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BACK TO THE LAND

There is an indication that after a decade or two of mad rush to the cities and congestion of population there that the balance is turning and the saner of the people are getting back to the land.

It is a well worn aphorism in economics that the land is the source of all intrinsic values, and it is further true that the value of the land product is the mark of our annual prosperity. Land is the source of many of the worlds greatest fortunes and land is the safest of all investments. He who has acquired any considerable portion of Old Mother earth is on the road to independence and to fortune.

Get back to the land and acquire something more than your alloted six feet of earth. Some one has shrewdly observed that there can never be any more land but there will be millions more of people and the demand as the ages advance will add to the stability of land values.

BOSS PLATT NO MORE

News from New York today asserts that Senator Platt has practically yielded his leadership to Governor Odell and is Boss Platt no longer. While such assertions are to be taken always with a grain of salt the question of Platt's probable retirement is worthy of some consideration.

Senator Platt has had a notable career in national politics. He appeared first as a tail to James G. Blaine's political kite, and quitted the senate in a spectacular manner when Blaine resigned as a result of his quarrel with President Garfield over the appointment of collector of the part of New York.

Platt then retired from national politics and gave his attention to New York where he rose rapidly to state control and has for the past ten years been as supreme a leader in his state and a recognized power in the United States senate as is Quay in Pennsylvania or Hanna in Ohio.

Senator Platt has been accused of being opposed to Roosevelt and of the number who sought to shelve Roosevelt by making him vice president. Odell was Platts man for governor but Odell is of the Roosevelt type and not a machine creature, and Roosevelt's and Odell's influence has gained ground steadily.

It is no surprise then that coupled with Platt's announcement of retirement comes the announcement both from Platt and Odell that Roosevelt is their choice for the presidency. With New York for Roosevelt, there is no chance for those who oppose his renomination and it will be as unanimous as was McKinley's in 1900.

Will They All Forget?

(Caldwell Tribune.)

We understand that Governor Morrison and Attorney General Bagley and sundry other limbs of the state administration have gone down to Washington, D. C., to ask Commissioner Richards to forget that Idaho has a statute in direct conflict with the Carey act, and to say to him that if he will forget, they will try to forget also. If the commissioner won't forget, then they are going to have the secretary of the interior make him forget. We don't know what kind of success they will have in making the commissioner's forgetter go, but we are dubious about it.

The idea is to induce Commissioner Richards to go ahead issuing patents to the state of Idaho just as though there was no conflicting law in existence, and when the legislature meets, the obnoxious law shall be repealed. That looks all right, but suppose the legislature forgets or refuses. What then? The influences which operated to induce one legislature to enact a big land grabbing law, may be quite powerful enough to induce another legislature to let it bide. The present state administration can no more guarantee the action of the next legislation than it can regulate the winds and the waves. Moreover, the state administration can not guarantee its own action. We believe that in the contracts which the state has made with construction companies will be found a specific provision to the effect that title to any lands, not settled upon or entered within two years, shall pass to the construction company. Will the construction companies forget that? Does it not look, then, very much as though this effort to induce Commissioner Richards to forget is merely a play for time? By the cry of retarding development, paralyzing enterprise and preventing -settlement, the construction companies have frightened the state administration into helping them to accomplish a perversion of the national law. That is the most charitable view that can be taken of the situation.

Suppose Commissioner Richards reverses himself or is reversed by the secretary of the interior, and patents issue to the state. Then suppose the legislature forgets to repeal the existing law, and the construction companies appeal to the courts to compel the state to live up to its contract. Will not the state be compelled to do it? But the construction companies are not counting alone upon that. They have another reason for playing for time. In two or three years they can put dummies on every quarter section and secure the land by a mere pretense of compliance with the law. It is clear as day that they are after the land and will pause at nothing to secure it. As stated, we believe that the land was made a consideration in the contract. To that extent the state is an accomplice in this shady business. It is, therefore, unfortunate that the present administration, which had nothing to do with the enactment of the thieving law, and probably executed none of the contracts, should now appear to be putting the finishing touches on the fraudulent work which a former legislature and a former administration, in collusion with construction companies, put under way. In our opinion, the present state administration would be better employed in devising machinery for the strict and honest enforcement of Commissioner Richards' ruling than in traipsing off to Washington to anesthetize or overcome him. Don't forget that!

LOYAL TO THE LOST CAUSE

How History Was Taught in the Ex-Slave States

(New York Journal.)

"The country school teacher in the south at the close of the civil war was still loyal to the 'lost cause,'" said a professor in one of the leading universities of the south who was a guest in this city a few nights ago. "It is little wonder that the sectional line disappeared so slowly when one remembers some of the instructions given in the backwoods school houses the first year after the war.

"'Who was the first president?' If the pupil answered 'George Washington,' the teacher replied sadly: 'Yes, he was the first president at the time you speak of, but the first president of the south was Jefferson Davis.'

"Then he would ask: 'Who was the greatest soldier in the world?' and would answer himself, 'Gen. Lee.'

"When the classes in geography were called and the question was asked: 'Name the greatest cities in the country," the class was instructed to say, 'New Orleans, Richmond, and Charleston.' The longest river in the United States was given as the 'lower Mississippi,' and the class was further instructed that the capital of the country was Richmond.

