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**SOME FARMERS ROB LAND.**

Which is the Greater Robber, the Farmer Who Robs His Soil or the Man Who Robs the Community?—A Glorious American Privilege—Time to Pause and Consider.

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There are many and various kinds of robbers loose today in this land of plenty, but perhaps the two most unpopular of them are the soil robber and the community robber—the farmer who robs his land of its producing strength and the consumer who robs his community of its dollars.

The high grade, successful farmer is the one who increases rather than diminishes the fertility of his land. Every year he changes his crop with that one object in view. He subscribes for and reads very carefully the agricultural reports, paying particular attention to the reports on experiments made by advanced and progressive farmers.

Why he does this is plain. He knows very well that it would be useless to plant good seed in wornout soil. It's his wish and intention to make a profit on his investment in seed and labor as well as in soil, and this, of course, could not be accomplished if the soil were not fruitful.

**Bleeding Home Communities.**  
Today there are hundreds of thousands of American citizens who are bleeding their home communities by taking out of the channels of local trade the money needed to transact business and sending it to dealers who do not and who cannot by any possible means return it to its proper and necessary work in local business circles.

The big city mail order houses that sell goods at retail through the medium of catalogues to farmers and others all over the country buy nothing from their customers. They invariably exchange goods for money, never money for goods. They employ no labor in the communities where their customers must earn their living; they buy no farm products; they own no real estate; they pay no taxes; they have no money on deposit in the local banks; they do not advertise in the local newspapers; they do not give credit; they do not even pay the freight on goods they sell. Every cent taken by them out of the community is permanently lost to the business of that community.

These are not plain and evident truths, are they not?  
We would ask this very same farmer, who would be insulted were he charged with neglecting to keep his soil enriched to the highest possible degree, to explain how he can deliberately rob his community by buying his goods from out of town concerns.

**Farmer Planted in Community.**  
The farmer plants seed in the soil, and in order to produce results he must keep that soil fertilized. Being himself planted in the community, he does his trading in a foreign city and thereby assists his community in becoming poor.

Why should this farmer have greater respect for the seed which he plants than he has for himself, his family or his neighbor?  
There is a community in Minnesota in the center of which is a city embracing about 10,000 people, and it is conservatively estimated that something more than \$300,000 annually is sent from there to mail order houses for the purchase of goods which could just as well be secured at the home stores.

This estimate is based on the figures secured from reliable sources in the aforementioned community—that is, from the banker, the strongest agent and the postmaster.

This, perhaps, is the strongest evidence of "robbing" a community.  
The answer to the above may be that a man has a right to buy where he pleases. It is his money he is spending, and he has the right to spend it away if he wishes, particularly if he feels that he is to be the gainer thereby.

**A Glorious American Privilege.**  
Quite true. In this glorious America of ours every citizen is privileged to consult his own pleasure in spending his money. He can spend it or hoard it up, or he may contribute it for the purpose of building monuments to the memory of great men. No one can lawfully dispute that right.

Likewise the soil robber has the right to use his land as he wishes and without any consideration for its future fertility. The land belongs to him, and he can do as he pleases with it. He is a free man, surrounded by hundreds of laws enacted for the protection of his rights.

**Pause and Consider.**  
The parallel drawn between the two cases has a tendency to give the community robber a chance to pause and consider.

He should give the matter very serious attention and thought and endeavor to figure out a method by which he can increase his wealth, just as the honest farmer increases the richness and productiveness of his soil. In this way only can a large and substantial community be attained.

**Adam's Apple.**  
The projection in the front of the throat in men, denoting the position of the thyroid cartilage, is styled "Adam's apple." It develops rapidly usually when the voice "breaks," being comparatively small in both children and women. The name arose from the tradition that when Adam attempted to swallow the apple in paradise it stuck in his throat, giving rise to the swelling since seen in all his adult male descendants.

**Water Users.**  
Water users will be permitted to water lawns and gardens for one hour on Mondays and Thursdays, between the hours of 7 and 8 p. m.—Adv.

