

Objectionable as is the manipulation that despoils the public domain through enormous reserves and lieu land machinations, this is not the whole danger involved in the present public land agitation.

It is in perfect keeping with Mr. Hermann's superficial habit of thought and high estimate of political posing that as soon as the lieu land abuses are exposed he should hasten to cry out that he will recommend no more forest reserves.

The investigations of Messrs. Newell and Pinchot, of the government's geological and forestry bureaus, of which the Oregonian has printed information from time to time, show conclusively that at length a day of great promise has dawned for the great uncultivated tracts of Eastern Oregon.

The first of the three is exploration of the earth's crust through artesian wells, by which the supply of subterranean water will be determined; the second is survey and eventual storage of head water of all the streams, and the third is protection of these headwaters by perfection of the reserve system.

It is going to be necessary to ask for some further small reservations in the Cascade and Blue ranges, and the salvation of Eastern Oregon must not be sacrificed upon the altar by Binger Hermann's desire to gain political advantage by courting the popular distrust of the reserve policy created by recent revelations.

Mr. C. A. Snow, of the Washington Humane Society says: Of late the immense demand for birds in millinery has led to the slaughter of the innocent, which has almost depopulated the woods and fields as far as the bird population is concerned. Hence no-quitus. Hence no-quitus.

potato bugs. Hence all kinds of insect pests, which finding themselves undisturbed by their natural enemies proceed to multiply like compound interest. The problem therefore reduces itself to this form: Do the people of this country prefer to see women's hats adorned with dead birds, while the owner fights mosquitos and the farmer and gardener fight insects, or do they prefer to see the hats decorated with ribbons and artificial flowers, or ostrich plumes, while the bird in his natural state, ornaments the gardens and road-sides in the intervals of catching noxious insects?

The republican leaders are now preparing to engineer the ship-subsidy steal through the next session of congress in spite of the protestations of the people. When first submitted to congress a Presidential campaign was pending and the leaders did not dare invite the verdict of the public. Their decision to hold the steal over until after the election was a sign of cowardice. Now another effort will be made to push it through. There is no doubt of its passage. It will be hurried through early in the session in the hope that the indignation of the people may cool off before the beginning of the campaign of 1902. The democrats are ready to vote the bill.

Don't be a Knocker. If there is any chance to boom business boom it right! Don't be a knocker. Don't pull a long face and get sour in the stomach. Hope a bit. Get a smile on your face. Hold up your head. Get a hold with both hands. They pull Bury your hatchet. Drop your tomahawk. Hide your little hammer. When a stranger drops in, jolly him. Tell him this is the greatest town on earth. It is Don't get muleish. Just jolly. All men like to be jollied. So jolly. Get popular. It's dead easy. Help yourself along. Push your friends with you. Soon you'll have a whole procession.

Be a good fellow. No man ever helped himself by knocking other people down. No man ever got rich trying to make people believe he is the only good man on earth. You can't climb the ladder of fame by stepping on other people's corns. They're their corns. And they're tender. Keep off the corns.

All men are not alike. Once in a while you can find one who is very much alike. But some are different. You are not the only one. If you don't like their style leave 'em alone. Don't knock. Walk right in and make yourself pleasant. You'll get used to it. There is no end of fun in minding your own business. And it makes other people like you better. Better have others stuck on you than get stuck on yourself. Nobody gets stuck on a knocker. Don't be one. Or two.—Ex.

SMALL STOCKMAN'S SIDE. (Continued from last page.) be the wisdom of a committee that can devise a plan that will work equally well on the luxuriant grass lands of Montana, the cactus plains of Arizona, and all the intermediate stages between the two? I we many of our Senators think the time has arrived to turn the remaining land over to the various states. If this leasing system is necessary for some states, would not this be an opportune moment for the change? Could they not insert some "local option" clause, giving the various states control over their grazing lands, that they may frame some measure suitable to their peculiar conditions? If this could be done, the vote in Harney and Malheur counties would stand 12 to 1 against leasing.

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