GREAT FUTURE OF AFRICA

CAN A BRITISH MAJORITY BE SECURED BY IMMIGRATION?

Tendency of the Rural Population to Go to the Cities Where No More People Are Needed—Horses and Oxen For Military Transportation.

[Special Correspondence.]

CAPE TOWN, April 27.—While all the world is watching the South African war the people of South Africa find time to speculate about what is to come after. Rhodes and his party want the republics annihilated and the land and people attached to Great Britain as goods and chattels. The opposing party want freedom and equal rights for all, believing that the Boers and British would assimilate or that British immigration would soon place that nationality in the majority. If there is

LUXURY AT THE FRONT.

any immigration, it must be agricultural, for the mining companies want no more expensive workmen, preferring Kaffirs, who expect no great amount of wages and are willing to trade out what little may be coming to them in company stores.

Those who hold the theory of agriculturist immigration from Great Britain after the war should not lose sight of the fact that in South Africa, as elsewhere, there is a tendency to leave the country for the city. In the Transvaal, although it is said the uitlander financial houses own nine-tenths of the land, they have never yet succeeded in inducing any large number of settlers to take up farms. In Rhodesia, where there is no Dutch government to be reckoned with, although the country has been a British possession for ten years and has been connected for two years with the markets of Kimberley, Mafeking and Bulawayo by rail, there is only a handful of farming settlers, and they are mainly Dutch. In Natal, where also there is no Anglo-Dutch question, the small agricultural settler, unless he be an Indian, is rarely seen. In the Free State, where the government was admirable—far the best in South Africa—the climate is magnificent and most of the land is already held. In this colony the government used to give assisted passages to emigrants from Great Britain, but the agricultural settler never came.

Another circumstance which will retard the development of agricultural South Africa will be the lack of beasts of burden. Practically all the horses have been absorbed by the war, and oxen are being taken for military transportation. Oxen are less expensive than mules. They are slow, but sure, never doing more than three miles an hour, or 20 miles a day, which is considered a good trek. The Zulu ox is the best bred animal, but small and unserviceable when compared with the bastard Zulu or Natal ox, which thrives on both the "sour" veldt or coast grass and the "sweet" or up country veldt. Oxen, however, require very careful handling and must on no account be overdriven. They must have at least six hours a day for grazing purposes.

A team of 18 oxen will easily draw a buck wagon (weighing a little over a ton) loaded to 6,000 pounds over the South African roads, many of which are little better than tracks across the veldt. Twenty miles a day for a heavy baggage column in such a country as South Africa is really good going.

One of the great merits of the ox wagon is the simplicity of its harness. The two beasts nearest the wagon draw from a pole on which the yoke is fastened, and the couples in front are attached to a wire or hide rope known as the trek touw, to which the yokes are fastened by reims or thongs of hide. Any breakage or deficiency in such tackle can easily be made good, as it is free from the complexities of a set of harness.

It is always a pleasure to record deeds of heroism. When the British entered the Free State capital, Major Hunter-Weston, with ten men, passed through the Boer lines and succeeded in cutting the telegraph wires and also in blowing up the railway to the north of the town.

From Bethulie Bridge, in the north of Cape Colony, come particulars of another gallant deed by a young officer, Lieutenant Popham of the Sherwood Foresters. In the hailstorm of Boer missiles he cut the wires the enemy had laid to the mines planned to destroy the bridge. Advancing through the trenches, he noticed some boxes of dynamite ready for use, picked his way back to his regiment, collected a few men and with them again crept across the bridge, 1,486 feet, a quarter of a mile, long, and under a brisk fire took the explosive back to the camp.

This feat of reckless gallantry performed in the full glare of a South African day was emulated at night by Captain Grant, an engineer officer, who traversed the bridge in spite of the Boer guards and removed the dynamite charges from the mine borings which the enemy had so carefully prepared. CECIL HOYT.

TAKING THE REINS.

Five of the 12 horses named in the $20,000 stallion stake are owned in New England.

Orrin Hickok is now at Patchen Wilkes farm, Lexington, Ky., at work on a few good ones which he is preparing for the grand circuit campaign.

Steve Phillips, who drove Sleepy Tom, 2:12, when the blind pacer was a grand circuit sensation, has been nominated for sheriff of Fayette county, O.

Should Alta Belle and Monbels come up to expectations this year Beautiful Bells will lead all brood mares, with 11 standard performers to her credit.

Prince of India, 2:13½, by Baron Wilkes, is in Charley Lyon's stable at Louisville and is said to be much faster than he has ever shown before.

Lucie May, 2:22½, by Oakland Baron, winner of the pacing division in the Kentucky Futurity last year at Lexington, Ky., is being trained at the trot this year. She is in James L. Dodge's stable at Paris, Ky.

