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Plain Talk.

Discussing the granting of 548,000,000 acres of public lands to corporations, the Chicago Tribune says the United States went on a land grant debauch in 1862, which lasted ten years. It is now waking up to the inevitable headache of repentance and reform. Henry George and other communistic spirits are preaching nationalization of land as a cue for English land monopoly, while this country but just begins to realize what it has done in the demoralization of its domain. Too much of the wrong done is irremediable, but a great deal that has been lost may still be recaptured. The practical American citizen, after reading the history of the land grants and indulging a full minute in the luxury of indignation, will want to know what is to be done about it. Several things: First-The grants of 50,000,000

acres may still be revoked by congress. Prominent among these is that of the Texas Pacific aggregating over 14,000,000 acres, worth \$25,000,000. This road has never been built. The corporation to which the grant was made has obligated itself to another corporation not to second corporation a monopoly. Large tracts may be recovered from the Southern Pacific and the Atlantic and Pacific, which passed into the hands of syndicates, swollen with wealth obtained by a violation of all their duties as trustees of the government's people.

Second-The public lands which lie by the side of railroad lands and are now shut to the people poned their surveys, can be opened to settlement. The laws of congress make the roads pay the cost of surveys; hence the roads call for them only as needed their grants to-day are unsurria land grant.) As the public the railroad lands are defined, the of dollars. practical consequence is that besides the 100,000,000 acres of forfeited land grants, about 100,000,-000 of adjoining lands are effectually, though not ostensibly, withdrawn from public use. It is intolerable that the public lands should be thus locked up for the accommodation of corporations, almost all of which are in default to the government.

Third-Millions of acres have been stolen outright. They can be recovered. When Attorney-General Brewster has convicted the star route thieves he can take hold of the land grant thieves. Senator Van Wyck should remind

Fourth-That railroads should be made to pay taxes on their lands. By this juggle of not taking out formalities, they obtain by the help of the supreme court, all the advantages of actual ownership of 100,000,000 acres, without paying a cent of taxes. The English aristocracy, bad as they are, pay taxes, though on the valuations of 1692; but our landed aristocracy pay none at all. The constituents of the various members of congres have until next December to give their directions that latitude. on this point to the servant of the people. If the people have lost their lands they have, fortunately, not lost the power of taxing them

Government Profit on Coinage.

Some curious facts relative to unredeemed obligations of the government have been collected by the New York Sun, which show a considerable source of profit to the United States government. The amount of paper money and coin which is never presented for redemption comprises a large sum. Much of this is destroyed by fire. Some of it is buried and hid in places known to no person alive. A large quantity of the coin is melted to make sterling silver. Considerable amounts of both paper money and coin are exported never to return, been ordered to confiscate all Not long ago a United States bond, copies of Marshal Bazaine's forthissued about 1810, was presented coming history of the Francoat the sub-treasury in this city. Prussian war found in France. The interest on it had ceased

back from Baring Brothers. The outstand- renewing and maintaining the oak ing principal of the public debt of forests of that country. the United States last year was nearly two billions of dollars chiefly represented by bonds and treasury notes.

It would be, of course, impossible to say how much of this will never be presented for redemption, but some idea may be formed from the fact that \$57,665 of it was issued so long ago that the date was not recorded. It appears in the REGULAR AUCTION NALE report as "old debt" that may be safely put down as profit. There is an item of \$82,525 of Holden's Auction Rooms, Saturday, treasury notes issued prior to 1846. Some of them were issued nearly fifty years ago, and will not, in all Second hand Furniture and probability, ever be presented for hundred and four dollars of the Mexican indemnity has never been claimed. The last of the fractional currency was issued under the act of June 6, 1864, yet, although nearly twenty years have elapsed, \$7,077,247 has not been Tuesday, March 27th, 1883. presented for redemption. Some of this is held as a curiosity. Some of it is still used by banks and ANNA M. L. POTTS M. D. merchants for transmitting small sums by mail. Several New York banks have considerable sums of new fractional currency, which they distribute for the accommodation of their customers.

As to the coin, the government derives a considerable profit from build, so as to secure to the it. The silver dollars cost, on an average, about \$803.75. The coinage of a silver dollar costs about 11 cents. The total cost of one thousand silver dollars to the government is therefore \$816,25.

Since the organization of the mint, in 1793, 127,190,618 silver dollars have been coined, on which the bounty and common carriers of the government has received a profit

In the same period \$122,758,510 was coined into half dollars. At because the railroads post. the same rate of cost for coinage the government profited \$19,395,-769 on these. The total silver Devening Lectures to both Sexes. coinage of the government since 1793 is \$347,766,792. Estimating the profits on the halves, quarto sell their lands, and the bulk of ters, and subsidiary coins at the same rates as on the dollars, veyed. (This applies to the Asto- the total profit received by the government on its silver coinage lands cannot be marked off until has been about sixty-four millions

In the coinage of five cent nickels the government reserved to itself the liberal profit of nearly 50 per cent. This gave to the government last year the handsome revenue of over \$100,000 from nickels alone. The wide margin between the intrinsic value of the five cent nickles and its face value led to extreme counterfeiting. Several years ago an assay was made of some of the counterfeit nickels. and it was discovered that the counterfeiters had put into their coins more valuable metal than the government uses in making the genuine coins.

Pointers.

THE Brooklyn Eagle submits the startling information that General Grant has grown uncommonly fat, and actually begins

It is suggested by the Cincin-

nati News that the St. Louis bar Stock Complete in Every Branch. should take appropriate action on the death of the Bruiser, Jim

The Marquis of Lorne has sent an assignment of California quail to Inverary moors, Scotland, with a view of acclimatizing them in

A committee of the Tennessee legislature appointed to visit the home of Andrew Jackson find the hermitage in sad need of repair and fast going to decay.

An ordinance of the municipal councils of Vienna forbids a married man from taking a balloon voyage until he has secured the consent of his wife and children,

The North Carolina legislature slighted its militia and the state board of health, but made liberal appropriations for the maintenance of graded schools.

An English paper asserts that it costs as much to transport a bushel of wheat twelve miles on an English turnpike as from an American seaport to Liverpool.

It is stated that the police have

Missouri acorns are shipped to over fifty years. It had come England in large quantities, where

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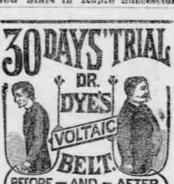
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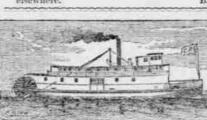
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