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PUBLIC LANDS AND SPOLIATION. WOMEN

George W. Julian, who has been of land after the close of the revolu-tion. The public debt was a very large one for the time. Sales were Havana or Rio Janeiro.

equired military force. The right of pre-emption to the other acts were passed, so that in 1840 the pre-emption privileges were in full force. The receipts of the government from cash sales of land between the years 1830 and 1840 were the American legation at Vienna, nearly \$82,000,000. In 1835 8,000,000 of land fell into the hands of speculators. In 1841 a general pre-emption act became a law supersed. emption act became a law, supersedng all previous enactments. The ettler was no longer a trespasser. The old policy of raising revenue from the sale of public lands had been so far modified that the establishment and multiplication of homes for settlers was the leading feature. Settlers were compelled to pay a dollar and a quarter an acre, which, ac-cording to Mr. Julian, was a tax of so much money for the privilege of cultivating the earth. It was cer-tainly a nominal price for the land, and the regulations were of immense

enefit to settlers. The writer gives a minute account of all the efforts made to secure a nomestead law. The south steadily opposed the measure. The slave-holders called it an "agrarian project." Andrew Jackson, however, was a steadfast friend of the home-The present law was stead law. passed by the Thirty-seventh con-gress, all the affirmative votes but one being from the free states, while all the negative votes but five were from the south. The bill was ap-proved by President Lincoln May 20, 1862, after a struggle of twenty-one

This brief history of the homestead

law strikingly illustrates the halting and left handed progress of legisla-tive reforms. The great financial exigency that dictated our early policy completely subordinated the settle-ment and tillage of the public domain to the idea of revenue. This idea so fastened itself upon the general mind that the problem of our land policy was never considered upon its merits, while the mischiefs of monopoly were allowed free course. The remarkable result was that the pre-emption law had to struggle for its existence more than half a century. Its final enactment was a great victory for the settler; but his right to the unhindered choice of his quarter section in any portion of the publie domain that was placed upon the market was not much less important than the right of pre-emption itself. The land speculator was licensed by congress to prey upon the public domain by appropriating to his own use great bodies of choice land, thus throwing himself across the path of the settler, and forcing him still farther into the frontier and on to less desirable lands while obstructing the population and development of the country. This partnership between the government and the speculator in the business of crippling the settler and retarding the increase of national wealth, was as stupid in fact as it was indefensible in principle. It was a crusade against the rights of coming generations, and had become a deadly blight upon our western states and territories when the pre-emption law was enacted. As the federal treasury was then full to overflowing, there was nothing to excuse its continuance. It was the mere wantonness of legislative profligacy; and the simple and obvious remedy was an enactment that agricultural lands should be acquired under the provisions of the pre emption law, and not otherwise. This would have cut up speculation by the roots, and given us a reform in our policy that would at once have been savingly felt in every pulse of the national life. It would have been an act for the creation of weslth by checking monopoly, stimulating settlement, and

gress slept over its opportunity, and the work of organized plunder had its way. The speculator was in the day of his glory, while the govern-ment still exacted from the settler its ment still exacted from the second ment still exacted from the second mile of or his pre-emption.

The pre-emption law has been practically superceded at last. But while there has been a substantial gain in there has been a substantial gain in this respect, more than one hundred million acres have been locked up by Mrs. BERGMAN.

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multiplying the cultivators of the soil. But this was not dons. Con-

refused to declare these grants forfeited for non-compliance with conditions.

George W. Julian, who has been appointed surveyor general of New Mexico, has an article in the North American Review for August. He was instrumental in procuring the enactment of the homestead law of 1982, which, in his view, is the most important legislative act since the formation of the government. The original land policy of this country was devised for revenue. The federal was devised for revenue. The federal government had a vast public domain. It was necessary to sell large tracts of large after the after the public domain.

large one for the time. Sales were made in very large tracts to capitalists. "The evils were the price the country was compelled to pay to keep faith with its creditors and provide the means for carrying on the government." Land monopoly had its inception just after the close of the revolutionary war. In former times any occupant of public lands who had not acquired title was considered to be an intruder. The marshal was empowered to remove settlers from empowered to remove settlers from

be public lands with the aid of any French newspapers continue to comment upon the recent article in public domain was partially recog-nized by an act of congress of March 3, 1801, affecting settlers on the Semmes purchase in Ohio. Various that it was addressed to the Reichsthe North German Gazette attacking France. They all consider that the article foreshows an increase of tag rather than France.

The state department has received a dispatch from Mr. Lee, secretary of stating that the Austrian government

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