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PREFACE

The author has endeavored in this volume to faithfully report the wrecking of the steamer Osceola off the coast of California, and the thrilling experiences of several of the rescued passengers and the loss of others. Among the passengers were Col. James Higsbee, a capitalist, of Melbourne, Australia, his wife and daughter. Four small boats filled with passengers shoved off from the sinking ship, and Col. Higsbee was separated from his loved ones. He never saw them again. Henry Ashton, engineer, proved to be a hero. George Batty, lawyer, and Thomas Lawson, adventurer, play an important part. Miss Higsbee passes through a series of intensely interesting experiences. Years later, the fortune of Col. Higsbee was made use of in establishing the famous co-operative commonwealth on the island of Zanland. The author and the Rev. B. M. Fay, of the United States, visited the island recently and were astounded and gratified at finding in successful operation a Socialistic government in a fertile and beautiful island inhabited by more than one million of highly intelligent people. In chapter twenty we have described what we saw and

heard, confidently believing that many readers will be interested in a description of their institutions and their methods of solving the problems growing out of the relations of capital and labor.

No claim is made by the author that the book possesses any literary merit. The story is told in simple, plain language, without any attempt at embellishments, and it is hoped will both interest and benefit the reader.

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