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## THE UINTAIL LANDS.

From reports that have come concerning the lands to be thrown open for settlement on the Uintah reservation, particularly those from official sources, it appears that the area of tillable land in that region is very much smaller than the majority of people have supposed. Commissioner Richards declares that there are not over five hundred good farms in all the country to be obtained for agricultural purposes. There are large tracts that cannot be watered, and also many broad acres that are unfit either for the raising of crops or the grazing of stock.

If these reports had not been made officially, we would not have drawn attention to them, for we do not desire to interpose anything in the way of people who desire to obtain land on which to make a homestead, but we think it is but fair to the public to make known some of the facts in the case. We do not anticipate any such a rush for registration and the drawing as has occurred in the opening of other parts of the country on the same plan as that which will be conducted In August.

There will be no doubt many disappointments. The idea is entertained that the Uintah lands are very rich and extensive, and that they afford opportunities for many thousands of landless people to obtain farms and become Independent, Some of these homeseekers will be able to acquire land that will be valuable, on the terms provided by the homestead law, but they will have to live upon them and pay for them at the price required. All who intend to make a trial in this direction will have to subscribe to the rules and regulations that have been the probability is that a feeling of selfsatisfaction will prevent further earnest effort for purification. That sentiment will prove a shield for further wrong-doings. It is better to regard the situation from a less optimistic point of view, and feel the duty of further efforts, than to lie down and leep, convinced that everything is as veil as it can be expected to be, even savages must blush. The real question with which we are encerned is, not whether preceding generations were as bad as ours, but

thether ours is as good as we, with our sperience and our opportunities, could. and ought to, be. If not, we are justunder condemnation. It is true that sort of peaceful revolution has been going on lately, against dishonest methds in business, both private and pub-

But, is it as general as it ought to be? Is if directed against the root. of the ovil? Is it a wave that rises with the accidentally prevailing wind, roaring as it rolls against the shore, and then dies without having accomplished anything but lifting a few pieces of debris from the doep to the sand? Or is it the beginning of a national awakening to the guilt of graft, that calls for national repentance? Which is it?

### HEAT AND SUNSPOTS.

As expected, the long heated wave through which the earth is passing, is blamed on sunspots. These phenomena re supposed to have a periodical maxinum and minimum of about eleven years, and we are now passing through a maximum. Rev. Ira R. Hicks of St, Louis calls attention to this fact. He says a gigantic double "spot" has now appeared on the face of the sun. It is so large that it is visible to the "naked eye," which, however, must be protected by a smoked glass, if turned toward the blazing luminary in the sky. Mr. Hicks says that when he first saw the huge depression in the sub's surface it was on what we call the east limb of the sun. It is moving westward over the sun's surface. 'The sun is 900,-600 miles in diameter, and this double spot is about 175,000 miles in area. It is claimed that this sun spot is one of the largest on record.

When the scientists first commenced to speculate on these solar phenomena they seemed inclined to connect nearly every mundane peculiarity with them. Heat, and cold, famine, and pestilence, war, and even financial fluctuations were thought to be in some way due to solar spots. It was, therefore, to be expected that the coincidence of the present torrid wave and the sunspot maximum would again attract atten-

What the sunspots are, is not known for certain. The accepted theory now is that the sun is a vast, flery, gaseous body, surrounded by an atmosphere of substances, such as iron, copper, and many others, volatilized by the intense heat. The outer portion of the sun, it is further supposed, radiates its heat, condenses, and sinks. The hotter matter in the interior rises to the surface. In on It this way currents are established. The descending currents, because consisting of cooled-off matter, are darker than the ascending currents. At times these currents form vast cyclones. The heated, up-rushing masses are then know as faculae, while the cooler, down-rush ing matter appears as "spots." How this theory is to be reconciled to the periodicity of the spots is not clear, unless we accept the explanation of some astronomers, that the sun is thus affected by Mercury and Venus, on account of their nearness to the sun, and of Jupiter because of its enormous size, The New York World quotes weather chronielers to the effect that in 1856 there were three sizzling months which produced almost a famine in "garden truck." In 1864 New York had five hot summer weeks without rain. A Juns-July week of 1872 saw the mercury dancing almost constantly in the 90'seven jumping up 10 degrees in one day. July in 1876 brought two weeks of temperatures ranging, unofficially, from 90 degrees to 101. July 18 to 29, 1892, there was a ten-day heated term paralleling the present "spell" both in degrees of hotness and in the spread of country which it covered. In 1901 a hot season culminated on July 2 in a heatburst that cost 250 lives and prostrated 450 in New York alone. The mercury reached 99 degrees that last day. On the other hand, in July, 1816, there were frost and ice in New York. There had been snow in June. Clearly, sunspots do not account for all these fluetuations between extremes.

of. Such acts of cruelty called down upon the head of Weyler the denunciation of the entire civilized world. They made the Filipinos rise in revolt, and the revolutionists became martyrs. We hope the reports will be investigated, and justice done. Our country cannot afford to rule by such barbarous methods. It would be better not to rule at all, than to attempt measures at which

GONE TO EXTREMES.

