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OF INTEREST TO SETTLERS.

It will be of interest to settlers on Government land to know that there has been a change wrought in the character of final proof required by the land department at Washington. Most settlers will remember Mr. Sparks, the commissioner of the general land office, whose regulations have caused many a better man than himself to incur needless expense and great privation in trying to fulfill the requirements of the homestead law, as he, (Sparks), in his wisdom saw fit to interpret it. The changes in final proofs as now required consist mainly in reducing the number of questions and abbreviating them so that while the answers will contain the substance of the Sparks proof, they will not require nearly the time formerly consumed in submitting the testimony required. This reduction of time will result in saving many a settler needless expense in keeping his witnesses and remaining himself at the land office or county seat a day longer than is necessary. Mr. Sparks may have imagined that his regulations would prevent fraud in taking land for speculation or otherwise; but it does not require much reflection to convince one that a speculator can answer any questions propounded to him by the government as glibly in a long technical proof as he can in a briefer one.

The West Shore calls attention of the people of Oregon to the fact that if this state is to be properly represented at the World's Columbian Exposition it will have to begin preparations at once. To be sure, at the last moment we can gather a few handfuls of grain, a few wisps of grass and a few boxes of fruit, which, with a dozen or so chunks of ore and about a score of square blocks of wood, will do their duty as representatives of the great state of Oregon; but, however satisfied with this kind of an exhibit we may have been in the past, it is to be hoped that there is within the wide limits of the state no one who imagines that a display of that kind will be acceptable in Chicago. It will take time, money and brains to make such an exhibit as will attract the least attention in that grand collection of the products and attractions of the world, and the sooner this fact is realized the better. An organization ought to be made at once for the purpose of managing the exhibit in conjunction with the state commissioners and of properly employing the time, securing the money and enlisting the brains. Bear in mind always that a display to attract attention must be novel, interesting and large, containing features that appeal both to the eye and mind.

The Spokane Falls Review says: The roll-calls of congress show that there are about a hundred representatives absent from the capital looking after their political fences. Unlike Hermann of Oregon, who remained in Washington to look after the appropriations for his state, many of these congressmen hold seats for close districts in which political competitors manifest a very lively disposition and cannot afford to lose a point or two. Personal interests therefore prove foremost to those of their constituencies.

With fatal tornadoes, cyclones, electric and other storms in various Eastern states, the people of Oregon calmly pursue their way, satisfied with knowing that the worst we can complain of is plenty of rain and an occasional rise in the rivers.

WHAT THE CENSUS FINDS.

The census finds forty-two states in the Union instead of thirty-eight. It finds the national debt reduced from over \$2,120,000,000 to less than \$1,700,000,000 and the national revenue larger than ever before.

In the largest cities, where four and five story buildings were considered enterprising for hotels and office structures in 1880, 1890 find giant houses thirteen and fourteen stories in height, sky-scraping affairs, with elevators running to the top. It finds the new houses fitted with steam and hot water heat instead of fires—a house at a summer temperature the winter through, with never a hint of smoke, dust or ashes about it. Great natural gas fields, unknown in 1880, have given a new impetus to industry. Telephones enable us to speak to our friends 200 miles away or our neighbor in the next room.

The modern apartment house has revolutionized the way of living of the poor people in cities. With the bath room, the electric bells, the dumb waiters, the neatly finished light rooms, the man who can only pay a small rent has more conveniences than the millionaire had a generation ago.

The new census finds electric lights where the last census found gas and kerosene. It finds electric and grip cable roads where 1880 had clumsy, old fashioned omnibuses and horse cars. It looks along 150,000 miles of glittering railway tracks, girdling and crisscrossing the country, where 1880 saw only 93,349. In the last ten years steam has shortened the distance across the ocean by nearly a day. The new census beholds the first fruits of that gigantic co-operative idea which is the distinctive feature of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, and born of this idea the development of such colossal industries as history never recorded before. It sees such mining and manufacturing enterprises in the south as nobody dreamed possible before now. In brief, it will see a new south out and out. Another fact it will meet will be \$150,000,000 cold cash from Great Britain invested in industries in the United States, where the movement had hardly begun ten years ago.

The census of 1890 finds us a happy, prosperous people, richer than we ever were before, at peace with all mankind. May it steadily grow until the next census, and may 1900 and all our readers witness further proportionate progress.—Astorian.

Two years ago, says a New York dispatch, gold bars in the assay offices of this country amounted to \$90,000,000; now the amount in store is only \$32,500,000. These figures are being used by goldite journals as an argument against the remonetization of silver. It does not seem to occur to them that silver is still a commodity, and that this alleged withdrawal of gold cannot be charged up against silver. Before the agitation of the silver question the flight of gold to the old world was attributed to the balance of trade being against us, and then we howled for more protection.

SOME one recently made Mrs. Harrison a present of a summer cottage, and a howl of protest went up from the democratic camp against her accepting it. When Mrs. Cleveland was in the White house, some one presented her with a cow which she accepted without one word of protest being made.

GROVER CLEVELAND is booked for a Fourth of July oration in Rhode Island. He will not have many listeners. Rhode Island is a small state, and His Obesity will occupy nearly all of it.

There are 2700 courts in the United States engaged in granting divorces, and one marriage in every twenty-eight is thus annulled.

WEST FELICIANA PARISH, Louisiana, may claim the honor of the first census return, its list having been filed the 9th inst. The return is a very significant one. It shows 2,178 whites and 12,367 negroes. There are 621 whites and 4,312 negro voters in the parish, a total of 4,933 voters, but this parish with 621 democrats and 4,312 republicans gave Cleveland in 1888 1,795 votes and Harrison 16, a total of 1,841 votes, which indicates that something over 3,000 negroes did not vote.

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