

Are You Looking Ahead?

We wonder how many of our boys realize that land is going fast!—boys are brought to think in America land can never be scarce; that when they have played out at everything else they can somewhere get a piece of land for nothing and the next day be a prosperous farmer, and can with difficulty be made to see it. In 1865 there were but little over 81,000,000 acres under cultivation in the United States. Today the cultivated acres number 235,000,000 and these acres are not only our best, but they are fast going up in value beyond the reach of men of small means. Keen scented corporations sniffing the inevitable battle from afar are turning their attention to land, and greedily buying whole counties with no idea of ever letting an acre go, but the boy who thinks he is made for something higher looks calmly on thinking there will be plenty left for him should he ever have to stoop to it. The sons of half starved teachers, lawyers, traders, and others, who are unsuccessful in their over-crowded callings, are turning to our cheaper lands, sure to find there what they nor their parents have known never before truly independent homes.—Buffalo Reflex.

Big Sulphur Deposit Found

Aleutain Islands Possess Many Kinds of Minerals.

(Special Correspondence.)

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 23. The United States government has had a scientific expedition this past summer on the Aleutian group of islands and one result out of many valuable ones obtained has been the marking and identifying of one of the largest sulphur deposits in the world. These islands are all volcanic and on them exist free gold, platinum,

quartz, copper and sulphur. It is expected by many that the exploitation that will be given to these islands by the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which will be held at Seattle in 1909 and the amount of original information that will be collected and dispersed by it about the most westerly section of the world, will have the effect of sending thousands of settlers to the islands. Fisheries, ranching, mining, are all possible on both a large and small scale, and the best methods in each and all cases will be fully demonstrated by the exposition.

Commissioners at Work in Orient

(Special Correspondence.)

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 23. Judge Thos. H. Burke and M. I. Backus, commissioners to the Orient for the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, are now in Japan where they presented an official invitation to the Japanese government to participate in the 1909 fair. Messrs. Burke and Backus will visit all of the Oriental countries bordering on the Pacific to endeavor to get them to take part in the exposition. As one purpose of the exposition is to exploit the countries of the Pacific and increase the trade between them, it is expected that the commissioners will meet with success in every instance.

We are pleased to note that Richard Long who graduated in the class of 1905 has been appointed teacher in the public schools of Polk County, Oregon. Richard is an excellent young man and the AMERICAN wishes him success.

Mr. Westley, the school gardener, may consider himself the champion squash grower in this section of the county, as he brought to the office this week a Hubbard squash weighing 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. which he raised on the school farm. Who can beat it?