

WASTELAND REDEVELOPED

Estimate for Northern Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan is 30,000,000.

RAILROAD AIDS PROGRESS

Much of Section That is Not Being Put to Any Use is Being Held Merely as Investment at Prices Precluding Progress.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The cut-over districts of Northern Michigan, Northern Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota contain more than 20,000,000 acres of undeveloped land.

Speculators Hold Land. Further investigation disclosed the fact that the undeveloped land was owned by speculators and held at prices that made its development practically prohibitive.

The unimproved increment may eventually enrich the speculator, but to the general public, these acres are all unprofitable. How to discourage excessive land speculation is a problem that is now being considered by the wisest men in our legislative assemblies.

Tracts Lie Idle for Years. Since the land is held for speculation and for many years it may serve no useful purpose whatever. In fact, these vacant lots are often badly kept, unsightly and a menace to the health of the community.

Cost of Holding Overlooked. There has been much comment about the great profits to be made in land made by holding idle land for rise in price. The cost of holding this land is usually overlooked.

Farm Products Demand Growth. It is also true that the sudden advancement of all our arable land to a point where each farm would become 100 per cent profitable might seriously affect the business side of farming by lowering the prices of agricultural products.

DAILY CITY STATISTICS

Table with columns for Births, Deaths, and Marriages. Includes names and addresses for various individuals.

COCHRAN, legal of San Francisco. DOLGIE-MEDLEY, George, bridge, 28, of Portland, and Mrs. Noble Medley, 35, of Portland.

Building Permits. W. L. MORGAN—Repair eight-story fireproof, second corner stone and office, 540 Washington street, between Broadway and Third streets; builder, J. B. Taylor, \$200.

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BEN DAVIS LEADS CROP

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Baldwin Bank Second, According to Government Statistics—Disposition of 1915 Production.

Choice of Caneus Killed. ROSLYN, Wash., April 27.—(Special.)—Some time last night after his election as a delegate to the Republican county convention, Enoch Brewitt, a well-known miner of the Roslyn field, was killed in one of the Roslyn Fuel Company's mines at Jonesville.

School Bonds Is Issue. HOOD RIVER, Or., April 27.—(Special.)—Interest of electors in Hood River and outlying rural communities, composing School District No. 3, is centered in the election tomorrow of bond issues of \$45,000.

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ASIATIC EXCLUSION PROVISIONS MODIFIED

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NIPPON'S PROTEST IS MET

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San Francisco, April 27.—Edward White, Commissioner of Immigration here, in a complaint filed in the United States District Court, charges that Matsuro Nakao, a 17-year-old Japanese boy, ordered deported, attempted to gain admission to this country in violation of the Root-Takahira laborers' exclusion agreement.

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