## **IMPROVEMENTS** ARE NOT TAXED

Western Canada Does Not Tax Stock or Improvements but Collects an Additional Tax From Land Speculators.

Owners of uncultivated lands in Western Canada are loud in their protests against an extra tax on their lands because they are not under cultivation. Western Canada, through its | We quote: provincial governments, is endeavoring to force the speculative land owner to either sell his land to a settler or to cultivate it himself. At present a surtax of a few cents an acre is levled against all wild land, so that the owner of land held in its natural state, without improvements, is contributing more taxes to the government than the owner of a farm that is cultivated and even improved with buildings and stock to the value of thousands of dollars. In order to encourage the farmer to improve and to go into stock raising, he is not charged one cent of taxes on any of his improvements, implements or stock of any kind.

As a result of this surtax on un cultivated or speculatively held lands the owners are now trying to sell them to actual settlers, and, in nearly every instance, have been offering on very easy terms of payment, usually a quarter down, and the balance extending over a term of years at prices much lower than their productive value would warrant.

A world-wide shortage in farm stuffhas given a new value to all agricultural products and the margin of profit today is greater than ever in the past. It is true labor and implements have increased in price, but it is now possible to secure 50% profit in farming, and higher. Possibly not on the \$100 to \$200 an acre farm lands but on land that can now, under existing conditions, be purchased at from \$15 to \$30 per acre. Western Canadian farm lands are as productive as any in the world and can be as economically farmed. Wheat yields of from 30 to 50 bushels per acre have been common in Western Canada during the past few years, and the farmers have been too busy farming all they can so as to sell as much wheat as possible at \$2.00 a bushel, that they have not had time to do any talking or writing. It is doubtful if there ever was such an opportunity to make blg profits in farming. The value of each year's crop has been in hundreds of cases more than the market value of the land it was grown on. It is unreasonable to suppose such a condition will last long, as the land now being forced onto the market by surtax on speculative owners will soon become absorbed by those who have learned of these highly profitable wheat lands. The news is spreading gradually throughout the high priced innd districts in the United States. where there is a renewed awakening profit in farming is not being obtained when it is possible to secure from forty to seventy per cent return on the investment in Western Canada. Many who have been planning to visit Western Canada for the purpose of personally investigating conditions are leaving this month, when the good weather can be enjoyed. As threshing operations and marketing of grain is under way, no better time could be selected to secure first hand and reliable information from the farmers themselves. The winter months afford ample time for completing moving arrangements.

It Surely Is.

Advertisement.

"He was rejected by the army doctors for physical reasons." "Well, that's better than being thrown out for not being able to pass

to allow the settler to take up resi-

dence in early spring, so as to get

something done next year and to make

a start on the big and profitable farm-

ing operations in Western Canada,-

#### War Declared on Rats by U. S. Gov't.

The government at Washington is preparing a campaign that should be encetive in killing the rata that are so destructive both to lives and property. A conservative estimate piaces the loss of foodstuffs from rats at over two hundred million dellars annually, and in the present carriery of food, this less must be prevented. The most efficient way to "Kill the Rai," is by the use of Stearns Paste, and thousands of deliars worth have been bought by the government. Every house temperature of the results of waterbugs should buy a small box of this reliable exterminator for thirty-five cents, and stop further loss of food in her home. Adv.

Barred. "Why wouldn't the recruiting officer take you?" "Said they had all the wrist-watch

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the one in Pekin. Everyone has his faults, of course

but some people work theirs mor-

than others.



# Gemperance

TRANSPORTATION SITUATION.

Hon, Jeanette Rankin, member of ongress from Montana, writing in the Chicago Herald on the federal food bill and its prohibition amendment, emphasizes very forcefully the transportation side of this economic problem.

"The converting of grains into food products instead of into liquor would not stop in its beneficial results with the mere increase in food supplies. It would touch the heart of a problem of food distribution which has been long begging for solution.

"For years we have known that the reason produce was rotting in the fields in one part of the country while men, women and children were starying in another part of the country, was because transportation facilities were inadequate to transfer all available food from its source of production to the consumer.

