

"Crofts" and "Crofters."

THE Atlantic cable recently brought the news that "a compromise has been effected between Lord Macdonald and the most persistent of the Skye crofters." Perhaps not one in ten thousand who read that little paragraph knew what it meant. Skye is one of the islands on the west coast of Scotland, where it rains all the time, and the inhabitants for the most part make a meager living from their farms and garden spots, and eke out their subsistence by working for wages on the mainland. A "croft" is a small piece of ground or garden patch, and a "crofter" is a small farmer, and, in this case, a tenant. The island has a population of 20,000, but eight landlords own the whole, and three-fourths of it. Exclusive of the small town, the island is rented in 1,720 parcels, of which 1,680 command less than \$100 a year, and the vast majority not over \$50. The landlords have come to the conclusion that it would pay them better to let the whole island to, say, a score of tenants than to deal with 1,700, and they are therefore trying to "freeze out" the small farmers. But these people have an astonishing devotion to the little island (it has only 550 square miles of territory,) and obstinately refuse to be turned out of it. One of the landlords, the Lord Macdonald referred to, owns the mountains Ben Lea, on which certain crofters used to enjoy the free right of grazing. Of late he has, in pursuance of a settled policy, rented the mountain, and in order to regain their occupation of it the crofters have struck against the payment of rent. The Land League agitation of Ireland is thus almost exactly reproduced. The authorities of every one of the cities of Scotland have refused to send constables, and the government has refused to send soldiers to serve processes on the island, so that in the compromise referred to the crofters have evidently got the better of Macdonald.

LAST Friday the secretary of the treasury decided that lands within the limits of grants to a railroad company to which pre-emption or homestead claims capable of being forfeited had attached at the time the grant took effect are excluded from the railroad grant, and upon the abandonment of such claims the lands do not inure to the company but are restored to the public domain; that erroneous entry in a register's office ordered corrected should not prejudice the claim of the applicant.

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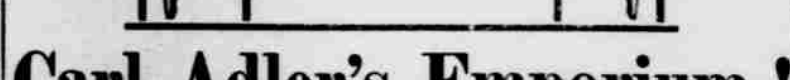
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