A Democratic Soliloquy

Too many teams in the busy streets;
Too much haste in the folks one meets;
Too many "orders" crowding the mails;
Too many fellows with full dinner pails;
Too many jobs that can't find a doer;
Too many happy and too few poor;
Too many railroads; too much freight;
Too many travelers in every State;
Too many spindles making stuff that sells;
Too many factories and whistles and bells;
Too many dollars, all good as gold;
Too many sheep in the farmer's fold;
Too many cattle; too much wheat;
Too much to wear and too much to eat;
Too many children crowding the schools;
Too many wise men; too few fools;
Too much cash in the nation's box;
Too many cargoes waiting on the docks;
Too many busy, prosperous men;
Too many silver-crats—flopped again;
Too many people in county and town
Who won't stand by while the flag's pulled down;
Too much Gorman, Tillman and Hill;
Too much Cleveland and Wilson bill;
Too many fellows with threadbare coats;
Too many solid republican votes:
Too many savings banks, too few "busts!"
Too much Roosevelt after the trusts;
Too much Bryan talking through his hat;
Too little chance for a "real" democrat.

—George Emery in Everett Herald.

LOST CONTROL OF THE HOIST

Accident in the Pennsylvania Mines Kills Three Men

(Special Telegram to Evening Teller.)

DUBOIS, Pa., Nov. 25.—A fatal accident occurred here about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon in which three men lost their lives. The engineer of Shaft No. 2 lost control of the hoist which fell to the bottom of the shaft killing three miners.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAM IN HONOR OF THANKSGIVING

(Continued from page 8.)

Ira Tweedy, Ralph Vernon, Roy Chapman.

High School Assembly, First Division

Fannie Haevernick, President; Chancy Smith, Secretary.

Quotations from James Whitcomb Riley.

Reading, proclamation, Alta Hill.

Current Events, Geo. McMinimy.

Recitation, Angles Unawares, Fritz Lundstrum.

Essay, Thanksgiving, Bessie Looney.

Invective, Benedict Arnold, Miriam Alexander.

Eulogy, Burns Gray.

Original Story, chapter I, Priscilla Winston, Pearle Gentry.

Original Story, chapter II, Lena Irwin.

Debate, Resolved, That Colonial Thanksgivings Were More Beneficial Than Thanksgivings of Present Times; affirmative, Edythe Watson, Louis Garby; negative, Carol Garby, Ed. Sempert.

Recitation, Having Company, Yonne Perrault.

Stump Speech, Rodney Small.

Queer Queries, Stephen Heitfeld.

Reading, How Harry Got the Turkey, Anna Clyde.

Dialogue, A Slight Misunderstanding, Cecil Walrip, Bertha Dorris.

Paper, Waldo Mudge.

High School Assembly, Second Division

Hattie Palmer, President; Lloyd Fenn, Secretary.

Reading of Proclamation, Inez Rogers.

Declamation, James Edmiston.

History of Thanksgiving, Rena Hovey.

Recitation, Estella Finnell.

Debate, Resolved, That Football is More Beneficial Than Injurious; affirmative, Russell Vernon, Zoe Kerns; negative, George Isaman, Margery Stevens.

Recitation, Gertrude Armstrong.

The Spirit of Thanksgiving, Eleanor Ely.

Original Story, I. Thanksgiving, Essie Fogg.

Select Reading, Tom Neal.

Original Story, II. Thanksgiving, Edith Burns.

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Lewiston Band	24,779	Christian Church, Culdesac	223
M. E. Church, Lewiston	20,064	Salvation Army	58
W. O. W., Lewiston	9,926	Women's Circle	2
Lewiston Public School	6,482	M. E. Church, Clarkston	44
Catholic Church, Lewiston	2,458	Congregational Church, Summit	108
Catholic Church, Uniontown	145	Catholic Church, Lewiston	157
Sisters' School, Lewiston	449	Christian Church, Clarkston	398
Christian Church, Lewiston	2,739	Christian Church, West Lake	390
Baptist Church, Lewiston	4,607	Rebekah Lodge, Clarkston	105
Normal School, Lewiston	829	A. O. U. W., Lewiston	67
Presbyterian Church, Lewiston	1,546	Foresters, Lewiston	79
Episcopal Church, Lewiston	332	Adventist Church, Clarkston	101
Masons, Lewiston	439	Baptist Church, Clarkston	278
K. of P., Lewiston	1,150	Artisans, Lewiston	57
I. O. O. F., Lewiston	2,931	H. O. M.	46
Red Men, Lewiston	472	G. A. R.	98
Rebakah Lodge, Lewiston	132	Catholic Church, Clarkston	2
Congregational Church, Lewiston	5	M. W. A., Clarkston	21
M. E. Church, Peck	49	Presbyterian Church, Clarkston	42
Carpenters' Union	5	Public School, Asotin	83
Presbyterian Church, Asotin	718	Pine Grove School	17
Juliaetta School	368	R. N. A., Lewiston	81
Lapwai Indian School	2,660	Asotin Band	19
St. Joseph's Hospital	713	Alpowa School	21
Masonic Opera House	21	Asotin School	260
Maccabees	9	Christian Church, Culdesac	2
Baptist Church, Culdesac	105	M. E. Church, Asotin	83
Culdesac School	32	A. F. & A. M.	34

I hereby certify that the above is my own count and absolutely correct.
(Signed) C. L. McDONALD.

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