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Public Lands for the Poor.

Senator Hoar is a good enough lawyer to know that the conduct of people is not affected by law. It serves to adjust differences, when interests conflict, but it never determines behavior, except in those few instances where it holds its victim in duress. Hence, it is a little surprising to find the venerable statesman fathering a bill to relieve the poor by putting 140,000,000 acres of public land at their disposal. He would put this enormous tract in charge of the Agricultural department, with instructions to prepare the land for cultivation, which might mean an expensive undertaking, for to make some acres yield anything but excels and horned toads you would have to fetch water 500 miles, and hire Chinamen to spread it when it arrived. Still, Mr. Hoar would have the "able-bodied poor" return the cost as soon as their land had yielded enough. This scheme is admirable in its spirit and purpose, but the plain fact is that the homeless poor could not be driven into those 140,000,000 acres by anything less than guns. For the worthy poor every one has sympathy, and more is done to help them in this country than any other, but it is an unhappy fact that a majority of the homeless poor are homeless because they will not work to secure or keep a home, and as for supposing that they will buckle down to the toil of clearing ground, building houses, making roads and tilling the soil, even in districts naturally fertile, it is out of the question. They will beg, add do little shifty jobs, and tramp the roads, and steal rides on freight trains, but they will not rise to the full stature of men and grapple with occasion. The tendency today is toward the cities, not toward new fields, unless those fields promise gold or other sudden wealth. And as adequate work is not offered in the cities, and as the cost of living there is high, it follows that every great population center has its mass of idle and more or less vicious citizens, who never stick to anything long enough to succeed, and who least of all, would submit to the hardships of a pioneer existence. They want a crowd, they want diversion, they want beer. To transplant 100,000 of New York's ineffectives to the plains of Colorado would only be to impose them on the charities of Denver. And there are companies of cattlemen and others who in a marvelous short time would come into possession of their holdings.

Back to The Land.

Amid the crash of stocks and the wreck of inflated trusts, it will be observed that land and urban real estate are showing no tokens of panic or shrinkage. Into all of the states of the west the procession of farm buyers continues to move in an uninterrupted stream. None of the reverses of speculation has precipitated any lack of confidence in the soil. It remains, as it will for all time, the firm and unshaken basis of the country's wealth.

The man who is the possessor of a piece of land has the game in this own hands. There is no promoter or stock gambler who can jeopardize his investment. Where it is purchased with judgment land is always worth the money paid for it, and it is bound to increase in value. It requires only industry to make it profitable and productive. It constitutes a source of independence in any condition of the money market and amid all of the mutations of speculative enterprises.

Real estate represents a tremendous proportion of the wealth of the country. The richest families in America, in England and all of the countries of the globe are landholders. The Astors in New York afford a convincing example. It is the hereditary ownership of land that holds the English government together. Out of the soil proceeds all intrinsic values. There will never be any more land on the globe than there is now. But there will be millions and millions more people to consume what land produces. This makes the upward tendency of land inevitable. There is no escape from that result. No investment judiciously made in reality behind the investment is imperishable.

The country has witnessed, again and again, and quite recently, the disastrous effects of yielding to the temptation of taking the chances on another man's game to obtain large profits. Thousands of people have lost their all by the collapse of such schemes as the captains of finance evolve to rob their victims. Had the men and women who have been impoverished by the "genius" of Mr. Morgan placed their money in land or urban real estate they would have something to show for it today and would not be stricken with the fear of dependence and poverty.

Land is the one thing in this world whose value is absolutely intrinsic, and its worth and desirability ought to be made apparent as it has never been apparent before by the ruin that has overtaken those unfortunate persons who

have been fleeced of their all by licensed stock robbers.

Dairy Strippings.

A company at Jersey City is now putting up what might be called desiccated milk. Their process is the condensing process carried to its utmost limit. All the water is evaporated, leaving the solids of the milk in the form of a powder. To make this rich, perfect milk, the same amount of water that was evaporated from it must be added. The saving on the freight on milk by this process is immense; at the same rate nine-tenths of the freight would be saved.

The best cow for each one of us to handle is the cow we like the best. There is such a thing as incompatibility of temper between the man and his cows and this fact often marks the line between success and failure. The man who loves his cows, as a man will who has an affection for stock, will most assuredly receive better returns for his labor than one who merely tolerates his dairy.

The rational view to take of the combined beef and dairy situation in the west is that milk cows should incline to size, as the very small type of cow is practically useless after her milking days are over. So true is this that even the average weight of the Jersey has increased by some hundreds of pounds under American skies. There is no doubt but cows yielding from fair to large quantities of milk with plenty of weight can be found, whose calves can be raised for beef purposes.

A Native Tillamooker Honored.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Nov. 27.—John U. Smith, well known in Oregon, has been elected District Attorney for the County of East Hawaii, according to a letter just received by his cousin, Dr. C. L. Large. Mr. Smith is a native Oregonian, having been born in 1868, in Tillamook County. In 1890, at Napavine, Wash., he was married to Miss Mattie E. Koontz, who also graduated from Pacific University in 1889, with the degree of B. S. They have two daughters. He is of pioneer parentage, his father having crossed the plains in 1839, and his mother, six years later. His father, Sidney Smith, who died in Chehalis Valley in 1880, was a son of a Revolutionary Captain, and the grandnephew of Ethan Allen, of Ticonderoga fame.

He is a graduate of Pacific University class of '88, with the degree B. S., and received his LL. B. degree from the law department of the University of Oregon in 1890. He is a Mystic Shriner, and is now warden of the lodge of A. F. & A. M. at Hilo.

