

WATER RIGHTS BILLS

Senator Smoot "Fathers" Irksome Measure Amending Reclamation Act.

PRIVATE OWNERS HURT

If Passed, Delinquent Payments Mean Cancellation; More Cultivation and Improvements Required—3-Year Law Killed.

ORIGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 29.—Additional and irksome burdens will be placed on the private settlers on Government irrigation projects if Congress passes a long bill recently introduced by Senator Smoot, of Utah, at the request of the interior department.

The bill amends the reclamation act in many particulars, but usually by imposing additional requirements on the homesteaders. It would prevent the extension of a three-year homestead law to entries on Government projects; would hold entries subject to cancellation if delinquent in making payments; would require more cultivation and improvement than is now called for, and would greatly increase the authority of the interior department over homestead entries.

It also would increase the burden upon private landowners whose lands are within the limits of any Government project.

Cultivation Main Requirement. Evidently the main purpose of the bill is to carry out Secretary Fisher's idea that cultivation shall be the main condition for the entryman, for the bill stipulates that every homestead entryman and every private landowner purchasing water from the Government shall progressively reclaim and cultivate to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the interior, the irrigable area of his farm unit or reclamation holding as determined by or under the authority of the Secretary, in such time and manner that there shall be so reclaimed and cultivated not less than one-eighth of the acreage during the first year after the date of entry or of approval of water right application, two-eighths during the second year, three-eighths during the third year, four-eighths during the fourth year and five-eighths during the fifth year, and thereafter until patent or final water right certificate shall issue, but in no case shall the portion of the total irrigable area so reclaimed and cultivated be less than five acres in the first year, ten in the second, 20 in the third, 30 in the fourth, 40 in the fifth year and thereafter until patent or water right certificate shall have issued, etc. In view of the fact that the Government is now paying for the cost of construction, but the Secretary may allow a discount of 5 per cent for cash payments of any installment after the first year of construction of any project, interest at 6 per cent per annum from the day when the first annual installment on account of the project is due, and when subsequent installment on account thereof is due shall be reckoned by the Secretary on the basis of the actual cost of construction, but the Secretary may allow a discount of 5 per cent for cash payments of any installment after the first year of construction of any project.

Interest Will Be Charged. After authorizing settlers to make payments to officials of the Reclamation service on the project, instead of to local officials, the bill stipulates that "hereafter, in determining the charges to be made per acre, with a view to returning to the reclamation fund the estimated cost of construction of any project, interest at 6 per cent per annum from the day when the first annual installment on account of the project is due, and when subsequent installment on account thereof is due shall be reckoned by the Secretary on the basis of the actual cost of construction, but the Secretary may allow a discount of 5 per cent for cash payments of any installment after the first year of construction of any project."

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The bill stipulates that when a private landowner purchases water it shall be on condition that the United States and its successor in control of the project shall have a superior right on the land, to insure the recovery of the cost of said water right, and no water from a Government system shall be sold to a private landowner on such land or occupant thereof residing in the neighborhood.

Residence Waived for Two Years. Any homestead entryman on a Government project who has not acquired a habitable house on his farm unit and establish residence thereon shall not be liable for the payment of the period of three years beginning at the expiration of the two years aforesaid. In other words, cultivation will be required for the first two years of the year, but residence will be waived during the first two years. If an entryman cultivates the whole of his farm unit before the expiration of the two years required under this bill to cultivate the entire farm unit for each succeeding year until he receives patent or final water right certificate, he will be a private landowner. The bill then provides:

"That every such entryman or purchaser of a permanent water right on a reclamation holding, within six years after the date of his entry or approval of his application to purchase, or within such further time as the Secretary of the interior may fix for good cause shown, shall make, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the interior, due proof of compliance with the requirements of this act as to residence, improvements, reclamation and cultivation, and may receive a certificate that such proof is satisfactory.

After such proof is satisfactory and upon payment of all amounts, with interest thereon due on account of his entry or purchase for building, operation and maintenance, including drainage, if the amounts then and thereafter so paid on account of the building charge shall not be less than one-half thereof, patent or final water right certificate shall be issued to such entryman or water right purchaser, with reservation of a lien as hereinafter specified.

Failure Forfeits All Moneys. A failure by such entryman or purchaser, before such patent or certificate of water right purchase shall have been earned, to comply with the requirements of this act as to residence, improvements, reclamation or cultivation, shall render the entry and water right subject to cancellation with the forfeiture of all moneys paid thereon and of all rights with respect thereto. This last provision is far more drastic than anything in the original reclamation act, and would give the Secretary arbitrary authority to cancel entries where delinquency was shown. The paragraph also indicates that no entry would pass to patent in less than six years, and specific authority is given to prolong the issuance of patent indefinitely.

After again giving the Government an option to purchase the land to guarantee the repayment of the cost of irrigation, the bill provides: "Upon default of payment of any amount so due, that is any water payment, after the issuance of limited patent) title to the land shall pass to the United States free of all incumbrance subsequent to the entry of the farm unit on the application to purchase water right for the reclamation holding, subject to the right of the defaulting debtor to redeem the land within six months after the default, by payment of all moneys due, with interest at 6 per cent and costs." The Government is authorized to sell the land in whole or in part, and then reopen the land to entry.

