## Homeseekers in Argentine Considered Legitimate Victims of Official Rascality

him in one form or another to get it away from him. Once he is located and relieved of his cash, no further interest is taken in him. A man from the interior told me that some Welsh settlers he visited were afraid to start out of the country because they had no provisions for themselves or for their horses and the journey to the coast would require many days' travel over an arid section where supplies would be

cessary to sustain life. Settlers Want to Move. Such stories sound badly. It is hard to believe that the officials of a country as progressive as Argentina has the name of being, would be so blind to the future interests of their land. Yet the bravest ones coming from Europe are going back again, and this shows something is wrong. Since I arrived in Buenos Ayres a delegation of Italian farmers called upon the American of-ficials here and said that a large colony of their countrymen wanted to move to the western part of the United States; that they were all agriculturalists of experience, and that all of them had money enough to pay their way and make payments on land when they ar-rived in North America. The incident was rather embarrassing for our of-ficials, for they did not want the Argentina government to suspect that they were trying to induce people to leave the country, and they did not encourage

they had relatives and friends who had gone to the states and secured small claims, many of them on irrigated land, who were doing well and he produced a big bunch of letters from them urging their countrymen in South America to move at once. He showed correspondence with a steamship concerning the chartering of a ship to transport the colony, and it seems likely The spokesman said they could get no by various methods to get them out of justice from the courts here unless they bribed the judges, and his people is boiled to get the grease and this thought they had better get out of the product is utilized in a commercial way. thought they had better get out of the skirmish is now going on with the hope shipped in that form.

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THE COWBOYS ARE A BAD LOT.

In this country land is not reck-by the acre, but by the league-Probably the largest individual holding of land in South America consists of 111 leagues. It is said there are so many cattle on this great range that steers were run off in a night, they

that this average is misleading.

to do with it. His methods are loose Character of the Country.

Argentine is very large. Fow people in dead of its immense size. It from being realized. Every sort of ingree equal in area to all of the United in the country, or more properly speaking, a country, or more properly speaking the foreign and inducting the

anch are shipped by the special train 000,000 acres of land in Argentina is homeseeker cannot make his way in Arewned by less than 200,000 owners, in- gentina. Applicants for government land that the project will be carried out. dicating an average of 1,400 acres, but are sent to such out-of-the-way places there are so many large owners con-trolling miles and miles of territory They have no protection in the courts or at the hands of the officials. One was wool, and the freight cost \$160 per



FARM HOUSE IN ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

broken up. Sheep are raised mainly year. There is nothing like the progress small farmer can thrive in the country. for their wool, the old ones being killed

there ought to be. No Place for Mortherners.

Small holdings among the rural population, thriving from the reward of its This is no place for a northern home- labor, makes a security that can be flad seeker to come. The titles to land are in no other way. The farmer prince, always complicated. There are no ad-commanding from a distance his army vantages in the way of schools and of slaves and spending lavishly his The small owner has a poor chance in American told me that he got a claim favor of the big proprietor, and he has a poor chance favor of the big proprietor, and he has a much land that he doesn't know what the foreign market. It is frozen and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless, wasteful directions and have little regard for but under his careless. human life. They use their knives on tion the great possibilities of his coun-The experts have predicted that the the slightest provocation and the rural try will never be realized. It is impossupply of fat cattle in Argentina would police have little control over them, sible to utilize opportunities that have give out unless the stockraisers adopted Whenever a crowd of these border ruf- passed, and Argentina has trifled long

## Mexican Ghosts Meet Their Match in a Plucky American Woman

mines, near Pinal, we brought down from "the states" our various goods and chattels, and began the attempt to make ourselves as comfortable as possible in the huge, Spanish-built house which was the only thing in the way of an abode that could be secured, for love or money, in the very inconvenient new-old town of

