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Massachusetts paper sensibly says the western farmers whose lands are mortgaged do not, as a rule, look upon mortgages as indicating their poverty, but rather as showing their good faith, and the hope they have of soon being their property free of debt.

Montana will be the first state to try the Australian system of voting. As everyone knows, this means the voting of each individual, without the assistance of ward workers in a private room apart for the purpose.

The government is taking a great deal of interest in the redemption of swamp and lands all over the United States, and especially in the western states and territories.

Germany has begun the manufacture of a smokeless gun powder for the use of her armies. That government will have an advantage over all other nations in the fact that her soldiers can be ambushed and fire on the enemy, and a smoke will rise to indicate where the German forces are located.

The strict election and registration laws passed by the republican legislature of Montana are a rock of offence to the democrats and they are making the mountains howl with their complaints.

The new military bill to be introduced into the German reichstag is called a plan of reorganization rather than an army increase. Notwithstanding the name, it adds large numbers to the infantry and cavalry, and requires an appropriation of sixty million marks.

The question of farm mortgages will never be green so long as there are no statistics gathered, and every school orator is at liberty to "estimate" the farm mortgages of any western state at any number of hundred millions, his imagination sees fit to write it down.

Michigan is keeping some statistics which are interesting. According to her statistics, the ratio of foreclosures made last year to the mortgage record was 3 per cent. So long as ninety-seven out of a hundred farmers who buy their land on credit, or borrow money to improve, succeed in paying off their mortgages, the country is tolerable safe, and fewer farmers fail in business than of any other class of capitalists.

"FOR GOD AND HOME AND NATIVE LAND."

Contributions by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Just as we are preparing to "shove the pencil" in making up our usual quota of matter for our temperance column, we hear the glorious rumor that South Dakota has incorporated prohibition in her constitution.

Prohibition Now and Aye. When slavery cursed this mighty nation, When freedom's flag was foully stained, When in the halls of legislation, The cruel slave power steadily gained, When hearts were filled with human chattie, And craven hearts did basely cower, Then, travelers, freedom's sons gave battle, And broke the bad oppressor's power.

When Judas sold his Lord and Master, When Esau sold his right of birth, They justly met with sad disaster, But kept their individual worth.

When Ignorance and desolation, Are fastened with consummate care, To shield them from public molestation, Our laws are framed with skill most rare.

How long, O Lord! shall I be longer, The rum-bred burn his holocaust? - had fires grow hot and flames grow strong 'Till all we have and are are lost - Oh spirits of the dead immortal, Who bravely died at Bunker Hill, Whose bodies southern trenches fill, Ye cannot loose the wisest fruitation, Ye have not vainly lived and died, Your deeds have wrought the land's redemption, Your blood the earth has sanctified.

We, too, are called to deeds of valor, Must fight for home and freedom's fight; Not deeds to strike the heart with pallor, Or swords to stain in crimson bright, By custom and by law protected, In church and state and college halls, Our foe his post has well selected, And holds behind the moss-grown walls, From thence he pours, with public sanction, A ceaseless tide of crime and death, Obstructing every generous action, And taunting every virtuous breath.

A woman at Warsaw, Ind., has commenced a peculiar warfare against the saloons of the place. Sometime since she served notice upon the proprietors not to sell liquor to her husband. The notice was disregarded and the woman has commenced to raid the saloons and demolish costly mirrors and glass fronts. No attempts have been made to arrest her as public sentiment is in her favor.

We are in receipt of a letter from John Jenkins, deputy commissioner of labor and industrial statistics, relative to the sugar beet industry. He states that in a test recently made at Grand Island, 14 per cent. of saccharine matter 86 per cent pure was obtained. That is an excellent showing and the beets upon which the test was made had not fully matured at that time.

The Journal ventures the assertion that the percentage of failures of investors of capital in any branch of industry in the United States outside of agriculture will average three times as much as the failures on the farm.

And without doubt the business world is well aware of this state of things. Upon no investment of money for industrial enterprises will the money lender advance on a mortgage a sum so nearly equal to the nominal value of the property as on a farm.

deal of labor and it will not cost much for freight to get it to market for the proportion to be shipped out will be much less than it would be of grain, while the value would be much greater.

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