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The Newbern Journal, in an editorial on the subject of the lease, says: The proposition is a good one, and the proper guarantees are made, should be accepted at once. It is, in substance, as follows: The corporation is to grant the use of their road, rolling stock, machine shops, etc., for thirty years. The Eastern North Carolina railroad company is to pay for the first ten years an annual rental of \$36,000, lay three miles of steel rails and put in 30,000 cross ties annually, and, within four years, extend the road to Fayetteville. For the second ten years they are to pay an annual rental of \$54,000, and for the third ten years an annual rental of \$72,000. They put up as a forfeit ure for failing to build the road to Fayetteville \$25,000, and \$50,000 to

scheme for the private stockholders. There is a floating debt against the company of about \$240,000, bearing eight per cent interest. Out of the \$36,000 annual rental for the first ten years there will have to be paid the interest on this debt, which will be about \$19,000 the first year, the taxes and expense of keeping up the cor-poration, which will be about \$6,000, leaving a balance of \$11 000 the first year to go to the discharge of the principal. With the annual rental steadily and faithfully applied in this manner, the debt will be paid off in less than fifteen years, and the company will have an annual income of \$54 000, less the expenses of the corporation, which ought not to exceed \$6,000. If then the State's stock should be reduced, as it justiy ought to be, the company will be able to declare a dividend of at least four per cent, and at the beginning of the third ten years they could declare a dividend of six per cent. If then this lease should be accepted, and the annual rental faithfully applied, the county of Craven will in fitteen years be receiving about \$5,000 income from her railroad property, and in twenty years near \$8,000; and Lenoir and Pamlico will also have handsome in-

comes from it. Besides all this, at the end of the hirty years the road will have been extended through a country that will give it something to do, which is an important consideration. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the directors will confirm this proposition; it is the best ever offered, and that the lessees be permitted not only to run their road undisturbed, if they comply with the terms of the lease, but will receive the encouragement and support of every citizen in Eastern Caroina. While we consider the bargain a good one for the counties and private stockholders, we at the same time have good reasons to believe it to be a good one for the syndicate. Good for the private stockholders because it is under permanent management, and can be used more advantageously for developing the country good for the lessees because the country is growing, the business of the road increasing, and by extending its line they will make money, the thing that all enterprising men wish to do.

When the road is extended to Fayetteville it will form connection with the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley road, which is now in process of construc-Stokes county, which will be comnear future extend from Danbury up thus giving a through rail line through this midland tier of counties

to the seaboard. a good thing for the syndicate, the

State and the private stockholders.

Speaker Carlisle's Committees. Washington, December 18.-Speak er Carlisle has addressed a letter to

Governor Crittenden, of Missouri, in which he says: "I shall try to do the very best I can to secure for the Representatives from Missouri the opportunity to serve their constituents and the country to the best addresses. The rich men of the present day are not often beautiful and the country to the best addresses. ents and the country to the best ad- day are not often large land owners. vantage. The fact that some of them did not see proper to support me will not be regarded by me as a just cause to neglect them in making up my committees."

Fifteen Inches of Snow.

Lucan, Ont., December 15.-Snow fell to a depth of fifteen inchés last night and there were heavy drifts. The London, Huron and Bruce trains are all blockaded.

A Prize of Beauty

would never have been awarded to Venus if her teeth had been veilow. Frail mortal, unlike the deities of fable have perishable teeth, but these they may retain unimpaired to an advanced age. if they will use SOZODONT, which keeps the teeth free from impurities which destroy them, and renders them objects of admiration. It is pure, re-freshing, leaves an agreeable flavor in the mouth, and sweetens the breath.

LAND OW ERSHIP.

THE HOMESTEAD THE BASIS OF ALL PERMANENT PROSPERITY.