At first, I liked the queer, rambling old house, with its wide, heavily pillared corridors, thick walls, high-barred windows, and enormous carved doors. had been built, according to a half-ef-faced date, in the year 1603, and had been the habitat of more than one famous man in its time. But, even after our modern furnishings were put in, flowers and vines arranged about, nd everything possible done to brighten it, the house still had a dreary, ghostly air about it, and one always had the sensation that some one else was about -some one unseen, but felt-and altogether there was an indescribable eerie feeling about the place that did not tend to make one very cheerful. However, I consoled in the Fiby remembering that big, old houses generally make one nervous at first; also, the rent was surprisingly low for so large an establishment, with its 15 rooms, corused to very nearly anything in this world, by which I had mostly felt, when

There was the slight drawback, however, that we could not keep servants. vants or any one else. In spite of good wages, light work, and short hours, our servants would invariably leave after two to five days' service, refusing under any circum-

something wrong about the house.

Issacstein, was the last to call. had at first been somewhat dubious about visiting me. As I have before said, she "led" Pinal society (for her husband was the principal grocer of the place), and therefore she could not, as she sweetly explained to me, be too careful about "beobles she galled upon." Waiving, however, discussion of this excellent lady, for indeed she is "anwould never be able to keep a servant in it, was somewhat dispiriting. In vain did I inquire particulars. No, she knew nothing beyond the fact that servants and "tradespeople" gave the place a bad name; that it was certainly troubled by something, and that no one

ever lived long in it. Here was a pretty mess! And, indeed, as if in confirmation of the woman's prediction, the very next day both servants left, after they had been with me four days, and I was on the point of beginning to expect better things of them. I sat down and wept. Then, disgusted with native servants, I hied me forth and wired to the "border for a couple of old and well-tried Chientirely alone, and put it down to nese servants, determined that I would hotels, to please ghosts, Mexican ser-

In due course of time the new ser-Ching, was to act as porter, caretaker, stances, to stop longer. They gave no and general watch-dog—the ghost would reason for this, beyond the fact that have to be lively that could get ahead the situation was not to their liking, of Ching. Charley, his cousin, was of indignant sorrow, view their departing cook. But I explained matters duly to

(Elisabeth Gilbert in the Argonaut.) | would be unladylike to put into bald hinted that they might be disturbed by joyable it was! But when we returned, Most schoolgirls will recognize the to light the candles, and wondering at them-Mexican jails aren't overly com-

hinted, in diverse ways, that there was meither "hog, dog, nor devil," and cer- fate. A woman who actually went hunttainly seemed able to deal with any-The leader of Pinal society, Mrs. thing in the way of terrestrial or super-

natural beings.
In fact (for such is the inconsistency of woman),I rather began to wish that the ghosts would walk, or otherwise make themselves known; or that anything exciting would happen. For after the advent of my two Celestials my occupation was entirely gone; no longer did I daily wrestle with the kitchen brasero, and harangue the fruit excellent lady, for indeed she is other story," her statement during her man and the other purveyors to the call that our house was said to be inner needs. In other words, matters waxed deadly dull and borous, so that I waxed deadly dull and borous, so that I who only laughed uproariously, and gave me little sympathy. (You see, he had his work.) And said he: "My good wife, you don't know a fine thing when you see it. Here you are with plenty of leisure and all the chance you want to shine in the 'American colony all the jewelry you can beg, borrow or wager you a Virot hat that you'll have all the diversion you can stand.'

Meekly, but without jewelry, I did as I the way of topics of conversation. For in Pinal, you always discuss your servants, and other people's servants; your own, and other people's position in so-Celestial, rejoicing in the name of clerks, and machinists discussing "so-

held my peace. Not many weeks passed before soing with her husband, could ride 30 piece of chamois skin until it amply shoot as well as a man, was a paradox ears. Then I cut very small holes for band's loaded 38 Colt in my hand. I to them. For their parts they wondered why any man wanted to marry such a woman so unfit for society. To tell the truth, I rather regretted the tan and sunburn myself, when I it liberally with good, strong Mexican found upon our return invitations to the leeks—and how they did smell to high found upon our return invitations to the usual yearly big ball at the Casino. I been to a dance of any sort since our last country house visits on Long

