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Senator Squier Makes Six Hundred Dollars a Month Out of Four Hundred Oregon Acres—President Morton's Guernsey Cattle—Senator Hearst's Farm.

keep up the place, I am bound to make \$800 a month clear.
"What is the land worth?" said I.
"It is not for sale," replied Senator Squier, "but I suppose it would bring \$300 an acre at auction. It is about twelve miles from Seattle and is a fine piece of property."
I stuck on his cows.
Vice President Morton has a farm at Rhinecliff, on the Hudson, of 150 acres, and he watches its profits and losses quite as closely as does Senator Squier. He knows all about stock, and can tell you the names of the best milking cows of the country. He runs to Guernsey cattle, and he has, perhaps, as many registered cows as any fine breeder in the country. A great many of his cows were brought over from Europe, and like Senator Palmer, he prefers to send his own farmer over to pick them out. It makes him smile to have one of his cows take a premium at a county fair than to make a good real estate speculation, and he has a number which have taken prize after prize. He gets weekly reports from his farm and another of his fads is fine wool sheep. He spends much of his summer at the farm, and he has a magnificent flock of sheep, and while it is not a large flock, his fads are Percheron horses and Jersey cows. He imported some of the best animals he has himself, and he expects eventually to make his farm profitable.

Justice Lamar is well up on Jersey cows and he has a number of fine registered animals on his farm in Mississippi. He is tired of farming, however, and in the troubles that seem to surround the south he wishes that the farm was sold and that his money was invested so as to bring a good round income.
I met the Hon. Jerry Rusk, our secretary of agriculture the other night and asked him point blank whether he made any money in farming. He replied: "I have one of the fine farms of Wisconsin. It consists of 400 acres and I have owned it for a long time. Part of the time I have been a farmer and part of the time I have been an agriculturist."
"But General Rusk, what is the difference between a farmer and an agriculturist?"
"A farmer," replied Uncle Jerry, with laughing eyes, "is a man who runs his farm for all the money there is in it, who does not mind the loss of his money, and who has a general thing come out at the end of the year with a good profit. An agriculturist is a theoretical farmer; a man who puts more money into the land than he ever gets out of it, and one who is always trying some experiment to make a fortune and seldom makes a cent. Well, I have been both, and while I was a farmer I made money. I believe there is money in farming today if the proper business brains are used in running a farm, and I think that the farmer will finally regulate himself, and the farmers will again become prosperous."

"When has the most money been made in farming during the past year?" I asked.
"I can't answer that," was the reply, "but a great deal of money has been made in Florida. You remember the Diston purchase, by which he got the land that he now owns, a big possession of hundreds of thousands of acres of the swamp lands of Florida. He has drained a great part of these and they are the most fertile lands in the world. Well, A. S. McClure of the Philadelphia Times has an interest in some of these lands, and two of his neighbors who had succeeded very well in the west, asked him to give them something to do.
"He let them have some of these lands and they cleared this year."
THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS ON THEIR TOMATO CROP.
That is, I think, pretty good for tomatoes. This land, however, is the richest in Florida. It consists of six or eight feet of muck, and it will grow vegetables to perfection. Other parts of Florida are not so rich as is generally supposed and you would be surprised to know that oranges need a great deal of fertilization. I visited one of the best orange groves in Florida and the man told me he would sell it for \$25,000 and that it had cost him this much to make it. He had one tree that was wonderfully fine which produced the finest oranges in the state and was far superior to any other tree of his orchard. I asked him what was the cause of the differ-

ence. He replied: "The difference is in the feed. That tree has eaten a hog every year since it was planted." "How's that?" said I. "Well, you see about the time it was planted we had a dead hog and we dug a hole and put him in and planted the tree right on top of him. The tree grew so much faster than any of the others by the next year that I concluded to continue the experiment, and I killed another hog and buried it in its roots. I have done that every year up to now, and find that the tree has paid for his hogs many times over and its fruit will bring fancy prices in any market."
"Senator Blair tells me that the cheapest farms in the United States are in New England. He says there are lots of good lands for sale there at \$5 per acre and he wants the other farmers of the senate to get together and buy some of them. Holman of Indiana has a hundred-acre farm at Aurora, Ind., not far from the Ohio river. He makes some money in farming and is, I am told, solid with the farmers' alliance. Nearly all of the southern statesmen own farms and Senator Pugh of Alabama once told me that he could make a million out of the table would go unmissed. After trying this method several times and not succeeding, the Chinese cooks came better dressed than the white party when the governor was there, and in this way gave him a very good dinner and the boys a much better one than they cared to give."