Some Views on the Land Question that an unlawful possession. are New and Yet Somewhat Old, With Suggestions as fo How to Reme . dy Some of the Evils of the Times. Archimedes said he could "move

the world, if he were given a fulcrum outside of it to rest his lever on." Th fulcrum on which each citizen of a free country should rest his lever for good actions should be his land. This homestead, his God-given right in his native soil, is necessary to give him his full worth and dignity as a man. With the exception of the Levites (the professional classes) every man in the Hebrew Republic was required, by law, to be a land owner. The mechanics and other artizans whose main living depended on arts outside of agriculture, were still land owners. The merchants, whose fortunes were built up by commerce and whose ships whitened the seas, were

still land owners. The manufacturers and their employees were alike land owners. How sad it is to watch, in the great c ties, the dismissal of the hands at eventhe listless, sad looking men, and most pathetic of all, the pale-faced children, still retaining some of the smiles of playfulness of infancy.

However well paid they may be,

and however well treated they may be, we cannot divest ourselves of the painful idea that their lives are not endeavor to mitigate the hardships of their lot in every way in his power, but he can no more control the great laws of supply and demand than they can. A crisis comes, the employer fails and the "hands" (pit-ful name for immortal beings) are thrown out of employment. What then? Aye, they stare into each other's blank faces and ask again and again, what then! Ask the question until you get a satisfactory answer, for at present there is no satisfactory an-

swer. The tales of hunger and nakedness and cold and want of every kind which hands deprived of employment pour into any ear which is willing to listen, proves that there is some fearful mistake in our political economy. But suppose that each of these hands had a home of his own, howevneighborhood, to which he could re-Let us see now what is in this tire and "dig a living out of the ground" when everything else failed,

how much more cheerful things would look. He could live, like the Irish peasant, until better times brought about more paying employment. Under this state of things, the whole family would rarely leave the roof tree. The father and some of the grown girls would go to factory work, but the mother, the grand mother and a portion, at least, of the children, would probably remain at

This homestead would serve as buffer" to prevent the hardest falls -the shock of coming down to what the Californians call "bed rock." Some persons may need an explanation of the word "buffer." It is a cushion or apparatus with strong springs to deaden the buff or concussion between a moving body and one on which it strikes, as at the ends of a railway carriage. For the want of this buffer, men are driven to despair. Hence the terrible amount of insanity and suicide in the great industrial centres. Carefully kept statistics in Europe show that suicides in the dense and immoral cities reach thirty times the average in rural districts!
But the poor men of the rural districts,
when everything else fails, flock to
the cities. There they find their ultimate ruin, like moths flying into a candle. Even when not reduced to direct want, there is a feeling of

feverish anxiety which keeps the ma-jority of men back from anything like true happiness. "There is a ceaseless struggle for betterment of condition. Homilists call it the haste to get rich. Observers know that it is merely the dread of debt and dependence;-the tendency manifest throughout the universe, of every particle of matter to

place i'self in a state of rest.' No prudent political economist urges sudden changes. To attempt to equalize the ownership of land at a single stroke of legislation, would be disastrous in the extreme. But it could be done gradually-and by one of the simplest and justest of laws. It is this: "Make the landed homestead unalienable." Let its size be determined by the number of acres in the State divided by the number of voters. And let every land owner. owning this amoun', or less, be deprived of all power to sell it. Say the homestead consists of one or two hundred acres. Any land owner owning more than tais, may be allowtion from Fayetteville to Danbury, in of this size and under, he should have no right to sell. The Hebrew pleted before long, and will in the laws required each tribe to keep within its own limits This should into Virginia, and form connection | be a warning to mount in different secwith the Western system of roads at | tions. Give the negro, the Indian, some point in Virginia or Tennessee, and the Chinaman as fair and fertile

them be distinct from those of the white races I would take no privilege from the As the Journal remarks, it will be colored man which he possesses at white man a privilege which he does not possess at present :- I would give him an unalienable landed estate. In Arizona or New Mexico let the colored man, too, have an unalien-able homestead, but not in any sec-