The 5-year-old stallion Director Feek, by Director, dam Mambrino Maid, 2:15½, by Mambrino Startle, has been added to W. L. Snow's stable. He is owned by the veteran A. J. Feek of Syracuse and is said to be an unusually promising horse.

Malden, in the string of Phil Dwyer, will do to watch, as he ran a cracking good race in the Bouquet Stakes. He was interfered with at least four times while coming down the hill, and he will win shortly at a good price.

After an absence of over a year from the saddle Jockey Charley Ballard has been signed to ride for the Canadian turfman William Hendrie for this season. Ballard is now training hard and has reduced his weight to 110 pounds and expects to ride much lighter.

CURTAIN RAISERS.

Minnie Palmer is playing in London in her old success, "My Sweetheart."

Mrs. Felix Morris is to go on the vaudeville stage as a monologist.

Augustus Thomas was at one time a ticket seller in the Olympic theater, St. Louis.

Denman Thompson and George W. Ryer have written a play called "The New Minister."

James J. Jeffries will take the part of an Arizona sheriff in the new play Clay M. Greene is writing for him.

Charles H. Hoyt has a new play well in hand for next season. The title is to be "A Bunch of Blue Ribbon."

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt and M. Coquelin, it is announced, will make a tour of the United States to last six months.

Sir Arthur Sullivan's new opera, "The Rose of Persia," is to be produced in New York by the original London company.

Mme. Patti has for some time held the record for the highest sum that has been earned in a year by a woman, her highest total for the 12 months being $350,000.

Elita Proctor Otis, now playing the leading role in "Woman and Wine," is considering an offer to star in David Belasco's "Zaza" in Australia next season.

The first role of any length Della Fox assumed was Editha in Augustus Thomas' "Editha's Burglar," which was the first of Mr. Thomas' plays produced. This was in 1884.

MEN OF MARK.

Senator Perkins of California still recalls his sailor days by tying his loose neckties in a half sailor's knot.

In times of peace gardening is the favorite diversion of President Kruger. Last year his collection of phlox in the garden of his home in Pretoria was famed for its beauty.

Lord Kelvin, the physicist, has been made honorary colonel of the volunteer corps of electrical engineers organized recently for service in South Africa. He will not go to the front.

N. C. D. Hodges, librarian of the scientific library at Harvard university, has been elected librarian of the Public library of Cincinnati to succeed A. W. Whelpley, the librarian, who recently died.

Governor Crane of Massachusetts was the subject of conversation in the lobby of a Boston hotel the other day. "Crane," said one man, "isn't such a bad fellow." "You bet he isn't," remarked another. "Crane is a bird."

Alexander R. Shepherd, formerly of Washington, who has sunk a fortune in the Batopilas silver mines in Mexico, is about to realize a handsome return on his investment, according to The Engineering and Mining Journal.

Henry A. Bingham of Philadelphia, who is now serving his eleventh consecutive term in the house, affects the white vest fad and can be seen at any and almost all times wearing a daintily embroidered waistcoat of that immaculate hue.

Governor Lew Powers of Maine has straight black hair and high cheek bones. He looks as if there were Indian blood in his veins, but as a matter of fact he is a Maine Yankee of pure strain. Governor Powers is one of the best story tellers in the country.

Senator Culberson is the eldest son of David B. Culberson, for 22 years a member of the house of representatives from Texas. In 1890 he was elected attorney general of Texas. He served four years, then was elected governor and held that office two terms.

General H. V. Boynton has accepted an invitation to attend the annual Fourth of July celebration at Guilford battlefield, Guilford Courthouse, N. C., and to deliver the address on the occasion. General Joseph Wheeler has also been invited and is expected to attend.

The son of William Waldorf Astor, who lives in England, is 19 and will get the bulk of his father's fortune. At the present time it is estimated that that fortune is $200,000,000. John Jacob Astor of New York, while not so rich as his brother, has over $75,000,000, most of which will go to his 9-year-old son, a bright youngster.

Because Oliver Wendell Holmes in a poem written over 20 years ago referred to the first marshal of the class of 1900 at Harvard as the "young mustachioed marshal" the Harvard seniors now want W. A. M. Burden, their first class marshal, to let his mustache grow in time for the class day procession. Mr. Burden has as yet kept a clean upper lip.

THE ROYAL BOX.

The Duke of Connaught is today, next to the queen, the most popular member of the royal family. His popularity among the soldiers is only equaled by that of Lord Roberts.

Queen Victoria appears to have passed through the excitement and grief caused by the early reverses of the South African war in excellent shape. She is now reported in good health.

Archduchess Stephanie of Austria, now the Countess Lonyay, and the Empress Frederick of Germany are the only royal patronesses of yacht clubs. The former is the head of the Egylt Balaton Fured, while the dowager empress is the august chief of the Nordentscher Regatta Verein.

