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## PUBLIC LAND LAWS

### QUARLES BILL WOULD RE- VISE HOMESTEAD RULES.

Proposes to do Away With Desert Land Act, Timber and Stone and Also the Commutation Clause of Homestead Law—Make Actual Settlement Necessary.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The senate committee on public lands has begun providing for the repeal of the desert land act, the timber and stone act and the commutation clause of the homestead act, in accordance with the recommendation of the secretary of the interior in his annual report and in the message of the president to congress. It is hardly possible that any legislation on this important subject will be had at this session of congress, now drawing to a close, but the investigation put under way now will help put the question in such a position as to make action easy next winter, should action then be deemed necessary.

So far as it is possible to know at this time the senate committee on public lands is pretty evenly divided regarding the merits of the questions involved in the Quarles bill. That frauds have been perpetrated under existing laws by grasping individuals and corporations is only too well known. It is also known that the Quarles bill, if enacted, would stop them; but it might also work much harm to the public land states, by retarding their development and settlement, and the members of the public lands committee, are therefore, studying the case with much interest. It is evident that they are anxious to do the fair thing on all sides. The majority of the members of the committee come from states which would be affected by the proposed legislation and for that reason are thoroughly familiar with the situation, and in position to deal with it intelligently.

If it were in order to make a guess as to what will be done, it might be said that the Quarles bill, in its present form will not pass. In some modified form however, it may pass at the next session. Conservative sentiment in the committee inclines to a repeal of the desert land act, or to its radical modification; to the repeal of the timber feature of the timber and stone act, or to its amendment so that the price to be paid for pine timber must be ascertained by appraisal and to the modification of the commutation clause of the homestead law so as to have it apply only to areas in certain specified localities. If there is legislation next winter it will probably be along these lines.

The president has been made to believe that the present laws are being used in the interest of private greed and against the true interests of the people, in which belief he is encouraged by the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of the general land office. Having spent a number of years in the public land country, the president is quick to see the points made against the law and the need of changes. He will undoubtedly renew his recommendations to congress at the next session.

Meanwhile Senator Hansbrough, chairman of the committee, has written a letter to the secretary of the interior, asking for full information, and has received a reply which goes into the question at considerable length. This reply will form the basis of the discussion in the committee.

Montana has probably been the greatest sufferer from abuses of the desert land act. The rich cattle owners of that state have used the act as a means to possess themselves of large bodies of grazing lands, and the frauds in as many as half a dozen Montana counties are said to have been extensive and to have covered a period of more than a dozen years.

Montana has also suffered to some extent from abuses of the commuted homestead law. In states further east the operation of that law has been satisfactory and its repeal or modification will be resisted by residents of those states. Settlers on land there become permanent residents in most cases and soon develop into well-to-do citizens. Further west, where lands are cheaper and settlers more scarce, this is not the case, and it is to such localities that the Quarles bill is intended primarily to apply. But the question is, how to correct the abuses in states like Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, without doing harm to states further east?

Sentiment in Wyoming is strongly against the Quarles bill, because of the domination of the grazing interests, and Senator Warren of that state, who is a member of the public lands committee, may be depended upon to prevent a favorable report, if within his power to do so.

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## GANTENBEIN CENSURED.

### Senators Flay Him for Not Doing Justice to Enlisted Men.

Salem, Feb. 18.—Had Brigadier-General C. U. Gantenbein been present in the senate yesterday morning he would have passed an uncomfortable quarter of an hour. He was censured most soundly by various senators for having failed to do justice to the enlisted men in his "Oregon Volunteers in the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection," and a resolution by Brownell was adopted, instructing the secretary of state to appoint a committee composed of two enlisted men and one commissioned officer of the Second Oregon to revise Gantenbein's books and render justice to the privates who distinguished themselves by meritorious services.

In presenting his resolution, Senator Brownell arraigned Gantenbein severely. Of every little fault or misdemeanor of every enlisted man of the Second Oregon, he declared, there was a nice hold record in clear, black type in this book, but of the deeds of valor and of the special meritorious railway bill upon the understanding that the people of Eastern Oregon would rather have that appropriation and that the Eastern Oregon people had agreed to give up the scalp bounty law. He strenuously objected to the bill being referred, but insisted that it be passed now.

Senator Williamson remarked that the agreement to which Senator Crozier referred was made only with Senator Kuykendall. He said that a committee from the Woolgrowers' Association desired to be heard upon the subject.

The bill was then referred to the committee on irrigation composed of Senators Williamson, Hobson and Smith of Yamhill.

Later in the day the senate went on record as refusing to direct a committee to make a report, so that if the irrigation committee was disposed to hold up the bill it could do so. The senators who are pressing the repeal have no fear that the committee on irrigation will hold the bill an unreasonable time, but the course demanded by the Eastern Oregon senators is taken to indicate that they do not consider the scalp bounty repeal question as settled, but want it further considered.

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Salem, Feb. 17.—Senator Miller is of the opinion that the present prescribed course of study in the public schools of Oregon is productive of too much harraming of juvenile intellects and that the senate or the majority thereof, coincides in this view was evidenced yesterday by the adoption of a concurrent resolution providing that the superintendent of public instruction be induced to revise the course as at present constituted, eliminating some of the studies least needed for practical purposes, and retaining those which are calculated best to equip children for work in every-day works of life.

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