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PIANOS AND BABY GRAND PIANOS AT REDUCED PRICES ATTRACTS MANY BUYERS

Closing Out of Pianola Pianos and Introductory Sale of Later Improved Autopianos, Bungalow Player Pianos and Player Pianos De Luxe Creates Big Selling at Oregon's Home Piano House—End of Sale in Sight.

As previously announced, our remaining Pianola Pianos are offered in this final closing-out sale which is now under way.

We can make no lower prices than the reduced prices that were announced last week. But in order to dispose of every Pianola Piano this month we are furnishing free \$100 worth of Metro-style and Theodist music with each Pianola Piano sold during this final closing-out sale.

This sacrifice sale of Pianola Pianos is in strict accordance with agreements and stipulations reached in the honorable United States Court.

It is no doubt the most revolutionary event that has ever happened in the history of the music trade. While the great and complete assortment of Pianola Pianos is still here every Pianola Piano purchaser will reap a rich and rare harvest.

Every Stuyvesant Pianola Piano is to be sold at prices reduced, namely \$215 and \$185.

With each instrument sold we now give free, in addition to the immense saving made possible during the sale, an actual \$100 worth of Metro-style and Theodist music rolls. It is undoubtedly safe to say that this will be the last opportunity for any one to secure one of these contract-protected-price Pianola Pianos at such reduced prices.

\$6 a month will buy the Stuyvesant Pianola Piano.

\$8 a month will buy the Wheelock Pianola Piano.

\$10 a month will buy the Stock Pianola Piano.

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See also some really used Pianola Pianos which were received by us in part payment for new Autopianos, Player Pianos de Luxe and the fine, beautiful new Chickering Player Pianos. These used Pianola Pianos are some of them old "65-note" styles; such instruments will be sold for the value of the piano itself, with the mahogany, and the latest design and type. They will not suffer by comparison.

Our prices, however, are nearly one-half of that which representatives of the piano trade are endeavoring to secure for instruments under the contract-price system.

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Every Stock Pianola Piano is to be sold at prices reduced as stated, namely \$229 and \$245.

Every Wheelock Pianola Piano is to be sold at prices reduced as stated, namely \$255 and \$235.

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House of Welcome. Portland, Or. Our 14-passenger electric bus meets all trains. A high-class, modern hotel in the heart of the theater and shopping district. One block from any carline. \$1 per day and up. European plan.

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Oregon's Greatest Hotel 350 Rooms, 104 Suites, With Private Baths. NEW FIREPROOF BUILDING Moderate Rates. Phil Metachan & Sons, Props.

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ONE, TWO, FIVE AND TEN ACRE TRACTS at Rockwood, Ruby, Base Line, Gillis, Gresham, Pleasant Home, Seenic, Cottrell. The most fertile soil in Multnomah County. Acres as low as \$150. Monthly payments, \$3.

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Evenings: Lower Floor—11 rows \$2.00, 7 rows \$1.50. Balcony—5 rows \$1.00, 6 rows \$1.00. Matinee—\$1.00. Saturday Mat.—\$1.00. \$1.50. \$2.00. \$2.50.

SEATS SELLING THE FLONZALEY STRING QUARTET Tomorrow Even'g 8:15 HELIG THEATER

Prices: \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c. Gallery res., 75c. Gallery adm. 75c. Doors open 7:30.

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Magical scenery, costumes, immense cast. Greatest production since Her. Evenings—25c, 50c. Mat.—25c. Next week—"Alice Jimmy Valentine."

Bungalow Theater TONIGHT ELBERT HUBBARD Famous lecture on "MODERN BUSINESS" Aspicus Portland Ad Club

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Opium. WEEK APRIL 29—John A. Conway and Miss Le. Oives, Joe and Willie Barrows; Guy Brothers; Eldon and Clifton; Ray Chase; and Kishie; Orchestra. PRICES, 15c and 25c.

Empress. WEEK APRIL 29—London's favorite juggling Johnny Giff; Armando's Leopards; Bennett, Kline & Kline; Joseph E. Bernard & Co.; Pantheoscope; the DeLamar Troupe; and the Kishie Brothers. Prices, 15c and 25c.

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BASEBALL. RECREATION PARK. COR. VAN DER BEEK AND TWENTY-FOURTH STS. VERNON VS. PORTLAND. APRIL 30, MAY 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Games Begin Weekdays at 3:00 P. M. Sunday 2:30

LADIES' DAY FRIDAY. Boys Under 12 Free to Bleachers Wednesday.

THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE SERVICE THE CUISINE Arcadian Garden

Hotel Multnomah "The Restaurant Beautiful" are only surpassed by the excellence of its superb programme of musical and entertainment features. Complete list twice every evening, 6:30 to 8:30 and 10:30 to 12:30.

AUCTION SALES TODAY. At 2:15 P. M. North 23d St., furniture, carpets, etc. (23d St. car to the door). Sale at 10 A. M. at E. T. Wilson, Auctioneer, Michigan avenue, April 27, Tillie Doran, 1154 Munson, aged 11 years and 25 days. The funeral services will be held today (Tuesday), April 30, at 2 P. M. at Pearson's Mortuary, 1001 Commercial St. Friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment Rose City Cemetery.

OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY. Office, City Hall, Main 124. A. 1595. Humane officer, Sergeant E. L. Gress. Residence, 14 E. 14th St., Cor. 47th. Horse and carriage, 123 and Taylor. Veterinary in charge, Marshall 405. Animal Hospital, 123 and Taylor. Thomas A. Short, Supt., A. 5847, 5 rings.

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