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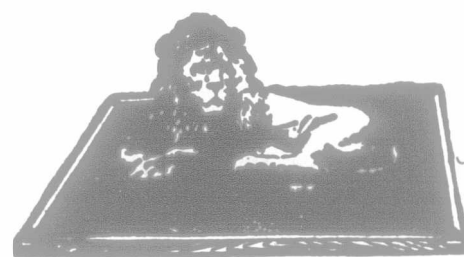
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Gossip

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION IN GERMANY.

Among the distinguished delegates to the semi-centenary of the Michigan Agricultural College were Dr. Steinbrück of the University of Halle, Germany, and Nikola Kaumanns, whose business card describes him as the "Imperial German agricultural attaché to the United States," with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, Chicago. To a representative of the press, who interviewed him, Prof. Kaumanns said:

"While Germany really is a pioneer in agricultural science, her advance in that line is not to be compared with that of America. There are several reasons for this. One is that our farmers—and our people generally—are more conservative, and they hesitate before accepting new ideas.

"Another reason is found in the fact that the German Government has not been generous in the distribution of funds for the purpose of advancing agriculture on a scientific basis. This is where the American agricultural colleges and experiment stations have a great advantage over similar institutions in Germany. They are provided with funds for the distribution of free literature among the farmers, and receive plenty of money to carry on the work. In this regard Germany has been handicapped; yet we have made great progress, and the outlook for the future is very encouraging. We have an agricultural college in every state, and they, with the experiment stations, are doing a grand work."

At the Royal Jersey Society's show at St. Heliers, May 14th, seventy-one cows competed in the one-day test. The first prize and the English Jersey Society's gold medal were won by Mr. E. Godel's Bermuda, whose yield 160 days after calving was 38 lbs. 12 ozs. milk, and 2 lbs. 6 ozs. butter; ratio pounds of milk to pounds of butter, 16.31. The silver medal cow, 261 days after calving, gave 33 lbs. 4 ozs. milk, and 2 lbs. 5½ ozs. of butter; ratio, 14.8.

The well-printed and illustrated pamphlet recently issued by the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association, containing the minutes of the annual and directors' meeting of the Association for 1906-7, should be secured by every farmer interested in the breed. It contains, besides the minutes of meetings, the scale of points for judging Ayrshires, and the rules and regulations for the Record of Performance, and is liberally illustrated with portraits of notable prize winners at principal Canadian shows. Parties desiring copies should write the secretary, Mr. W. F. Stephen, Huntingdon, Que.

A correspondent having written to the *Scottish Farmer* that he believed a mistake was made by the man who reported the case of a ewe having lambed twins on the 7th of April and a single lamb on the 13th of same month, another shepherd writes that he knew a case, that came under his own observation, in which a ewe dropped a second lamb thirteen days after she had given birth to a single lamb, both of which lived and did well, the first lamb being put on another ewe when the second came, and the latter nursed by the mother.

"I'm the luckiest man in town!" declared the real estate man. "I bought a \$10,000 piece of property this morning for just half price." "I know just how you feel!" said the pretty girl. "I bought two yards of 60-cent ribbon this morning for 30 cents."—*Detroit Free Press.*

"Well sir," thundered the judge, "why didn't you speak to her, may I ask?"

"Simply," replied the husband, "because I didn't want to interrupt her."

A GOOD ANGUS SALE.

One of the most successful sales of Aberdeen-Angus cattle in America in recent years was that of C. J. Martin, at Adasa, Iowa, on May 28th, when 52 head sold for an average of \$270, the highest price, \$2,010, being paid for the five-year-old cow, Blackbird 26th, by Blackbird Monarch of Emerson, purchased by Donohoe Bros., of Leahy, Holbrook, Iowa. The highest price for a bull was \$1,500 for the six-months-old Black Defender, by Prince Ito 2nd, purchased by W. A. McHenry, Denison, Iowa.

A writer in the *Horse World* refers to a discussion over the query, "Has a grey or white horse ever been produced that did not have at least one grey or white parent," and says there was once a reward offered for evidence of such a case, no one taking advantage of the offer; but in looking through the Shetland Pony Studbook he had discovered two such cases, one sired by a black, and the other by a sorrell stallion. The rule referred to may apply, with very few exceptions, to the lighter breeds of horses, but in the case of Shires and Clydesdales we fancy the studbooks, especially the earlier volumes, would reveal not a few cases in which it has not held good.

"If I were President I would never appoint a bald-headed man on a diplomatic mission.

"Why not?"

"Why not, stupid? How could a bald-headed man split hairs?"—*Baltimore American.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

PAYING FOR COWS

1. Please inform me if the exemption law holds good in the case of a man residing on his homestead for the first year or only to one who has secured his patent.

2. I purchased cows value \$175.00 from a neighbor, and paid \$50.00 cash down, giving a note for the balance (\$125.00). The note fell due, and I was unable to meet it. Can he claim cattle, or enter a judgment against them, their progeny, or products? There is no lien or chattel mortgage attached to the transaction. Please state what he can do, and how far the law protects me. I have a copy of the exemption law, so do not need recapitulation.

W. W. H.

Ans.—1. Under the Executions Act the land upon which the judgment debtor or his family actually resides or which he cultivates either wholly or in part or which he actually uses for grazing or other purposes to the extent of 160 acres, is exempt and free from seizure under all writs of execution issued by any court in this province. A homesteader has no right to his land, which may be seized under execution until the patent has issued to him, the land being wholly the property of the Crown until the patent issues.

2. If cattle have been purchased outright and no lien note or chattel mortgage given for their price, the judgment debtor is entitled to exemptions to the extent of three horses, mules or oxen and six cows, etc., and providing that he has not more than six cows including calves and heifers or more than three oxen including steers, these cattle cannot be taken under a writ of execution. The seller therefore cannot claim the stock unless you own more than the law exempts. Your homestead is the Crown's until you get your patent and afterwards is exempt from debt. The seller may at some time endeavor to recover when you have more property than the law exempts from seizure.

JOINT ILL.

Colt, ten days old, took joint ill. My veterinarian treated it. It broke and discharged matter. The swelling has disappeared, but it is still lame, and the opening still discharging.

D. K.

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