the list of persons entitled to pensions. Notwithstanding frequent representations his claims were repudiated. Later on he started sheep farming at Rondebosch, and made coast surveys for the Cape Government. A geologist who was prospecting in the Transvaal advised Pratt to buy a piece of country near the Limpopo River, bounded by the Witwatersrand on one side. Johannesburg now stands on the site. It was nearly 18,000 acres in extent, and for it Pratt paid £250, and settled down as a farmer. When the Zulu war broke out he, with some volunteers, served under Lord Chelmsford. Later, in the Boer revolt of 1881, he raised 600 volunteers and joined the military force in Pretoria. When the Transvaal Republic was proclaimed Mr. Kruger offered Pratt service under the republic, but he declined, saying he had always been an Englishman and meant to die one. He refused to take the oath of allegiance, and his property was confiscated and he himself escorted across the border. When he returned to England he found his relatives dead, while the War and India Office authorities refused to recognize him, he being registered as dead for fifteen years. This shock to an old man brought on paralysis, from which he never recovered, and afterwards, his private means becoming exhausted, he was obliged to enter Gulliford Workhouse. Recently Pratt's case was brought to Mr. Chamberlain's notice, and the Colonial Secretary forwarded the papers connected with the case to the High Commissioner a few months ago, but Sir Alfred Milner's reply had not been received when Pratt died.

Persian Women at Home.

For his women folk's ease the well-to-do Persian has an eminent regard. He is an egotist worth talking about. The anderson, standing apart in the midst of the mud-walled enclosure, to all intents and purposes is in a separate house, and usually the most pretentious part of the whole homestead. In most cases it is built around four sides of a court, in which is manifest all that skilled gardeners, a highly enriched soil and an ideal climate can accomplish in the way of floral splendor.

One of these areas, into which I was privileged to look because at that hour it was known to be deserted by every living soul, was probably seventy-five yards long and more than half as broad. It was a difficult task of imagination to people it with the ladies of the household, for the home costume of the Persian woman is not such that an American, especially one of the male persuasion, may conceive of her strolling out into the rose-garden in it to take the air of an afternoon. It is made up usually of short skirts, one or more of them, reaching to the knees or thereabouts. Sometimes, for comfort's sake, bloomers are worn under these, or, it may be, pantaloons of the traditional pattern, enormously loose and coming to the ankles, where they are gathered tight. Officered, however, these encumbrances are dispensed with and the limbs are left untrammelled.—Harper's Bazar.

Peregrines in the House of Lords.

England is interested in the pretensions of certain English women, who are Peregrines in their own right, and believe that they can sit in the House of Lords if they choose and help govern the empire. It is centuries since a Peeress has done so, but there is to be a fancy-dress coronation in London next year, and London gossip says that certain of these self-styled Peeresses propose to go to it as members of the House of Lords, and have their trains borne by pages as the Peers do. It seems an exceedingly proper purpose, and ought to be applauded, not by woman suffragists alone, but by every one who likes a noble show fully ornamented.—Harper's Weekly.

A bill for the incorporation of Ridley, Tenn., has passed both Houses of the Tennessee Legislature. It contains the following paragraph:—"Thence north, 85 degrees east, to a black gum marked with a cross and with mistletoe in the top, and with a bluebird sitting on a limb, which tree is a short distance east of Ed. Johnson's horse lot." The News-Banner of Murfreesboro, Tenn., is a little concerned as to what will happen if the bluebird should become dissatisfied with his job as boundary post and betake himself to other climes.



Look Ahead, Girls.

If young girls would look ahead it would sometimes save them from serious collision with the men they marry. It is here that ignorance is almost a crime. The young husband cannot understand it when the wife changes to a peevish, nervous, querulous woman. And the young wife does not understand it herself. She only knows that she is very miserable.

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FIGHT IN CHINA

New Boxers Whipped Imperial Troops South of Pao Ting Fu.

New York, July 11. — A despatch from Peking says: The imperial troops Punder Gen. Lu Yen Ben have been defeated from the Allied Villagers' society at Atchichou, 40 miles southeast of Pao Ting Fu.

The magistrate of the district has arrived in Peking and asked Li Hung Chang to send 1,000 reinforcements from Loehien Fu, where there are 2,000 Shantung troops waiting the permission of the allies to come to Peking.

The French who stopped the troops at Loehien Fu, some weeks ago have now agreed they can enter the province of Chi Li.

Shanghai, July 11.—A new boxer movement is being started, according to Chinese intelligence from Sian Fu. Pu Chun, the heir apparent, with other members of Prince Tuan's family, has gone to join Prince Tuan on the borders of Mongolia, and there are strong indications that Prince Tuan is preparing to march against the foreigners with the tacit approval of the emperor dowager.

Peking, July 11. — Correspondence still continues between the American and German military authorities regarding the soldiers who were shot at the German legation over a month ago. Maj. E. B. Robertson, who is in command of the American legation guard, refuses to admit that the shot which hit the soldier was the same one fired by the American sentry. He asked permission to send his own doctor to examine the men. Gen. von Trotha has refused to allow this until the claim for damages is admitted.

INDOOR ACTIVITY.

They praise I sing, O, rainy days—A theme too oft the poets shirk; For in thy drizzle-draze hours Man hustles through a lot of work. The man who knows life seldom complains of its unfairness; it is the cold justice of life that he learns to dread.

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M. SUMMER PERKINS

Black-knot is a fungous disease affecting the plum, cherry and kindred tree fruits. The Damson among plums and the Morello class among cherries are the most susceptible.

SUMMER TREATMENT. Beginning with the growing season the knots develop rapidly. They should be cut off as soon as seen and burned at once. The badly infected branches should be cut off below points of infection and burned, not left under the tree, nor piled in heaps and left in the orchard.

WINTER TREATMENT. Affected trees that have been properly treated during the growing period will be free from knots, generally speaking. Should any remain after the leaves have fallen they should be cut off and burned, and badly affected branches also, not later than Feb. 15th, as the spores or seeds are then ripe. A large majority of young trees can be saved by judicious pruning and will ultimately become healthy; otherwise the trees will die and infect others in your neighbor's orchard.—Bulletin Ohio Experiment Station.

Dairy Data.

A writer in the Kansas Farmer, writing on "How to Increase Profits Dairy," sums up by giving nine ways in which it may be accomplished, as follows:

1. By being regular.
2. By kind and gentle treatment.
3. By more judicious feeding.
4. By preparing more comfortable housing.
5. By supplying plenty of pure water as near as possible of right temperature.
6. By growing on the farm the most milk-producing foods.
7. By having cows that will drop good calves.
8. By weeding out the poor cows.
9. By keeping best heifer calves and raising them on dairy feeds.

Handing Alfalfa Milk.

Butter made from milk of alfalfa-fed cows is liable to have a peculiar flavor unless special care is taken in the handling of the cream. It is customary to separate a very heavy cream and to hasten the ripening process by exciting or covering undesirable flavors. The cream tests about 40 per cent. fat, and the use of homemade or commercial starters is not uncommon. In one creamy the cream is stirred continually for five hours after it is put into a vat. No doubt this serves to aerate it and partially removes undesirable flavors. The cream is churned when from twenty to twenty-four hours old and the butter is immediately prepared for market.—Prof. Pearson in Dairy Bulletin 28.

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