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Agricultural Societies.

In all countries where any degree of the grand object of the people's desire. Metals, minerals, and other natural productions, no matter how profusely lavished, or no matter how valuable, will not suffice to feed the hungry and clothe the naked; nor will they suffice to produce that degree of healthy contentment, independence and happiness, which is almost invariably found among and clothing from others, and who raise sufficient of these from their own lands. In most countries claiming to culture has largely engaged the atten- cheerful and liberal. tion of the wise and great, and has enjoya ed the patronage of Royalty and nobility. Nor is this remarkable. If it be of Agriculture Journal contains the followtrue-and who will dispute the fact?-as ing respecting the weather and wheat har-Sully has remarked, that "Agriculture vest in England :- "The wheat harvests in may be said to be one of the breasts from the north and east are certainly not first which every State draws its nourish- rate. From North Yorkshire we learn that ment," -- how necessary must it be for there is a thin and defective plant on the the offspring to see that the supply of heavy soils, and in the West Riding the crop nourishment is rich and perpetual. That cannot be an average. In North Lincolathe occupation of husbandry is as con- shire the wheats are reported lo promise less ducive to individual happiness as it is then an average; and in South Lincolnshire essential to collective wellbeing, we need not stop to demonstrate.

The Farmer is a happy man, He raises all he needs, Sir, The foremost stands of all the van, All occupations leads, Sir.

It will be equally unnecessary to dwell upon the fact now so generally admitted, although long denied, that British Columbia presents, in climate, soil and market, peculiar advantages and inducements for engaging in sgricultural pur- than an average wheat crop, even with the suits. Probably in no other country is there such an opportunity to make money in this particular avenue of industry. The science of Agriculture has, we regret to be compelled to say, been most lamentably neglected in this Colony; and when we consider the extreme tertility of many extensive tracts of land, both on this island and on the mainland, it appears almost like a sinful neglect of the bounties which turn them to the best advantage. Doubtless the land system and the scarcity of labour of all kinds have contributed much to check the disposition to engage more largely in the business of farming. Yet it must be themselves to an amployment at once the most independent, respectable, and lucrative. But we have already devoted to general remarks too much of the space intended for the speciality in. dicated by the heading of this article. The utility of Agricultural Societies has become a fundamental article in the human creed. Look we to England. merry old England, and a perfect network of Agricultural association presents itself. What makes England "merry"? Her Yeomanry.

"A bold Peasantry, their country's pride, When once destroyed can never be supplied." But England, Ireland and Scotland can and we venture to think, will be made merrier still by a material reform in the laws regulating primogeniture and entail. A cot in fee simple for every family will soon be the great war-cry of the Reform party. If Agricultural Societies are necessary and beneficial in old countries, how much more in new. It is in will not finish harvesting until about the young colonies like this, where the agri- 20th inst. cultural interest is in the bud, where the farmers are few and scattered, that such organizations are peculiarly needed. More than one of these Societies exists Francisco, in ballast, and bound for Moody in this Colony; crudely it is true, but & Co.'s Mill, to load with lumber, arrived still they exist. It is with the Victoria on Friday night. The Windward reports Agricultural Society that we are more ten ships bound up and five down in the immediately concerned. That Society Straits. has for several years dragged out a sort of quasi-existence. This absence of vitality must be in great part attributed to the lukewarmness of the public. The evidences of returning vitality given by the Exhibition held here last year, were of hopeful import. Exhibitions are the Metchosin. life of such Societies. Of the incalcus lable benefits to be derived from these Exhibitions, where farmers, stock-raisers, fruit-growers, and market-gardeners are brought together in the most friendly dal party were slightly under the influence. rivalry, to be witnesses of each other's The bridegroom was very shy, and kept in success or failure, as the case may be, it the background and the 'best man' putting is impossible to speak too highly, and bimself forward, appeared to the curate to be their great importance is so universally the 'happy man.' The curate called upon in a position of peculiar responsibility, the 'happy man.' The curate called upon in a position of peculiar responsibility.

