

OR LARGER HOMESTEADS

Western Members of Congress Favor Allowing More Than 160 Acres to a Claim—Good Farm Land Has All Been Taken.

By John E. Lathrop.

(Washington, Bureau of the Journal.)
Washington, D. C., April 2.—Apparently the lands of the west, of which 160 acres will support a family, have been practically exhausted. Hence the western members have agreed on a bill to permit larger areas to be homesteaded. It especially applies to lands which are susceptible of what is commonly referred to as "dry-land farming," but its desirability is based on the demonstrated fact that final proofs by homesteaders are decreasing in proportion to the entries on homesteads.

At the beginning of this session, and often in the past, senators and representatives have introduced bills to increase the quantity of land which may be homesteaded. Eastern members have opposed, on the ground that 160 acres was enough for a farm. Most of them predicted their views on the tiny bits of land which are called farms in their home states, but which in the west would be referred to as mere fields or corrals.

Likely to Pass.
This time, however, the increased homestead law seems likely to pass. This condition was accomplished by the massing of strength of western members. After a dozen bills had been offered, western members got together, compared their bills and agreed on one measure for introduction in senate and house which should include the common points of excellence of all, and back of which all western members were to stand. Senator Heyburn was the only one who opposed, and he insisted that his state (Idaho) be exempted from the provisions of the measure. He thought it was not the ownership of lands, but the cultivation of them, that was the real basis of the homestead law. Senator Borah, and Representative French of Idaho, however, supported the bill, as did Senators Rankin and Piles and Representatives Jones, Cushman and Humphrey of Washington, Senators Carter and Dixon and Representative Pray of Montana, Senators Fulton and Bourne and Representatives Ellis and Hawley of Oregon, and Chairman Monroney of the committee on public lands, and all other western members.

Mondell's Report.
Mr. Mondell has filed a report on the conditions affected by the proposed law which probably will surprise most western people. He shows from the records that in earlier times in some years the original homesteads were as large as even exceeded original filings, which was because the lands taken were rich and productive, so that the homesteaders could easily support his family from a quarter section. As the years passed, however, the proportion of final proofs to original filings rapidly decreased. They are as one to five. This means that five men try to make homes on 160 acres in the west, and one man makes one on 160 acres in the east. This remarkable decrease in part is accountable from citation of the cancellation of rights based on frauds, but more from the fact that the homestead law forced home by Mr. Mondell's instructive report that Uncle Sam may be "rich enough to give us all a farm, but that he has given away so many farms that those who come after must take what is left and acquire larger areas on which to support their families.

Of course, lands remain in the west of which even less than 160 acres will support a family without irrigation, but that the arable public domain of the great one-time boundless west which remains unappropriated is rapidly narrowing is a fact which local price cannot suffice to conceal.

Taken Up Rapidly.
It is regarded as by no means unfortunate to the west that the land areas are being taken up so rapidly. It means that the second epoch of development in every country has arrived—the development of the manufacturing arts and the utilization of the resources of the west other than the turning of raw agricultural lands to the use of civilization.

It is impossible to read Chairman Mondell's report on the larger homestead law without being impressed with the fact that much sooner than was expected the American people will have turned the west into a populous region, with all the devices of modern civilization, to a degree even greater than in the east; that the west, just now entering on its second era of development, will as a matter of course uphold its institutions in the light of former experience elsewhere, and that in many years the west will be justified in claiming that, not alone of the score of natural advantages, but also of the acquisition of civilization's art and devices, the Americans beyond the Mississippi river are more blessed than their eastern counterparts. It is asserted that with 320 acres, and perhaps in Oregon and Montana 480 acres, permitted to be filed in the homesteaders in the west, the immense areas of land now useless on the basis of 160 acres will quickly be brought into production.

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BROWNING A MAN WITH A MESSAGE, SAYS REV. JENKINS W. JONES

A fine old man of benign countenance and smiling eyes, a flowing beard and thick curling locks is the Rev. Jenkins Lloyd Jones, who lectures on subjects which interest intelligent and thinking people. A man who looks and speaks in the splendid kindly and big-thinking way of the late Dr. Thomas Condon, Oregon's grand old man, Dr. Jones deals in large questions and treats them in large way. "My mission in life is to ameliorate the antagonisms of theology and to emphasize the unity of religion," he said yesterday in a brief moment of interview. "I believe that there is a togetherness in religion just as there is in commerce; and a mission to interpret religion in terms of civic righteousness, public spirit, decent politics. The idea of solitary route to heaven or any place is dying out, and we are learning to humanize and socialize religion."

