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THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT 15, 1904
RURAL FREE DELIVERY

There are a great many of our readers who are comfortably situated on their homestead claims that know from actual experience that it is a good thing to be the recipient of 160 acres of wild land from Uncle Sam, and they also know the convenience and saving of time to them by having their mail matter delivered to them each day at their homes by a paid messenger of the United States. To such no argument is necessary to prove that the homestead law is a good one, and that the Rural Free Delivery is a wise one, as viewed from either an economical or patriotic view point. The one government messenger does the work regularly, that was done irregularly by the many citizens in going to and from the post office, at a great saving of time in the aggregate, and because of the greatly increased benefits of the Postal Department to the citizen he used it more and the revenue of that Department is increased in a greater proportion than the work is augmented and as financial proposition Rural Free Delivery is a success.

There are now in operation 25,000 Rural Delivery routes that accommodate in their homes daily more than 12,500,000 people and in addition to these over 500,000 people, who live along the 240,000 miles of frontier postal routes commonly called Star routes have their mail delivered to them in boxes placed by the road side by the U. S. Stage drivers. Practically the United States is now delivering mail matter to more than 13,000,000 of people in the country at their farm homes Stock ranches and mines.

To Post Master General John Wanamaker under president Benjamin Harrison Republican from 1889 to 1892 is due the honor of making the first official suggestion for a free Rural Delivery. The Suggestion was received with such favor that the Republican Congress appropriated \$10,000 with which to begin iniatory experimental work which at first was directed to free delivery in small towns and villages. These experiments were so successful that at the close of Harrison's administration arrangements were being actively made to extend the services into the country among the farms.

But the Democracy in 1892 as they are now doing, raise a great hue and cry against Republican extravagance and Cleveland was elected president and assumed office March 4 1893. During Cleveland's Administration nothing was done to maintain or extend Rural Free Delivery for the reasons as stated by the Democratic Post Master General Bissell, in his annuals Report as follows:
 "Although it was provided by Congress in the appropriation bill for the fiscal years ending June 30 1894, that \$10,000 should be devoted at the discretion of the Postmaster General to testing the feasibility of establishing a system of free deliv-

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ry in rural districts, it has been found impossible by reason of more important questions, for the officers having that subject in charge to give the matter the study and consideration it demands, much less to establish such rural free delivery."

The Republicans when again in power under McKinley took up the work left off by Harrison and found plenty of time to attend to it and after less than ten years have so far succeeded that 25,000 routes are in operation and 12,300,000 people served with Rural Free Delivery. In conclusion the Observer recalls to our friends on homesteads that the Democracy fought the homestead law so long as in power, their last Democratic President James Buchanan vetoed a homestead bill and that the law that gave you your home was passed by a Republican Congress approved by Abraham Lincoln, the first Republican president. Also that Rural Free Delivery that gives you daily mail service at your home is the out come of Republican effort and law, spite of the opposition of Democracy.

In this connection the Observer challenges any Democrat to point out a single law of a Democratic Administration from the days of Jefferson to Cleveland that rendered it easier for any man to acquire a home in the west or to live more comfortable on that home. The Pre-emption law that opened the then, wide west, 1841, to homeseekers before men with money had the first chance at the public sale, was passed during a whig administration, The Donation Law that gave homes to the old pioneers in Oregon was passed Sept 27 1850 in a Whig Administration. The homestead law was passed May 20th 1862 by Republican Administration. The irrigation law is a Republican measure as is Rural Free Delivery.

Candidate Davis says agriculture is a man's natural vocation. But can he make \$40,000,000 at it?—Portland Journal.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.
 Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that Christian W. Murphy, has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of Thomas N. Murphy, deceased and the County Court of Union county Oregon has set Tuesday, the 6th day of September, A. D. 1904, at two o'clock P. M. for the hearing of such report.
 Christina W. Murphy, Administratrix.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION
 U. S. Land Office at La Grande, Oregon August 11, 1904.
 Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of Unsur lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, David C. Sogden, of Dexter ville, county of Wood, State of Wisconsin has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2160, for the purchase of the Sec. 3 W. 1/2, Sec. 3 W. 1/2 and lots 1 and 2 of section No. 2 in Township No. 5 North Range No. 35 E. W. M.
 And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 26th day of October, 1904.
 His names as witnesses: Ralph H. Tuttle, W. Henry Brown, of Dexter ville, Wisconsin; Leonard C. Ellis, of Perry, Oregon; and Edward Bean, of La Grande, Oregon.
 Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 26th day of October, 1904.
 K. W. Davis, Register.

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 And soap bubbles gambol'd to my childish joy.
 Ofttimes have I watched her when wearing her knuckles,
 As over the ridges our suds she would rub,
 I ne'er will forget how she lashed I and she altho'p
 The old-fashioned wash board that stood in the tub.
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 The old-fashioned washboard;
 The zinc-covered washboard;
 The back-breaking washboard that stood in the tub,
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 But give them to me, so I will have a hot dinner
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