"According to the United States statistics abstract for 1916, there are in this country 2,356,338 freight cars. There were consumed in this country in 1916 almost 500,000 carloads of liquor, including more than 35,000 carloads of wine and spiritous liquors and more than 303,000 carloads of beer.

"Of course, much of this liquor was consumed in the same locality in which t was produced, so that perhaps onehird of it, or even one-half of it, never accessitated the use of freight cars for conveyance. But it is conservative to estimate that the transportation of liquor in the United States requires the use of 10 per cent of the freight cars available for use in this coun-

"Two hundred thousand freight cars would go a long way toward relieving the transportation situation with regard to food products, and the release of these cars for this service would greatly augment the paringknife campaign which the women of the country have been urged to wage in the interests of the war.

"Inasmuch as the production of beer in this country has occupied just ten times the bulk of spiritous liquors and wines, the exemption of beer and light wines from the prohibition regulations would mean that less than oneeighth of the possibly available freight cars (to say nothing of the grains used) would be released for food transportation."

BREWERS WASTING GRAIN.

Barley mixed in the bread makes a bread which has as fine a texture as wheat. . . . And would enable us to release just exactly that quantity of wheat. . . There is a certain deduction from the barley-the total barley used in brewing-to account for the malt which is given back to the to the realization that the maximum | feed, but even then there is a large margin of saving if the brewing could be cut out. . . . The difference between the feeding value and the fodder and the intake of the breweries in grains means just that much more foodstuffs to our allies. . . . We could save from 50,000,000 to 60,000,-000 bushels of grain on the brewing side after having allowed for the fodder proposition, and that grain is of utmost value to our allies.-Herbert C. Hoover, pages 389, 417, Hearing Before Senate Committee on Agriculture.

#### A CONVERTED MAYOR.

Rev. W. J. Johnson, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Missions for the middle West, to Mayor J. C. Dahlman of Omaha, who during the Nebraska wet and dry campaign was a pro-liquor advocate: "Mr. Mayor, I have come out here from Chicago to see the harm that prohibition has done to your city."

Mr. Mayor: "Well, sir, you've come to the wrong place. You'll find a city vastly improved, both from a moral and a business standpoint. Prohibition has done wonders for Omaha, and I am thoroughly converted to the dry

CATCHING UP WITH LUTHER.

Martin Luther said: "I have prayed to God that he would destroy the whole brewing industry. . . . All Germany could live on the barley that is spoiled and turned into a curse by the brewer." This year, the four hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, the world is at last awake to the crime of spoiling food to make drink, and Luther's prayer may be answered before the year ends.

DON'T TOLERATE IT.

The slaughterhouse is a nulsance because the odor that comes from it cannot be confined to the land on which it is situated; it is as impossible to confine the evil influence of the saloon to the city that licenses it,-The Country Gentleman.

GOOD PLACE FOR ARMY.

In an address at Little Rock, Ark., Gen. Leonard Wood told the audience that Arkansas is a fit place for training the Twelfth division of the army because the state is under prohibition. "That will eliminate three-fourths of our troubles," he said. "Whisky is the soldier's worst enemy."

GOOD FOR ALE. We have now prohibited the sale of fiquor to our soldiers and sailors. I

sacrifice, let's all share it.—Exchange No Need. "I want my son to succeed in good walk of fife." "What do you want him to do that

for when automobiles are so cheap?" Trouble Enough. "Does your father know I love

you?" No. papa isn't very well and we're keeping it from him."

Up to the Man. But, briefly, the mold of a man's ortune is in his own hands,—Bacon.

## JAPANESE OLYMPIC GAMES IN CITY OF TOKIO



ONE OF JAPAN'S CRACK RUNNERS.

Hashimoto, the Japanese star distance runner, is shown in the accompanying illustration. The picture was snapped just after he had finished first the Olympic 25-mile race, recently run in Toklo. Hashimoto's time for 10 miles was 55:57 and for 25 miles 2:32:43.

## MONEY VALUES IN BASEBALL SUNDAY WAS NOT A PITCHER

Ty Cobb and Grover Cleveland Were Picked Up for Small Sum-Collins and Speaker Costly.

