A CURE FOR RADICALISM.

How Australia has thwarted the Bolshevik movement and alluded industrial unrest is described by Mark Sheldon, American commissioner to the United States in New York. He declares the prevention of strikes through the Australian arbitration system, the best of the one big union movement and suppression of J. W. Wilan. Among other things, he says: "A prominent feature of my experience is the fact that the skilled laborer usually has his own home and grounds, obtained from the government under similar arrangements, gives the worker a selfish interest in the maintenance of order and stability."

The Australian government directly aids people to become home owners by financial assistance under the theory that land and home ownership makes for stability and responsibility. The radical and anarchistic are generally property-less and have nothing to lose. When they have acquired property, the incentive for revolution disappears.

The Australian plan was called socialistic a few years but it was all acquiring tender ideas of the founding of government, which exists for the benefit of all. It was the fashion to do anything that meant the welfare of the masses "socialistic," but anything that implied profit for the classes, was highly respectable.

For years we offered preferential tariffs for the benefit of certain manufacturers, who by government assistance became millionaires at the expense of the people. This was done in a proper function of government, but a proposal for the government to assist the toiler in acquiring a home and thereby giving him a vital interest in the government, would have been hailed down.

Yet it is a recognized principle of government and has been practically for a century. France owes its stability and unity as a nation to the policy of assisting the masses in their poor little farms. Our own government is planning similar assistance to retired soldiers in the form of low-priced timber and land, and similar assistance could be extended all citizens.

The value of home ownership as a stabilizing factor is recognized by the more enlightened employers, who in Australia have built modern homes for employees which every employee is given opportunity to own his own home. In this way efforts, such cooperation on the part of government, that could have the greatest possible effect for the stabilizing of the people.

If the government would loan for home-building, on long-time and low interest, as it now does to farm laborers, that would put a huge portion of the way, it would lead to allaying industrial unrest and assure an era of building prosperity.

SALEM'S OPPORTUNITY.

ACCORDING to the Portland Journal, the metropolis is still asleep. Some 60 days ago a large manufacturer of lumber on the middle Willamette went into operation in improving a site for the erection of a plant employing a dry dock and turning out half a million dollars worth of merchandise a year. The assistance has not been forthcoming and the manufacturers have options on a lot in Washington city where they are allowed to keep their opportunities.

This instance is only one of many that explains clearer than words, why Seattle has distanced Portland and is building up the development of the north west. Salmans of Journeys and great carnivals will not develop the state or increase its commerce.

Portland's indifference to fate should, however, be salutary. Its natural advantage, the head of the Oregon coast, has been enjoyed by Salem. Enjoy, factory sites are abundant and fertile. Power is plentiful, resources abundant. The other cities generally are to be preferred to the largest ones for manufacturing, on account of labor conditions.

The city of Salem is well fitted for the purpose and, as a matter of fact, is already engaged in such enterprises as the manufacture of beer and coffee, packing of fruit, and manufacture of tobacco and cigars.

Therefore, we feel that it is our duty to acquaint the world with the advantages that Salem possesses. We are confident that, when the public are made aware of what Salem can do, they will be prompted to assist in the best interests of the country.