Industrial conditions in New Zealand are, in many respects, considered good enough to be patterns to the rest of the world. But the enforcement of the laws seems to be carried to the extreme, at times, if that is possible. In an article in Public Opinion of July 22. Dr. Francis E. Clark tells a story of how the labor laws sometimes operate. He says:

"If you are in a barber's chair after the clock strikes one on Saturday, or whatever day of the week may be the legal half-holday, you are hable to ar-rest and fine, as well as the barber who shaves you. If a poor dressmaker is seen with a light in her shop after 6 o'clock, she exposes herself to arrest in some parts of the country, however much her customers may need the dress or she may need the money. In the eye of the law every Chinaman (for there are a few Celestials still left in the larger cities) is a 'factory,' and comes under the provisions of the 'fac-tory laws.' If he is caught froming a shirt out of hours he is in some places fined or imprisoned without mercy. At one time, in some sections, house serv-"If you are in a barber's chair after one time, in some sections, house serv-ants were obliged to take a hulf-holiday whether they wanted it or not, and were compelled to leave their master's premises, nolens volens, unless actually prevented by sickness. Servanta in America apparently do not need such legal compulsion to take their Thursday afternoon out. A physician, of whom I know, after a long and arduous morning of calls upon patients, was driven home by his coachman, who threw him the reins as they arrived at his house doer, saying: 'You will have to take the horse out yourself today, sir: this is my half-holiday, and I am not allowed to work any longer.' And the curious thing about the statement was

that it was not the impudent uppish-ness of a servant, but actually good law, for the servant and master would both have been liable to arrest and fine, If the coachman had unharnessed th

An encouraging sign-cool drinks, It is "sticky" weather, big "sticky, 100

This should be the hey day of the hot

air artists. One clap of thunder does not make summer shower.

Changes in the Equitable Life are making a good many "has beens."

In Salt Lake it is the open rather than the closed season for Elks. A good many people must be burning

the midnight oil, the nights are so hot. Norway has left an independent card at the White House with an R. S. V. P.

It is heat that now waves over the land of the free and the home of the brave.

A PROPHECY. **Providence** Journal.

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whereby the law ethical standards reg-mant in business are getting severely raked. It will be interesting to see what comes of it. Meantime it is the one comforting feature of all this talk about graft in office and graft in busi-



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issued from the Land Office Department.

These have been published in the Descret News for the benefit of our numerous readers and particularly those who have made inquiries by letter concerning this matter. We are unable to answer the numerous communications which we have received. except in the manner referred to. The "News" has printed the proclamation of the President and the information that has been sent out from the Land Office at Washington, and directs the attention of inquirers to those documents for the information they desire.

Let no one think he can obtain a piece of land on the Uintah Reservation for nothing, or in any other way than that provided by law. There has been much misinformation published on this subject from various sources, and we hope that none of our people have been led amray thereby. They should avoid those land-sharks who prey upon the ignorance of the multitude, and the speculators who, after drawing a worthless piece of land. will seek to dispose of it for a valuable consideration on the claim that it is a very desirable piece of property which circumstances compet them to part with. People who obtain the right of entry on those lands must not do so for speculative purposes, but for the genuine object of acquiring homes under the land laws.

There are some parts of that domain that will make fine farms and grazing grounds, and these who obtain possession of them will be well rewarded for the expenditure of the purchase money, but we fear that there will be many persons with great expectations who will fall very short of realizing their dreams of prosperity. After the drawing is made, due diligence should be used to find out the value of the lands to be entered upon, before a final entry is made. Advice concerning these matters should be obtained from reliable sources, and not from the speculator and the deceiver.

