

and pasture in, open land. *Buford v. Houtz*, 133 U.S. 320; *Davis v. Davis*, 70 Tex. 123. It was argued in the *Buford* case that this right of general pasturage enured to the common benefit and was given and taken upon an implied understanding that inhered in our very titles.

One can hardly doubt, that, had aviation been known and utilized as rapid advancement promises it is on the way of being known and utilized, a similar understanding, based on the same character of common benefit, would have secured its right into all open spaces above the soil. It would be far within the principle, that one for his private gain may draw fowl ferae naturae across the air above another's soil, to hold that science discovering public highways through the same element is within its legal rights. This is a conquest that civilization has far more right to claim than superiority in land title over savage tribes.

In *Guille v. Swan*, 19 Johns. 381, 2 Hughes' Gr. and R. 528, an aeronaut was held liable in trespass for damage done by his being dragged by a balloon through plaintiff's field and also for that of the crowd breaking in to rescue him from his peril. The judge said: "I will not say that ascending in a balloon is an unlawful act, for it is not so; but it is certain the aeronaut has no control over its motion horizontally; he is at the sport of the winds and is to descend when and how he can; his reaching the earth is a matter of hazard." Then it was concluded he was responsible, because the consequences that ensued should have been foreseen. But the suggestion that he had no right to invade the air of whomsoever's close is impliedly repudiated. It would seem, that aviation has already placed itself beyond the application of the language we quote.

Wireless telegraphy uses air columns above earth planes in essentially the same way as does aviation. The only difference is that in the latter case the substance carried is more corporeal, so to speak. But what is carried by each method is something tangible and capable of being weighed and measured. If science attains the goal of its desire neither will be astray in its element,