Island. I had a particularly pretty gown, knew that the floor would be good and slippery, the native Mexican plenty of presentable men to dance with, mostly delegations from the outlying camps. But how in the name of all that was consistent could I appear in an evening gown, topped off by a face, neck and arms that were about the consistency and color of burnt leather? of Pinal, yet you let it slip. Put on My husband unfeelingly suggested eyes and mouth. I assure you that I had been flung over him, while several able to locate. It seemed that they had your gaudiest gown (if you have one); whitewash, but I applied lemon juice, was as ghastly an object as one could men in peon blouses were busily haul- made unto themselves a secret place and mourned. It really was disappointing, you know. I precipitately shut out the view, blew Three days before the dance the partout the lights, and hastily sought my

ner of my joys and sorrows was called away to inspect the installation of some was told. I called on many ladies, and new machinery. He left with reluct-I opened up a new horizon to myself in ance, for, while our big, old house seemed absolutely safe, there had nevertheless been some burglaries of late, and he dreaded laving me alone with the servants for a couple of nights. But I ciety; and the fact that "society in urged him to go, saying that the doors me great discomfort as I moved my were perfectly robber-proof, the servvants arrived. One, a sturdy, taciturn hear the wives of grocerymen, cheap ants trustworthy, and that I would keep a shotgun handy, so that he need cial position" gave me rather a sort of have no fears. In point of fact, for "Alice-in-Wonderland" feeling, but I once I preferred his room to his company, having a face-bleaching process in view, the which I knew he So I could not only pay them, and, with the same lik, being besides a splendid ciety and I mutually dropped each other, never consent to, did he come to know and I gave my husband no peace until of it. So he departed, and, feeling rebacks, then face forth in search of fur-the two, and could have warbied for joy he decided upon and arranged a nice, lieved and sneaky by turns, I set about ther credentials, inwardly consigning over their derisive smiles and grunts long ducking-trip to the lakes, some 40 preparations for the surreptitious lieved and sneaky by turns, I set about thrilled through the great empty

case of burglars, I experimented with a strangled, choking, this time. trivance in place, I proceeded to smear

heaven! When ready for bed, I carefully apso that it could not by any possibility come off. As I put out the candles, I caught a glimpse of myself, and I came near shricking at the sight, for I looked more like a first-class ghost than any-thing else. I had twisted my hair back tight, and, to protect it from the leeks, The mask entirely hid my face and I looked like some unearthly, tall white thing, with a flat nose, and

up through even the small pin holes I had cut to breathe through, and more often the tightly knotted strings caused head, vainly seeking that rest in slumber which seemed denied me. At last, however, some time after the nearby bells had chimed midnight, I dozed off,

despite leeks and strings. The next thing I knew I was sitting while I listened breathlessly for a repe tition of the sudden wild cry that had

"Society" (with a big S) began, slowly once more with peace, with the coming and carefully, to call, and pleasantly of Ching and Charley, who feared dubious heads over me and my probable fully locked and a revolver handy, in as it had been at first, and half Neither of them Without stopping to put on

my eyes, nose and mouth, so that I noiselessly opened my door, passed he mouned; "me good Chinaman—no could barely breathe comfortably, through it, and crept down the corridor steales, like Mexican boy—go 'way,' Then, sewing on strings to hold the contoward the back entrance of the months of they had all taken me for a given where Ching and Charley had their so they had all taken me for a given where Ching and Charley had their or the devil. I could hardly contain my rooms. As I went, I concluded that or the devil. I could hardly contain my rooms. As I went, I concluded that or the devil. I could hardly contain my rooms. me, and then rob the house, furious did the thought make me that I lost all fear, and fairly ached to get at the wretches.

Noiselessly stealing along, close to my tale of woe. the wall, my pistol cocked and ready well imagine; so hideous, in fact, that ing up mysterious / boxes and cases ouch. in my astonishment, for I had never My "beautifier" murdered sleep; I seen the hole before.) But that was all My "beautifier" murdered alecty, tossed about for hours, vainly endeavoring to doze off. Now and then a whiff moment one of the men caught sight of me, and glared, aghast, as I advanced me, and glared, aghast, as I advanced upon them. Then he gave a loud yell that fairly terrified me into standing still for a moment, dropping his boxes, and then took to his heels, yelling that the devil was upon them.
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As he fied, the other men stared cloing away forever with its reputation about, and seeing me, also emitted of being haunted by evil spirits.