The founders of a dynasty, the archiacknowledged that it will need no help sponses, and strange to say he complied with tects, so to speak, of a mighty empire, of ours to prop it up. But there is a bis request, the result being that in a few mopopular fallacy common to most coms ments to his surprise, he was married. After believe our own by no means exempt, tage where an animated discussion took place part, must greatly depend the prosperwhich we may be permitted to point out. as to who had the best right to possess the ity of a nation and happiness of uncious feeling that this whole matter bee cence of all guile. longs to that class called Farmers, and that all others have little or no concern with it. We have just been showing that Agriculture is an affair in which

fellow-colonists, and we will show you a man who has no concern in this matter. Viewed from the highest standpoint of national and Christian duty, no man can claim exemption. Viewed prize list. To this list it is the dutybute liberally, according to his or her means. The gentlemen who have con-

Sunday August 8 THE last number of the London Chamber and the Great Fen Level the crop may be an average, but will certainly be late. In Cambridgeshire wheat looks tolerably well; the same is true of Norfolk and Suffolk, and in Essex the crop is good upon heavy land, but on the light lands poor. In the southern counties the wheat is earing three weeks later than last year, and it is reported doubtful if a full average can be attained. And the midland counties do not promise more best of weather. As far as probabilities strike us now, we anticipate a rather late harvest-that is, three weeks or a month later than last year-and a yield of wheat and barley somewhat below an average; an

average, however, being possible if should have a settled, sunny July."

We learn from the Pall Mall Gazette that the present uniform and clothing of the soldiers in the British Army is to undergo at knowledge. Some wags procured a sodaonce some alterations. The present tight water bottle, smoked the outside to render Providence has placed within our reach tunic will gradually fall into disuse, being, it perfectly opaque, and half filling it with that so few attempts have been made to according to orders to be published, seserved water, sallied forth upon Government street in for Queen's parades and purely special occa- quest of victims. The party holding the bottle sions. A loose, blouse-like, or "Norfolk" coat is to be issued to the troops, which will sert his thumb in the neck of the bettle, so as to be worn on all duties, fatigues, and parades prevent the escape of the water, and pretend usually comprised in the soldier's routine of to take an observation of the eclipse, expres- kard to teach you all pluck in life as the duty. A band running on the inside of the sing meanwhile his admiration of what he first incentive to business; and I hope countable disinclination on the part of coat will draw it into figure, and add much professed to behold. Presently along came that he teaches you another word, which countable disinclination on the part of the great mass of the people to devote to its appearance. An improvement is also an anxious searcher after knowledge. Attraction is the greatest business word in the maid. 'Who was it rang?'

That's nothing to do with its description of the people to devote to be made in another article, the shirt, and by the odd spectacle of a man viewing world—I name it in its homeliness, and 'A blackguard,' replied Matthe About 20 specimens are to be at once issued to each regiment for trial and report. The material will be a mixture of cotton and wool in equal proportions, and in addition to the advantages of cheapness, lightness, and place: lessened roughness, the quality of not shrinking will be highly appreciated. The present great coat, which weighs as much as 4lbs. will be made much lighter, and it is also suggested that a waterproof cape might be advantageously added, to be used with or independently of the coat itself.

THE HARVEST .- Metchosin and Victoria Districts have harvested, and the yield is astonishingly large - far larger per acre than that of any previous year. Besides, harvest-time occurred this year just one month earlier than usual. Saarich District, where the land seems to retain moisture in the Spring much loager than land in districts that border on the salt water, was three weeks behind other districts in planting, and

FROM SAN FRANCISCO. - The ship Windward, Capt. Barrett, 24 days from San Straits.

ERBATUM. -In a notice of the school meeting at Esquimalt, we stated that an applica- utter consternation and demoralization he tion for the position of teacher had been re- found his eyes, nose, mouth and shirt-front ceived from Mrs Fisher at Esquimalt: The paragraph should have read, Mrs Fisher of laughter from those who had watched, with a

A singular incident took place not long since, in a village church near Belfast. A young couple presented themselves to be married. On arriving at the church the bris munities, one from which we are led to the ceremony the parties adjourned to a cot-We allude to the half-defined, half-con bride. The 'best man' declared his inne- born millions. It were well for the

In Paris, "low shoes" are coming in religious responsibilities resting upon fashion for ladies, of the same color as the them, and act in all things more in the stocking, and the stocking the same color light of these responsibilities, than it is as the dress; also, the ladies are universally to be feared they often do. the State is most deeply concerned: as the dress; also, the large "sailor collars."

