

"THE SCOPE OF ECONOMICS."

Second Lecture of the University Extension Course.

Professor Plehn Talks About the Definitions of "Value," "Labor" and Other Terms.

In his lecture at Forester Hall on Saturday evening last, Professor Plehn said: "Before entering upon a discussion of the particular topics set for some of the late lectures of the course, it seems necessary to dispose of some of the purely technical questions. This lecture is therefore devoted to outlining the scope of the science and explaining the meaning of some of the terms that will be used. Many writers have striven hard over the idea of value, but failed to fix the value of that idea.

"The science should never be made merely an expansion of certain definitions. Definitions are necessary and useful, but they should never be used to give an arbitrary or too limited meaning to words of common use. Whenever possible—or, in other words, almost invariably—a definition should be merely an explanation of the terms used or of the meaning of those terms as they occur in every-day speech.

"This should especially be the case with economics, which deals with the everyday matters—with the ordinary business of life. Many of the errors of earlier writers are traceable to the failure to recognize the necessity of using

LANGUAGE IN ITS ORDINARY SENSE. "While there have been a great many definitions of the name of the science, and much discussion as to its scope, there yet seems to be considerable unanimity among all writers as to the different items which belong to the science."

"The lecturer proposed as a tentative definition of the science the following: 'Economics is the study of the activity of the practical reason in obtaining and applying those things which are provided in comparatively limited quantities for the satisfaction of the external, temporal wants of man.'

"This definition was then explained by the aid of an illustration on the blackboard. Human needs are many and varied. Their number is only practically limited by the possibility of satisfying them. But also, it is not all within the sphere of economic science. Some of them are of a higher spiritual or moral nature and are not satisfied by economic goods or services as are others.

"Nor are all goods or all services of an economic character. Some are offered free and supplied in such liberal quantities by nature that man never has to strive and labor to obtain them except under very unusual conditions. Only those need satisfaction which are limited in quantity and hard to obtain are of economic character. There are two general subjects of economics,

WEALTH AND MAN. The aim of all production is to satisfy human wants. The way in which these wants are satisfied has a direct influence on man's character and his welfare and on future production. It is, therefore, the duty of the scientist to consider the effect of the use of goods as put into the hands of the consumer. The scientist considered wealth as the end and aim of man's existence, and not man the end and aim of wealth production. Carlisle would never have been able to point the finger of scorn at science and call it

THE DIMMAL SCIENCE. The practical beneficence of statesmen and others saw this weakness of the science before the devotees themselves. Humanitarian legislation is one of the chief characteristics of the latter half of the century. The labor of the child should be in school, where his labor results in a more complete and well-rounded man. Such labor is not economic in character. Most civilized nations now prevent children from taking part in economic labor to the detriment of higher interests.

In the first part of this century this was not the case. Children and women worked, slaved in the factories of England, while the father stayed at home to cook and nurse the baby. The result would have been destructive of sound life and character had it not been checked eventually by law.

BETTER THAN WEALTH. There are many things more valuable than wealth. And it is not a loss, but a decided gain, when the child can devote some of his energies to self-improvement. The term mental capital is a misnomer. Many economists write as though a man ceased to be a man when he became a "skilled laborer"; he became, rather, as they say him—a complicated machine, an item under capital, a machine which was very expensive to run.

"VALUE" AND LABOR. The lecturer then explained the meaning of the term value. Value is the first characteristic of all economic goods. It is an abstract, relative term. When we express value we always imply a relation—a relation that is early in the thing that is valued and some other article (generally money) which has come to be adopted as the universal measure of value.

After giving some definitions of other terms to be used, the lecturer proceeded to illustrate the field of economics by reference to the different kinds of labor. He traced the rise of voluntary labor. Labor is always irksome, and was first only indulged in, under severe compulsion.

SLAVERY WAS ITS FIRST FORM. "It is a long step in advance from the slave organization of ancient Rome to the idea of labor which the French workman voiced when in the beginning of this century he demanded the right to labor as one of the fundamental rights of man—a right which he demanded that the State should guarantee him."

THE MOTIVES. Which actuate men in economic life are not solely selfish, as early theories implied, but generosity, honesty, love of justice and a due regard for the comfort and happiness of others are all powerful motives which must be allowed for in all the deductions of economic science.

The State is more than the mere sum of the individuals of which it is composed; it has a life and aims peculiar to itself which often demand the sacrifice of what at first appears to be the interest of the individual.

