

REPEAL THE LAW

THROUGH DESERT LAND ACT
PUBLIC DOMAIN DISAPPEARS.

Opposition to Repeal in the West Comes From All Quarters—East Must Bring Pressure to Bear to Save Public Lands.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 6.—(To the Editor.)—The strong and determined opposition developed at the recent National Irrigation Congress at Ogden, to the proposed repeal of some of our abused land laws indicates that if there is to be any changing or amending of these laws it will be done only through a thorough understanding of their iniquitous features and an awakening of the people to a realization of the fact that under them immense quantities of valuable government property are passing into the hands of private corporations and speculators for a mere tithe of their value to the nation.

A resolution was introduced at the congress by George H. Maxwell, the executive chairman of the National Irrigation association—the same resolution which was passed by the last Trans-Mississippi Congress, quoting the president's words in denunciation of these laws and calling upon the United States Congress for their repeal.

Congressmen from both Wyoming and Idaho vigorously opposed such action and in a speech to the Irrigation Congress Representative Mondell of Wyoming strenuously defended all the land laws, especially the Desert Land Law, which he stated had been of great benefit to Wyoming.

On the other hand congressmen of California and Montana denounced all three laws as having been the cause of enormous areas of public land passing fraudulently into private ownership, and Senator Gibson of Montana and Mr. Maxwell both quoted Land Office figures to show that unless something is done to prevent the absorption of these lands the great bulk of the remaining desirable and arable public lands will, in a very few years, have entirely disappeared.

Under a proper timber law the government income from timber sales would be far greater than at present and in any event the above is a preposterous reason to advance, because if these laws are left intact, and the absorption of the public domain under them continues as at present, there will soon be no government land left for reclamation under the irrigation act.

Repeal These Laws.

Now the proposition is to repeal these three laws. It will be necessary to have some additional legislation regarding the sale of timber. A strong point made by the opponents of the repeal of these laws is that such action would cut off the contributions to the irrigation fund, which is derived from the sale of public lands.

Looking to the East.

The strength to insure the repeal of these laws must come from the East. The fight in the irrigation congress shows the opposition which can be expected in certain sections of the West and in order to secure the public domain from speculation and to keep it intact against the time when it shall be needed by the settler, eastern sentiment must become aroused to the situation. Western opposition and eastern apathy are the stumbling blocks.

The western men who look for the true development of their country along homemaking lines ask the East to come to their support on this question—to save the land for the actual settler—Guy E. Mitchell.

THE MATRIMONIAL BEE.

Washington Family Makes a Good Marriage Record.

The matrimonial bee has struck the Olive family of Misson, Wash., and made a benedict of Charles C. Ward, a local civil engineer.

The Olive family has made a record.

Several days ago Miss Mable Olive married Melvin Chase. Yesterday the little town of Misson was thrown into a flurry of excitement by the announcement that the younger sister, Miss Harriet Scammel Olive, was married to the Seattle man.

Today the climax was reached when Walter M. Olive married, at Everett, Miss Ada Foster, a charming young woman of Eastern Washington. All three brides are exceptionally pretty young women.

ANOTHER PARTY OF ENGINEERS

They Will Assist in Work on Lewiston Riparia Line.

Lewiston, Oct. 6.—Advisers received yesterday state that another party of engineers had arrived at Riparia to assist in the work on the Lewiston-Riparia line now in progress. Persistent inquiry yesterday failed to reveal definitely the particular significance of the O. R. & N. move.

At Colfax large posters are out advertising for 500 men, with transportation furnished to Riparia. The O. R. & N. company will make no statement as to where these men will be placed, but it is rumored that they will be engaged in the general repair of the road.

Idaho's Arid Domain.

Idaho has an area of about 81,000 square miles, of which about 65 per cent, or 52,000,000 acres—the southern portion—is arid. With the exception of a small area lying in the Salt Lake basin, this arid portion is within the drainage basin of the Snake river, so the future of agriculture in this part of Idaho, in fact the future of the state itself, is linked with the possibility of irrigation development in the Snake river valley.

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