Show us the man who can truly say that The Great Solar Eclipse—Laughable Scenes.

At precisely five minutes past one o'clock yesterday afternoon, began the eclipse of the sun. The appearance of the phenomenon was heralded at five minutes before one by s from the lowest ground of self interest, of mere "shop," in fact, everyone is comprised within the folds of personal ed by a change in the temperature of the atcivilization prevails Agriculture must be obligation to do his part in helping for mosphere which, for some hours, had been ward the existing Society, and render- oppressively warm. The upper rim of the ing eminently successful the approaching sun first gave evidence of the approach of Exhibition. It must be remembered the visitor, which gradually but surely enthat such an Exhibition cannot be made croached until at 14 minutes past 2, when successful without a liberal and varied the eclipse reached the period of its greatest obscuration and covered three-fourths of the it is the interest-of every man, woman face of Phoebus. A pale, sickly, unnatural and child in this community to contricupied by the moon in its journey across the sented to discharge the onerous, and too disc of the sun until it finally passed off, was people who are independent of supplies often thankless task of Managing Com. 135 minutes. The progress of the phenomittee, merit the warmest thanks of the menon was watched by eager hundreds who public, and whenever an appeal is made armed with telescopes, or bits of smoked or for that material support without which colored glass, gathered on the sidewalks, or lands. In most countries claiming to beneficial results are impossible, let us on the housetops to stare Phoebus out of rank as civilized, the science of Agri-hope that the response will be both countenance. Mr. Homfray erected a fine theodolite and two powerful telescopes in Trounce Altey, by means of which a very good view of the eclipse was obtained. Some amusing incidents occurred while the eclipse was "on." An old gentleman, looking through one of Homfray's instruments. declared that he "couldn't see a thing." "Perhaps," suggested a bystander, "it ain't set right." "Oh, yes it is," replied the old fellow, quickly, "but the focus is dirty !"

One of the telescopes-a very large onerested on a stand or frame. An enthusiastic Teuton, of a scientific turn of mind, happened along and asked the privilege of a peep. It was granted, and as he buried his eyes in the telescope a waggish fellow allowed the lash of a long whip to fall across the object-glass of the telescope. The German gentleman stared for a few seconds through the telescope, then jerked away his head with an exclamation of surprise, looked around and again resorted to the glass, "Mein Cott in himmel," exclaimed he, "its a gomet !" "A what ?" asked a friend. "A gomet-a ding mit a dail." The poor fellow had observed the whiplash between the telescope and the sun and his excited imagination easily converted it into the tail of a

A very amusing "sell" was perpetrated upon several anxious searchers after planetary would approach the edge of the sidewalk, inan eclipse through a soda-water bottle, the searcher paused to watch the proceeding when something like the following colleguy took

Party with the bottle, (soliloquizing)-This s. indeed, a fine h'instrument. Beat's 'Omfray's tellerscope all to blazes.

Do you mean to say you can see anything through that 'ere sodywater bottle? Party holding the bottle .- In course

does. The effect is perfectly magic. The rays of the sun is consecrated into one grand focus, and the moon in its obfusticated etate is as heasily observable as with the naked beye-Searcher after knowledge -That's a werry the political student. It has always want,' simple hiostrument. It's a vonder the scientific minds of the hage has'nt thought of it

Party holding the bottle. - It has double adwantage, has this bottle. It clears the wision while it surprises the mind. Searcher after knowledge .- May I be ha

lowed to look? Party holding the bottle.-Certingly, Sir certingly," and lowering the 'hinstrument' and withdrawing his finger from the neck, the operator handed it over to the victim. who grasped the bottle, planted his foot firmly, and raising the instrument to his eye, proceeded to take an observation, when to his deluged with water, while the screams of keen interest, the proceeding, added to his confusion.