**FAMOUS DIAMONDS.**  
The Cullinan in the Rough Weighed One and One-third Pounds.  
Until 1905 the largest diamond known was the Excelsior, found in 1893 at Jagersfontein by a native while loading a truck. It weighed 973 carats and was cut ultimately into ten stones weighing from thirteen to sixty-eight carats. All previous discoveries were surpassed in 1905 by the finding of a stone weighing 3,106 1/2 carats, or one and a third pounds, in the Premier mine in the Transvaal.

The Transvaal government bought this stone and presented it to King Edward, it having become known as the Cullinan diamond. In 1908 it was sent to Amsterdam and there cut into nine large stones and a number of small ones. The largest one weighed 516 1/2 carats and is the largest brilliant in existence. All are of the finest quality and flawless.

The Kohinoor in its earliest known state weighed 18 1/2 carats, but was later cut to 106.

Other famous diamonds, some from Brazil, some from India or Borneo, others from Kimberley, are the Star of the South, weighing 254 1/2 carats; the Regent or Pitt diamond, weighing 136 carats after several cuttings; the Darya-i-nur, weighing 186 carats, in the possession of the Shah of Persia; the Tiffany, weighing 123 1/2 carats; the Victoria, weighing 180 carats and cut from a stone weighing 457 carats.—Exchange.

**NOT MADE BY SPOOKS.**  
House Noises at Night That Sound Like Ghostly Footfalls.  
In old houses the boards and joists forming the floors are often in a somewhat unstable condition. Many floors are permanently bent with the traffic of generations. Others are still undergoing the warping process. It is easy to imagine a floor which is in a perfectly ripe condition for the production of ghostly sounds.

During the daytime the timbers get bent with the weight of the various inches of the house walking on and fro, but the noise and bustle of the day drowns the starting and creaking which goes on until the floor has recovered its natural position, as it is bound to do in time, wood being of an elastic nature.

When, however, the stillness of night comes on, these little intermittent movements may become magnified into mysterious footsteps, according to the imagination of the hearer. I myself live in a house the landing of which exactly illustrates my argument. Some hours after all are in bed the sound as of one stealthily creeping along the landing is heard—loud enough to startle a light sleeper into wakefulness. "Who's that?" has often been the exclamation, but by good sense the natural explanation has as often been accepted.—London Times.

**Didn't Need the Hoe.**  
Some time ago a hobo meekly tapped on the back door of a suburban home and asked for something to eat. The good housewife responded that she would feed him on the back step along with Flid provided he was willing to earn the meal by cleaning out the gutter.

The tramp agreed, and when he had eaten his way through several sandwiches the housewife came out with a reliable looking hoe.

"You needn't have gone to that trouble, madam," said the hobo. "I never use a hoe in cleaning out a gutter."

"Never use a hoe?" said the woman. "What do you use, then, a shovel?"

"No, madam," sweetly replied the hobo, starting for the back gate, "my method is to pray for rain."—Boston Advertiser.

**Pump Anchors.**  
A pump is a queer sort of anchor, but it has been found to be the best kind of an anchor for a sandy boat. The anchor consists of a heavy piece of metal with a hole down through the center and a tube from this hole to the ship, so that water can be pumped from the ship down through the tube and out of the bottom of the metal mass. When this anchor drops to the sandy bottom and the pump is started it makes quicksand of the material round it so that it sinks in deep. When the pumping stops the sand hardens and holds the anchor. To raise the anchor it is necessary only to start pumping again and loosen the sand.—Saturday Evening Post.

**What is Instinct?**  
Instinct is a generic term comprising all those faculties of mind which lead to the conscious performance of actions that are adaptive in character, but pursued without necessary knowledge of the relation between the means employed and the ends attained. It is hardly necessary to remark that sometimes "instinct" comes so close to "reason" that it is almost impossible to distinguish between them.—New York American.

**Entirely Out of Place.**  
"What literary did you take on your European trip?"  
"John wouldn't let me take one at all. You see, he's crossed the ocean before, and he said it was foolish to fill our trunk with a lot of things we'd never use."—Detroit Free Press.

**Easy to Talk Back Now.**  
"It's but that in days gone by men did not talk back to their wives in the fashion that they do nowadays."  
"The telephone is certainly a great invention."—Houston Post.

