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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.

The national homestead law proved one of the most statesmanlike pieces of legislation ever enacted in any nation or in any age. It did much to bring about our country's phenomenal and unprecedented growth in population, wealth and industry.

Tenantry means ruinous exploitation of agricultural resources. It is not in accord with republican institutions. It makes for a landed aristocracy, for a widening of the gulf between upper and lower classes, for economic distress and political corruption and decay.

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 1896, 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.

There are influences now working rapidly which may make Astoria the leader of the Pacific northwest in the output of saw-mill products. This established, such kindred lines of enterprises as furniture factories, box factories, turning lathes and woodworking machinery generally, would quickly follow.

The aquatic program during this season's regatta promises to be the most interesting of any in the history of the town. Every body should get in and drill.

PENNYROYAL PILLS advertisement with image of a woman's face.

Subscribe for the Semi-Weekly Astorian, \$1.00 a year.

MALTHOID ROOFING advertisement with image of a roof and text describing the product.

OSTEOPATHY DR. RHODA C. HICKS advertisement.

Dr. Nellie Smith Vernon PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON advertisement.

C. J. Trenchard Insurance, Commission and Shipping advertisement.

Dr. T. L. Ball DENTIST advertisement.

C. W. Barr--Dentist advertisement.

PRAEL & COOK TRANSFER COMPANY advertisement.

RELIANCE Electrical Works advertisement.

Central Meat Market advertisement.

ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD. Table with columns for LEAVE PORTLAND, ARRIVE ASTORIA, and SEASIDE DIVISION.

"I owe my whole life to Burdock Blood Bitters. Scrofulous sores covered my body. I seemed beyond cure. B. B. B. has made me a perfectly well woman."

STARTLING EVIDENCE. Fresh testimony in great quantity is constantly coming in, declaring Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs, and colds to be unequalled.

LOW RATES TO SAN FRANCISCO. On account of the National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic to be held at San Francisco August 17 to 22, the O. R. & N. Co. have named the low rate of \$30.00 for the round trip by steamship in both directions, or \$25.00 for steamship in one direction and rail return or vice versa.

REDUCED SUMMER EXCURSION RATES.

The Denver & Rio Grande popularly known as the "Scenic Line of the World" has announced greatly reduced roundtrip rates from Pacific coast points for the benefit of teachers who will spend their vacation in the east.

ASK THE AGENT FOR TICKETS VIA GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY logo and text.

SPokane, St. Paul, Duluth, Minneapolis, Chicago and All Points East. TRAINS DAILY FAST TIME.

Daylight Trip Through the Cascade and Rocky Mountains. For Full Particulars, Rates, Folders, Etc., Call on or Address J. W. PHALON, H. DICKSON.

NORTHERN PACIFIC Time Card of Trains. PORTLAND Leaves Arrives.

EXCURSION RATES EAST VIA GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY. Chicago and return, \$71.50. St. Louis and return, \$67.50.

THE DENVER & RIO GRANDE AND THE RIO GRANDE WESTERN The Scenic Line TO THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Offers the Choice of Three Routes Through the Famous Rocky Mountain Scenery, and Five Distinct Routes East and South of Denver.

3-FAST TRAINS DAILY-3 Between Ogden and Denver, Carrying All Classes of Modern Equipment.

Perfect Dining Car Service and Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to All Points East. STOP OVERS ALLOWED On All Classes of Tickets.

Scott's Santal-Pepsin Capsules advertisement with image of a man's face.

For forty years Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry has been curing summer complaint, dysentery, diarrhoea, bloody flux, pain in the stomach, and it has never yet failed to do everything claimed for it.

DRIVEN TO DESPERATION. Living at an out of the way place, remote from civilization, a family is often driven to desperation in case of accident, resulting in burns, wounds, cuts, ulcers, etc.

GRAIN-O THE PURE GRAIN COFFEE advertisement.

At grocers everywhere; 1 lb. and 5 lb. per package.

SEWING MACHINES. SUPERIOR QUALITIES AND LOWER PRICES AT FOARD & STOKES CO.

Why pay exorbitant prices for a sewing machine when you can get a strictly high class machine that will do the work of any on the market, runs easy, and a delight in every household, for less than half what you pay for others.

Steamer SUE H. ELMORE advertisement. The Largest, Sturdiest, and most seaworthy vessel ever on the route.

Baltimore & Ohio R.R. ROYAL BLUE TRAINS -BETWEEN- CHICAGO AND NEW YORK. Via WASHINGTON, D. C.

Remo 5 Cent Cigar advertisement with large image of a cigar and the text 'The National Smoke'.

Economy Brand Evaporated Cream advertisement with image of a woman's face and the Helvetia logo.