

RESERVATIONS NEAR HOME AWAITING OPENING.
The prospective opening to settlement of two Indian reservatione prospective Minnesota and theother in North Dakota, has
brought a crowd of applicants to the land offices to take chances on the raffle of farms which the government
front of a land office and stand in line for days and weeks in the
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it does look as though there must be a c
land hunger and a great scarcity of land
Yet it is a safe assertion that of land. from a distance had to pass over large stretches of unused land to reach the land office, and much, if not all of this land, is be raffled off.
In all the states the tax laws are so drawn that land held out productive use.
in this way
In this way land owners are encouraged to hold land out So, in a country big enough to furnish farms for all farmers in the world without exhausting its supply, there i nevertheless such a scarcity of available land that the opening of chance to get a farm.
The remedy is obvious

A reversal of present taxation methods is necessary
kinds of taxation and the placing of the entire burden on land values, would at once cause the opening of all this unused land land owners who are putting
tive use would, under this
lightening of tax burdens.
Land owners who are holdingout of use on speculation, would find their taxes increased, and would at once realize the desir
ability of either improving the land themselves, or letting other abinty of either improving the land themselves, or let
do it.
There are reservations close by that nced opening And there are thousands of acres of land in Esstern Orego better than any of it open for settlement, that can be had any time.-American Economic League.

## WHY CONGRESSMAN MOORE IS PROUD

The American Economic League has the following on subject of "Pride:"
Most people would hardly feel proud at being shown up a
easy marks. easy marks.
But there is a congressman from Philadelphia, named Hamp-
ton Moore, who believes that should be a source of pride Theore, who believes that should be a source of pride.
The occasion was a discussion in the house on the cotton schedule.
schedule.
Here reference was made to the oilcloth manufacturing firm of Thos. Potter Sons \& Company, of Philadelphia, a concern en-
joying the benefit of 145 per cent tafiff protection but which nevertheless boasts of selling its products in thirty different foreiga countries in free competition with the product of foreign labor.

## Mr. Moore, on hearing this, remarked:

Should not that be a source of pride?
hat must be paid for it here, and know how Americans insist on keeping up that 145 per cent duty under the impression that the firm cannot compete with foreigners, they must have some opinions to express which would make a sensitive person feel as
proud as the victim of a gold brick swíndle must feel on learnCongressman Moore thinks such a vict
if he should hear that the person from whom the feel prour "gold" brick at an exorbitant price had sold thi bought the to different people, but at a price no higher than their intrinsio value.
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