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## WANTS INFORMATION.

Writing from Columbia Falls, a correspondent of the Reporter says:

"I want you to tell me whether settlers have any rights that are respected by the government of the United States, if the railroad company wants to steal their lands. I came here ten years ago and bought out a man who had preempted 160 acres. He settled here before there was any railroad. There is not any railroad here now in less than seventy-five miles from me, and that is over in Washington territory. I have worked hard on my place, me and my wife and the only boy we had left from the war. One was starved to death at Andersonville and one was killed at Shiloh. I have got a house worth \$1,500, a nice orchard and eighty acres in wheat. Most all the rest is hay and pasture. All told, it is worth \$4,000.

When I went to enter the homestead the register told me it was railroad land, but I could write to the commissioner at Washington. I done that and got a letter that the land was reserved for the North Pacific railroad before I tried to enter it. I wrote back and asked the Commissioner if his books didn't show that the land was pre-empted before the railroad was thought of. He told me that didn't make any difference, and if I wanted the land I must buy it of the railroad. I wrote to the secretary of the interior and he said the commissioner had decided right.

I don't know what to do but thought I wouldn't buy of the railroad, leastwise not before there was a railroad inside of seventy-five miles.

A few weeks ago I see in a newspaper that Secretary Teller had decided that when there was a settler on a piece of land before the railroad was located, the land did not go to the company but to the settler. I started off next morning before light to go to the land office to enter my land, and when I got there the register told me I couldn't do it. I asked him if Secretary Teller hadn't said the land was not railroad land. Yes, he said, that is the Secretary's decision, but you see, says he, that you applied once before, and your application was rejected. That decision is final, says he; and he showed me a letter he had just got from the commissioner at Washington in another case the same as mine, and the commissioner said just those words. Just then another man stepped up and asked the register the numbers of my land, and before I got out of town that man filed a tree claim on my homestead. I heard of it and went back, and what do you think the register said? Why, that anybody else but me could enter the land; but my case he said was *rest adjudica*. I don't know what *rest adjudica* means unless it means that everybody in Washington is thieves and scoundrels.

Now what am I to do? Has Secretary Teller made a decision in favor of settlers that he don't mean to carry out, or is there some underhand work going on that he don't know anything about?

Before that tree man gets my homestead there'll be one or two funerals, but I want to know how this matter stands in Washington, D. C.

English seaports have experienced a remarkable increase of prosperity during the past few years, and London and Liverpool have companions, if not rivals, for the trade of the world. A few years ago Hull was decidedly dull—now it is emphatically alive. A magnificent scheme for better dock facilities is under way. The Alexandria dock is to have a water area of forty-six acres, a river frontage of over a mile and an entrance lock 550 feet long and 85 wide. The Lancashire port of Barrow is a new creation and turns out a considerable number of ships, and is improving in its trade. The Manchester ship canal is almost assured.

## France in the Far East.

The feeling of sour grapes at seeing Egypt Anglicized has at last brought France into the incipient throes of colonial war. The French press approve unanimously of the Tonquin expedition and getting a little cheap glory out of John Chinaman. France will soon have the emperor of China in leading-strings, just as England has the Khedive of Egypt. There is no Nile in Tonquin, but there is the famous Red river, watering a country inhabited by 50,000,000 people, and it has a delta not quite as large, but almost as fertile as the delta of the Nile. Just as England narrowly missed being confronted in Egypt by the unbridled fanaticism of Islam, so France runs the risk of having arrayed against herself in Tonquin the long pent up fires of Confucianism. Just as England had to dispose of Arabi, the Egyptian, so France has got to deal with Sien Jen Fou, Chief of the Heycks, or *Pavillons Noirs*, who has already won the sobriquet of "Las" among his admiring countrymen. This Chinese Arabi, moreover, has lately received from the emperor the dignity of Mandarin of the second class, just as the Egyptian Arabi received from the Sultan the decoration of the first class of *Mendjidich*.

The Tonquin expedition is especially popular in military circles, when the word "China" recalls the good old days when Count Polikasso's soldiers tied tightly about their ankles their baggy capacious trousers and opening them to the waist, filled these improvised sacks with the splendid gold and silver loot of the Emperor's summer Palace at Muen Min Vin, near Tientsin. The Ferry Ministry now proposes to regain French prestige in the extreme east and at the same time exemplify the truth of Bismarck's saying, that no three years would ever pass by without the French government sending out an army somewhere. Admiral Meyers will destroy the 20,000 Chinese sent from Peking to help the Anamites, Commandant Riviere will chastise the Chinese Arabs on the banks of the Red river, and M. Dekergarde will become mentor to the Emperor of China, just as Lord Dufferin was mentor to the Khedive.

French custom-house duties will be collected in Tonquin and the newly civilized Anamites will enjoy all the blessings peculiar to French citizenship. They will not be allowed to use any tobacco except French tobacco which has the most questionable flavor of any in the world, and they will not be allowed to light their pipes with any other matches than French matches, which are the worst in Europe, and this is saying a great deal. The outcome of it all will be a little cheap glory and history will have to record in her annals still another instance of a colony founded by a Latin race, only to be eventually utilized and developed by the Anglo-Saxon.

## Slaves Held by Indians.

It is a curious fact that the chiefs of the petty Seminole tribes still hold negroes in bondage in the free state of Florida. In Southeastern Florida, in the neighborhood of Biscayne Bay, the Indians hold negro men, women and children in bondage, just as they did before and during the war. Recently one of these slaves came into the town of Miami, on Biscayne Bay, and was surprised when the people informed him that he was a free man. He had never heard of the Emancipation Proclamation, and knew nothing of the results of the war. This well illustrates the ignorance of the negroes and the shrewdness of the Indians. It is probable that the slaves of the Seminoles do not see a white man once in ten years. The fact that slaves are held in the United States should receive the attention of the government and the evil which caused so much sectional bitterness and finally civil war totally eradicated.

A vegetarian reports to the *British Medical Journal* the result of his year's experience without meat. At first he found the vegetables insipid and had to use sauces and pickles to get them down. As soon as he became accustomed to the diet all condiments were put aside, except a little salt. The desire for tobacco and alcohol left him spontaneously. Then all his digestive functions became regular and he found himself wholly free from headaches and bilious attacks. After three months a troublesome rheumatism left him and at the end of a year he had gained eight pounds in weight. He believes he can do more mental labor than before and that all his senses are more acute. For breakfast he has brown bread, apples and coffee; dinner consists of two vegetables, brown bread and pie or pudding; for tea he rejoices in bread and jam, with milk and water, and for supper bread, jam, cold pudding, and, as a luxury, boiled onions. Eggs, milk, butter and cheese are used only in very small quantities. The dentist is a doctor and his statement is drawing out many similar ones from medical men.

Some one who has "been there" remarks that "journalism cannot be taken up as the pastime of an idle hour, or as a special means of gain, or as a stepping stone to other literary work, and made a complete success." It requires a tedious and laborious apprenticeship, special skill, the result of training, and a single-minded devotion, to the exclusion of other fields of labor. Its rewards are success and influence, but not, except in very rare instances, any personal fame. Its products are ephemeral, and the newspaper writer must be content to see his product swallowed up in the pile of daily accretion, and forgotten with the memory of the occasion which calls it forth.

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