General Wheeler is said to be worth about \$1,000,000. He came out of the war poor and he has made all of his money out of farming. He has a large estate in Alabama and he runs it on business principles. Senator John Sherman has two farms at Mansfield, O., but I don't think he makes much out of them. He keeps them well stocked and he has lately given a part of one of them to the city of Mansfield for a park, which is now known as the Sherman-Heineman park.
The biggest farmer of the United States is Leland Stanford. He gave somewhere between fifty and eighty thousand acres of land to the university which he is now building, and not long ago when riding in the train with Senator Allison through the northern part of the state, one of his cows passed through a wheat field. This vast plain of wheat stretched as far as the eye could see on both sides of the road for miles, and he was standing near Stanford. Stanford what he thought of it. Stanford replied, "It is a very fine field of wheat and I wonder where it is." "It is yours," said the conductor who was standing near Stanford. "Indeed," replied the millionaire, "I did not know it. I knew I owned some wheat in this part of the state, but I did not think we had come to it as yet."

Senator Stanford engages in all kinds of farming and he makes his farming pay.
His vineyards produce the choicest of California wines and he has a great warehouse stored with California brandy. He will not sell his brandy at the present low prices and he has sold some for six years. He can afford to keep it and he believes it will pay a good interest on the amount of money invested by the increase in value with age. He makes about a million gallons of wine every year, and one of his vineyards is a great deal of trouble. This is, I think, the largest vineyard in the world. The vineyard is so large that the man who takes care of it has to go with it in order to collect the duties properly.
As a fruit grower Senator Stanford has some of the finest fruit farms in California. He had for a long time a great deal of trouble in getting the fruit picked. He used Chinese men finally, as the white men would go off on their own and pick the fruit when it was ripe or it was not good. Great wasters would come from delay. He then adopted a plan which he has now, which is most humanitarian and profitable. He gives all the boys of the public schools of San Francisco, who will take advantage of his offer, a chance to come out and pick fruit on his farm. He takes a thousand boys every year.
He takes them to his farm and keeps them there a month, paying them a dollar a day for their labor. He has an immense barracks built in which they sleep and he sees that they are well fed and well cared for. His superintendents have them divided into gangs and they are carefully watched over as to morals. No money is paid them until they have done their job, when each boy carries home with him \$30. He also takes about a peck of English walnuts and the senator has bags made of a fixed size which he fills and gives one to each boy upon his departure. As to payment, when he first brought the boys out on the farm he began to pay them their wages as they earned them. He found, however, that a lot of pool sellers and gamblers surrounded the farm and got the boys' money away from

them by inducing them to bet on wheels of fortune, base ball and policy games. He stopped this by not paying until the end of the month, and he now pays at the close of the engagement. The senator employs Chinese cooks upon the farm, and these cooks do all the cooking for the boys. Sometimes Governor Stanford goes out to see the boys and he always eats dinner with them. At such times the Chinese cooks prepare a special feast for the governor, and it has been their custom to make a little corner where no one is to sit and at which there is to be some special delicacies put. In some way or other the Chinese cooks always get the wind of the fact that the governor was coming some days beforehand and they would have his nice little feast prepared for him. He always circumspectly prepared for him by sitting down somewhere else along the table and eating with the boys. He would say, "Johnnie pass me those glasses" or "Sash what do you think of that meat?" "Let me have a little piece of that bread" or something like that and all the while the feast at the other end of the table would go unmissed. After trying this method several times and not succeeding, the Chinese cooks came better dressed than the white party when the governor was there, and in this way gave him a very good dinner and the boys a much better one than they cared to give."

