

American Landed Principalities.

Troy Times: It is astonishing what large farms in the United States are owned by titled Englishmen. Of individual owners there are Sir George Reed, 1,000,000 acres; Earl of Dunraven, 60,000 acres; Duke of Sutherland, 400,000 acres; the next largest farms are owned by Phillips, Marshall & Co., 1,300 acres; heirs of Col. Murphy, 4,100,000 acres; H. Diston, 12,000,000 acres; Standard Oil Company, 1,000,000 acres; and scores of others. Nine men own a territory equal to that of New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Rhode Island combined. Then there are great railroad corporations, whose free gifts of land from profligate Congresses amount to upward of 200,000,000 acres. Eleven of these corporations have been given 120,000,000 acres. The Northern Pacific road has received the biggest slice, 47,000,000, and the grants have ranged all the way from 1,000,000 acres upwards.

Looked Lovely.

The most beautiful girl at a recent fancy ball in London, given to the Countess of Stanhope, is said to have been the niece of Mr. Lowell. The most remarkable feature of her dress appears to have been the shoes she wore upon her tiny feet, adorned with insteps aristocratically arched. These shoes were made of yellow Spanish velvet, with high French heels, and faced up the side. The eyelets for the cords to pass through were rimmed with solid gold, and to the side of each was set a precious stone, first a ruby, then a sapphire, then an emerald, then an opal, and over again in the same order. The tops of the shoes were finished in the same fashion, and in front were sixteen tiny gold chains, caught by a cluster diamond pin.

A Colorado Call for Pretty Girls.

[Silverton Herald.] It is true that the San Juan is in need of more girls. In the New England States there are 11 women to one man, while in the San Juan there are 18 men to one woman. There are thousands of young men in the San Juan to-day just dying to get within reach of a Puritan beauty, whose smiles are seasoned with sweetness and whose disposition is as mild as the Italian lamb. As a rule, the girls and old maids of this country are too far advanced and too well posted. Instead of any more Puritan males coming into the West let Providence send us several car loads of Puritan beauties. They will find homes here, and will go as readily as watermelons—just now.

The Railway Review has compiled the following statistics, to give some idea of the immense supply of cross-ties required for railways in the United States: "There are about 149,000 miles of railway in operation in this country at the present time, which have an average of 2,816 cross-ties per mile of track, making a total of 335,104,000 cross-ties now in use. Allowing 160 as the average yield per acre of woodland, the number now in use upon the railways in the United States represents the stumpage of 2,094,400 acres of land, and during the next six years this amount of timber land will be levied upon to renew the existing 335,104,000 cross-ties at a cost of \$187,552,000. An area of territory equal in size to two-thirds the area of the State of Connecticut is required to supply the railways of this country with cross-ties for the ensuing six years.

Mr. Dadant, says the Prairie Farmer, "once had an apiary located on the side of a hill and fenced. He also had, at the same time, 500 chickens occupying the same enclosure with the bees. He had his hives raised from the ground, and at night the hens brooded their chickens under them. He also taught his chickens to eat drones, by feeding them brood and hatching drones. He says he has seen a rooster pick them off as they were clustered closely together for mutual protection against their female persecutors, as all bee-keepers have seen them do, until he could swallow no more, then rest a bit, stretch up his neck, and go for them again—and if corn was thrown to him he would not notice it."

DECREASE OF IMMIGRATION.—The report of the Chief of the Bureau of Immigration to July 1, 1883, shows that while for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1882, the number of immigrants into the country, by sea and land, was 770,422, for the year ending June 30, 1883, the number was only 592,324. And for June, 1882, 84,786 immigrants landed; while for June, 1883, only 75,034 came into the country.—Scientific American.

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