Editorial Notes. Bell BHT

Few persons look much farther than their nose in the matter of political duty. The people of this Colony are placed upon the manner in which those now inhabiting British America act their people of British Columbia to think more of the high political, moral, and likely to increase much more rapidly

lizing idea of the consequences to this care to predict; but identity of interest, Colony, and especially to this part of it, habits, pursuits, and feelings is such of the sudden uprising of large interests on Puget Sound? Whenever the terminus States knocking at the door of the of the railway shall have been decided and Dominion. made public there vill be a rush to the spot; millions will be invested in real estate : abundance of money will be put in circulation; houses will go up; labor, skilled and unskilled, will be in demand, and all this bustle and progress will increase with the construction of the railway itself. Once the road is completed tion; but that can only be momentary. this, especially if the free port be inauway is established. Without it we shall be-knocked higher than a kite.

It is to be feared that but few really enjoy a pratical apprehension of the principle. To receive is a very blessed thing. How delightful to be in regular and assured receipt of an ample income; and oh I how delightful to enjoy all the comforts, luxuries and pleasures which wealth places within one's reach! But how few, comparatively speaking, really know the true blessedness of "giving," in comparison with which that of receiving is, in fact, "earthly, sensual, devilish"! "I am rich enough," said Pope to Swift, "and can afford to give away a hundred pounds a year. I would not crawl upon the earth without doing the coiffeur had not called. good. I will enjoy the pleasure of what ment if a wanting friend were above novel.

cannot do better than commend to our readers words spoken by Henry Ward Beecher the other week in addressing the students of a business college in New York: "I do not believe a business man who says that he has asked for employment and cannot get it. I know many out of employment, but they are drones, they are not men of the world. A business man may lack a good many things, but he will get on if he has pluck. (Applause)/ There that had been. is no business man who has not got pluck, and it is the business of Mr. Pacbe made in another article, the shirt. ed by the odd spectacle of a man viewing world—I name it in its homeliness, and it is an old Saxon word—it is called plod. [Great applause]. 'Oh,' says somebody, 'he is only a plodder.' Only a plodder! Ah! there never was a man-the most brilliant genius in the world, who did not owe much to this the sharp reply.

'What did he want?' continued the maid.

What did he want?' Spre I'll he after It is very well for genius to consecrate Searcher after knowledge, (incredulously.) and light the path of life, but it must telling ye, as ye're so curious for it's meself be pluck and plod that carries a man over the paths of life. I would have

> The history of the neighboring Rebeen our impression that the world was that humanity had not vet arrived at the maid. that condition of goodness which would admit of Republicanism being fairly and successfully worked out. The marvellous success which has hitherto marked the experiment on the more northerly portion of this continent would almost said Charlton, ready to die with laughing.
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> sppear to knock over such a theory.
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> Some persons think, however, that Republicanism, as developed south of the forty ninth parallel of latitude, has yet to die hare well, to undergo its severest test. Without Charlon. pronouncing an opinion on that point, we think we can discern premonition of approaching trial, the result of which we would rather believe to be an improvement in, than an overthrow of, the political fabric. It appears that the people of the Eastern States are begin- So I gave him a push, and shut the door in ning to experience alarm, on account of his face; and, be dad, I'm thinking he'il the preponderance which the Western piver come here again to die. States are gradually acquiring in the National Councils, through their increasing wealth and rising numbers; and it is suggested, as a remedy, or equipoise, to increase the representation by carving several new States out of the present New England ones. It is suggested that Maine could furnish material for three new States, each as large—thanks to Lord Ashburton's stupidity-as the State of Connecticut. while Massachusetts, herself could be divided in o two, the new one taking rank and name as Western Massachusetts. This Western preponderance is under the influence of the great Rail, way system, and there is little doubt that a solution to the difficulty will have to be found within the next five years

Have our people anything like a rea- | What that solution will be we do not that it would not in the least surprise us to see more than one of the Eastern

An Irish Footman.

