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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THE SCENE OF GREAT PROSPERITY

Eastern Capitalist Conceives Plan of Establishing a Colony of Small Farmers in the Desert—Water Furnished from Artesian Wells—Highly Productive Land Where Once the Desert Baffled Settlers.

Washington, Jan. 3.—A previous letter in this series gave a brief account of the 20-acre alfalfa farms, supplemented by cows and creameries, which a Chicago man thinks is just the thing for the lands now being irrigated on the Colorado desert, in southeastern California, and which he is backing with his money by assisting small settlers to get a start.

These 20-acre farms furnish a striking contrast with those of 320 and 640 acres which are being acquired in the same section under the desert land law. But here is the story of another man—one of the richest manufacturers in the Mississippi valley—who thinks that 20 acres makes a farm just four times too big for the average settler who has little to invest except his labor and brains.

This other manufacturer is N. O. Nelson of St. Louis, who conducts a model profit-sharing industrial town at Leclaire, Illinois, across the river from the great Missouri metropolis. Mr. Nelson is a genuine philanthropist, though of a practical kind, since his idea is to help people to help themselves and to show them how to become independent instead of dependent.

For years he has been casting eyes toward the deserts of the West. He was looking for a place where poor people who are out of health, particularly with pulmonary or throat diseases, might go and forget their ills while engaged in profitable outdoor pursuits.

Health in the Desert.

He wanted a very dry place where the air is filled with healing balm and where the sunshine takes the place of drugs and artificial heat. He found this ideal spot on the western edge of the desert, about 120 miles east of Los Angeles.

Here he established the Indo Health Camp about 18 months ago. He bought a tract of land which is irrigated by artesian wells and proceeded to erect cheap but comfortable quarters for his colonists whom he had no difficulty in securing in ample numbers.

Mr. Nelson believes that true prosperity in the land of irrigation is to be had by the intensive cultivation of little farms rather than the wasteful tilling of big ones. And at Indo he believes five acres are enough.

On these small areas his settlers are raising table grapes, melons, sweet potatoes and other products which are readily sold in nearby markets at fancy prices. In that favored spot these garden crops mature earlier than elsewhere in California and are therefore very profitable.

The Indo people believe they will achieve independence before many of their land hungry neighbors, who are acquiring from 64 to 128 times as much land under the desert land law as they are buying from Mr. Nelson at cost price and paying for with the proceeds of their land and labor.

The truth of the matter is that the people of Indo are making homes and tilling the land, while their more acquisitive neighbors are speculating in the public domain.

This speculation will go on as long as the land laws continue to favor human greed rather than human need. The desert land act not only enables the acquisition of large tracts of government land, but it requires no settlement or residence whatever.—William E. Smythe.

Saved from Terrible Death.

The family of Mrs. M. L. Bobbitt of Harkerton, Tenn., saw her dying and were powerless to save her. The most skillful physicians and every remedy used failed, while consumption was slowly but surely taking her life. In this terrible hour Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption turned despair into joy. The first bottle brought immediate relief and its continued use completely cured her. It's the most certain cure in the world for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed. Bottles 50c and \$1.99. Trial Bottles Free at Tallman & Co.

IDAHO WOMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Walked Ninety Miles Over Snow-Clad Mountains With Husband.

Mrs. J. M. Simon, of Salmon river, arrived in Boise last night and registered at the Overland hotel. Mrs. Simon was the second woman in Thunder Mountain, and traveled all over the mountains on horseback long before that part of the country became so famous, says the Boise Capital News.

Mrs. Simon resides with her husband on a ranch on the south fork of Salmon river, on the direct road

SOFTNESS OF SEALSKIN.

Is Hived by Human Hair Where Dandruff is Eradicated.

Sealskin is admired the world over for its softness and glossiness; and yet the human hair is equally as soft and glossy when healthy; and the radical cause of all hair trouble is dandruff, which is caused by a pestiferous parasite that saps the vitality of the hair at its root. Newbro's Herpicide is the only preparation that is fatal to the dandruff germ. Without dandruff there is no falling hair, but a luxuriant growth of glossy, soft hair is certain. Scouring the scalp won't cure dandruff. Kill the dandruff germ. Thousands of women owe their beautiful suits of hair to Newbro's Herpicide. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich.

F. W. Schmidt, special agent.

to Roosevelt and Warrens. They own a very valuable plot of ground there and raise all kinds of small fruits, as well as grains and farm products. Mrs. Simon had an unusually large crop of strawberries last year, from which she made 60 gallons of strawberry wine. This she sells for \$2 a gallon.

Two years ago Mrs. Simon left her home and walked 90 miles over the snow to the nearest railroad station. She determined to come to Boise with her husband and undertook the dangerous journey with him.

She says that the walk was not so dreadful as it is pictured and that she rather enjoyed the experience. In crossing the swollen mountain streams her husband carried her, and the rest of the journey she made by his side, walking along as briskly as he.

Mrs. Simon is a very small, frail little woman, and to see her one would scarcely believe her powers of endurance sufficient to stand a 90-mile trip over snow-covered mountain trails.

Mrs. Simon had the novel experience of watching the great rush that was made into Roosevelt two years ago. She said that at any time that she looked out of her windows, day or night, she could see the crowd of eager men, with their horses and dogs, tramping along the road to the gold fields ahead.

After a short visit in Weiser, where Mr. Simon now is, they will probably go to Seattle to visit their children, who are in school there.

MICKEY FINN TONIGHT.

Bright Farce Comedy at the Frazer Opera House This Evening.