THE BANNER MILKER.
He makes equally as well out of his cattle, Jersey, Holstein and others. He was very much delighted this past year to get the highest price for butter making, which he got at the California state fair, which he got at the California state fair. In this case the cow was brought to the fair and left there for a week, its milk being registered every day and the milk being churned into butter. His cows took the premium for the best quality of their milk and as to the quantity, I am told one of his cows gave the cream in one week which produced twenty-four pounds of butter.
I see that Senator Hearst has a horse which has just been successful. He is as proud as a turkey gobble in a new flock and sits around blowing about his fine horses. The fact is, Hearst

KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT HORSES and he does not know even the names of his own stock. Of a great many of his horses he knows the racing privileges; that is, he buys of Senator Stanford the right to run his horses for a certain season and they are entered under Stanford's name though they really belong to Stanford. Senator Stanford himself does not race his horses, or only a few of them to keep up the advertisement of the Palo Alto stock. Of course it is a good thing if his horses turn out well as it makes them more valuable for breeding. Not long ago a race was run in the east at which it was found that one of Senator Hearst's horses had won. Hearst knew little of the horse that won and he talked about the senate of his line that horse knew him by name. It afterwards turned out that the horse belonged to someone else and Hearst did not know whether he was among his stock or not. Hearst has a jockey whom he keeps on paying him a big salary for his work and allowing him to run other horses when he was not working for him.
This sounds funny to a poor man. But Hearst is a millionaire. He has millions all over the country. His farm in California contains thousands of acres, and he has so much property that it is no wonder that he does not keep better track of it all.
FRANK G. CARPENTEL.

BAB'S BLOW AT BAR HARBOR.

Civilization Regarded as the Cause of Its Decadence.

NO PLACE FOR MARRIAGEABLE GIRLS.

A Place Where Men Are Harder to Catch Than Eels and Women Carry Flasks for "Bracers."

Bar Harbor, Me., Sept. 10.—[Special Correspondence of THE BEE.]—Civilization has been the damnation of this place. The days when the girls sat on the clerk's desk, dressed in flannels, and with their legs dangling over the edge, showing shoes that were meant to walk in, halting each arrival in borrowed garments as a wondrous something were days of joy. The days when the backward jolted all indication out of the "meaders," and the way when fruits and meats from the city were not to be gotten, and people eagerly ate bread and butter and huckleberries, and grew fat and beautiful on them, have all gone by. More's the pity. Her ladyship Dame Fashion has entered and taken possession here, and we dress and drive and dawdle and gossip exactly as they do at Newport, Saratoga or Long Branch. The original backboard is no more, and its base imitation in the wool and upholstery has all its discounts without its picturesque-ness. Everybody is just as eager as they were in their aboriginal state to make money out of you, but they do it in a more civilized fashion, and you feel like paying for a hand organ that can warble "The Heart Bowed Down with Weight of Woe."
A WOMAN LACK OF MEN.
There are not very many interesting women and men are as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth. She who expects a husband up on Saturday is evicted by all the others who have their own part to play in the matter with the women. But of course that's where the trouble lies. If Jeanette were sufficiently attractive, Jean would be rushing through his work at a rate calculated to bring on nervous prostration that he might leave the city on Friday and stay with her all Monday, and she would be in the sunshine of her presence. But Jean doesn't seem to be built that way. He would a thousand times rather back in the smiles of some married belle at Narragansett or Newport, and he will tell you confidentially that "you see, it's much sadder, because after all, there is nothing isn't round trying to find out whether you have got any intentions."
MEN HARDER TO CATCH THAN EELS.
The day of the girl is not now, and girls abound in Bar Harbor. It is true in many instances they are very knowing girls, but still they have the feminine desire to possess for their very own a man, and there is nothing quite as difficult to catch. Eels are as nothing beside them. Just when you think the fish is landed it slides away, because the bait isn't tempting enough, or the fisherman hasn't enough patience.
THE YOUNG MAN IN A HURRY.
A young man in a hurry is to me the greatest abomination on the face of the earth. If he would come out and be real honest and wear a red flannel band to keep his "tammy" in order I should have some respect for him and offer him a few drops of paracetic, but when he dawdles around in a pale blue sack or a rose and white striped one, I want him to be gently exterminated—not hurt, because ineffective things like that oughtn't to be hurt; not electrocuted, but just chloroformed out of existence I suppose

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