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We furnish the purchaser at the end of three years a thrifty growing apple orchard, one that has been cared for from setting, in the most approved manner, cultivating the land six to eight times a year, keeping the ground well weeded, and at all times free from weeds, grass and other vegetation between May 1st and August 15th of each year; keeping the trees pruned in the most scientific manner; removing and burning all cuttings and suckers, and in short do any and all work which will be for the best interest of the land and trees. We replant all trees that may die in the first, second and third years, and pay all taxes on the land for three years. We furnish the land labor and material and trees and three years' care, at the price of \$120 per acre, giving three years in which to pay for it.

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in three yearly payments, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent per annum.

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We have executed a bond to the amount of \$10,000 and have appointed Hon. J. M. Church, cashier of the La Grande National Bank, trustee to indemnify any parties purchasing land on the Grande Ronde Valley Fruit Farm from us who may suffer by our not fulfilling our obligations

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FRIDAY EVENING, AUG 5, 1904

857,525 HOMES

John Quincy Adams Richardson rode over yesterday from his farm, the homestead he located on in December 1862, a half year after President Lincoln approved the Homestead law. The Richardson farm with its broad fields of grain and meadows, orchard bending with fruits, garden wherein all edibles grow in luxurious wealth, comfortable dwelling, convenient outbuildings and spacious barns, is in marked contrast with the wild prairie it was when he said "woah" to his weary team and told his wife and children to "get out for this is home," 42 years ago. The difference in the place now and then represents the work done thereon over a living.

A chat with the old homesteader, as he told of his crops and referred with honorable pride to the fact that he yet resided on his homestead and that the gift by the government of a wild tract of land in a remote valley 300 miles from tide water, was to him the gift of a veritable home, or at least the basis of a home, set our thoughts to wandering back to the days when there was no homestead law. Fresh to our minds came the long years of struggle in Congress for a homestead law, led by Galusha A. Grow, of Pennsylvania, which lasted for ten years, from 1851 to 1862 when he had the proud satisfaction of signing the homestead bill as speaker of the House of Representatives, the same bill that President Lincoln approved May 20, 1862.

In his ten years fight for the homestead law he succeeded in getting a bill through both houses of Congress but President Buchanan vetoed it, and the democracy said amen. But the republicans by their platform in 1856 and 1860 pledged, if given a chance, they would pass a homestead law, and when on March 4, 1861, Lincoln was inaugurated, which so offended many democratic members of Congress that they abandoned their seats and went out and assisted in organizing the Southern Confederacy that the republicans had a good working majority in Congress.

Notwithstanding the perplexities incident to the Civil war the republicans did not forget their pledge to the people and a homestead law was passed May 20, 1862, the same law that Richardson the following December away out here in Grande Ronde valley secured his present home under.

Our people are familiar with the homestead law but there are few who ever stop to think how many people that law enabled to become owners of their own homes in fee simple. People ought to know and we will tell them. From the passage of the homestead law May 20, 1862, to June 30, 1902—40 years, 668,625 homesteaders made final proofs and acquired titles to their homes covering 89,687,704 acres. Since 1902, in the year ending June 30, there were homestead entries in the several land offices in the United States covering 11,193,120 acres. We have not the official figures for the year ending June 30, 1904, but feel warranted in placing the number of acres filed on by homesteaders at 10,000,000. By adding the entries for the last two years to the area covered by final proofs to last of 1902 and

it will appear that at least 857,525 persons have secured homes by reason of the act, covering 110,880,824 acres.

To realize what all that number of homes means let it be recalled that in all Oregon in towns, cities, mines, about saw mill and on farms in 1900 there were but 87,525 homes in Oregon, about one-tenth the number of homes acquired under the Homestead Act.

Reckoning two-thirds of the homesteaders to be heads of families of the average size, 47 persons to the family, we find that more than two and a half million of people have been helped to homes by the Homestead Act, that the democrats opposed for over ten years prior to its passage.

Forest Fires

Kelso, Mon., Aug 5.—In some forest fires are raging and for a week have been beyond control in the vicinity of White-b. Wire communication with that place has now been entirely destroyed. It is reported that several buildings in that town have been destroyed and that the whole village is threatened.

Hundreds of men have been sent from the adjoining railways and villages to fight the fire, but it now seems that their efforts will be useless and that the flames will have to end through lack of material only.

Silver Medal Contest

PROGRAM
 Anthem Teach me oh Lord
 By Choir
 Recitation On Which Side
 Edith Willis
 Recitation The Sparrow Must Go
 Edith Thomson
 Duet The Nations Boys
 Mr and Mrs Kelson
 Recitation Who Struck the Blow?
 Hattie McMurray
 Recitation Two Fires
 Rachel Turner
 Trio Down in the Dell
 Miss Worstell, Miss Tate, Miss Aldrich
 Recitation An Angel in a Saloon
 Harriet Harris
 Recitation A Teetotaler's Storey
 Jean Marie
 Duet "Zanita"
 Lizzie and Maggie Noble
 Presentation of Medal.
 Duet (Selected)
 Miss Aldrich, Miss Williams.

BRIGHT'S DISEASE

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THE MARKETS

(July 30)
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 Chicago—Sept wheat opened 89 3/8 an 89 5/8 and closed at 90 1/4 barley 42 1/2, flax 1.17 1/2, northwest 81 1/4
 San Francisco—Cash wheat 81.37
 Portland—Wheat Walls 67; Bluestem 72; Valley 78.
 Cattle—Best steers 83 a \$3.25; medium 83, cows 82 a \$2.25.

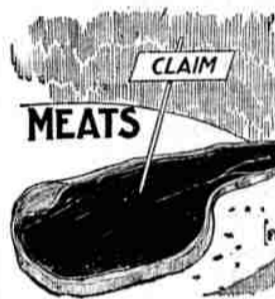
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