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SOONER OR LATER.

It is evident, says a Washington dispatch, that strong efforts will be made this winter to obtain legislation to bring about the forfeiture of lands granted to railroads in all cases where the conditions of the laws making the grants have not been complied with. Two classes seek to have this done—one from honest motives, and the other, composed of shyster lawyers and claim agents, hoping thereby to secure business growing out of homestead entries, etc., upon the lands restored to the market. Leading Government officials familiar with the subject are of the opinion that discrimination should be used in such legislation, as there are cases where circumstances would make it unjust to absolutely forfeit grants. In other cases they think the forfeiture would be fully justified. Should a general law of this character pass, the Northern Pacific would lose an immense body of land.

Senator Plumb has introduced a bill which provides that where a grant of public land has been made to aid the construction of any railroad, and such road has not been completed within the time prescribed by law, the land so granted or such quantity thereof as had not been patented or certified to such company, or to any state or trustees for its benefit, prior to the expiration of time fixed for the completion of the roads, shall revert to the United States, and shall be open to settlement as other public lands. The bill further provides that immediately upon its passage the Secretary of the Interior shall give public notice that the lands described are open to settlement, and that entries will be received at the land office in the district in which the lands are situated.

Another bill, introduced by Senator Plumb, provides that all lands granted to railroad companies under the act of July 1, 1862, which is the original Pacific Railroad act, and under all the acts amendatory thereof, and to which the several companies would have become entitled upon payment of the cost of surveying, selecting and conveying, shall be subject to all legal taxes imposed under the authority of any state or territory in which such lands are situated, to the same extent as they would have been had such costs been paid and the lands conveyed to the companies. By a proviso those lands already forfeited are exempt from the operation of the bill, and a further proviso declares that prior to the payment of the costs of surveying, no taxes shall be imposed, except in organized counties.

A Social Fraud.

A subscriber at Racine writes to know if it would be proper for him to speak to a lady that he has never been introduced to. He says he has met her on the street, in places of business, and at parties for two years, that he knows all her family, and she knows his, and that she looks almost as though she wished he would speak, but he has never been introduced to her, and darsent speak. No, you must not speak to her. You may go along meeting her every day till Gabriel blows his trumpet, and she may look as familiar as your sister, and yet till some mutual acquaintance says, "Mr. So-and-so, this is Miss So-and-so," you cannot speak to her without society will say you are an impudent thing. She may wish she knew you, and yet if you should speak to her she would feel it her duty to society to say, "Sir," and

look greatly offended and then you would be all broke up. If she would drop her pocket book and you should pick it up and hand it to her, she would say thank you, with a sweet smile, but you would have no right to speak to her the next time you met. If she should meet you some day and say, "How do you do, Mr. So-and-so? I have known you ever since you have lived in this town, though we were never introduced formally, and it has got so embarrassing to pass you half-a-dozen times a day without speaking, while I speak to those that may be with you, that I have concluded not to wait for an introduction," some number nine sport with a number six hat on would say, "Oh, my, what a flirt that lady is. She actually spoke to a man without being introduced." If you should frankly offer her your hand and say, "Thank you, madame for suspending the rules of etiquette, and speaking. I have seen you so many times that your pleasant face is as welcome a sight as that of my sister, and I have wanted to know you, but had given up all idea that I ever would," some simpering female idiot would say, "Only to think, that bold, awful man has actually flirted with Miss So-and-so until he has got acquainted without a formal introduction." No, young man, go right along about your business, and don't try to hurry the cattle. Society must be consulted, though in some respects society may be a confounded fool.—Peck's Sun.

Condensed Wisdom.

Strive for the best, and provide against the worst.

Impatience dries the blood sooner than age or sorrow.

Be graceful if you can; but if you can't be graceful, be true.

The truly wise man should have no keeper of his secret but himself.

The miller imagines that the corn grows only to make his mill turn.

A cheerful face is nearly as good for an invalid as healthy weather.

There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many.

The only sin which we never forgive in each other is difference of opinion.

Nature never moves by jumps, but always in steady and supported advances.

It is the care of a very great part of mankind to conceal their indigence from the rest.

Despair and postponement are cowardice and defeat. Men were born to succeed, not to fail.

