

LAND BARONS OUT WEST. Landlords Who Are Reckless, Free-Handed and Good Livers.

The divine injunction "in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread" has no relevancy to the citizens of the five civilized tribes. Here are a people who, like the lilies of the fields, "toil not, neither do they spin," furnishing an example of class favoritism under the law peculiar and interesting to study, says Harper's. The landlords have no care but the gathering of rents and a general supervision of the home place. They are, as a class, free-handed, reckless, good livers and with a strong tendency to dissipation. Most of them live up to their incomes and few acquire large bank accounts.

Your typical landlord's home is the rambling white-plantation great house of ante-bellum days, with wide galleries, big chimneys and usually in a bad state of repair. An air of untidiness and neglect pervades the yard, to which is added a lack of taste inside when you enter. Still there is something about the surroundings—the orchard, smoke house, negroes, pigs and poultry—which denotes solid old-fashioned comfort and Arcadian content. Frequently you meet the lord of one of these mansions—a squaw man—whose family claim no Indian blood, yet he enjoys, by virtue of a former matrimonial alliance, all the landed rights of an Indian. It is really surprising the number of this class that are divorced from Indian wives or have become widowers and remarried in their own race. They constitute the largest landholders and are very jealous of their tribal rights when threatened by "boomers," as they term the opponents of land monopoly and unequal privileges.

And what of the Indian, the full-blood, whom this great and munificent government of ours has in its wisdom regarded as a ward and heir to a princely heritage as a recompense for Anglo-Saxon rapine? You will find him where the stillness of the forest is as yet unbroken. He is there in his miserable little hut, a recluse from the great mad world he so distrusts and fears, living a poor hand-to-mouth existence, and rarely emerging to visit the haunts of his tormentors. A scanty patch of corn, a few poultry and masted hogs, with what game and fish fall prey to his skill, go to supply his meager larder and furnish employment for his squaw and himself. Once in a great while there is a per capita payment, and a pittance falls to his share after the professional redmen of the tribe have made the disbursement to their satisfaction and paid their "attorney's fees." It is a rare thing to find a full-blood in the Indian territory who is living comfortably on as much as a quarter section of land under cultivation. There are some, but they are striking exceptions.

HE WAS IN A HURRY.

Only Four Days to Spend Abroad and All Europe to See. "Speaking of being in a hurry," said a traveler to a New York Sun man, "reminds me of a man I once saw in the tower of London, one of a little party that was being piloted through by a beekeeper. He kept all the time just ahead of the pilot and seemed anxious to go faster and get through. Everybody else wanted to see everything, but this man would have liked to skip some of these things; still he couldn't say anything, for the pilot made good time right along until he came to the figure of a big man on a big horse, both in heavy armor and the man holding a great spear, a most impressive figure, representing I forget now who, but somebody famous in history, and the beekeeper talked a little longer than usual. Here the man who was in a hurry broke in. 'Yes, yes,' he said, 'that's all right, but we can't stand here all day looking at that, you know,' and he moved ahead a little and waited, all ready to go on. We all hoped that the beekeeper would pay no attention to him; we need have had no fear on that score, for he paid absolutely no attention whatever to him. An hour or two later we stood at the gate and bade the beekeeper good-by. The impatient man and I walked away together. He wasn't the worst man in the world by any means. He was from Boston. He said he was a busy man and had very little time to spare; he was going back in the steamer he came over in, and, as he had only four days to do Europe in, he really felt as though he ought not to spend half a day in the tower."

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MIDWINTER FAIR. CALIFORNIA MIDWINTER INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION.—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION.

[Weekly Circular Letter—No. 10.] It has been definitely decided that the official ceremonial opening of the California Midwinter International Exposition shall take place on Saturday, Jan. 27. This decision has been reached after a careful consideration of all the circumstances and there is full assurance on the part of those who are in charge of the preparations that everything will be in readiness at that time. The great fire at the Columbian Exposition on the night of Jan. 8 did not damage the exhibits intended for transfer to San Francisco, except that a few of the cases in which they were packed were pretty well drenched with water. Luckily, however, the contents of the cases were not injured, and, as a matter of fact, such a very small proportion of the Midwinter display remained unshipped at the time of the fire that the delay will not be aggravated on its account. Before this letter is read the last carriage of exhibits will have left Chicago for San Francisco, and before that time also, the scores of other carloads which are now on the way to San Francisco will have been unloaded in the Sunset City and placed in position in the different buildings in which they have been assigned a location.

These buildings are beginning to attract from visitors the praise they justly merit. Their rapid growth was but one subject of wonder in the progress of this great enterprise. The arrangement of the vast number of exhibits with which their interiors are to be embellished is, of course, another wonderful operation, but meanwhile the development of the ideas of the architects and the development at the same time of the general scheme of color which is being worked out in all the buildings comprises still another field for wonder and admiration. Charles Graham, the well known artist, is director of color at this Midwinter Exposition, and he is working out in this connection one of the prettiest pictures that the world has ever seen, with a group of architectural palaces set in a frame of evergreen foliage and against the background of dark hills and sunny California sky. "Pretty as a picture" is the first comment that comes from the lips of visitors. "Wonderful to behold" will be the inevitable sequel to the original utterance.

The concessional features, having made haste to get ready for Midwinter hay-making, will all be ready by the 27th, unless there may be a single exception in the case of the great electric tower, work on which can scarcely be completed inside of three or four weeks. The machinery plant which, of course, includes the electric lighting arrangements, will be all in readiness by the day set and will be utilized on a general scale for the first time on that occasion. The only previous occasion when the street decorations of San Francisco approached the grandeur which will be attained on Jan. 27 was when President Harrison paid a visit to the Pacific Coast, but the arrangements already made are emphatically in evidence of an intention on the part of the citizens of San Francisco to outdo every effort they have made in this line. It is part of the plan of the Exposition management that there shall be a grand street parade through the principal thoroughfares of the city, and there is already no little controversy over the line of march. If the wishes of the citizens were to be acceded to, the procession would have to move through every street and the Exposition grounds would never be reached. A happy compromise will undoubtedly be effected, however, and public and private buildings on the route of the procession will be a blaze of bunting and a sea of color.

Governor Markham will declare the day a legal holiday. Mayor Ellert will issue a proclamation closing all municipal offices, as far as possible, and calling upon the business men of the city to close their stores. The National Guard will turn out in full force, and every civic and fraternal society in the city will participate in the parade. There will be more bands of music than have ever been seen in a San Francisco street parade, and if there is not a bigger turnout of citizens, in the city and at the Exposition grounds as well, than has ever been called forth by any demonstration on the Pacific Coast, the expectations of thousands of those who have judged the temper of the community will be grievously disappointed.

The official opening ceremonies will take place on the grand stand which is now being erected for that purpose, and for utilization afterward in connection with athletic sports on the Recreation Grounds. This stand will accommodate 7,000 people and the populace can be accommodated on the greensward in front of it to the number of 100,000.

There will be short addresses by Governor Markham, Mayor Ellert and Director General de Young. Mrs. de Young will press the button that shall set the machinery in motion. The oration of the day will be delivered by General W. H. L. Barnes, the orator par excellence of the Pacific Coast, and the exercises will conclude with a rendition of "America," played by the united bands of the Exposition, in which the voices of the entire assemblage will join, and to which there will be a great gun accompaniment from the thrays of a battery of artillery stationed upon the Exposition grounds. These are the general plans for the official opening ceremonies. It is expected that the crowd in attendance on that occasion will more than equal that which witnessed the ceremony of breaking ground, when fully 75,000 people gathered on the bit of wilderness where, in four short months, a veritable city of palaces has been created.

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