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Our Land Question.

So rapid is the growth of everything in this country that questions of the most vital importance often assume gigantic proportions before they are fully perceived even by the advance guard among thinkers.

Among the many examples of this truth, none is more striking than the land question. Do our intelligent farmers, especially those who vote the Republican ticket year after year, know what this question means?

Do they understand its bearing upon their vocation and upon its future? Do they know where to fix the responsibility and whom to blame? We fear not.

Let us, then, briefly review some of its phases, for such a review may not prove valueless even to the politician. To begin with facts which are most familiar, all newspaper readers have seen the statement which has been recently appearing in different forms that the population of many of our country districts here in highly favored Lancaster county has been decreasing.

That the census shows that it is less today than it was ten years ago. Have our farmers asked themselves why this is true? Have they demanded an explanation from the politicians for whom they vote every year, and who promise to consider first of all the interests of agriculture and the protection of the farmer?

But this is by no means a local phenomenon. Farms have been deserted by owners and tenants for more than a decade in New England, in New York and throughout all of the Middle States. Why should this be under a system of protection which the politician, when speaking to the farmer, declares was instituted solely for his benefit, and when addressing the laborer, avers was invented solely for him? Why is it that when the hat is passed round for campaign expenses, the largest contributions come from the manufacturer, to whom no elaborate arguments are ever addressed?

Perhaps it is because the man who makes millions every year when times are good needs no other argument. Again, large farms all over the land are increasing in number while small farms are relatively decreasing.

The last census shows that in the decade between 1870 and 1880, farms under 100 acres increased in number only 10 per cent.; farms of more than 100 and under 500 acres increased 200 per cent.; of over 500 and less than 1,000 acres, 500 per cent.; while those of over a 1,000 acres increased in number not less than 800 per cent.

This carries with it the necessary conclusion that the number of tenants and farm laborers are increasing out of all proportion to the increase of small land owners.

their favorite chief of chiefs. Will they listen to-day with the same respect to his words of warning? They are doubtless all aware that Mr. Blaine has written certain letters to Senator Frye, of Maine, upon the subject of the tariff.

In one of these letters he says that the McKinley bill, which has been passed by the House of Representatives and is now under discussion in the Senate, will not give the American farmer a market for a single additional bushel of wheat or barrel of pork.

He also calls the attention of the American farmer to the fact that his foreign markets are gradually narrowing, and that not only must new markets be sought but carefully cultivated if he is to obtain anything like fair prices for his products in the markets of the world.

And do our farmers understand just what this implies? The McKinley bill increases the tariff in the interest of all classes except the farmer; and, therefore, it compels the latter to pay still higher prices for all he buys.

It does not widen his market, which is at present growing more narrow, and this will compel him to take still lower prices for all he sells.

This is the tariff question, so far as the farmer is concerned in a nutshell, and many Republican papers in this state declare that this question is the chief issue in the present campaign.

In spite of the many things brought about by the introduction of railways, to the concentration of population in cities, America has hitherto been able to accept with ease the vast tide of foreign immigration, which has for many years been flooding her shores.

The explanation is found in the fact that the unsettled public domain, which, until recent years, was open without money and without price to settlers from all parts of the world.

Our government lands were practically boundless, and we therefore welcomed an immigration which would have overwhelmed any other nation on the globe.

But where, to-day, is our exhausted public domain, which our fathers reserved for the actual settler? Of the nine hundred millions of acres originally available, but to hundred millions remain.

They Will Talk to the Grangers. Colonel H. H. Thomas, manager of the National Grangers' Fair, which opens at Williams Grove on Monday, August 25, and closes Saturday August 30, has announced the following distinguished list of speakers: Leonard Rhoads, Grand C. Brown, master and lecturer of the Pennsylvania State Grange, who will speak on Tuesday afternoon, when the exhibition will be formally opened.

Wednesday will be Democratic day, when addresses will be delivered by Candidates Delanater, Watres, Stewart, Secretary Husk, X. X. Charlton, master of the Virginia state grange, General Hastings, Congressman Bronson, V. E. Pottier and H. L. Taggart will deliver addresses.

On Friday, A. J. Warren will discuss the silver question, followed by J. H. Bringham, master of the Ohio State Grange, V. E. Pottier and Mortimer Whitshed on matters of interest to grangers and farmers in general.

The executive committee of the National Grange will be in session on Saturday, and the State Granges have been called to meet at the grove during the term of the exhibition, and the call is expected to be general from all the state granges.

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