As for my providential mask, I threw the pack door, dropping their burdens it away, and went to the ball regardless, as they went. I fired twice only, for their terror had somewhat taken me aback, and had the supreme pleasure seeing two of the miscreants clap their hands to their legs, and fall, with self, after having actually shot with ther credentials, inwardly consigning over their derisive smiles and grunts long ducking-trip to the lakes, some 40 preparations for the surreptitious waking me from deep sleep. Motionless, grievous groans. (I had fired purposely her own hand Mexican servants to a Tuture which it when I timidly alluded to "ghosts" and miles from Pinal. And, oh me, how en- whitening of my unlucky countenance. I waited there in the dark, not daring at their legs, for I didn't want to kill man beings!"

HEN my husband took over the direction of the Gertradis and Santa Maria "Society" (with a big S) began slowly once more with peace with the coming the ladies of the American colony shook patched that night. With doors care-

Neither of them were dead: China was badly cut and unconscious, but Charley wounded my feelings by shutmiles in a day, and was reported to covered my face, concealing even the clothes, my feet bare, and my hus- ting his eyes tight, and trying to wriggle away from my touch.

conscious cousin. Then, having relieved myself of my ghostly attire, I sent out for two gendarmes, to whom I confided the wounded burglars, and told

Next morning, as soon as it was suffor work, I caught a glimpse of what ficiently light, we inspected the scene was happening before I myself was of the night before, and found out that seen. The light of several lanterns set the burglars had not been burglars at about showed me poor, old Ching, evidently dead, lying almost across the counterfeiting band who had simply back entrance door, which was wide flooded northern Mexico with bad money open; Charley, bound and still moving, and whom the police had never been able to locate. It seemed that they had been flung over him, while several able to locate. It seemed that they had about showed me poor, old Ching, evi- all, but the members of a famous ing up mysterious boxes and cases under through a hole which gaped in the mid-trance covered by stones just inside out through a hole which gaped myself, back patio wall, and there had stored in my astonishment, for I had never their contraband goods during many in my astonishment. But that was all past months. In this way, with their past months. out, that the house was haunted, and I myself was pleased to verify my past feeling that some one, unseen, was pres-

Well, they all went to prison for several years, and the secret entrance to our house was securely stopped, thus

with my brown face and hands. And the Pinal social leaders, sitting out, won-dered audibly 'how any woman could have the heart to dance and enjoy herher own hands two poor, helpless hu-

## Portland as a Food Supply Station

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The territory which supplies the city north. Portland is a natural egg supof Portland with food is a wide as well us a productive one. It is the richest on the coast, and many attempts have recently been made by other cities to force the trade in their direction.

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The Williamette valley of which Port. The Williamette valley, of which Port-land is the fountain head, furnishes a portion of the Pacific coast with food. Here a greater part of the poul-try and eggs used in all the large cities are raised. These goods come to Portland, for that is their natural destina-From Portland merchants the ere is scarcely a time in the year when some city is not looking to this

The egg trade of Portland is considered one of the largest of her many The egg trade of Portland is considered on the largest of her many street on the largest of her many thusinesses. Eggs are brought to this city from as far south as the northern boundary of California, while south family of this it is nip and tuck between Portland and San Francisco for the goods. Every year a large amount of eggs are bought in Portland for use in Seattle, They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah, there the stocks go to that market, and there the stocks go to that market, and there the stocks go to that market as ordinary shrimps. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah, there the stocks go to that market, and there the stocks go to that market, and there the stocks go to that market, and there the stocks go to that market as ordinary shrimps. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah, there the stocks go to that market as ordinary shrimps. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far such as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much larger than the California as far sway as the state of Utah. They are much cl

territory for food. All over the state of Oregon, Portland is regarded as su-

as of eggs. Every day orders are re-ceived in this city for stocks to be sent about the same manner as halibut, and to Puget Sound and other places, which in the same waters. Stripped bass are keeps this market cleaned up, and pre-mostly from San Francisco bay and rock vents prices fluctuating so much as in and ling cod are from Puget Sound, other cities where the receipts are ir. Little neck clams are also from the