If you were a baseball manager, which pair of players would you rather have—Ty Cobb and Grover Alexander, or Tris Speaker and Eddle Col-

Mebbe it's a hard question to answer, but any time you had to shell out the dough for players with the liberal hand that the Chicago and Cleveland clubs did for Collins and Speaker you would think a long time. Speaker cost the Cleveland club in the neighborhood of \$55,000, the biggest sum ever paid for a ball player.

Collins was sold to Comiskey for a

cash sum said to have been \$50,000. The Great Alex cost the Phillies just \$750 and Ty Cobb was picked up by Detroit for the same amount of money. Looks like Cobb and Alex are the pair carrying the greater value with them, yet they cost only onetenth as much as the present "owners" of Collins and Speaker paid out re a title to their services.

#### SUNDAY BALL IS PATRIOTIC

John McGraw and Christy Mathewson Dismissed by Police Judge, Who Praises Their Act.

Declaring that instead of being summoned into court to answer to a charge of violating the Sunday law, they should be commended for rendering service to a patriotic cause, Police Court Magistrate McQuaid dismissed summonses against John McGraw, manager of the New York Nationals, and Christy Mathewson, manager of the Cinciunati Nationals. The baseball managers conducted a baseball game on a Sunday, at New York, for which no fee was charged, which was followed by a concert, to which admission pendents of a regiment that is soon of the box and he never tried to pitch to go to France.

#### PLAY BASEBALL IN ENGLAND

Ten Thousand Spectators Watch Game Between Canadian and American Teams in London.

In spite of the war, in spite of all that the war means, 10,000 spectators recently watched a baseball game in London between Canadian and American teams. The same afternoon 5,000 witnessed another baseball game between the London Americans and the Epsom Military Hospital team-15,000 Londoners watching American baseball on a single afternoon! Since game after game has drawn crowds ranging from 5,000 to 7,000.

#### TO COACH HARVARD RUNNERS

Edward Farrell Has Been Appointed Successor to Alfred Shrubb, Holder of Distance Marks.

Alfred Shrubb, holder of the world's distance records, no longer will coach the Harvard cross-country team. It has been announced from Cambridge that Edward L. Farrell, one-time coach at Wakefield (Mass.) high school, who instructed the Crimson weight men last year, has been appointed Shrubb's

Figures in Crucial Games.

It was Jake Northrup, then pitching for Louisville, who won a crucial game in 1916 for the Colonels and put Indianapolis out of the race. And it was the same Northrup, this time pitching for Indianapolis, who beat Milwaukee in the game that made Indianapolis gafe.

Rowland Refused to Fake.

Manager Rowland of the White Sox was offered \$1,000 by a New York syndicate to allow the use of his name over a series of articles on the world's series and given to understand quite plainly that he wouldn't have to write a line. Rowland declined with thanks.

Declare Series Off. The Southern league post-season

One Try at Art Was Sufficient to Convince All Concerned-Was Rat-

Billy Sunday, the evangelist, once had the ambition to become a pitcher, and it was July 16, 1890, that he got

tling Good Fielder.



Billy Sunday.

his chance-and falled. It was the fifth inning of a game between the Phillies and the Pirates, when Billy tried his hand at twirling for the Pittsburgh team. Hurd started the game, but was batted out of the box in the first inning. Then another pitcher by the name of Baker took up the work for three innings. He, too, suffered severely, and in the fifth Billy Sunday stepped into the box and took a hand at pitching. The first man who faced him walked; the second hit out for a three-bagger, the third for a double and the next was hit by a pitched ball and took his base. That was enough. Billy Sunday was gently but firmly taken out again for the National league, "Sunday was a rattling good fielder," the records of the day say, "but he demonstrated in that one inning that he was not a pitcher."

#### FOOTBALL PLAYERS AT CAMP

Jimmy DeHart and Andrew Hastings Two Great Backfield Stars, With Hospital Corps.

Jimmy DeHart and Andrew Hastings, star football players at the University of Pittsburgb, and conceded to be two of the greatest backfield men in the history of the sport, are at the ambulance camp at Allentown, Pa., with the Pittsburgh base hospital corps. James Morrow, the University of Pittsburgh fullback, also has entered the service. By winning a letter in each of the four major branches of sport, football, baseball, basketball and track, DeHart won for himself DRAFT THREE BEST CATCHERS the distinction of being the only man to accomplish such a feat in the history of the university.

