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A magic lamp, unlovely for
the lack
Of legendry in gem and
carven scroll,
Burned in a dusky chamber of
the world,
With untrimmed wick a-
smoulder in the bowl.

Then timid Chance—the cham-
berlain of God—
A-stumble in the dark, with
groping hand
Scattered the crust of ashes
from the wick—
And lighted every corner of
the land!
—Aloysius Coll in Everybody's
Magazine.

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FREE GOVERNMENT HOMES.

The rush of homeseekers to secure tracts of land under the various irrigation projects announced by the government shows that the home building instinct is as strong as ever in the breasts of the American people.

As the government land, suitable for homes, becomes further limited in area, it is more and more of an outrage that public land should be acquired for speculation. Yet large acreages are passing into the hands of the land grabbers, every day in the year, under both the desert land law and the commutation clause of the homestead law, while under the timber and stone law, not only the land but the most valuable timber in the world today is being speculated in with absolutely no regard for the settler or for the country at large.

These laws are active instruments in the stealing of the land which belongs to the people of the United States. And there is no citizen who may not desire to avail himself of his right to acquire some of this land, he or his son.

All the great land interests are a unit in their opposition to the repeal of these laws. They present a solid front. They are organized; they are aggressive and it is a sinister fact that they have thus far prevented any land reform legislation in congress.

But the country is becoming aroused to the fact that it is being literally robbed by a small band of selfish men who would amass fortunes, and who, by the evasion of the spirit if not the letter of the law, are absorbing the choicest remaining tracts of land which should be reserved for the real home-maker.

And the men in congress who are in reality bitterly hostile to any change in these land stealing laws, are the same statesmen who most loudly proclaim that they are the great friends of the settler, the home-builder and the small farmer. They are found on the wrong side of every land reform measure, yet urging with might and main that the welfare of the settler is their sole object.

FIRST PROMISE OF SPORT.

The San Francisco Call, in speaking of the release of the Russian cruiser Lena, says:

The question of the Russian warship has been settled by the president without ruffling the dignity of Japan or Russia. He gives her two months in which to make repairs and get out, and as an alternative she must go now or disarm and lie here till the close of the war. Of course she will disarm and rock ingloriously on the bay until peace comes.

On some grounds it will be regretted that her government does not accept the two months' time for repairs. She could be patched up and coaled in that time, and then Japan would have a cruiser waiting for her outside the three-mile limit, and when they met there would be a sea fight right off our western water front. There would be standing room only on the hills from Mount Tamalpais to the Twin Peaks. The Cliff House would look like a bee hive about to swarm and there would be lively betting on the grounds. It would be a sight worth seeing, and if the Lena's sailing date were set long enough ahead San Francisco would have a bigger crowd than came for the Knights Templar. It is many a long year since hostile powder has been burned near our coasts, except in the Civil War, and such a fight as might be here would have the zest of novelty, with the additional pleasure that we could see the show without costing us a cent in men or ships or powder.

the genuine circus spirit in him, he would say the word "go" and furnish us some real sport.

The fact reported in this morning's telegrams that France is agitated over the opposition of a complete separation of church and state will lend interest to the statement that the government now levies taxes and pays over \$8,000,000 a year to the religious orders, says the Lewiston Tribune. In an important respect France differs from England, which supports only the established Anglican church and through parliament retains jurisdiction over the appointments and disposal of material questions. In France, on the contrary, there is no state church and all denominations share numerically in the public appropriation, though the Catholics are much more numerous there than the Anglicans are in England. Owing to the great numerical preponderance in France, by which the vatican gets nearly all the religious revenues and the Protestants and Jews very little, Rome has had no special reason to object to the state appointments to bishoprics and other places. The rupture that followed the mandates from the vatican to two French bishops under penalty of excommunication, and the contrary orders of the government under penalty of suspending the prelates' income, can now scarcely stop short of a further dissolution which neither side desires.

P. T. Barnum once said: "If you have \$19 to put in use, pay \$10 for an article and \$9 for advertising. I can out talk any man but a printer, but the man who can stick type and the next morning talk to a thousand men while I am talking to one, is the man I am afraid of, and I want to be his friend."

It is a bright promise for Eastern Oregon to know that the same forces that are working for irrigation are also working for the portage road.

ELECTING A PRESIDENT.

While it cost only \$200,000 to elect Abraham Lincoln to the presidency in 1864, four times that sum was spent in the Hayes-Tilden campaign of 1876, while in 1888, with tariff as the issue, \$2,000,000 was said to have been used by both sides, and the figures have mounted up since in some of the later campaigns.

These facts form the substance of a part of an interesting article on "How a National Campaign is Run," which Edward Lissner contributes to the current Harper's Weekly. He also tells of some of the articles which go to make up these expenditures. The cost of maintaining national headquarters, with its army of employees ranging from 40 to 100 women, has been estimated to be about \$3000 a day. There are stump speakers who receive \$100 a week and expenses. The distribution of a printed speech in printed form has cost as much as \$5000, and there have been campaigns when 20 or such speeches have been delivered and circulated.

LONG DISTANCE CHESS.

Thousands of devotees play chess by correspondence, and there is a game now going on between a man in Canton, O., and another in Warsaw, Russia, that it will take several years to complete, each move being sent by postal card from one player to the other. Cable matches are of frequent occurrence and many persons will remember the international game that took place some years ago between a team made up of members of congress and one composed of members of the house of commons. During that contest, one move was cabled across the Atlantic and a reply received in 40 seconds. And now that wireless telegraphy has become a feature of ocean crossing there are few days when

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