tion already settled by the white They find more profitat enterprise in commerce and manu- to the Pope during his interview. factures. But for these rich men to own a family homestead, descending from father to son, for all time, would have the happiest moral influence in making worthy, dignified and

patriotic citizens. The Hebrew law allowed town lots to change hands without restraint; they could be bought and sold. That the same law prevailed under the new Testament dispensation we infer from the fact that the lands sold by the early hristians in order to

give the money to the church were small lots. The Greek word chorion meant a "little spot." When larger bodies of land are referred to, the word used is chora. "Look unto your fields (chora) for they are white to the harvest." In one instance, recorded in Acts, a Levite sold land not designated as chorion, and therefore probably a farm; but this, too, is en- Health Renewer." \$1.

tirely in accordance with the Hebrew law, for the Levites were forbidden to own farming land. His quickened sense of duty under the influence of

the Christian dispensation probably made him anxious to free himself of And this leads us to some considera tion of the office of the Levite.

THE LEVITE. "When Ged promised the priests, the Levites, shall never want a man to stand before Him, in all future time," (Jer. 33-18) we wonder what meaning we are to attach to it. I have come to think that it means that the office, if not the name of the present world endures.

of men who profess themselves to be the guardians of society They are called the professional classes and are divided into three or four ranks: public statement. -the guardians of the soul, the guardians of he physical body, the guardians of the mind and the guardians of the rights and fortunes of the people. In other words, the minister, the teacher, the physician and the lawyer. Before the advent of thrist the office of these social guardians was hereditary, and was transmitted from father o son from the time of Moses, until the Mosaic dispensation was superseded some two

housand years later. And the revenues of the nation were mainly devoted to the support of these guardians of society. The revenues were very lare. The people supported their Levites very handsomely. Those who attended to the spiritual interests of the people their own. They are driven by the sternest of task-masters, want, to their present employments. Their employer may be one of he most generous of philanthropists, and may revited the state of the state were called "priests" or princes. but nary Levites, because the Levites N. Y. Sun.
themselves paid the priests a tenth of A fles

their incomes. Never was so matchlessly beautiful a system invented. Every Hebre had access to the highest education for his children. The courts of justice were open to all, "without money and without price." Medical their knees on the seat opposite, and

attention was also free. The whole nation was governed by vigilance committees," if I may so selves, and receiving no pay. These committees formed themselves into courts of justice, graduated from the court of ten citizens up to which represented ten thousand citizens and more. As Moses expresses it, (embracing the waole system of perfect national government in a nut-shell) rulers of tens, rulers of fitties, rulers parents or guardians.

modeled after the Hebrew, and not-

withs anding the corruptions, which /n the course of ages, have crept in and weakened it, it has made the English the freest and yet the most conservative people in the world. Each tithing consisting of tencitizens elected their own foreman, and ten of these foremen with two rulers of fifty (12 men) formed a permanent jury presided over by the ruler of one nundred. In English law a "tithing" and a "town" had the same significa tion. "Town" in modern times has come to mean quite a diferent thing But the local court is still called the "town meeting." In revolutionary times it was called a "committee meeting"-the colonics were covered with a political net work of committees, whose thorough organization gave the Americans the strength to resist the British invasion. John Fiske says truly, "This town meeting principle is the foundation of all free government. The town meeting is the primordial cell out of which the

principle of political life has been

originally woven among all races and nations. Just in proportion as this principle prevails, so do free institutions prevail. To this principle the Anglo-Saxons owe their success as colonists. France owned a vast extent of American soil, stretching west of the Alleghany range, from the Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. But the home government ruled the French colonies. with kindly meant but life-destroying vigilance, which prevented their fre and natural growth. They were not allowed to govern themselves and gradually died out. Henry Thomas Buckle, one of the great philosophic thinkers of the age, (author of History of Civilization etc. says that government is and always has been, mischievous when it aims at any object beyond the preserva-tion of public order and the prevention of crime. Charles O'Conner, the well-known lawyer, enunciates at length the same idea in the New York World. The nation is filled with useless—nay, worse than useless—office holders, who drain the public treasury of the revenues which ought to support the Levites-the professional classes, and thus be returned to the people in beneficent showers of free education, free jus tice and free medical and spiritual at