Pitcher Payne Is Drafted.

Pitcher Frank Payne, who was sold ome time since by the Des Moines club to the Chicago White Sox, will not be able to report to Manager Rowland next spring. He has been drafted into the National army and has gone to Mount Vernon, Ky., to enter service. His good work with Marshalltown and Des Moines this season had stamped him as a coming star.

War Carried Into Kennel World. The American Kennel club has joinby the license committee of the parent | made no claims for exemption. organization of all the dog clubs in this country decrees that only Americans or their allies may now act as judges at any exhibit held under the auspices of the American Kennel club.

Marsans Goes Home.

broke his leg two months ago shortly after joining the New York Yankees, has departed for his home in Cuba. His broken leg seems to have healed series between the Atlanta pennant perfectly and he now says he wants to winners and an all-star team has been play with the Yankees again next sea-

### STYMIE IS ABOLISHED

New Regulation Tried and Found Wanting at Midlothian.

Rule Instituted as Result of Examples In Western Tournament Needs Further Trial-Works Well in Medal Play.

The new rule of the Western Golf association, abolishing stymies, was tried and found wanting at the West ern amateur championship at Midlothian, and the rule was changed by the board of directors before the final rounds, in which Francis Ouimet won the title from Kenneth P. Edwards of Chicago by the narrow margin of 1 up in 36 holes.

The rule, as announced several weeks ago, required that the nearer ball be played first when both balls were on the green thus avoiding stymies. The plan worked well in medat play, as there was no lifting of the nearer ball, and an average of 15 minutes' time was taken off an 18-hole round without any detriment to the players, since they were contesting the field instead of one man. When the match play started, however, the contestants were loud in their clamor for a change in the rule and President Charles F. Thompson, agreeing with the players, had a new one drafted.

The new one still abolishes stymies, whether due to the faulty play of the owner of the stymled ball, or to the accidental position of his opponent's ball, but requires the ball further from the hole to be played first, unless a stymie exists. In that case, the nearer ball is to be played first or lifted, at the option of its owner. The rule rends: "When both balls are on the put-

ting green, if the player of the ball furthest from the hole claims that the nearer ball interferes with his putt, the nearer ball, upon request, shall be lifted or played at the option of its owner."

It was contended by the objectors to the original rule that the playing of the farther ball first removed some of the elements of competition allowed the opponent to know just what he had to do after the other man had holed out and made the owner of the nearer ball play from two to three shots in rather rapid succession.

In the finals at Midlothian only one partial stymic was laid during the 36 holes. Ouimet lifting his ball on the ninth hole, while Edwards putted. It frequently happens, however, that Edwards, with his poor putting on the first nine, would have had to play three putts in a row, while Ouimet stood by and determined just what he had to do and how to do it. That was because Edwards was frequently nearer the flag on his approaches, but could not putt dead, or get down from ds first attempt.

As the play went, it could have done Edwards no harm to play the nearer ball first, for he took 22 putts on the first nine, when only 15 were indicated by his long game and approaches, which were in general bet ter than Oulmet's.

PLAN LES DARCY MEMORIAL

Admirers of Australian Fighter Asked to Contribute to Fund for Suitable Monument.

Friends in this country of the late Les Darcy have been asked to help a



Les Darcy.

fund which is being raised to erect a memorial monument to the dead boxer in West Maitland, N. S. W.

Frank Crossin, Frank Fisher and Joe Haddock Answer Call to Colors-Waived Exemption.

The call to the colors under the new army draft will take three of the best catchers in the New York State league in the first grab. Frank Crossin, the brilliant young receiver who the other day quit the Scranton club when he was recalled to Louisville of the American Association, left to join that club August 9, after being examined in his home district in Luzerne. He passed the tests with a high average and waived all exemption. Frank Fisher and Joe Haddock, the two catchers of ed in the effort to crush the alien ene- the Elmira team, were also examined, my under foot. A recent rule issued and both accepted for service. They

Huggins Denles Report. Reports that B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, had signed Miller Huggins to manage an Amer-Ican league team in 1918 has been denied by Huggins. "Absolutely no truth Outfielder Armando Marsans, who in it," said the manager of the St. Louis Cardinals.

