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LLOYD SMITH TAKES A CYNICAL VIEW OF THE MARTIAL BEAL OF THE ANTIPODEANS - GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP IN NEW ZEALAND A NUISANCE.

"The Australian fights because he hasn't anything else to do," is the way Lloyd Smith of Portland, who has just returned from 17 months spent among the islands of Oceania, accounts for the apparent loyalty to Great Britain of the inhabitants of the "island continent."

"They fought in the war between England and the Boers," he said, "and it was their splendid work that did much toward terminating the struggle, but they hate an Englishman, and nearly everyone is a pro-Boer. When I left Sydney, N. S. W., last February 1 the Australians were clamoring to fight the Japanese and there was strong talk of forming a volunteer regiment. But they will not allow Japanese or Chinese to land on the continent and everywhere one hears talk against Oriental labor."

"For seven years the country has been eaten up by drought and times are hard. In the army a man can get three meals a day and that I believe is one reason why the Australian is always hunting a war."

Mr. Smith went to the South Sea Islands looking for a business location, but returns disgusted. "This is God's own country," he emphatically declared, "and no more of Oceania for me. Until the drought in Australia was broken, times were worse than they were in this country in 1892. The stock died out. I have ridden for days across the plains where the ground beneath me was as bare of vegetation as a floor, and whitened with the bones of starved animals. What few horses and sheep that were left when the moisture came were nearly all drowned."

"The towns and the country in both Australia and New Zealand are far behind the times. There are few telephones there, the railway and street car service are poor, and elevators are almost unknown. There are only three modern up-to-date buildings in Sydney and these are owned by New York life insurance companies."

Mr. Smith is of the opinion that New Zealand is the better of the two countries.

"In New Zealand," he said, "there is government ownership of almost everything. As far as the railways are concerned this is very unsatisfactory. As there is no competition, little attention is given to the comfort or convenience of passengers."

"Wages both in New Zealand and Australia are poor. Living expenses are low, but the difference isn't great enough. Carpenters and mechanics are paid about \$10 a week. The men on the tram cars receive about \$12.50 a day."

"The climate is similar to that of northeastern Washington and Idaho in parts of New Zealand, but in nearly all of Australia the climate is always warm."

Mr. Smith's advice to young men is to stay in America. "It was an interesting trip," he said, "but I wouldn't return there with the intention of making the country my home. There are too many dyspeptics to suit me."

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Under the present system, if an officer is in doubt as to his duty or as to his authority to interfere or make an arrest, the only means he has to ascertain is to call up the station and inquire of the captain.

The manuals are now being indexed at the city hall, and as soon as they are ready will be sent to the bindery. When finished their delivery will be made to the officers. The manuals were authorized by the executive board three months ago, but there was much work in connection with the compiling of them.

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