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$\mathbf{N}^{\text {OW that the Jrawing for homesteads in }}$ have been brought to an orderly conclusion, the Interior Department can justiy cungratulate itself devised for opening this new portion of the public domain to entry and setlement. It was
the purpose of the department in discarding the allotments tor the new "wheel of fortune" netholl of assignments to end the disorders and violence which had marked the past struggles of
land hungry "boomers" aud "souners" tor land hungry "boomers" and "sooners" for
coveted sites in freshly opened territory. Certainly, whatever minor disturlances have heen reported from El Reno and Lawton, there has been mo repetition in the Kiowa and and lawlessoess which marred the race twelve years ago into the older parts of Oklahoma. nder any plan of allotting titles in the new territory; for with a list of applicants runuing up toward the one hundred thousand mark, the proportion of prizes to blanks to be drawn was ruelly discouragng. But evidence has yet to by the Federal Land Office did not on the whole offer a creditable ard satistactory solution of the allotment problem.
Some complaint has been made that distribution by lottery encourages the filing of claims by speculators who have no idea of making bona fide homestead settlement, but who hope to sell
their titles subsequently to lese fortunate participants in the whel of fortune scramble. $/ \begin{aligned} & \text { back the sea with a broom? } \\ & \text { Well, enough experiments of this kind have }\end{aligned}$

Lottery winners like Miss Beals, who drew/already been made to throw some light on the think of pre-empting land under the ordinary Howard. Reveral of them are nentioned by Dr. operation of the homestead system. Certainly it a loeal country club is said to have stopped the of that sort engasing to fancy a "homestealer" breeding of the cules for a single season by using rushes for a quarter section. But, on the other equal sucesess at Summit, wis tried with hand, one American citizen has, theoretically, as pools and swamps. Similar stories come from much right as another to claim a share in the Long Island, Bridggport, Conn., and even placs
domain the governent relenses for individual as far off as Palo Alto, Cal., and Sierra Loone, entry, and the purpose of such claimant to sell West Africa. his land, after fulfilling the requiremeuts of the Already it is evident that the virtues of the Homestead law, in no way conerne the athe syrem have their linit that the virtues of the ties charged with effecting the distribution of titles
It is also suggested that the lottery plan, by
drawing to centres like EI Reno and Iawton a vast number of claimants certain to be doomed to
dispppointment, burdens the new territory with an army of stranded "sp yatters," whose presence qualifes the full possesion by actual title holders of the lands they have drawn. It may be that
some of the new land owners will have to the territorial courts for protection against quatters. But this condition is by no means a novel one in newly opened territory. It has
oceurred tefore, and will occur under any system f entry. It will be six months, perhaps, before he workings of the new method can be fully and airly judge.. So far, however, it seems to mark distinct advance in the administration of the Homestead act-an advance for which due credit shomad be given the Secretary of the
ighting the mosquito

WHen ing the mosquto by Dn Doty tor the measures adopted mosquito over on Staten Island he is filled with admiration of the Qnarantine officer's energy and
public spirit, yet may be a little ceeptical as public spirit, yet may be a little sceptical as to
the practical result. Time and time tag in the public has been advised to employ kerosene to get rid of this annoying creature. Dr. Howard, the entonologist of the Department of AgriculDr. Rooss, of the Liverpool School for yearas Medicine, who is prominently identifed with the neory that the mosputo propagates malaria Dr. Biggs, of the New-Yoak City Board of Healll, and other well kiown experts have also jofice alked in the same strain. But has any good been accomplished by folowing their admoni-
kind is more sucressful where the water stauds Again, eternal vigilance is the sea marshes Again, eternal vigilance is the price of freedom
from this pest. It is necessary to renew the reatment every few weeks. Fresh rains may form pools in new places. Mosquitoes are often
imported, too, from comparatively distant places imported, too, from comparatively distant places
by railway trains or borne by brisk winds from neighbortng towns. Still, they are rarely found far from their birthplace. They are not such ravellers as birds. Once destroy the larvae by filling up the ponds or coating them with oit and there is a reasonable chance of immunity for

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The benefit of these isolated attempts is temorary. Yet the recordel results are encouraglong the line It now is an attack al work be conducted by the medical authorities. If local clabs of residents were organized in every
town and village in Southeastern New York Gonnecticut and New Jersey which has suffer from the pest, and campaigns like Dr. Doty were undertaken simultaneously, the result could hardly fail to be most gratifying. The problem is more serious in some localities than in others. In a few it is hopeless, perhaps. But there i he territory here outlined might be pith reed from the mosquito in a single year by conerted effort.
Frink Bulaer at one time editor of the New Berlin News is now in the Sunbury jail on
charge of forgery. Once upon a time Bilge
orked the same game on the Middleburg bank. Compassion ssaved hum from jail that time but stiee would perhaps have avoided the second IT is t
IT is the wise Merchant who understand busiuess and advertises his goods in the Post
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