Dr. Jones in speaking of his Unitarian faith says that the lines of demarcation between his denomination and others has become as time has advanced. He said that reading, writing and arithmetic are no longer considered the only essentials of the kindergarten. He must be studied to be understood, but he is no more difficult when approached with the proper intelligence than Wordsworth, or, better, say Jeremiah or Isaiah.

PARSON WHIPPED JURY TO PROBE BY ANGRY GIRLS OLYMPIA GRAFT

Waitresses Accuse Minister of Making Remarks Degregatory to Characters.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Turlock, Cal., April 2.—The Rev. J. M. Hillish, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, is today swathed in bandages and under the care of a physician as the result of a public thrashing administered here last night by three women who jammed him with horse whips until he fell to the sidewalk unconscious.

YAQUINA RESORTS ARE PAINTED FOR RAILROAD

Southern Pacific Will Use Artist's Work to Advertise Oregon.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Newport, Or., April 2.—Colonel E. Goodwin, artist and scenic painter, who is employed by the Southern Pacific railway, has been busy for the past six weeks at Newport and vicinity, sketching the scenery and points of interest which he will paint. Among them are the Devil's Punch Bowl, Devil's Cauldron, Nye band, showing lights from the distance, Yaquina bay toward the sea and other rocks.

ALL UNION MEN FOR STATEMENT NO. 1

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
La Grande, Or., April 2.—Both candidates for nomination for the office of representative of Union county have subscribed to Statement No. 1. They are S. F. Richardson and J. B. Stoddard. R. D. Hamilton filed his declaration for the same position Wednesday evening. He also is an adherent to Statement No. 1.

BOY STEALING RIDE HAS A CLOSE CALL

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
La Grande, Or., April 2.—R. O. Y. McCoy, 19 years old, was nearly killed as the result of trying to steal a ride on passenger train No. 1. McCoy and a friend had decided to go to Idaho. The place McCoy selected to ride was already occupied by a logger, who was beating his way. As the train moved this man hung to McCoy as long as possible, trying to save him, but he had finally to let go.



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INDIAN VILLAGE AT ROSE SHOW

Pendletonians Plan Novel Float for Portland Fiesta Parade.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Pendleton, Or., April 2.—Pendleton Commercial association is considering the matter of entering a magnificent float in the parade of the Portland Rose Show and it is probable that some typical representation of the Umatilla wheat belt will be seen in that parade.

DEAN OF EUROPEAN MONARCHS.

(United Press Leased Wire.)
Berlin, April 2.—Duke George II of Saxe-Meininingen, the oldest of the reigning monarchs in Europe, was 82 years old today. The duke, who reigns over a population of about 250,000, has been on the throne since 1854, in which year he succeeded his father, the late Duke Bernhard I.

NEW INCORPORATIONS.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Salem, Or., April 2.—Articles of incorporation has been filed in the office of the secretary of state as follows:

Northwest Gypsum Plaster company; principal office, Huntington, Oregon; capital stock, \$100,000; incorporators, J. H. Attkin, C. A. Northey and John F. Hannon.

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Notice!

IMPORTANT

To the Public Concerning the So-Called Washington Home Telephone & Telegraph Company

In a recent advertisement in the daily papers of Portland I was made to appear as the Pacific Northwest agent of the above named company. The facts are that I had a brief connection with this company as a salesman, and after making a careful investigation of its claims I found it had no connection, financial or otherwise, with the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company of Portland, the Home Telephone Company of Puget Sound or the Northwestern Long Distance Telephone Company, and it appeared that its use of the word "Home" in its name and its publishing a cut in its prospectus of the Home Telephone & Telegraph Company's main building in Portland was intended to deceive the public.

As I did not intend to be a party to any deception of this kind, I resigned. C. R. WAGNER Formerly with the Washington Home Telephone Co.

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