Lady H- was one of the most amiable. good creatures that ever existed; yet Lady - did not acknowledge that she was no longer a young woman. She had arrived at that ticklish age for ladies, forty-two, when her complexion was no longer fresh as at there will, of course, be the usual reac- twenty-five, and her hair suddenly began to show grey tinte. She did not like these With a free port we would profit by all signs of precocious old age. To remedy the first, there were a thousand ways, but it gurated before the terminus of the rail- took her some time to reflect how to hide the second. At length she determined to have it dyed, very properly considering that a wig, or even false hair, is always detestable. So she sent for Mr Donegan, a well-known It will be remembered, it ought to hait dyer; and after learning that the process be remembered, how, while upon earth, itself only lasted half an hour, and that the following moment her locks would shine in our Saviour said, upon one occasion, "It all the resplendency of polished black jet, she determined as she was engaged that evening to Hertford House, to make her appearance there in all the glory of renovated youth. She accordingly bid Mr Donegan to come at eleven at night, when his entrance, his exit, and above all, his business, was least likely to be known or observed.

The evening came; the dyer of hair was anxiously expected by Lady H--. Her toilet completed, her ladyship began to watch with some anxiety the dial of her dressing room clock. But all in vain. Eleva en struck, half-past eleven came and no Mr

'Run down, Charlton, ' said Lady Hto her maid, 'run down, and ask Matthew

if the hair-dresser has not yet been?' The appeal was made to Matthew Riley, the Irish footman, who stoutly averred that 'It is very odd,' said her ladyship, when

give by giving it alive, and seeing Charlton returned, 'for I heard the bell ring another enjoy it. When I die I should twice. But never mind he cannot be long, be ashamed to leave enough for a monu. she sold; and she resumed reading a favorite

The bell sounded again, but without result; and poor Lady H-- began to fear she If there are any two elements neces- Regent for that evening. The patience of a should lose the pleasure of meeting the Prince sary to human success—and they are lady has always a conclusion; so when the essential elements—wanting in this ring was repeated, she turned round and des sired her maid to run down, as she felt as-Colony they are the two commonly sured that no one but her hair-dresser could known as "pluck" and "plod." We possibly call at so late an hour. Charlton went, and found Matthew in a towering paseion:

'Is that the hair-dresser?' she asked. No. it's not,' replied Matthew, and he turned angrily away.

Who was it at the door?' continued Charl-'Don't bother,' said he. 'The dirty blackguard l' And the footman turned away, muttering.

Charlton returned to her mistress, who being anything but satisfied with the answer, again sent her down to know who it was Matthew looked very angry when the

query was put to him, and began murmuring something to himself about 'the rascal,' and kicking,' and 'beating,' and all sorts of illtempered threats.

'That's nothing to do with it,' said the

'Who?' said Charlton. 'An impudent blackguard,' said the foots man. 'Be dad if I had him in Ireland, I'd

ache him better !' 'Who was it?' demanded Charlton again;

'Want, is it? Want? Sure I'll be after

asked him the question,' replied Matthew. Well, said Charlton, 'go on.' these words inscribed over the walls, time o' night, my fine lad?'—'I'll tell your the pluck of life, the plod of life."

"Well, says I, what do you want at the time o' night, my fine lad?'—'I'll tell your missus,' said he. 'Divil a bit,' says I, 'till ye've tould me first.' 'My business is with the lady,' says he .- It will keep warm till public affords an interesting subject for inch you'll ges in till I know what you 'Can you keep a secret ?' says he .-'Can a duck swim?' says I. Upon that he came close to me, and says he-but arrah, not ready for Republican institutions, you won't belave me.'-'Indeed I will.' said

hare.' 'Die hare l' says he, 'I come to die And where would you wish to die?' says I .- 'In your missus's room,' says he. So with that I slam'd the door in his face." 'Indeed ! then you have done wrong,

pert as may be, 'Tell your missus I'm come to die hare.' Well, and what did you say?' asked

What didl say!' exclaimed Matthew; sure I said what every honest boy would. 'And what was that?' she asked.

"Be jabers,' said I, 'ye're a big black. guard, and an ugly Christian ; and you'll not die hare. Go somewhere else and die, you The mistake was so ludicrous that even

Lady H- laughed at it, although deprived for that night of a pleasant royal rout. THE BEST REMEDY

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