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"I want it said of me by those who know me best that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow." Those are his words, and such a man was Abraham Lincoln—unschooled boy of the rude frontier, railsplitter, flatboatman, storekeeper, surveyor, lawyer, legislator, orator and debater, constructive statesman, president, martyr.

### THE CITY THAT "IS," NOT "WAS."

The good news comes from San Francisco that a late issue of municipal bonds have been marketed upon a four per cent basis, showing that the city which three years ago suffered a disaster so appalling that Will Irwin in writing of his boyhood home found it necessary to designate it as "the city that was," has established the financial measure of its rehabilitation. The San Francisco Call in commenting on the fact says:

"At a time when demands on capital are heavy at high rates of interest a market for four per cent bonds is especially gratifying and encouraging. There are plenty of gilt-edged securities on sale today that pay five per cent, and safe investments at six per cent are not uncommon. A city, therefore, which has a host of bidders clamoring for its bonds at much lower rates than those quoted may be regarded as financially sound.

"The moneyed men having looked over the ground and valued the remarkable results accomplished in restoration of a city ravaged by fire and almost completely laid in ruins, now say to San Francisco: 'Your credit is good, nay, even it stands among the highest.' The price paid for the bonds is eloquent testimony to the estimate of the city's future made by experts of the financial world, by men whose special business it is to take account of municipal stock in every part of the world.

"Half a dozen years ago the bids made for local municipal securities would have been matter of course, not calling for remark, but a great many things have happened in San Francisco since that period, and, although the confidence of our own people in the future of the city has never for a moment wavered, yet it is gratifying to be assured that the work we have done since the fire has justified that faith in the eyes of the outside world. It means that San Francisco is herself again and the whole world concedes the fact."

### AMBASSADOR BRYCE IS MUCH INTERESTED

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 1.—James Bryce, ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, has forwarded from Washington an invitation of the dry farming congress to the minister of agriculture of Canada in order that the dominion may be represented at the congress here February 25. The British ambassador, in a letter to Governor Brooks of Wyoming, says:

"I take this opportunity of expressing my own personal interest in the subject, which is very great. There has been hardly any development of modern science more remarkable and with greater promise than that of the dry farming system, and I hope your own grass may do much to further it."

### \$50,000 FOUND IN BED WHEN AGED VETERAN DIES

LEWISBURG, N. Y., Feb. 1.—More than \$50,000 in cash has been found in a mattress in the bed of James Miller, a civil war veteran, who died here Sunday. His two sons, James and Lawrence, will inherit the money. The old soldier, who died in his 76th year, had been a prisoner at Andersonville during the civil war and drew a government pension. He had been ill for 14 years and during all that time did not leave his room. His pension money, together with a large part of his life savings, he had placed carefully in the mattress.

### BRAZIL SENDS MAN TO DRY FARMING CONGRESS

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Feb. 1.—Século L. Bacia Neves, an eminent mining and civil engineer, will represent Brazil at the trans-Missouri dry farming congress held at Cheyenne, February 25, 26 and 27. He will address the congress on "The Necessity and Possible Use of Dry Farming in Brazil." M. A. Gaulton, the controller of the department of agriculture, will address the congress on the importance of proper selection of grain seeds for arid growth. P. M. Myers, who has been investigating soil conditions and soil and agricultural conditions in Mexico and Venezuela, will speak on dry farming in those countries.

### ASSURED TO OFFER WINE AT LINCOLN BANQUET

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 1.—Lillian M. Stevens will be most regrettable to see when she sits after breakfasting down at a banquet held in honor of the memory of Abraham Lincoln. Those who truly love her should be glad to be told all the circumstances. It would be inconceivably absurd to offer wine at a banquet held in his memory, especially in his home city, inasmuch as he refused either to drink intoxicants himself or to see them in substituting his friends.

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