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**SETTLEMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS AND RANGE POLICY DISCUSSED**

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chiefly valuable for grazing and raising forage crops.

Generally speaking, all the land in the Vale district, is devoid of timber, except what may eventually be irrigated by the Malheur and Owyhee projects when constructed, there is no known source of water for the irrigation of these lands and as to water holes, springs and watering-places, practically every one in the district has been patented or is now held under the homestead or other land laws.

The law also provides for the laying out and reservation of stock trails, for the convenience of stockmen, in driving their stock to and from the forest reserve, dipping places, shearing corrals and shipping stations and this provision was superior to the right of homestead entry. Based upon the application of the Malheur Co., Wool Growers Ass'n, the secretary of the Interior has caused numerous of these trails to be established, has withdrawn the lands necessary therefor, from all form of entry and in my opinion, this withdrawal will remain in full force and effect, so long as the trails may be needed by the stock-raisers of this part of the country.

Before entry can be made under this law, the prospective homesteader must make a personal inspection of the land; he then comes to the land office and if the tract is found to be vacant, he has to hire an attorney to prepare his application, with petitions in duplicate to the Secretary of the Interior, requesting that the land be desired to enter, be designated subject to entry under the law. The application is suspended in the land office and no action can be taken thereon, until an examination of the land, applied for is made by the Geological Survey and the land has been designated by the Secretary. This procedure necessarily causes long delay, but just to give you an idea as to the amount of work this means for the Geological Survey, I am going to tell you that, during the months of January and February 1917, there was filed in Vale, land office, 421 applications for entry under this act; fully as many, if not more, were filed in each of the other land offices in eastern Oregon and in all the other land offices of the north-west, while in one particular office in Mont., (I believe it was Kalispell) more than two thousand of these applications were filed in and two months mentioned. We did not receive a designation under this act until September 1918, almost two years after the filing of the applications, and in the mean time, of the 421 applications filed in January and February 1917, 159 of them had been withdrawn, because the land was not designated within a reasonable time. Can you blame these applicants for becoming discouraged when they had to wait two years, to know whether or not their applications would be allowed? Do you realize what a loss it means to this community, that these 59 men were not immediately allowed to take possession of and begin the improvement of the lands applied for?

We now arrive at what I should have said in the beginning; that at least 95 per cent of the land in the Vale district, should be designated by the Secretary of the Interior under the stock-raising homestead law. I believe that such a designation, and should be made, from data available to the Geological Survey in Washington and from information to be had at the Vale land office, without examination and classification of the land described in each application or entry, which is now the custom and the cause for such long and vexatious delay.

Am also going to remind you that in the spring of 1918 the Senate passed a bill, allowing homestead entries to be made by boys and girls who have reached the age of 18 years. This bill was afterwards introduced in the house, referred to the Committee on Public Lands, has been favorably reported upon and is now pending before the Committee of the whole House on the State of the Union which I believe insures its early passage and is in my opinion, very desirable legislation, indeed.

For the sake of argument, we will assume that, practically all of the vacant land in Vale district, has been designated under the 640 acre homestead law and we will take for example, one of our returned soldier boys, or a young lady school teacher, who goes out into the bunch grass part of the country, selects and makes homestead entry of the best section of grass land to be found. He or she is then required under law, to reside upon the land 7 months and is entitled to an absence of five months each year. An aggregate of \$800.00 must be expended upon the entry, and one half thereof must be expended within three years of the date of entry, in building barns, corrals, reservoirs for stock water, fencing or in any other way which has a tendency to make the land more valuable for stock-raising purposes. No cultivation is required, and the law allows five years in which to make final proof. If the young soldier or school man has no money with which to make these improvements, arrangements can easily be made with some stock-man, for the necessary funds, by giving him a lease on the land for grazing privileges at a reasonable rate and for a reasonable time. When final proof has been made, if the homestead is worth anything at all, it is reasonably worth \$5.00 per acre, an aggregate of \$3200.00; if it is a particularly good claim, it would be worth \$10.00 per acre at a reasonable valuation, or an aggregate of \$6,400.00. If the young man or young woman worked every month and every day at \$100 per month, only a total of \$3600.00 could be earned during the three years necessary to perfect title to the homestead and at the end of that time, nine out of every ten of them would have nothing to show for it. Compare his with the reasonable value of the homestead after patent issues, with five months off every year to work in the harvest fields or in the school room at good wages, and what is the result?