Queen Wilhelmina has an appetite that would do credit to any peasant in her domain, and no dainty things find favor with her. She will have roast beef, mutton and fillet of beef and rump steak as her regular diet and at her feasts on great occasions also if she can have her own way.

TOWN TOPICS.

Boston has an Omar Khayyam club. Has Boston gone back on Browning?—Washington Post.

Chicago is looking for a public school superintendent who is as wise as a serpent and with no more politics than a dove.—Minneapolis Journal.

Philadelphia has made up her mind to spend $12,000,000 in filtering her water supply. Chicago spent $20,000,000 to give St. Louis something to filter.—St. Louis Star.

Chicago is boasting of the establishment of several new lines of "autobuses." Dear, dear! No wonder the fastidious Mr. Andrews refuses to live in the place any longer.—Indianapolis Journal.

Kansas City's pluck and enterprise have now made it certain that, as per original announcement, that undaunted town will be the scene of the gathering of the Democratic national convention of 1900.—St. Louis Republic.

GENERAL DIRECTORY.

SOCIETIES, ETC.

TITUSVILLE BOARD OF TRADE—M. S. Jones, president; J. M. Dixon, treasurer; J. G. Bast, secretary. Meets second Wednesday night in each month at their rooms.

F. & A. M.—Indian River lodge, No. 90, holds its meetings the second and fourth Friday evenings of each month at the court house. A. A. Stewart, W. M.; F. A. Morgan, Sec'y.

CHURCHES.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. B. F. Brown, Rector. Services second and fourth Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00 a. m.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Rev. John A. Hughes, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Preaching 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. You are invited to come.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Preaching at Titusville second Sunday in each month, morning and evening Prayer meetings every Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock. Sunday school every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. Indianola on the fourth Sunday; LaGrange on the first Sunday. E. N. BELL, Pastor

METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. J. E. Mickler, Pastor. Services first, and third Sundays in each month at 11 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.; Sunday school each Sunday at 10 a. m.; Epworth league every Sunday at 3:30 p. m.; Prayer meeting every Thursday at 7:30 p. m.; Ladies' Aid society meets each Wednesday at 3:00 p. m. Everybody welcome.

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TOWN OFFICERS.—A. D. Penney, mayor; M. S. Jones Jr., marshal and tax collector; C. S. Schuyler, clerk and treasurer; John Henry, assessor; D. L. Gaulden, F. A. Losley, J. M. Dixon, W. R. Knox, Jno. R. Walker, councilmen. The council meets first Tuesday in each month.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—J. R. Walker, Titusville, chairman; W. H. Sharpe, Sharpes; Jos. Mendel, LaGrange; Jno. Houston, Eau Gallie; J. N. Waller, Ankona. Regular sessions are held first Tuesday in each month.

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IMPERTINENT PERSONALS.

Mark Twain is in favor of perpetual copyright, but surely he can't expect to live that long.—New York Mail and Express.

Mrs. Howard Gould has established another of woman's rights—the right to be suited with her suit.—New York World.

Miss Goggin now knows that the reason she had received no proposals was because she had not advertised.—Chicago Record.

Dr. Harper of Chicago is about to go to Russia. The czar will do well to keep a firm grip on the imperial treasure.—Topeka State Journal.

Alfred Austin denies that the Irish are a poetic people. As a judge of what is poetry and who is poetic Alfred couldn't get on the board of award at a county fair.—Atlanta Journal.

Mr. William Showers has been nominated for public office in Oregon and instead of trying to snow the other fellow under will probably endeavor to drown him out.—Chicago Times-Herald.

It is to be feared that John Calvin would have poked the fire rather viciously under the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst if that gentleman had been so unfortunate as to live in Calvin's day.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FOUR BALLS.

Imposing fines on impudent players on the ballfield has begun early, but not too early to meet the impudence, apparently.—Boston Herald.

One thing can be said in favor of the St. Louis Baseball club—it usually manages to occupy first place at least once during the season.—St. Louis Republic.

It is to be hoped that the separation of Washington from the League will not create the impression among baseball enthusiasts elsewhere that the District of Columbia has been taken off the map.—Washington Star.

THE ICEMAN.

It is too bad that ice does not grow in summer, when it is most needed.—Ridgewood (N. J.) News.

Paradoxical as it may sound, the burning question of the hour in New York is ice.—New York World.

In Chicago ice must be weighed in the presence of the customer. But the iceman is not unhappy. He may use his own scales.—Kansas City Journal.

Notice.

All concerned take notice that six months after date I will, as administrator of the estate of Roswell A. Randall, late of Brevard county, Florida, deceased, present my final account as such administrator to the Honorable D. L. Gaulden, county judge of said county, and pray for my final discharge from such administration.

JOSEPH P. BROWN,
Sheriff and as ex-officio administrator.
This December 15th, A. D., 1899.