

The Lien Law Repeal.

The first of January, 1910, is a date which is of much interest to those who make their living by the cultivation of the soil. It is on this date that the lien law, or a certain portion of it is repealed. The repeal was enacted at the last session of the legislature and the repeal act goes into effect the first of the coming year.

Much has been said concerning the lien law, and the repeal of it, and there have been many comments, both for and against the action of the legislature, in thus making the repeal, but it seems the general opinion that the repeal was a wise one, and that the farming class will be benefited to some extent by the law. There are quite a number however, who has never understood just what is implied by the lien law, and who do not know just what has been effected by the state legislature in thus repealing the law.

As it has stood until the present, the lien law embodies three different and distinct classes of liens. Only one of these has been repealed, the rest remain just as they have been in the past. The repealing act states that the section of the codified laws, 3059, is repealed, and all other portions of the lien law which conflict with the repeal statute.

The three classes of lien which the laws allows have been first a lien to the landlord, second a lien to the laborers who aided in the cultivation of the fields and third, a lien to others who have aided in the work by advancing the money or supplies to the cultivator. It is this last one which has been repealed.

The first lien is that given the landlord for rent. If a farmer rents land for cultivation, the person from whom they were rented has the right to levy on the crop for this rent, and this lien is prior to all others. Out of the farmer's first crop shall come the landlord's money. If nothing remains after the money has been paid for the rent, the creditors are not entitled to divide the landlord's share.

The second lien is given to the laborers who aid in the cultivation of the field. This is called the laborers' lien. This claim is second to that of the landlord, and after the former has taken his share, the laborer comes in for his claim before all others.

The third lien is that given to those who have advanced supplies or money to the farmer to aid him in his work. This lien was good only when there was a written contract or agreement of some kind, which bound the cultivator to the person advancing the supplies or money, with his paper, the creditor could thus levy upon the crop after the other two liens had been satisfied to the full extent of the debt if he so desire. After the first of January, this portion of the the lien law becomes null and void. The party who furnished the supplies can sue the farmer, if he so desires, and get judgment in the courts, but he cannot levy on the crops, as has been the custom.

There is seen to be a great change following this repeal of this particular section, since it will in the majority of the cases, free the farmer from all obligations except those ordinarily laid upon the average business man. Many of the farmers own their own fields, and of course in this case, there can be no landlord's lien. The laborers, also, are usually paid without difficulty, and this lien which they hold over the crops, while it still stands good, has never been a source of hardship to the farmer. It has always been

recognized as right and just that the laborer should have a good claim for his work.

The third portion of the lien law however, was one which at times worked hardship upon farmers of all classes, since farming is one of those industries in which there is always a great risk. Even when farmers owned their own fields, and were able to pay the laborers without difficulty, they have been obliged to be furnished with provisions and money during the year until the crops began to become a source of income. If the year happened to be bad, and the crops ran somewhat short, the farmer was at the mercy of the person from whom he had gotten the supplies, and was often forced to avoid being entirely "cleaned out," to give in the fall a lien on his next year's crop. In some instances these liens had to be given in such a manner as to give a prior claim over debts which should have been settled first. The farmer was sometimes tied hand and foot by these liens, and could not help but feel that he was no longer independent.

With the repeal of the lien law, which in one sense seems to have been legislation specially directed against one class of people, many of the troubles of the farmer will cease. He will be more independent than before and he will be placed upon a more equal footing, it is thought, with other business men, in the matter of meeting his obligations.

There has been much comment on the lien law since its passage, and while it is something of a protection to a certain class of merchants, it is agreed to be a statute which can easily be made a means by which the farmer may be taken advantage of. For this reason, many have expressed the opinion that the repeal is one of the most important acts of the last legislature.

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Marietta Garvin, Administratrix

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