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The United States has been liberal to the state of Oregon in the way of giving it land. When it admitted Oregon as a state, to set it up in house keeping, it gave it the 16th and 36th sections in each township for common schools purposes which in the aggregate amounts to 3,329,706 acres, 46,080 acres to start a state university with, making a total, granted on its admission into the Union for educational purposes, of 3,375,786 acres, add to this 46,080 acres salt land and the whole granted on admission will be 3,421,866 acres.

Since admission, Oregon has been granted by the general government 1,567,096 acres. By adding the acreage granted on admission to that given since and it will be seen that 4,988,882 acres of land have come into the possession of the state of Oregon and under its control. If all this land was in a solid body it would come 7,795 square miles, and if fenced in one field it would be as large as Union and Umatilla counties combined with five hundred fifty three square miles for a calf pasture, or a scope large enough after fencing Umatilla and Union counties to locate 2,212 homesteads with one hundred sixty acres each.

The questions that do or should concern every citizen in Oregon are, 1st. How much of this land does Oregon yet hold? 2nd. What has it to show for the proceeds of that disposed of?

These questions are not urged by the Observer to stir up criticism and call forth denunciations and regrets that so large a portion of this magnificent donation of land by the general government to the state of Oregon has passed from its possession leaving so little to show therefor, but that a more judicious management of the remnant may be inaugurated. It is useless to whine now because by improvident management of the larger part of the over three and one half millions of acres turned over by the United States to Oregon for educational purposes have been frittered away or that nearly 800,000 acres given by the U. S. to assist in constructing wagon roads should have passed from the ownership of the states to corporations and

practically no roads have been built. Past wastefulness is only referred to with the hope that the people, who under the added responsibilities that the Initiative and Referendum has cast upon them, will take a more careful interest in the landed property of the state and so far as is now possible look to it that the remnant of the school land yet owned by the state be better managed than in the past.

### HELP THE GOVERNMENT

The fact that the large land holders in the bounds of the Umatilla irrigation project are willing to concede much to the government and aid in settling all water difficulties, will enable the project to be started before all others in the west although the prospects looked blue indeed for a time. The Cold Springs Irrigation company, with headquarters at Echo, was the first company to declare itself with the government and others fell in line rapidly until now few obstacles stand in the way of the government engineers.

Subjected to severe but unmerited criticism has been the lot of the government engineers, especially John I. Whistler, chief engineer, corporations with the sole thought of discouraging and blocking the engineers, have assailed them from every side. A few of the misled newspapers took up the fight and have cudgelled them through their columns. More sensible people understand the immense amount of red tape which a project must go through, and they alone have kept quiet and awaited the results of the investigations. True, the project will not be the largest, yet 10,000 acres divided up into small homes means much to any community. Later the project in Morrow county, water to be secured by diverting the John Day, will follow and another body of land of an almost equal area will be opened up. The cost of irrigation will be over \$40 an acre but those who have seen the benefits of irrigation on those arid plains will not begrudge the price.

The excitement of intending settlers is not as great as it was when the first withdrawal of land was made by the government as speculators have found that the land laws governing such settlement is not meant for them, but intended for the home maker only. The man who will live on and cultivate the land is the one to get the benefit and he alone can speculate on the government's land by living his allotted number of years and paying his pro rata of the cost of reclamation.

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