

FREE LAND DAYS ARE OVER

Unreasonable to Ask That Indian Lands Be Bought and Given Away.

(Journal Special Cable.)
WASHINGTON, May 8.—It is going to be difficult to secure the passage of the bill now pending before Congress providing for opening to settlement portions of the several Indian reservations of the West, unless the friends of these measures will consent to the insertion in the bill of a provision requiring that settlers taking up the ceded lands are to repay the government the price per acre to be paid to the Indians. There are ten or twelve bills of this character involving large amounts of land and calling for a considerable appropriation in the aggregate. Among them is the bill for opening the Crow reservation, Montana, and others in the several Western states.

When a bill was under consideration in the Senate the other day to open the unceded portion of the Rosebud reservation, a South Dakota Senator, Platt of Connecticut, expressed a decided opposition to the bill, unless it was amended to require the settlers to pay the purchase price of the land. Other senators contended that after the passage of the free homes bill a few years ago it would be unfair to insert such a provision in this or any similar bill, but the Connecticut senator remained firm.

He said the government would not think of going into an Eastern state and purchasing land from farmers, with the view of turning around and throwing it open to homestead settlement. Nor would the government undertake to buy land from settlers whose holdings adjoin Indian reservations and turn about and offer that land to settlers free of cost. He said there was no reason for buying Indian land at from \$1.50 to \$2.50 and even as high as \$5.00 to be taken up by homesteaders without cost. Such a policy, he contended, would involve the government in great expenditure, probably \$50,000,000 or more in the end, and he did not believe such an outlay was warranted or justified.

Senator Platt further intimated that there was more or less misinformation given out concerning Indian lands to be thrown open to settlement. He had noticed in the past that before the bills ratifying treaties with the Indians were passed, the lands were reported to be worth not over \$1.50 an acre, but as soon as the appropriation had been made and the lands opened he found that the price uniformly showed a marked advance.

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"And, of course," he went on, "I wouldn't think of asking you any of the men were or anything about them, but I am interested in knowing how they do it."

Then she roused herself.

"Look here," she said. "Are you trying to get hints how to propose to me to some other girl?"

It was that she plucked him down, as it were, and brought him to the point.

STRANGE BUT TRUE.

Swans on the Thames at Eton and Windsor are being fed from the local boatmen, as the birds are unable, owing to the severity of the weather, to obtain a sufficiency of food for themselves.

The hair on the heads of most of the hundreds of thousands of dolls now being exhibited in shop windows is made from the hair of the Angora goat. This product is controlled by an English syndicate, and after the hair is prepared it is sent to Munich and made into wigs by girls.

A single example does not always afford grounds for a general conclusion.

CONDENSING THE STATE BOARD

Deaf Mute Scandal at Salem May Cause Trouble.

(Journal Special Service.)

SALEM, May 8.—Ever since the Journal and other papers printed the story of the cruel treatment some of the unfortunate children at the State Deaf-Mute School here had received at the hands of Superintendent Wentz of that institution, a feeling of indignation has been growing here that such a man should be left in charge of those poor unfortunates, and, as a result of this feeling, it is said that the board, though at first inclined to palliate his offenses, has at last decided on his discharge.

Secretary of State Dunbar, when asked as to the result of the report, refused to either confirm or deny it, and betrayed a very natural reluctance to speak of the matter at all. There is, however, little doubt that as soon as a proper person can be found to take charge, Superintendent Wentz will have to rustle for another job.

But Wentz's misdeeds are not the only matters of complaint. It is alleged that the present board of control, being politicians, and without any knowledge of the work, are unfit persons to hold the destinies of the school in their hands, and that the conduct of the institution should be in the hands of a board of nonpartisans who would put the success of the work above the claims of political expediency. The following open letter from a gentleman thoroughly familiar with the situation states the case as the people here, in great measure, view it:

"For some time there has been considerable in the way of newspaper reports and more in the way of talk on the outside in regard to the present management of one of the state institutions—the school for deaf-mutes. It is practically acknowledged by the management that as many as 12 pupils, some of them young women, were fined up by the superintendent and whipped for rejoicing over the death of a dog that had bitten one of the pupils. Parents of some of these children asked for investigation. The board flatly refused to take any notice of so small an affair. The parents, moved by a common humanity, began to take their children from the school. The matter began to receive notice in the press, and was talked about more or less in many parts of the state, where these defective children have relatives and friends. Now it is hinted that there is to be an investigation—after most of the witnesses, in most cases the children of poor people, have been removed to points from which it will be next to impossible to get their testimony.

"It is generally understood that the present Secretary of State and Superintendent of Public Instruction are 'standing together' in the management—or mismanagement—of this institution, and that the Governor has little say in the matter. What do the voters of the state, who are taxed to sustain this so-called benevolent institution—created to enable a defective class of children to become self-supporting—think of this kind of management?"

"The members of this board are paid for the work they are supposed to do for this school at the rate of \$250 a year each—more than the entire pay of some of the 'employers' who give it all their time. It is true that the \$750 a year paid this board is not a very large sum. It is equally true that it represents a very small amount of work, and in this case the kind of work that should make the voters very much ashamed if they vote to perpetuate it."

RECENT LEGAL DECISIONS.

A statute making it unlawful to herd or graze sheep within two miles of an inhabited dwelling is held, in *Sieffs vs. Johnson* (120 Or. 22), to be a valid exercise of the police power of the state, and not unconstitutional.

In *Burton vs. Seattle Electric Company* (67 Pacific Reporter, 210), the plaintiff was struck by a cable car which had just ascended a hill, the grade of which was about 20 per cent. The speed of the car could not be checked while on the grade without releasing the cable, and the company urged that this would be a hazardous thing to do until the car had reached the top of the incline. The court holds that as a matter of law these facts do not show a want of negligence on the part of the company, saying that they are not prepared to decide that the company is authorized to maintain a system of operating cars which will prevent it from stopping them at any point.

A statute making railroad companies liable to all employees for injuries caused by negligence of any of their servants in charge of any signal telegraph office, switch yard, shop, roundhouse, locomotive engine or train, is held, in *Indianapolis Union R. Co. vs. Houlihan* (Ind. 51 L. R. A. 787), to be constitutional as an exercise of the police power.

A restriction of the number of persons which lodging-house-keepers may permit to occupy one room during the same night is held, in *Bailey vs. People* (Ill. 54 L. R. A. 339), to be a deprivation of property without due process of law, because of the discrimination in limiting the provision to lodging-house-keepers.

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