Portland a Livestock Center. As a livestock center Portland is fast Crabs come from Yaquina bay where distancing all other cities of the Pacific they are cooked and shipped by the slope. On account of the natural passes fishermen. Razor clams are mostly

through the mountains, the livestock found along the Washington shore, of Montana and Idaho are as close to north of Shoalwater bay. Of late years preme in the business world. Parts of this market as is the eastern part of Washington and Idaho are also invaded this state. The Portland livestock market is in direct competition with that of The egg trade of Portland is consid-

the fishermen who throng the sea off lobsters. They are caught in southern Cape Flattery, but during the winter California near San Diego. The season these same men go up the inside pas-sage off the British Columbia coast, and there ply their trade, protected by the elements.

Where Fish Come Prom.

during the summer months comes from being known to the scientists as spiney for fresh lobsters closes in that state on August 1, and after that date none This market buys large stocks during Herring and flounders that come to the open season which are placed in cold his market are from Puget Sound, but storage for the closed season. As an oyster center Portland is fast

coming to the front. Her principal sup-plies come from Shoalwater bay and from Olympia, but the latter beds are so old and have been so thoroughly worked that they are not of the quality of those from Shoalwater bay.

Oregon Potatoes a Standard. The potatoes grown in Oregon have various markets of the Pacific coast. This year has been an especially good one for the growers of Oregon, and all sections of the United States have been supplied with stocks from this state. The same thing is true of Oregon

berries? Very few sections of this country can truthfully answer in the negative. Berries from Hood River are sent as far east as the Atlantic coast.

ANOTHER WARM EDITOR.

From the Yaquina Bay News. Years ago we cautioned the people of Lincoln county against the ruinous pol icy of picking up nontaxpaying, salary-grabbing, carbet bag, anything-for-office men and placing them in control of the county government. The repeated warnings, have, however, passed un-heeded and today the taxpaying citizens of the county are reaping a bitter reward for their lethargy. Again they have an opportunity to relegate to the shades of oblivion some of these official leeches who are sucking the life blood out of them. Will they rise in their righteous indignation and try and rescue what little is left of them, or will they per-sist in keeping their noses on the grind-stone until engulfed in the sea of finan-cial disaster?

> Space Limit. From the Chicago News.

A Fight to Hope For \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

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his word and starts "a fight to a fin-ish" against the Standard Oil company, tween us in any of these deals." ish" against the Standard Oil company, revelations may be expected which will

Mr. Lawson is quoted as saying that he "knows the Standard Oil, root, trunk, branch and blossom," that he has lived right on the inside with them," that he knows their "colossal weaknesses" and that he has decided that he can conduct

sald: "Henry H. Rogers (vice-president of the Standard Oil company) and "Yes," replied his friend Wedderly, I have had deals aggregating \$100,000. "after all she can get."

From the Chicago Record-Herald. 000 between us in the last nine years. If Thomas W. Lawson is as good as One of these deals showed \$46,000,000

In an interview since then he has make the shipbuilding trust case pale by comparison, and which may even throw back into the shadow the earlier lack of written agreements in such suits and investigations in which the transactions by saying that the deals Standard Oil company gained unsought were of the kind that "take money away from the public without in one sense their knowing that they are parting with it; and this could only be done by what we may call a trick in finance."
He added: "They are illegal transactions."

Such speech as this seems too frank to be credible. However, several im-portant suits are coming to trial in which Mr. Lawson will have a chance to go into details. The prospect is an that he has decided that he can conduct the fight and win. He probably has reference to the operations in 'high finance" which are generally attributed to the Standard Oil clique, rather than to the business of the oil company itself.

Mr. Lawson has the reputation of being a good fighter and ever since the court proceedings in the "gas case" at Boston began he has been apparently spoiling to open his heart to the public. In his testimony in that suit he said: "Henry H. Rogers (vice-president) in Suppose," said young Singleton, "that a wife is a great blessing, after all."