JEFFERIS' EXPULSION. What a Member of the Engineers' Brotherhood Says of It. Referring to the expulsion of G. B. Jeffers from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, a prominent member of that body said to a RECORD-UNION reporter yesterday that it came about in the ordinary way. Charges, he said, were preferred against Jeffers, and the action of the Brotherhood was taken without dictation or request from any outside source.

He also said the Brotherhood had never taken any action, as a body, in the matter of Jeffers' defense in court against the charges on which he was tried. Individual members were at liberty to assist him or not, as they saw fit, but the Brotherhood in no way obligated itself to assist in his defense.

Rifle Scores. Members of Company E yesterday made the following scores at the 200-yard range: Capt. Seymour, 39; Pri. McMartin, 40; Sergt. Johnson, 42; Pri. E. Hughes, 41; Sergt. Fields, 40; Pri. Patton, 37.

The pool shooting resulted: Tabor, 45; Cook, 40; Lessey, 44; Gray, 31; Fields, 40; Street, 30; Wallace, 40.

Royally Bred Youngsters. Rancho del Paso can already boast of three foals this year. There is a Maxim-Typhoon colt, a Billy Duabin and one by Alexander, the brother of the mighty Foxhall.

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THE LANSING RANCH ONCE MORE.

It is Now the Subject of Another Lawsuit.

The Heirs Claim that the Property is Theirs, and Not that of the Sacramento Bank.

Charles F. Lansing, Emma C. Lansing, Celia L. Foote and Mamie E. Lansing, by their guardian ad litem, Emma C. Lansing, have brought suit in the Superior Court against the Sacramento Bank and Ella S. Russell, administrator of the estate of Mary W. Lansing, deceased, to restrain them from conveying property alleged to be valued at about \$20,000 to anyone but the plaintiffs. The suit was filed on Saturday afternoon by Clinton L. White, attorney for the plaintiffs.

The object of the suit, as stated in the complaint, is to obtain a decree of the court that the Sacramento Bank holds the legal title of the Lansing ranch in trust for the plaintiffs, and directing that the bank convey it to them and be restrained from conveying it to anyone else.

It is also stated in the complaint that James Lansing (who, it will be remembered, was shot by Simon Ruten in the alley back of the International Hotel in the early part of 1882) owned in his lifetime the Lansing ranch and the International Hotel, and that he borrowed of the bank \$27,000, and gave to Ed. H. Hamilton and W. P. Coleman a trust deed of both pieces of property to secure the payment of the debt.

When Lansing died, from the effects of the wound caused by Ruten's pistol, he left a will by which he gave his property to his children, the plaintiffs, subject to a life estate to his widow, Mary W. Lansing. The latter was made executrix under the will.

It is alleged also that in 1883 an arrangement was made between Mrs. Lansing, the bank and C. W. Pierce, who died some years ago, by which the bank, through its trustees, should make a forced sale of all the property, and that Pierce should buy all of it at a price sufficient only to pay the debt to the bank, and, on obtaining the title, Pierce would keep the International Hotel property in consideration of the sum he had paid, and would convey the Lansing ranch to Mary W. Lansing personally, and also pay her \$1,000 in money.

The complaint further recites that this arrangement was carried out, and, by means of it, Mary W. Lansing, the widow and executrix, without paying anything for the property, obtained title to the ranch, which, by the will of her husband, was left to the children, subject only to her having a life estate in it, and that all this was in violation of her duty as executrix, and hence a trust resulted by which, in equity, she held the title so obtained by her for the benefit and use of the children.

It is claimed by the plaintiffs that the bank had full notice of the entire transaction, and of the rights of the Lansing children to the property, and with such notice saw fit to make a loan of \$8,000 to Mrs. Mary W. Lansing, taking a trust deed of the ranch as security. Mrs. Lansing died in 1887, and Ella S. Russell is administratrix of her estate.

It is also averred that the loan made by the bank to Mrs. Lansing not having been fully paid, the bank, on December 6, 1893, caused its trustees, Messrs. Hamilton and Coleman, named in the trust deed to it, to sell the property, and the bank was the purchaser at the sale, and a deed has been made to it.

The plaintiffs claim that by reason of the bank thus acquiring the property without full knowledge of the rights of the Lansing children, it had no beneficial title or interest therein, and holds the legal title of it in trust for the children. A conveyance of such title to them is accordingly demanded.

THE FIELD TRIALS.

Sacramento Trained Dogs Won All the Places at Salinas.