**When faith is lost and honor dies the man is dead.**—Whittier.

**For Sale.**  
410 acres nearly level, 80 acres of alfalfa tened for hogs, 180 acres of spring and winter grain, 50 acres of corn, balance pasture. Alfalfa on creek bottom. Fair buildings, on telephone and R. F. D. line, one mile from school, six miles from town and only \$19,500, easy terms. Frank McIlroy, Cambridge, Idaho.—Adv.

**Notice to Water Users.**  
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**GIGANTIC SEA WAVES.**  
Force of Those Raised by Earthquakes or Violent Storms.  
The term tidal wave is erroneously applied to almost any unexpected wave that inundates the seacoast or the shores of a great lake. These waves are rarely if ever due to the tides since the real tidal wave is a phenomenon admitting of exact calculation and prediction, but they may be traced usually to some distant earthquake or violent storm.

When an earthquake occurs beneath the sea the vertical movements of the sea bed generate a great wave, which is propagated outward from the center of the shock and reaches the land after the arrival of the earth wave. In the open sea this wave is so broad that it cannot be perceived, but when it reaches shallow water near the shore it rushes forward as an immense breaker, sometimes sixty feet or more high and overwhelming everything in its course.

The sandy beach deposits and loose bowlders are swept away, while inland the surface is strewn with debris. The velocity of these great sea waves is greater than the ordinary waves raised by the wind. A submarine earthquake near the coast of Japan in 1854 gave rise to sea waves which traversed the whole breadth of the Pacific at a rate of about 370 miles an hour. At Smoot, Japan, the waves were thirty feet high, while at San Diego, Cal., they measured only six inches. Such an earthquake wave near the coast of Peru once lifted a gunboat of the United States navy and landed it a mile inland.—Kansas City Star.

**STAGE GHOSTS.**  
Kean's Contrivance to Make the Shade of Banquo Realistic.  
I think it was Charles Kean who first resorted to illusion to make a stage ghost a little transparent, says a writer in London Tit-Bits. When he produced "Macbeth" at the old Princess theater he manufactured a contrivance which allowed Banquo's ghost to appear through a transparent column.

Later on, when Mrs. Ann Radcliffe's "Romance of the Forest" was staged at Covent Garden theater, those responsible for its production arranged that the spook in the piece should be seen by the audience through a gauze of bluish gray color, so that the too corporeal effect of a live actor might be removed.

When the old playhouse in Drury lane opened, in 1794, with a performance of "Macbeth," Banquo's ghost was omitted. Although Mr. Kemble's acting was fine enough to make the audience almost believe that they really did see the ghost, yet the people were not satisfied until the system they had been used to was readopted and Banquo's shade allowed to trot bodily across the boards.

Reflecting mirrors and the cinematograph are coming in general use at the theaters, and with them it has been found possible to manufacture ghosts capable of striking terror into the hearts of all followers of the occult.

**Rudeness About Doors.**  
Never mind if you do not happen to know the person who is coming behind you. Hold the door or gate open for him just the same. Of course the next in order may be several steps behind, or you may be obliged to save seconds to catch your train. You may in cases like these feel compelled to slam a door or gate in the face of an innocent fellow being. But in scores of instances recently observed doors and gates have been slammed in the faces of those following by boorish men and women, apparently out of sheer clownishness. Sometimes the person thus insulted may happen to be one whom you may wish to please. It pays to be a lady or a gentleman, even when you think you are among strangers.—Kate Upson Clark in Leslie's.

**Clinching the Argument.**  
At a club meeting held in a public house in a small village a discussion took place as to whether a hard or soft substance would last the longer. The debate continued for some time, until one man spoke up and said:  
"Now, men, you are all mistaken, as I can easily prove. When me and my wife married she had as good a set of teeth as any woman could have; now she hasn't got one, and her tongue is as good as ever."—London Tit-Bits.

**Contrasts.**  
"I wonder why the baron and Javonir, the poet, always go about together?"  
"They are so utterly different!"  
"Well, the baron thinks himself intellectual when he is with the poet, and the poet thinks he looks smart when he is with the baron."—Fliegende Blätter.