Mickey Finn, which comes to be Frazer opera house tonight, promises to be one of the brightest farce comedy offerings of the season. Rubie Welch and Kittie Francis are the stars. In this city at least they require no introduction. During the last half dozen years these artists have been here often, and have gained the reputation of being thoroughly capable and conscientious entertainers. But in years gone by they had no such pretentious piece as this. Mickey Finn is founded on incidents



Harry DeLain with "Mickey Finn."

taken from Ernest Jarrold's famous series of stories. It requires a complete set of scenery for each of the three acts, and most elaborate costuming. The stars have met these requirements in a most unstinting manner, and have surrounded themselves with a company of high class people. Oscar Lewis is seen in one of his inimitable Swedish impersonations, Harry De Lain, California's popular baritone, has a number of solos, while Richard Frank, singing and dancing comedian, offers a novel and pleasing specialty.

SCHUBERT FEMALE QUARTET.

Winning Sprightly Musical Company Coming Next Monday.

Rev. Homer T. Wilson, the noted lecturer of Fort Worth, Tex., says of the Schuberts under date of January 11th 1897: "Their entertainment is first class—will please, delight and uplift the most fastidious audience." Among their warm friends the Schubert Symphony club number the leading ministers of the United States, as well as the better element of citizens everywhere.

The quality of their entertainment is such that it receives the hearty endorsement and co-operation of people who seldom venture to attend a performance of any kind.

A little wholesome amusement occasionally is necessary to the moral, physical and intellectual welfare of any community. A little relaxation, a "forgetting of ourselves" for a time, is a cheap tonic and can be had by attending the Schubert concert here on January 11, next Monday.

"Hello Bill."

If you want to laugh, and laugh hard, go to the Frazer on January 8. The name of the play is show, but expressive. It is simply "Hello Bill," but it is the keynote of the play, which is as humorous a performance as one could wish to see. The wit is of the wittiest, the plot is of the most complicated type imaginable. This laughable farce keeps everyone in the house in a perpetual titter from the time the curtain rises in the first act until the finale.

Vermont Dairymen.

Burlington, Vt., Jan. 5.—The Vermont Dairymen's association began its annual meeting in this city today with a large and representative attendance. The sessions are to continue three days and will be occupied with papers and discussions on topics of special interest to those engaged in dairying.

A man living in Ohio whose name is Goodenough joined the church the other day—a clear waste of time and energy.

Big Clearance Sale

Our Clearance Sale has now commenced, and prices are cut on many lines all over the store. Do you need an Overcoat? Buy it here, where you can save 40 per cent over others' prices. All clothing is now reduced 20 per cent to reduce stock.

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MINISTERS' HALF FARE.

Rate Will Be Continued, But Under Needed Restrictions.

It has been reported that the railroad companies of the West have decided not to issue half rates to the ministers in the year to come, but the rumor seems to be groundless. The blanks for the half rate permits have not been received as yet by the local office, and in the meantime they are allowing, on orders from headquarters, the old cards of last year to be used.

But, while it is thought that the company will not abrogate its half-fare agreement with the ministers, it is thought that some more binding restrictions will be put on the issuance of them, so that their abuse will be restricted. It has become so that a great many persons who are not members of the cloth have secured the cards in some manner, and are riding on the half fare when they are not entitled to do so.

It is this abuse that the companies are protesting about, and in all probability some action will be taken that will make it harder for one who is not a bona fide minister to secure a half rate card. It will perhaps be so arranged that only certain offices will be allowed to issue the permits, and the agent at these offices will be made strictly responsible for the ones issued from his office. In this way it is thought that there will be less abuse and at the same time all of the privileges will be continued to the ministers.

FOUND THE "SWEETEST GIRL."

Freak Letter Reaches Its Destination at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—The sweetest girl in Indianapolis has been found. What is more, this girl confesses it. Miss Mary Webber, 1695 Columbia avenue, claims this distinction, and the distinction itself was thrust upon her by her sweetheart, Ben Little, of Los Angeles, Cal., who formerly lived here.

Recently a letter with a masculine hand was received at the Indianapolis postoffice. On the envelope, instead of the address, were the words, "To the Sweetest Girl in Indianapolis."

The letter was about to be started

to the dead letter office when an official told a reporter about it. His paper told the story. Next day a feminine voice over the telephone told Assistant Postmaster Schlieder this letter was for her.

"I am Miss Mary Webber, of 1695 Columbia avenue. That letter is mine."

"Yes, but how do you know it is for you? There is no name on it."

"Yes, but it's from Los Angeles, California."

"You may have the letter," concluded the official, "if you will open it in my presence, and before you open it tell me the name of the writer, then show me the signature. We have to be strict about these things."

"Very well; I'll do so." And she did, soon. And the letter was far her. Miss Webber is a teacher at Benjamin Harrison public school. Her father is a well-to-do jeweler.

Cured After Suffering 10 Years.

B. F. Hare, Supt. Miami Cycle & Mfg. Co., Middletown, O., suffered for ten years with dyspepsia. He spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and with doctors without receiving any permanent benefit. He says: "One night while feeling exceptionally bad I was about to throw down the evening paper when I saw an item in the paper regarding the merits of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. I concluded to try it and while I had no faith in it I felt better after the second dose. After using two bottles I am stronger and better than I have been in years, and I recommend Kodol Dyspepsia Cure to my friends and acquaintances suffering from stomach trouble." Sold by Tallman & Co.

Postpone Bryan Meetings.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 5.—The meetings of the Jefferson league, with William J. Bryan as the principal speaker, advertised to take place in Evansville tonight and in Indianapolis tomorrow night, have been postponed until next week. This change has been made necessary by a change in the plans of Mr. Bryan, who will not return from his European trip until a week later than he first intended.

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