streets of Jacksonville at night, unable to find lodging places. That city now has twenty wholesale stores, real estate values are continually jumping in prices, rents pay 15 per cent on the investments. Everybody, even the old Southerner, has awakened and is boosting his State, and contented.

People Leaving State. Another important feature, to be considered, is the number of people who contemplate leaving the State to go West or South that will be induced to remain here. Thousands of Wisconsin people, especially young men are to be heard in every town, on every train, discussing the advantages of the South and the West, and of their intention to go there as soon as they possibly can. Hundreds are actually on the way or packing up to go. These people have all seen so many glowing advertisements of the West or the South, and nothing about Wisconsin, that they actually believe there is nothing here.

The member of the legislature, Mr. Strouf, from Manitowoc County, who introduced one of the bills to abolish the State Board of Immigration, frankly admits that his father and brothers have already left Wisconsin for Montana, and that he expects to follow them in the near future. His advice should probably be followed concerning the future of Wisconsin as he must have her welfare at heart.

If the number of people, that are now seriously thinking of leaving Wisconsin could be given, a fact important enough to be ascertained, by the legislature through a committee appointed for that purpose, there would be no question about an appropriation from the State of fifty to one hundred thousand dollars, to exploit the advantages of Wisconsin's unoccupied lands over the places to which these men contemplate going.

Work of the Association. The Wisconsin Advancement Association, under its charter and by-laws, is limited to the work of advertising the State. For that purpose it has a Home Department, so called, and a Publicity Department.

The work of the Home Department will be to assist the settler in the State by constantly bringing to his attention the best methods of developing and cultivating the land upon which he is located.

Land Clearing Contest. In the carrying on of this work, the Home Department, has already inaugurated a stump pulling and land clearing contest, to be held during the last week in May in the Counties of Clark, Marathon and Marinette. Premiums amounting to $1000.00 will then be given to the best steam power, and the best hand power, land clearing machines, taking part in this contest. The work is in charge of a joint committee selected from the State Board of Immigration and this Association. Judges