Of a staunch Democratic family, Mr. Smith's services to the cause of honest money in the struggle of 1896 were recognized by President McKinley in his appointment as United States Commissioner in Alaska. After his return from the North Mr. Smith went to the other extreme and entered the practice of his profession at Hilo, Hawaii, with what success his recent preferment tells.

Two tintype pictures of her husband tenderly clasping the waist of a woman, a stranger to her, were too much for Mrs. Lucy M. Terry, of Chicago, to bear. She showed them to Judge Tut-till, and she was granted a divorce from William B. Terry, traveling salesman. "I found them in his grip, judge," the plaintiff told the court. "I don't see how he could bear to put his arm around such a homely looking thing as she is."

Habits lead to success or failure. A man may get the habit of theft, though his nature may be directly the opposite. A man may get in the habit of industry. The matter of acquiring habits may completely revolutionize a man's way of doing things and change his course from failure to success, or vice versa. One habit that will be found most profitable and pleasant is writing letters. Our government has so reduced the cost of communication from one point to another anywhere in the world that no one, be he ever so poor, is barred from this method of communication. Negligence is generally the only excuse to offer and in many cases it could be classed as criminal negligence, because it is a crime to overlook or let pass by opportunities that may be used for our own benefit or the benefit of those dependent upon us.

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Quaint Features of Life.

Rev. Dr. Hubbard, pastor of the Bedford Heights Baptist church, Brooklyn, has jarred the young people of his church into his way of thinking by putting his pastoral foot down heavily. These young people of both sexes planned a benefit dance for the raising of funds for a church organ. Dr. Hubbard suggested some other form of enterprise. The projectors ignored the hint and went ahead. Then the doctor said: "No, you shall not dance anywhere in the official name of this church." All the old people of the church backed him up, and the dance has been called off.

In commenting on a divorce case in his court, a Toledo judge said: "In hearing divorce cases I have made up my mind that in buying public utilities we have omitted one thing—a public spanking machine, with a patrol wagon attachment, a sort of 'bring-'em-up-and-spank-'em-while-you-wait.' I would recommend such a device, and I think it could be used to great effect in the case before the court. I'd have the little child look on while the parents were spanked. About all that is needed in many divorce cases and in many homes where little frictions occur is a good spanking."

William Cromwell, of Vinland, N. J., has had a record-breaking run of hard luck for the past twelve months. A year ago his wife was operated upon for appendicitis. Two or three days after her return from the hospital she fell down stairs and has been an invalid ever since. Then his son Oliver, 7 years old, was hurt while crossing a railroad, and while he was in the hospital, a 13-year-old daughter broke her arm. Later his son Melvin caught diphtheria, and the head of the house was mangled by a savage dog. Just after he had returned from the Pasteur institute in Baltimore ten days ago Melvin turned up with a broken collar bone. Now the father is wondering what next.

Albert Lukachervsky, of Orange, N. J., who was arrested on a charge of desertion, was brought before Police Justice Bray in order that that official might decide which of two wives who claimed him Lukachervsky should live with. Both claimants were in the courtroom, and told the magistrate they had been married to the man. He did not dispute their allegations, although he said shortly after his arrest that he would dispute the claim of wife No. 1. The latter was, previous to her marriage, Mary Kimpinski and until three months ago lived in Poland.

Justice Bray decided that wife No. 2 should live with the man and that he should pay the other woman \$4 a week. This arrangement seemed to be perfectly satisfactory to all hands and the man gave bonds to insure his carrying out the contract. In making his decision Justice Bray called attention to the fact that wife No. 2, who was married sixteen years ago to the defendant in a Polish church in Brooklyn, was the mother of three living children. Wife No. 1 had born five children, but only one was now living, a son 19 years old. The first marriage took place in Poland twenty-one years ago.

Wife No. 1 offered no objection to wife No. 2 living with her husband and the justice said he felt safe in making his decision.

During the presentation of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" at Langport, Ind., by the Al Martain company, Frank Marshall, a burly negro and son of a former slave, rendered insane by the whipping of Uncle Tom by Simon Legree, leaped upon the stage and attempted to kill the actor. Uncle Tom jumped off the block and took a hand in the fight, but the negro was overpowering both of them, when a policeman suppressed him. The performance was broken up by the incident. The negro said his father had been whipped just as depicted on the stage, and the memory drove him mad.

A recent order of the Pennsylvania railroad that all employers should wear the regulation, uniform of blue cap, coat, and trousers has caused much embarrassment for Miss Frances Miller, the station agent at Norwood, a suburban station of Philadelphia. She is now the only woman agent on the line, and many times it has been suggested by townsfolk that a man in the position would be more convenient but the railroad people could not be so convinced. The order provides no exception in the case of women employees, and it is becoming a question of public speculation in Norwood whether Miss Miller will don the apparel named or send in her resignation.

Miss Dora Meek, the Centralia (Ill.) girl who last winter had a sleep of several weeks' duration, relapsed into unconsciousness again at Ardmore, I. T., last Friday night, and the indications are that she has entered on another long slumber. All day Saturday and night she remained unconscious. Doctors and members of the family who have carefully watched her through two of these periods of sleep are more fearful than ever before that she may never wake. They are of the opinion that these spells are so weakening that they leave her each time with less resistive power to undergo another. During her long sleep last winter her attendants forced nourishment down her throat to keep her alive. The same method has been resorted to again.

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