

AUSTRALIA BIDS FOR SETTLERS.

Establishing Communities Based on Co-operative Principle.

WANT FARM LANDS OPENED TO IMMIGRANTS.

In New South Wales Areas are Set Apart for Labor Settlements--Details of the Scheme.

Sydney, New South Wales, March 3.—The various states of the Australian Commonwealth, in their eagerness to attract an agricultural population, and offering every facility for intending settlers, especially those desirous of forming communities based on the co-operative principle. In New South Wales the state minister for lands may set apart certain areas for the purpose of establishing labor settlements.

A settlement is placed under the control of a board, which enrolls such persons as it may think fit to become members of the settlement; makes regulations concerning the work to be done; apportions the work among the members, and equitably distributes wages, profits and emoluments after providing for the cost of the maintenance of the members.

Any trade or industry may be established by the board, and the profits apportioned among the enrolled members.

A board is constituted as a corporate body, with perpetual succession, and a common seal, and the land is leased to the board as such, in trust for the members of the settlement, for a period of twenty-eight years, with right of renewal for a like term. When the board has enrolled such a number of persons as the minister for lands may approve, it may apply for monetary assistance on behalf of the members of the settlement. The minister has power to grant an amount not exceeding \$125 for each enrolled member who is the head of a family dependent upon him; \$100 for each married person without a family; and \$75 for each unmarried person.

On the expiration of four years from the commencement of the lease, and at the end of each year following, 8 per cent. of the total sum paid to the board becomes a charge

charge on its revenues, until the total amount advanced, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, has been repaid. In Victoria, areas of land, not exceeding 1,500 acres in extent, may be set apart for the purpose of labor colonies, to be vested in five trustees, appointed by the governor.

In Queensland, the area granted to a colony, which must not exceed 10,000 acres in extent, is vested in five trustees, who are empowered to establish and manage any trade or industry. A subsidy not exceeding \$5,000, either conditionally or otherwise, may be granted to a labor colony from parliamentary appropriations for such purposes. In Victoria special facilities are afforded for the establishment of village settlements. The area occupied comprises 57,588 acres and improvements to the value of \$1,250,000 have been effected. The number of settlers actually residing on the 30th of June, 1904, was 1,758, and the number not residing, but improving their holdings, 133, making a total of 1,891 in occupation. The number of souls including wives and children, residing on the date indicated, was 8,536.

In Queensland special provision is made by law for the settlement of little communities, so that settlers may live together in townships for mutual convenience, on allotments not exceeding one acre in extent, and with farms of eighty acres in close proximity to their residences. The freehold of these farms may be secured generally on the same terms as those upon which agricultural farms are, exceeding one hundred acres in area may be acquired.

Ample provision for the establishment of village settlements is also made in South Australia and in Western Australia, where there is abundance of land well adapted for farming and orchard purposes.

The law even prohibits the passing through the state of prohibited decorations, but no doubt the Interstate Commerce Law will be appealed to in order to define and make inactive this provision.

KILLED HIS COUSIN IN PLAY.

Fred Walters Aimed Rifle at Girl and Bullet Hit Her.

Passaic, N. J., April 5.—Estelle Walters, fourteen years old, who lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walters, at Kingsland, was shot and killed by Fred Walters, a cousin, aged sixteen years, yesterday afternoon, while the two families were visiting the large duck farm of Morris Albert.

While the parents were talking the children ran through the house. Fred picked up a target rifle and aimed it at Estelle. Some one in the party shouted:

"Don't pull the trigger; it is loaded."

The rifle was discharged and the bullet struck Estelle in the temple, killing her instantly.

Prosecutor Koester of Bergen Co., after learning the circumstances, decided that the little girl's death was purely accidental.

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WRECKED BY AN EARTHQUAKE.

Many Lofty Buildings in Lahore, Capital of Punjab, Collapse and Towers of Golden Mosque Fall.

CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF LIFE ALSO IS FEARED.

Lahore, India, April 6.—Shortly after six o'clock this morning the sharpest earthquake shock within the memory of living inhabitants were felt here, and most of the people left their swaying and creaking houses to seek safety in the open. The damage was extensive. It is feared that there was considerable loss of life in the city, where many picturesque, tall old houses collapsed and parts of lofty buildings crashed on small adjacent dwellings. The towers of the Golden Mosque, are reported to have fallen, and the Wazir Khan's mosque was badly cracked.

Lahore, capital of the Punjab, is near the left bank of the River Ravi. The population is 120,058, a large majority Mussulmans. Lahore covers

ers 20 acres of land, and is surrounded by a brick wall sixteen feet high. The city is entered by metal roads through thirteen gates. The fort occupies a commanding position to the northeast, and near it are the mosque of Aungzeb and Runjett Singh's tomb.

The English civil station, some three miles long, is called Anarkali; and a broad road, the Mall, connects this with the government house and the Lawrence Gardens. Three miles farther is the military station or cantonment, of Mian Mir, one of the dreariest and most unhealthy in India. The Punjab University, largely endowed by native chiefs and gentlemen—Moslem, Sikh and Hindu—is one of the finest educational establishments in India.

BIRDS BARRED IN HATS.

Women Entering the State Wearing Fine Feathers Will be Arrested and Fined.

St. Louis, April 6.—Governor Folk has signed the Walmsly Fish and Game law, effective June 06, under the provisions of which women are permitted to decorate their hats with birds of only a few species. By the

sands of dollars' worth of forbidden enforcement of the law many thousands of feathers and bird bodies in wholesale and retail stores in Kansas City, St. Joseph and St. Louis will become contraband. Only the feathers of domestic birds, such as ostrich, chickens and ducks, may be used. The wild birds allowed milliners are confined to English sparrows, hawks, horned owls and crows.

The section of the bill applying to birds used in millinery provides that no person shall catch or have in his possession, living or dead, any wild bird, or purchase, offer or expose for sale, transport or ship, within or without the state, any prohibited wild bird after it has been killed or caught.

The law plainly prohibits a woman from wearing into the state a hat bearing a prohibited bird. The hat may be the only one she has, but unless she cares to face a fine of \$25 up, she must leave it outside the borders. Women will have to consider their toilettes before they visit Missouri, or find themselves reckoned with the criminal cases.

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