Nothing shocks the sensibilities of an honest man more than a dishonest and meaningless laugh.

They say it is hard to be a consistent Christian, but it is equally difficult to be a consistent sceptic.

You may gather a rich harvest of knowledge by reading; but thought is the winnowing machine.

You can always gauge a man's character by noting the kind of jokes which make him laugh most heartily.

If you wish to appear agreeable in society, you must consent to be taught many things which you know already.

Nothing that is not a real crime makes a man appear so contemptible and little in the eyes of the world as inconsistency.

It will be found that no man is more to be feared than the man who is willing to tell you all that he knows, because the chances are that he will tell you a great deal more than he knows.

THE SNAKE RIVER FALLS.

For two or three miles above the Shoshone Falls the river flows through immense chasms, with walls on either side hundreds of feet high. The river is full of rapids for miles, the descent being so great. At the upper Shoshone Falls, known as the Twin or Little Falls, the river is divided by an island, and the two streams rush over the precipice and fall into a pool 175 feet below. As viewed from the bluff, hundreds of feet above, the sight is grand, and from below there is still more to admire and awe the visitor. Some four or five miles down the river and we come to the great falls, where the entire river descends in a sheet 210 feet. We remember roaming around Niagara Falls, the rapids and other places of interest for several days once, and with all that there is to admire and excite wonder, there is as much, if not more to interest the visitor to this portion of Snake river, and should this place be connected by railway with the outside world this will become a great resort for travelers. Some thirty or forty miles further down stream is Solomon Falls, extending quite a distance. The greatest of these falls is only twenty feet, but the forms and great number of the falls and cascades make it very beautiful. But a short distance above the falls is the most remarkable sight we have ever seen. In the high bluffs along the river there issue numerous great springs, the waters of which fall over the rocks and are lashed to silvery streams and spray in their descent. The first of these pours over a cliff in a semi-circular form and falls over 200 feet. As seen from the opposite side of the river it is very beautiful. Further down the river is a much grander sight. A stream of water, equal to that of a small river, pours out of the bank and falls over the rocks in silvery streams of almost every conceivable shape and form, while the spaces between are lined with green moss and shrubs, so that it presents the appearance of an immense grotto. These falls cover a space of over 100 feet in width. Further down the stream for one mile other similar springs issue, and each possesses its own features of beauty. Where this vast body of water comes from is a question that will probably never be solved. Lost river enters Snake river valley at a point up stream over 100 miles distant, and there sinks out of sight in the lava. Other streams along the western and northern boundaries of this vast lava plain, for a distance of nearly 200 miles, come in and sink. These united streams would probably furnish as much water as pours out of these springs, but no single one of these streams would supply any of the larger springs, so it is only speculation to assume that the source of supply comes from any particular stream.—Corr. Omaha Bee.

In the Cathedral of Limerick there hangs a chime of bells, which were cast in Italy by an enthusiast in his trade, who fixed his home near the monastery where they were first hung, that he might daily enjoy their sweet and solemn music. In some political revolution the bells were taken away to some distant land, and their maker himself became a refugee and exile. His wanderings brought him, after many years, to Ireland. On a calm and beautiful evening, as the vessel which bore him floated on the placid bosom of the Shannon, suddenly the evening chimes pealed from the cathedral towers. His practiced ear caught the sweet

sound, and he knew that his lost treasures were found. His early home, his old friends, his beloved native land, all the best associations of his life, were in those sounds. He laid himself back in the boat, crossed his arms upon his breast, and listened to the music. The boat reached the wharf, but still he lay there, silent and motionless. They spoke to him, but he did not answer. They went to him, but his spirit had fled. The tide of memories that came vibrating through his heart at the well-known chime had snapped its strings!

Whoever, by word of mouth, or by shrug of eyebrow, or by expressive silence, or by stroke of pen, endeavors to give a false and injurious impression respecting another—his character, his opinions, or his actions—violates the ninth principle. It is this which introduces all heart-burning into society, and all bitterness into religious and political controversy.—Lyman Abbot.

Luther said: "If a man is not handsome at 20, strong at 30, learned at 40, and rich at 50, he never will be handsome, strong, learned, or rich in this world."

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