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THE NEW CITY OF BOGUSBURG.

Situated in a Land Flowing with Milk and Honey, it is Destined to Become the Great Commercial Metropolis of the American Continent—A Home for the Poor and Oppressed of All Nations.

IT will, no doubt, be gratifying to the present and prospective 31,528 readers of THE HOME JOURNAL to learn that the publishers have consummated a scheme whereby the needy and poor of all nations will be able to secure a home at a trifling expense, to wit, the price of a real estate agent's deed. For some time, it should be remarked by way of introduction, the promoters of this great charitable institution have been grieved by the reports of starvation and poverty that have reached them from foreign lands, as well as the seeming improbability of the poor, down-trodden workingmen in our midst ever being able to get a place in which, after years of toil, they would be able to spend the remainder of their days, if not in affluence and wealth, at least in comfort—having at the same time all the conveniences obtainable in a great city.

Moved, we repeat, by these considerations, THE HOME JOURNAL has platted and sub-divided its property on Gall River into lots, 6x2ft, which will be sold at prices low enough to place a permanent home within the reach of every man, woman and child, native or otherwise, in the Province of British Columbia. After long and prayerful consideration, the spon-

sors of this infant townsite, in order to bespeak for it an auspicious career among its fellows, have decided to bestow on it the name of Bogusburg.

As before indicated, the new city of Bogusburg is situated at the mouth of Gall River, a stream, by the way, wide and deep enough to float any vessel of modern size and construction—Uncle Sam's wheries of hoop-iron not excepted. It has been a tradition among the Indians to the north and south of Gall River that the richest placer mines in the world existed on this stream, and that these may prove a source of untold wealth, indeed, seems now beyond doubt. The advantage of being able to go down to the banks of the stream in the morning and wash out enough gold to last during the day, or the week, as the case may be, will be apparent to many, especially to those who have been victimized into buying paper lots elsewhere, through the Maunchausen persuasiveness of the dross-despising vendors of dirt. Just picture to yourself, reader, a majestic ship riding on the proud crest of Gall River, with her white wings spread to the morning breeze, into the land-locked harbor of Bogusburg, taking on her cargo of gold-dust and nuggets. Then she steams for foreign ports and returns laden with their Oriental luxuries. Of course, it is quite possible that this particular craft may belong to the same class as "The Ship that NEVER Returned." Does the picture enthrall you? Yet it is only one of the many advantages possessed by Bogusburg over other townsites now on the market.

Lying to the east of the new city are mines of silver, rich enough in fact to make independent every inhabitant of the earth; but on account of the easy accessibility of the gold, it is believed that these mines will not be worked during the present century at least. We believe enough has been said to

convince the most sceptical that Bogusburg has a bright and prosperous future before it.

Of course it cannot be expected that the syndicate are donating lots with no object in view. It is not a characteristic, we may say, of operators in townsites to do things this way. The system whereby lots will be sold is something like this:

There will be 7,000,000 lots, neither more or less, in the original townsite; whereof the price of the first 3, as surveyed and without improvements, will be \$1.15 cents each.

The purchase money will be used as follows:

15 cents to be paid as commission for the broker effecting the sale.

20 per cent of the balance to go to the hospital and burial fund.

30 per cent to go for advertising.

20 per cent to go for litigation expenses.

30 per cent for free lunch counters.

Already the new city has a paper established, which will publish editions every hour. The name of this enterprising publication is the Bogusburg Bugler. We take the following items from a late issue:

Intending settlers in Bogusburg should bring their dinner pails with them. This is offered by way of suggestion.

The Bogusburg band is putting in some good practice now, and hopes to be able to play, "When I Can Read My Title Clear," by the time of the arrival of the first boat.

The management of the Bogusburg Tramway Company announce that they will extend their line to 14,025th street, and that nickels will be used for ballast on the extension.

The Bogusburg Townsite people are advertising for 25,000 men to clear off the underbrush now on the land on which the city is built. The company expect to hire half a