At the field trials at Salinas last week every dog that won a place, both in the derby and all-age stake, was either owned or handled in this county. The successful trainers were M. D. Walters of Galt and Charles Studarus of Rautier Station.

Mr. Walters is entitled to the credit of being the only trainer and handler in America whose dogs have won first place in the derby at four successive trials. None of the crack trainers in the East have any such record.

It is to be regretted that there are no available grounds near Sacramento suitable for the holding of such trials. There were, at least one hundred and fifty sportsmen from other parts of the coast would come here to attend the trials, and the number of entries would be so great that it would take two weeks to run off the several stakes. This would mean an expenditure of at least \$5,000 for hotel and livery expenses.

A few thousand acres of fairly level and uncultivated land, with light cover for game birds, could be secured within ten or twelve miles of the city, it would not be an expensive matter to stock the preserve with Arizona quails. If this were done, Sacramento would be the greatest bird trial center in the United States. In such case there would be at least two field trial clubs, and two meetings each season, each occasion bringing together all the prominent devotees of dog and gun in the State.

It would not cost upward of \$150 to bring 1,000 quails from Arizona, and the increase from these would stock the surrounding country with birds and furnish fire shooting for evermore.

DRIVEN OFF WITH A PISTOL.

An Unknown Man Makes Two Attempts to Enter the Ridge Home.

About 8 o'clock last evening a telephone message was received at the police station from Ridge Home, that a man had made two attempts to get into the house, and had been driven off with a pistol, but it was feared that he would persist until he succeeded in gaining an

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FINE BUSINESS PROPERTY FOR SALE. SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UP TO 12 M. TUESDAY, March 13, 1894, for the purchase of that well-known business property known as the Grangers' Co-operative Business Association of Sacramento Valley, situated corner Tenth and K streets, Sacramento, fronting 80 feet on K street and 160 feet on Tenth street, bids to be sent to or left with H. H. Fassett, at the office of the Board of Directors, 1000 K street, Sacramento, Cal. Bids will be opened at 1 o'clock Tuesday, March 13, 1894, and all bidders are requested to be present; and the successful bidder will be required to deposit a certificate of 10 percent of the amount of his bid. Board reserves the right to take bids under advisement, and a right to reject any and all bids. By order of the Board of Directors. GEO. W. HACK, Secretary. ja15-22-29/19-26

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, County of Butte, in and to the matter of the estate of JOSEPH GREEN, Sr., deceased. Notice is hereby given, that FRIDAY, the 24 day of February, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, and the Courtroom of said court, at the Court-house, in the city of Sacramento, county of Sacramento and State of California, has been appointed as the time and place for proving the will of said Joseph Green, Sr., deceased, and for hearing the application of R. B. Armstrong for the issuance to him of letters of administration with the will annexed.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 12th day of January, 1894. (SEAL) WM. B. HAMILTON, Clerk. By E. S. WACHHOFF, Deputy Clerk. Indorsed: Filed January 12, 1894. ALBERT M. JOHNSON, Attorney for Petitioner. ja15-11

THE WEEKLY UNION IS THE PAPER to send to friends in the East.

Meeting Notices.

COLUMBUS CHAPTER, NO. 117. O. E. S.—Regular meeting THIS (Monday) EVENING, at Masonic Temple, at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the order cordially invited. HELENA S. DAVIS, W. M. BELLE STEPHENS, Secretary. ja15-11

EL DORADO LODGE, NO. 9. O. O. F.—will have very important business come before their next meeting, MONDAY EVENING, January 22nd. All members requested to attend. By order A. CUNNINGHAM, N. G. GEORGE G. OGG, Secretary. [R. C.] ja15-11

General Notices.

SPIRITUAL CIRCLES TUESDAY AND Friday evenings. Private sittings daily (Sundays excepted). Hours 10 A. M. to 6 P. M. and 7:30 to 9 P. M. and 10 P. M. to 11 P. M., 820 Eighth street. A. WILLI, Modern Clairvoyant. ja22-11

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ATTENTION EXEMPTS.—THE regular election of officers of the Excelsior Firemen's Association of Sacramento will be held on THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 1894, at Firemen's Hall, 1000 K street, between J and K, Sacramento. The officers of election are: Martin Steinmetz, Judge; Hiram Cook and M. W. Harris, Inspectors. The polls will be open from 3 to 7 P. M. All members three months in arrears for dues and fines cannot vote. Sacramento, January 13, 1894. L. B. SUTLIFF, President. ja12-10P

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