When proof is made on the homestead, it is placed upon the assessment roll; the young homesteader becomes a tax-payer, subject to jury and all other duties pertaining to good citizenship; a young man or woman, entitled to the respect and good-will of the community and in my opinion, Horace Greeley's advice to young men should be extended to young women and instead of reading "go west young man, go west" it should now be "get land young men and women, get land."

From the stock-raisers standpoint, we will take any man you may have in mind, who has a 160 acre alfalfa farm, 100 head of cattle, or two thousand sheep and an allotment in the Malheur Forest Reserve. If he has cattle, at the end of the feeding season he turns them out upon the open range to rustle for themselves. He sees a few of them in June when the branding rodeo is on and some more of them in the fall, at feeding time, but he never sees all of them again, because many have wandered away, never to be found, while others have died from poison, or for public consumption. If he has sheep, he rushes them to the hills, two or three weeks earlier than he ought to, "hell-bent" to beat the other fellow to the grass, and the sheep trample the young grass into the mud, or pull it up by the roots, before it is ready for pasture and by this procedure, the sheep-man himself is fast "killing the goose" that you have all feared about.

Now this cattle man or sheep man, if he has not exhausted his homestead right, has the same right of entry allowed the young soldier, or school man, and if he has a son or daughter, of lawful age, each of them can take 640 acres homestead adjoining, say around the headwaters of Bully, Clover or Willow Creeks, on the Little Malheur, or any where they may desire; each of them would be entitled to purchase 160 acres of adjoining land, at about \$2.50 per acre, which would give them a bunch grass field of 1600 acres for spring and fall pasture, enclosed with fence and that no

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one else could bother. If this should prove to be insufficient, they could lease other adjoining homestead claims and thereby be assured of feed in plenty. Then instead of the cattle loose every spring, or rushing the sheep out in the mud, they could be kept on feed until the homestead pastures were ready for them. Taken from the homestead pasture to the forest allotment as soon as it is ready; returned to the pasture for fall grazing and from thence to the home ranch for winter feeding. Stock always under your immediate supervision, with no loss by theft or poison, no exposure to scabb and no straying away.

I can not imagine more ideal conditions for profitable stock-raising; it means more feed and consequently more and better stock,—all theory pure and simple, but theory that I believe will come into general practical use, within the next few years. As to the practical ways of doing these things, you will have to figure them out for yourselves and you had just as well get busy, because the free government range, along with "John Barleycorn" has practically passed into oblivion.

While I realize that stock raising is at this time the most important industry of eastern Oregon, yet I believe that the man and woman who go onto the public domain, build a home, cultivate the soil and raise a family, are more to be desired for the common welfare, than all the horses, cattle, sheep, or goats, that can ever be raised on the open government ranges of Malheur County.

Lets open up our government lands for our returned soldier boys and others who may want them. In my opinion lots of it is too poor to make a living on, but if the people want it, in the name of humanity, lets give them a chance at it, without delay or hindrance.

It takes men, women, children, churches and schoolhouses to build up and develop a commonwealth and it can't be done by living like the "Arabs of the desert" in a "buckaroo saddle" or a tent, with a pair of "chaps" or a sheepskin for your bed and a pack-saddle or a sack of salt for your pillow, and after wandering around, from "pillar to post" we come back to the idea that, nearly all of our vacant lands should be promptly and expeditiously designated subject to entry under the stock-raising homestead law.

**PEOPLE'S FORUM**

**Family Pet Poisoned**  
Buster, the little dog belonging to little Margaret Sheets, who had owned him since they were both about a month old, died from poisoning Monday afternoon. The little fellow will be missed very much by his little mistress who wept most bitterly because he went to sleep and would not wake up.

His death was caused from poisoning by an unknown hand. We are aware of the fact that each day brings the news to some one of the death of their favorite pet—"the only true friend to any man"—his dog—who will never forsake him, even after death, this writer has seen the dog climb on his master and stay until the dead body was taken away.

There are some people in this world who have no heart, who never stop to think what a dog really is, who do not even love a human being.

Dog poisoning is cowardly, unlawful and dangerous and whoever is doing it, or encouraging the doers in any way are placing themselves in a position of liability and are law breakers.  
Fred L. Sheets.

**Things Need Agitating**  
Weiser, Idaho, February 17, 1919—Malheur Enterprise, Vale, Oregon, Dear Sir: A paper without good strong editorials don't amount to much. Many editors don't express their opinion.

I am glad to know the Malheur Enterprise is coming to the front. I am glad to know you have the nerve to express your opinion in a business-like way. It's encouraging and shows you are not asleep. There is room for plenty more. Roads and many other things need agitating.  
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