**Good Judgment.**  
"Your partner," remarked the privileged friend, "seems to be a man of unusually good judgment."  
"You bet he is," replied the self acknowledged brains of the firm. "Why, he never makes a move without asking my advice."—Chicago News.

**Men and Jobs.**  
Apropos of an inefficient manager's resignation, George Gould said to a New York railroad reporter:  
"It's every man's desire to wobble round in a big job rather than to fill a small one, and that's why so many resignations are by request."

**Quick Witted.**  
Hobbs—He's a quick witted fellow. Slobbs—In what way? Hobbs—He knows when to say nothing.—Philadelphia Record.

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**SUMMONS.**  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
Mamie Boyd, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Cleveland G. Boyd, Defendant.  
To Cleveland G. Boyd, the above-named defendant:  
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff filed against you in the above entitled case and cause within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before the 3rd day of July, A. D., 1914; and you will take notice that if you fail to appear and answer or otherwise plead to the said complaint within said time the plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the court for the relief prayed for and demanded in said complaint, to-wit, for a decree of said court forever dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant and for an absolute divorce from the defendant and for other equitable relief.

This summons is published pursuant to an order of Hon. Gilbert W. Phelps, Circuit Judge of the Sixth Judicial District of the State of Oregon, duly made and filed on the 16th day of May A. D., 1914, and the first publication of this summons will be made in the Athens Press newspaper on Friday, the 22nd day of May, 1914, and the last publication will be made on Friday the 3rd day of July, A. D., 1914.  
Dated this 16th day of May, 1914.  
WILL M. PETERSON,  
Attorney for Plaintiff.

**Notice of Final Account.**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of John L. Duffy, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the administrator of the above entitled estate has filed his final report with the Clerk of the above entitled court and that the judge thereof has designated Monday, the 13th day of July, 1914, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and the office of the County Judge in the County Court House at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the time and place when and where hearing shall be had thereon. All persons interested are directed to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why the final report should not be approved, the administrator discharged and his bondsmen exonerated. Dated this 3 day of June, 1914.  
STEPHEN A. LOWELL,  
Administrator.

**Notice to Creditors.**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of Louis LaBrasche, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern, that W. S. Ferguson has qualified as administrator of the estate of Louis LaBrasche, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate are required to present them with proper vouchers as required by law, to said executor at his office in Athens, Ore., or to his attorney, Homer I. Watts, at his law office in Athens, Ore., within six months from the first publication of this notice.  
Dated this 10th day of July, 1914.  
Homer I. Watts, W. S. Ferguson,  
Attorney. Administrator.

**NOTICE OF CONTEST.**  
(For publication.)  
Department of the Interior.  
United States Land Office.  
La Grande 06401, Contest No. 744.  
La Grande, Oregon June 16th, 1914.  
To Bruce O. McKinley, of Walla Walla, Wash., Contestee:  
You are hereby notified that Emory M. Achilles, who gives Athens, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on June 8th, 1914, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. 06404, made May 3rd, 1909, for NW 1/4 Section 24, Township 6 North, Range 39 East Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Bruce O. McKinley, the entryman, has never established residence on said land and has never cultivated or improved it and has abandoned said land.

You are therefore further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.  
(Signed) F. C. BRAMWELL,  
Register.

**NOTICE OF CONTEST.**  
(For publication.)  
Department of the Interior.  
United States Land Office.  
La Grande 06683, Contest No. 747.  
La Grande, Oregon, June 16th, 1914.  
To Frank Balcom, of Jasper, Oregon, Contestee:  
You are hereby notified that Emory M. Achilles, who gives Athens, Oregon, as his postoffice address, did on June 16th, 1914, file in this office his duly corroborated application to con-

test and secure the cancellation of your Homestead Entry No. 06683, made June 26th, 1909, for NE 1/4 Sec. 23, and SE 1/4 Section 14, Township 6 North, Range 39 East, Willamette Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that said Frank Balcom has failed to reside upon the land and improve the land as required by law, and has wholly abandoned the same.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be canceled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you have served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

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