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Some of our contemporaries are congratulating the country because of the general "house-cleaning" that is now going on. We are told that there is no more graft, he more dishonesty, or thievery, in public life than there always has been; only, public conscience ts more wide awake than before, and more cases of corruption, consequently, are brought to the light and dealt with. This is the argument of the optim-

tats, who contend, against the reports of the daily press and the criminal records, that the world is steadily growing morally better; only the chronicles are to much more complete, that sin seems to be increasing.

There is some danger in this presentation of the case. And this is, that the public conscience may be julied to sleep by the soothing song, reciting our virtues. If the conviction can be eatablished that the government is doing overything in its power to make the way of the transgressor hard, and that the citizens are faithfully supporting every honest effort in that direction, IN THE PHILIPPINES.

The Springfield Republican copies i couple of extracts from a paper printed in the Philippine islands, in which a strange story of outrage is told. From the paragraphs quoted it appears that in some districts, with the horrors that marked Spanish misrule. It appears that many of the people are driven away from their farms, and the children are left to shift for themselves. Many little tots are seen along the sea shore. mathering shell fish to sustain life. In the meantime, so the story goes, those of the middle class who hold some property, or are of noble birth, are called before the chief of police and he asks: "What do you want?". As the good

cowns-people are anxious for peace, they all plead for it. "Then," says the imnevable chief, "go out into the country and capture the outlaws." At this the despairing villagers, who cannot do the impossible, return to their foul DODH.

The following instance is related as me of many:

"Nicholas Genzales was brought be-

fore the chief constable was crought be-fore the chief constable and when or-dered to set forth in pursuit of the out, laws, he refused to comply with the demand, saying: 'How can I go in pursuit of this kind of men, who as you know are at enmity with those who hold any property, since if I did so, as held any property, since if I did so, as I own some, I should jeopardize it all. Also as I value my life I cannot act as you demand. Those who are directly responsible for this kind of trouble are the police.' A stinging blow was the reply this speech received, while Senor Gonzales validly protested. 'I will not submit to such treatment!' I am a man and not an animal!' He was beaten with knotted cords and thrown back into the dungeon." nto the dungeon.

If these stories are true, something is

New York's "smart set" isn't nearly so smart as the publishers of "Fada and Fancles."

The rate of assessment has been raised. And now the people will have to go to work to raise the money to meet the raise.

In trying to enforce the anti-pool selling law, Governor Folk is having the fight of his life. May he yet be able to say, "I have fought the good fight and won.'

Mr. Almar Sato, of Baron Komura's suito, says that in the peace negotiations Japan will be guided by moderation. But it remains to be seen what the Japanese idea of moderation is.

"The world owes to every man a living, providing he has the industry and determination to collect it."-From a memorial address of the Hon. Chauncey M. Depew delivered at Washington. The account is balanced so far as the famous after-dinnar-speaker is concerned.

An American has just purchased in London a rare edition of Shakespeare's "King Richard III," which contains, in five places, the signature of William Penn, probably that of Admiral Penn, the father of the founder of Pennsylvania. Writing his name so many times shows that he was handy with the pen,

The Porto Ricans are getting tired of being held in leading strings, and want Congress to give them more freedom, such as the appointment of ofthe old reconcentrado policy is revived ficials by the governor of the Island, to be confirmed by a local senate, which is also asked for. Success to them! Discontent and petitions are the forerunners of better government.

BATHING THE STREETS.

Boston Herald. Mayor Collins' plan of bathing the streets and houses in the tenement house districts with cold water from e hydranis is an excellent one for ese torrid days. It serves the same end as a shower from the clouds in ; cal and limited degree, and secures sensible reduction of the heat stored pavements and walls that would be ving forth all hight. While the wa-supply is sufficient it could hardly put to better use for the relief of ople whose homes are not supplied to be whose homes are not supplied with abundance of bathrooms

GRAFTERS WILL CHUCKLE.

Rochester Post-Express. Recenter Pest-Express. It is, indeed, a sorry condition of af-fairs when a justice of the supreme court can bring discredit apon the whole body of the judiclary, incur the sharp criticism of the bar associations and the general public, and then ex-cape official consure. We greatly fear that the result of this case will encoup-age other justices to depart from the narrow path the people expect them to tread, and we are sure that "grafters" tread, and we are sure that "grafters all over the country will chuckle wit delight.

LAUNCHING & JAPANESE WARSHIP. Boston Transcript.

It is certainly a far more beautiful ceremeny to let loose a flock of doves at the launching and naming of a batgoing on in the Philippines which the at the launching and naming of a bat-American public in general is not aware tieship than to smash the bulky bottom

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