

Mark Twain has met the Boer, and he tells us that he is a deeply religious; profoundly ignorant; obstinate, bigoted, uncleanly in his habits; hospitable, honest in his dealings with the whites, a hard master to his black servants; lazy, a good shot, a good horseman, addicted to the chase; a lover of political independence, a good husband and father, not fond of herding together in towns, but liking the isolation and remoteness and solitude and empty vastness and silence of the veldt; a man of mighty appetite and not delicate about what he appeases it with—well satiated with pork and Indian corn and biltong, requiring only that the quantity shall not be stinted; willing to ride a long journey to take a hand in a rude all night dance interspersed with vigorous feeding and bawling and jollity, but ready to ride twice as far for a prayer meeting; proud of his Dutch and Huguenot origin and its military history; proud of

My observation has been that Americans in Capetown, and, in fact, all throughout South Africa, mainly favor the English. Without doubt this is partly due to the speech in common of the two peoples. It is partly due to a similarity of business interests. But it is largely due to the feeling of recent years at Dutch unpopularity. We here in America have so long been accused of throwing the door wide open to the English and confer the franchise upon the earliest practicable moment. When our people go to the Transvaal they are anxious to find two-thirds English and one-third Dutch. They are not satisfied and four-fifths of the population without representation. Most Americans go as I did, prepossessed in favor of the Boers. Most of the results have, become, to the surprise of the English, the reverse of their anticipations. This the Boers would not have been found. Those who expect a liberation of Dutch hospitality do not turn their backs upon their hosts. While it may be said for the Dutch in South Africa—they are not in South Africa—their admirable simplicity in industry and agriculture is a quality that must be owned that Americans are to the English more companionable, more to deal with in business, and more alert. The English are prone to be overbearing and over-called names (really serious oligarchies, in case an autocracy) have long been a staple. They dwell in the nineteenth century, and dream of the times they built against the former Boers. The Americans and English are peering over the brink of the twentieth century. It may be a precipice before them, and they may be riding to a fall, but they are riding. Which the better way is they do not know. I make my own little doubt about the matter an opinion—Colonel F. W. Robinson in Collier's Weekly.

By sticking closely to the true principle of co-operation, the farmers of western Kansas, Kan., during the past year, have accomplished a remarkable feat. They acquired nowhere else in the United States. Twenty-three years ago, a few farmers were imposed on by merchants, selected a committee to wait on the part of the then existing stores and to obtain a credit on a grain, to be repaid for each goods at 10 per cent more cost. The answer was something like this: "We buy our goods and will let our regular profit." After this committee reported, the few farmers organized a co-operative store, grain or farmers' store and \$800 was subscribed as stock. With this amount land was rented and a store was started, that is now the leading store in America of its kind.

At the close of the season, the store set to work to freeze it out by each one taking a certain article and selling at cost. For example, if one farmer would take sugar, another would take sugar, another would take goods, one hardware, one clothing, etc. The manager dropped into the store and found that the farmers' goods were actually necessary, and farmers came to buy, he would send to the parties who were selling a line like a cost. In fact, he would send a list of farmers go and buy from them to the store. The result and the object was obtained, kept the store in existence and bought out the other fellow at cost.

After a year or so the merchants were driven and dropped back to their old ways. The co-operative store continued through the county were to a rebate on all profits after all

A black and white illustration depicting four sailors in uniform operating a large, wheeled mechanical device, possibly a pump or engine, outdoors. One sailor is kneeling and adjusting a component, while the others stand around the device, looking on. The background shows a hazy landscape.

The sailor boys drag these small guns by hand. At the recent battles they continue to get them in position that were inaccessible to horse or mule artillery. These naval guns did great service at critical moments, at Belmont and Cross Keys.

"The higher the license the fewer the number of saloons." This is a common argument used by the advocates of high license, and one of the high license papers pointed the other day to the city of Chicago as an example of the effect of Arkansas by way of illustration. The population of Chicago, some 1,200,000, is about the same as that of the State of Arkansas. In the city of Chicago, the saloons are said to be 3,000, while in Arkansas there are but 800. "See the virtue of high license?" cry its advocates. In Chicago the license is but \$500, while in Arkansas it is \$2,000. But, alas! Under the latter law, the saloonkeeper must have a license for a saloonkeeper in Arkansas he has but one, one from the State, one from the county and one from the city or village. Another feature of the law is that a vote is had in every county every year on the license law, and the majority of the

license," then no license can be granted in that county by any power for the next two years. If any township or ward of a city votes no license then no license can be granted in that township or ward for two years, and that, too, if the balance of the county votes for license unanimously. Again, no matter how the county, town, village or city votes on the question, the county judges has the right, under the law, to refuse to grant licenses and need give no reason for it. Still, again, if a majority of the people, men and women over elgh-

A black and white photograph of an elderly man with a long white beard, wearing a dark, patterned jacket and trousers. He is holding a walking stick in his right hand and has a sash or strap across his chest. The image is framed by a thick black border.

The cable has killed General Joubert off several times lately but the latest report just to hand state that he is merely suffering from attack of dysentery. It is so severe, however, that the Boer leader has been compelled to relinquish command of the army and go to the hospital at Volksrust.

As soon as the other farm work will permit all of the implements should be gathered up and brought to the tool house and a thorough cleaning up be given and if necessary a good coat of paint be given.

A good coat of paint helps materially to preserve the wood, while to a very

An editor prints his paper to give his patrons the news of the day and for the money there is in it. He is presumed to know of what he writes, and he generally does. When he writes as he does in the Leader Courier, Osceola Mills, Pa., without fee or hope of reward, that "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy acts magically, and we have found none better in our household. If you have a cough, try it" it may be accepted as an honest expression, worthy of credence.

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