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FENCE, OR NO FENCE.

The question of a "no fence law" is being agitated in some parts of this State. The drift of fence legislation in the United States has always been radically at variance with any common-sense view of the problem. There can be no just argument aduced in support of the theory that A, who does not choose to engage in stock-raising should be required to fence his grain fields against the incursions of B's cattle, hogs and horses. Who engages in the stock business should be required by law to restrain his animals either by fences or herdsman from depredating upon the crops of him who tills the soil. A glance at prevailing conditions East of the mountains, for instance, ought to convince any thoughtful person of the injustice and unreason of a fence law. In that country are hundreds of usurpers—trespassers if you please—upon the public domain, with their cattle on a thousand hills. The average immigrant who would locate and make fruitful a quarter section of land, must needs fence against the inroads of the roaming herds of the trespassers. Now, the conditions ought to be reversed. The crops of the settler cannot hurt the cattle of the stock man, but the stock man's cattle can and will destroy the settler's crops. Then it is manifest enough that the stock man should be required to restrain his cattle from annoying the agriculturist, whose privilege it ought to be to plant and grow and harvest his crops secure against all hazard of the same being devoured by the stock of him who does not cultivate the soil.

THE U. S. SENATE AND MONOPOLIES.

The lower House of Congress is Democratic and Anti-monopolist and responded promptly to the just demands of honest, disinterested men everywhere, for the forfeiture of unearned railroad grants of the people's domain. The Senate, however, is Republican, the majority of its members being partakers in the huge railroad steals which to-day disgrace common decency. That body either refuses to pass the House forfeiture bills, or so amends them as to render the same harmless to the railroad corporations. The people in very wrath may yet demand the abolition of the Senate, and we are of the opinion that the good work cannot begin too soon. Let the Sixteenth Amendment of our Constitution wipe out a body of chronic obstructionists for whose existence at all there was never any sufficient excuse. It is composed in too large a part of millionaires who have no sympathy in common with the average of mankind. The monopolists make common cause in the matter of the election of United States Senators. They require friends at Court; if not as active agents in affirmative work, then as obstructionists to prevent the consummation of legislation for the general good.

General Grant has written to the gentlemen who had interested themselves in the work of raising funds wherewith to pay off the Vanderbilt judgment, that the income from the investment of the funds raised some two years since by Mr. Curtis and others is ample for his needs, and that he cannot accept of any further aid from his friends. There has been too much maudlin sentiment mixed up in this Grant relief business, and it is pleasing to

note the General's awakening to the degree of ridiculousness in which he has heretofore been placed by the indiscriminate acceptance of alms at the hands of over-zealous friends and admirers. While there is some truth in the axiom that "Republics are proverbially ungrateful," it is most unreasonable to suppose that the American Congress will suffer General Grant to become a charge on private charity. There is a widespread desire that the General's letter may put a period to the misguided zeal of his millionaire friends, and that the oft recurring poverty cry may be forever hushed.

President-elect Cleveland resigned the Governorship of New York on the 6th instant, and in his first message to the Legislature on taking the vacated Gubernatorial chair, Governor Hill said of Mr. Cleveland's administration: "It may be safely asserted that the administration of Governor Cleveland for two years past more than met the just expectations of the people, and made a lasting impression on the annals of the State. It has been brilliant in its sterling integrity, safe in its conservatism, bold in its efforts for reform, faithful in its adherence to pledges, and vigilant in its opposition to corruption. Its straightforward and business-like conduct, united with its unquestioned honesty of purpose, had the warm approval of his political friends, the sincere respect of his opponents, and the unswerving and unselfish support of independent citizens everywhere. That he may meet with the same degree of success in the greater office to which he has been called is the earnest wish of all citizens of this State, and of every lover of good government."

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