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THE INAUGURATION.

The inauguration day yesterday completed the first century of our government under the constitution of the Union and introduces us to the second century. The first century opened with Washington for president and Jefferson, Madison, Adams, Henry, Hamilton, Franklin, Jay, Clinton and others among the gratest names heading the list on the long bright roll of fame; the second begins with Harrison for President and Blaine, Win- dom, Sherman, Wannamaker, El- kins, Noble and other meritorious citizens as leaders and statesmen. The immortal General Butler has returned to private life while the curtain sadly closes on the the- retiring forms of Dan Lamont, Cleve- land and Bayard. One thing the past has taught us that, just as from the mists of a plain, unpretending working people sprang, at the call of the first revolution, men previously unknown, whose memories History has transmitted and embalmed among "Those few immortal names" "That were not born to die" and as when sounded the thunder of the first gun at Sumpter millions of people sprang to arms, from whose ranks emerged the men fitted for the work of preserving the nation by counsels and by war, Lincoln, Grant, General Sherman, Stanton and so many others, so, even now, if the people are true to themselves on every emergency requiring them shall spring from out the vast body the men and women to lead and counsel in the right direction.

THE NOBLE SAVAGE.

Although slavery does not exist in China in the sense that it did in this nation, that is to say men are not bought and sold as chatties, yet vast numbers of the lowest class are under a kind of slavery to society. This kind has its origin in the slavery of the children under their fathers who have absolute power over them during life. In old Rome this servitude of children to parents was the perpetual fount of slavery. Our modern ideas of personal liberty and our high appreciation of woman we owe to the wild, rude Goths and Germans of old times. At least we can find no other origin for them, as all previous societies were cursed with the spirit of Orientalism. This spirit was gaining rapid control here during the rule of the slave power. Modern civilization owes more to the ideas of those noble savages of Eastern and Northern Europe than to anything else. Without these ideas our progress would have been fettered by polygamy and slavery forever.

HOMESTEADS.

To say that a homestead act is not needed because the owner can mortgage his home any time and thus lose it, and because our laws recognize the right of woman to her own property, and that by conveying a home to his wife the same effect can be accomplished as though we had such a law, is mere twattle. The husband can induce the wife to give up her endowment as easily as to sign a mortgage. So that matter is equalized.

Moreover, the homestead is for heads of families who are quite as often widows, daughters or sons or guardians as husbands. And the states that have the most liberal homesteads respect the wife's property as such, if not more than does this state. The idea of the homestead exists upon a totally different ground. First, it is proven, that where the exemption gave to

the debtor three or four hundred dollars only that same class of poor debtors forever kept themselves within the borders, and the country was full of poor fellows who never could get ahead by reason of such limited ownership. It was like confining a carpenter to one plane, one saw, and one axe. He would be a h—l—well, hardly a carpenter, confined to such tools. The same class who never owned a home now have homes, it may be very humble ones, and have means enough to cultivate all the ground allowed them. It changes the condition of a large class of citizens. It encourages them to try to make homes. Second and chiefly as pertinent to this state, thousands on thousands of industri- ous men are unlucky. They are sold out and the major part of the debt stands against them. Never in all time can they rise from their im- poverished condition, if limited to a small exemption and have no home.

In the great Northwest to-day are tens of thousands who were sold out last year. In some countries so much land was offered at once that it did not bring one-third the sum it was mortgaged for. They seek new homes. Failure of crops for two or three years has ruined them. They will go where they can build homes. If they come to Oregon they know these old mortgage notes will follow, and take from them every home they try to make. Already it has gone abroad that Oregon has no exemption. The truth is that there is a large class of pudding-headed men in this state, who openly declare "we have enough people here already," and they were faithfully represented during the last session of our legislature. And this is the "why and wherefore," of nearly all the immigration that comes to Port- land going northward.

FALSE RETURNS.

The East Oregonian lately said that Multnomah county returns in notes, bonds, money for taxation but \$1,585,055, whereas Umatilla county returns \$1,707,629 or about \$120,000 more, Yamhill almost as much. Does anyone doubt but that Umatilla returns more than twenty times on these items more than Portland? "Multnomah's exam- ple is being followed etc., etc."

Of course it is. And the higher your taxes become the less is return- ed. Some time ago we said there is but one way to reform: Strict econ- omy and the very lowest assessment with a stern determination to have all property listed at a fair valuation. But here is the great difficulty. Ambitious towns bear so very hard on their taxpayers that their citizens will evade. This town building ambition is the curse of the nation. Look at Chicago. Day after day for weeks the News published the returns of millionaire citizens, solemnly sworn to before magis- trates, with pictures, of their marble palaces and costly stables and accounts of the furniture within their dwellings and of thou- sand dollar horses and carriages. And how much personal property did they return? From two to five hundred dollars worth! In some cases the gold and silver on their harness and carriages were worth more. One of these is a U. S. Judge who lately sentenced half a dozen unfortunates to the penitentiary, falsely accused of violating the re- venue law and expressed his surprise that reputable citizens could perjure themselves to evade the taxes. "Thou whited wall. Sittest thou to judge me in the law and com- mandest me to be stricken contrary to law?" Men have their prices. Tax the best of us ten per cent and we return no cash to the assessor. We have seen it tested.

THE GREAT CROP.

The Chicago Tribune says: "Our corn crop just gathered never before yielded such a bountiful harvest. Nearly two billions of bushels raised on 75,567,276 acres of the finest land in the world which will bring us nearly \$700,000,000. The train that would be required to bring this im- mense yield to the seaboard would be 3,000,000 cars loaded with 662 bushels each, and nearly 60,000 lo- comotives, and would reach more than around the world. So heavily loaded a train travels slowly and would require a whole year to pass through Chicago. For hours the express train whirled past a green ocean of corn, wherein not a hill is missing. Its towering stalks would afford secure ambush for an army of 1,000,000 men, mounted and foot, artillery, ambulances, mule trains and stragglers." It is claimed that Iowa goes to the head of the procession as the banner state for corn. Last year it raised 321,020,982 bushels of corn on 7,707,

990 acres of ground. Estimated at the average price of 23 cents this corn crop of 1888 has a commercial value of \$73,974,891. All the gold, silver and lead that was mined in the United States in 1887 was \$87,- 575,000.

A VETO.

President Cleveland vetoed the bill to return to the states moneys paid by them during the war, as a direct tax. The ground of the veto is that, the tax under which it was paid was lawful and the money be- longs to the government. If so, congress has no power to give it away. If it can give away this money it can give away all money, and there is no limit to its power, though no one denies that its power is strictly limited by the constitution.

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