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LANDLORDISM IN AMERICA.

Farm tenancy in the United States is on the increase. Census bureau statistics show that there were 2,026,286 farm tenants in the United States in 1900.

At the present time, more than a third of the farms in Kansas and Nebraska are operated by tenants. In view of this, it behooves the government jealously to supervise the sale of the remaining public lands, especially in Oregon and other states and territories where irrigation is to be introduced on a large scale.

Considering the unlimited possibilities of agricultural development which the Newlands irrigation act holds out, together with the rapid diminution of the public domain, there is the most potent reason why the government authorities should be stricter than ever in superintending the disposition of the land that is still left.

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Judge Taylor of the St. Louis circuit court recently ruled that "Hereafter children will not be allowed to hear the testimony of their parents in divorce cases which come up for trial in my

court." So heartily and instantly does the propriety of this decision appeal to us, that one wonders why it had not been reached and put in vogue long ago, in every divorce court in the land.

Rural mail delivery has had a remarkable growth. Started in 1886, it had 1276 routes in 1900, 4301 in 1901, and 4868 in 1902. It is estimated that, within two years, there will be at least 28,000 routes, covering the entire country.

Jim Ham Lewis blew into Portland this week from Chicago, and told an Oregonian reporter that the scheme to tunnel under Behring sea is not only feasible, but that the work would actually be begun by a French syndicate whose representative Lewis claims to be.

The reception tendered to Rear-Admiral Cotton and the other American officers of the squadron now in British waters, cannot be other than extremely gratifying to all patriotic, broad-minded Americans.

The important duty of securing the success of the Astoria regatta this year could not have been imposed upon worthier shoulders than Messrs. Brown and West who are acting as president and secretary respectively.

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