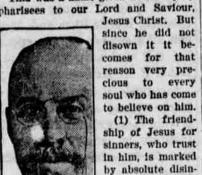
> Pete Knisely to Retire. Pete Knisely, formerly with the Cubs and this year with Nashville, will retire. His legs have gone back

## Divine Friendship

By REV. JAMES M. GRAY, D.D. Dean of Moody Bible Institute

TEXT-Behold a friend of publicans and sinnersi-Matthew 11:19.

This was a name given derisively by



terestedness. It is

meant by this

that it does not

depend upon any-

thing in us. Solomon says that "Every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts," but we have nothing to give to Jesus by which to merit his friendship. Indeed, his friendship is especially offered to the poor, for it is written in Isaiah, "He that hath no money, let him buy." Neither is there any goodness in us to awaken his friendship, for "while we were yet sinners Christ died for us," as Paul says to the Romans in chapter 5 of his letter to them. It is just as we are without any claim or good deeds to recommend us-with no friendship towards God in our hearts and indeed, even with enmity towards him, that he mani-

His Constancy.

fests his friendship towards us in his

(2) Consider the constancy of this friendship which is as unchangeable as the nature of God who is "the same yesterday, today and forever." We cannot trust in any earthly friend like this or put confidence in any earthly guide, for as the Bible says, "even a son will dishonor his father and a daughter rise up against her mother, and a man's enemies are the men of his own house." Job complains that in his adversity his friends scorned him, and few of us have not known desertion under similar circumstances. But Christ is "a friend who loveth at all times and a brother born for adversity." Some time ago I heard of a youth who had been driven out of his mother's home because of idleness, but there is a promise even for such as he, since it is written in the 27th Psalm: "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me The great Doctor Johnson used to say that if a man's friendship in this world is to amount to anything he must keep it in good repair. He meant that we must make new friends as life advances or else by and by we shall be left without any. There is much truth in this. Where are the friends of our budding youth, to whom we told more secrets than our parents knew? How many of them are forgotten and have forgotten us? But it is not so with the divine friendship.

His Helpfulness.

(3) Then this divine friendship is so practical in its helpfulness. In the first place, it helped us out of the death of sin into the life of righteousness, It has redeemed us through the cross from the guilt and power of sin. Again, as the Psalmist says, "God is a very present help in time of trouble." We may come boldly to the throne of grace to find grace to help in time of need. "The Holy Spirit helpeth our infirmity for we know not what to pray for as we ought." Then God hath set some in the church as "helps," as we learn in Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians. What help do we find in a faithful pastor or Sunday school teacher, or some other Christian leader who has really within him the Word of God and who is consistent in his daily life? How we should thank God for all these means of grace which he has given us in our earthly journey! And yet we have not spoken of that constant help we find in the reading and study of his Holy Word.

His Leys Ity .

(4) Finally Jesus is a friend of ours who is not ashamed to acknowledge us as friends of his. Addressing his disciples he said: "Henceforth I call you not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth, but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known to you." The rich are ready to patronize the poor, and the learned to patronize the ignorant. For example, a late philanthropist is said to have bestowed \$1,000 a day in benevolences. There were many who were pleased to call him their friend, and doubtless he was gratified to be so designated. But in how many cases would he have been prepared to return the compliment? What proportion of those whom he helped would he have been disposed to introduce to his acquaintanceship as his friends? They were the objects of his charity. He was interested in them, to be sure; but that was all. Oh, there Is a great difference between your calling me your friend and my calling you my friend. But of Jesus it is written, "But he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one, for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Surely this is a friend to know and to love and serve!

Cause of Much Grief. "What are your qualifications?" "I'm an expert egg cook, mum." . "How absurd! Why, anybody can cook eggs." 'No, indeed, mum. You're making a mistake that's been the cause of a lot of unhappiness in this world."

More Durable.

The simple life may not contain quite so many thrills as the silly life but it contains a higher degree of service and more satisfaction and usnally lasts longer.—Houston Post

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