Ĥ. M J. POPE AND PRINCE. Crown Prince Frederick William Pays

his Respects to the Pope. ROME, Dec. 18. - Crown Prince Frederick William, of Germany, yester day requested Herr Von Schloezer. the German minister at the Vatican, to immediately announce his arrival to Cardinal Jacobini, the Papal Secrelands as the continent affords, but let | tary of the State to express the prince's earnest desire to visit the Pope. Herr Von Schloezer delivered the message and Cardinal Jacobini subsequently called at the German legation and present. But I would confer upon the left his card. The Crown Prince breakfasted this morning with Count Von Kendell, the German embassador to Italy. He will visit the Pope at one o'clock this afternoon. He will be received with the honors accorded to a ruling sovereign. After a private audience with the Pope, the Prince's suite will be presented to his Holiness. Later in the day the Crown Prince will pay a visit to Cardinal Jacobini. The Prince will speak in the name of the Emperor of Germany

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bert, went down in the gale Wednes-Also One Mule and Wagon for day night off Pipigon. Twenty lives lost; cargo, railroad supplies. Decline of Man. Nervous Weakness. dyspepsia, impe tence, sexual debidty, cured by "Well's

THE I ISH GIBBET.

Poole Hanged for the Murder of Kenny. DUBLIN, Dec. 18.-Joseph Poole was hanged at 8 o'clock this morning for the murder of John Kenny. The execution took place in Richmond Bridewell. Kenny was killed by Poole on the night of July 4, 1882, in Scoville place in this city. Poole arose this morning at 5:30 o clock. A priest visited him at 6 o'clock and at 7:15 administered the sacrament. Both Poole and the priest remained in the prison chapel until nearly 8 o'cl ck. Poole showed great fortitude during the preparations for the execution on Levite, will continue as long as the the gallows. He frequently kissed the crucifix and with a calm demean-Every civilized nation has a class or and in a firm voice repeated pray rs until the drop fell. Death took

ANOTHER SCARE.

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LONDON, Dec. 18. -It is reported that the Lord Mayor has received an anonymous letter containing threats to blow up London bridge and Newgate. The detectives who were withdrawn from the prison yesterday after O'Donnell was hanged have been sent back. An extra force of police is now stationed on and about the bridges to watch the arches, examine all crafts passing and scrutinize all persons crossing in consequence of the threats made to avenge the execution of O'Donnell. Armed policemen guard Howarden Castle and the residence of Mr. Gladstone.

One Nickel for Six Passengers.

A fleshy, pleasant-faced woman arrying a large baby in her arms, was followed by four little boys into a Bleecker street car, in New York. The largest of the boys climbed into a seat by the side of his mother, while their knees on the seat opposite, and looked out of the windows. The mother passed up a nickel to the box. The driver looked at it, and then put express it, elected by the people them his head in at the door, and said, as he pointed to the oldest boy:

"Another nickel, av ye plaze The woman smiled and nodded her head toward a card on the side of the car that announced that children over four years must pay fell fare, but others could ride free with their

'Phwat! Do yez mane to say that The early English system was you've had foive of'em, and the oldest is only five years old?" said The woman's smile grew broader and the passengers laughed aloud when she said pointing to the boys

opposite, "They're triplets."

Gobbling Up Florida Lands. The Pine Level Fla. Times says: Sir Edward Jas. Reed, of Hextable. n the county of Kent, K. C. B., M 2., and Lady Rosetta, his wife, have made a deed to the Florida Land and Mortgage Company to 278,858 acres of land, lying and being situated in Manatee county, Fla. The deed is now filed in the clerk's office for record. This makes about £00,000 acres of land, in round numbers, recently deeded in the county to large

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