

CUTTING UP THE BIG WHEAT FARMS

The following comprehensive review of the big wheat farms of eastern Oregon and the practicability of cutting them up into small tracts, is from the Irrigon Irrigator and is worthy of reproduction in the East Oregonian:

When it comes to talking about cutting our wheat lands into smaller tracts there is a great deal of dust thrown.

As a matter of fact only an occasional wheat tract is suitable for diversified farming, the great bulk of the wheat area in the section east of the Cascades not being suitable for the raising of fruit as a profitable industry.

It is not to be supposed that the owners of the best wheat lands in Wasco, Morrow and Umatilla are going to dispose of a portion of their holdings even, and nearly every wheat grower in that region, every successful grower, stands ready to snap up his neighbor's tract and add it to his own, the moment it is placed on the market.

As to what extent this change is going on, we need only mention that in Gilliam, Sherman, Morrow and Umatilla there are now 50 less public schools than there were two years ago. Over 50 school buildings stand boarded up, there being no children left in the districts.

As to how insistent the wheat farmers are to get all of the land adjoining them and the prices they will pay, we may mention that recently a gentleman owning 40 acres of land adjoining Athena concluded he would plant it into acre-lots and offered it for \$150 per acre, about \$50 more than the immediate land was selling for.

He platted it, placed it on the market and sold two of the tracts, and the following day the gentleman owning adjoining farms purchased the other 38 tracts and added them to his wheat farm.

There is no use in inveighing against those men. They feel that they have the best wheat land on earth and they want to get just as much of it as they can. It is only human nature.

But in each of these counties there is a large area of bottom land, not adapted to wheat growing. In making a trip up the Heppner branch not long ago we estimated that there were over 5000 acres of choice land along Willow creek, and water enough to take care of every acre of it if set out to fruit.

Now, no man in this country should attempt to tackle an orchard of over 20 acres, or at the most, 40 acres. On Willow creek at present the holdings average at least a half section, and if you go there to buy 10 to 20 acres you will find you cannot get it at anything like a reasonable price, and yet if the owners would

give away half of their area to actual settlers in three or four years the remainder would be worth double what it is all worth today.

Take the 5000 acres between Lexington and the Columbia, and cut it into 20 acre tracts, and the population would be mounting up, and new schools would be needed, in place of closing one every few weeks.

What is true of Willow creek is true to a greater extent with valleys like that of the Umatilla river, the real bottom lands. And hundreds of other sections offer homes for frugal people, if the owners would not stand in their own light.

Look at Wasco. See what has been done around Hood River, around Mosier, and the possibilities of dozens of other valleys large and small.

Let us, then, start a crusade to get the lands in the valley, along the streams cut up into smaller tracts and consider the wheat lands as something we cannot get, and do not want, for the incoming settlers. And in place of fiding fault with the wheat farmers, let us try and get every acre of these bottom lands into fruit and alfalfa.

A crusade along these lines will accomplish something, but a propaganda to cut up our wheat lands will come to naught.

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GORE MAY REGAIN HIS SIGHT.

A Washington Oculist Believes That He Can Cure the Oklahoma Senator.

Thomas P. Gore, the blind senator from Oklahoma, is living in the hope that his sight may be restored. The senator has been blind since he was a boy. An accidental blow from a playmate deprived him of one eye and soon afterward his remaining eye failed him.

Years ago he reconciled himself to what he considered his fate. A Washington oculist, Dr. Wilmer, now holds out hope to him. Since entering the senate Mr. Gore has had occasion to consult Dr. Wilmer, who has become deeply interested in his case.

Last week the oculist suggested an operation. He said that he was not sure it would restore the senator's sight, but that he believed it would. Finally he decided to undergo the operation. It will be performed in a few days.

Senator Gore is regarded as a very able man among his colleagues in the senate. Despite his blindness he participates in all of the senate proceedings. No other senator is more regular in attendance, and little that is said on the floor escapes him.

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REDISTRICTING RESERVES.

Plans of the President Are Being Put Into Execution.

Washington, June 7.—The first step toward carrying out a comprehensive plan of redistricting the national forests in western states has just been made by the president in signing executive orders effective July 1, establishing the Cache and Pocatello national forests in northern Utah and southern Idaho.

The object of this plan is to equalize areas of administrative units and rearrange their boundaries in such a manner as to promote the most efficient administration. No actual addition to the national forest area is involved in the plan.

The Cache forest will consist of the Logan and Idaho divisions of the Bear river national forest, and will be administered by Supervisor Woodruff, with headquarters at Logan, Utah. The Pocatello national forest will consist of the present Pocatello and Port Neuf national forests, together with the Malad division of the Bear river forest. These areas will be administered by Supervisor Wrensted, with headquarters at Pocatello, Idaho.

Under the general plan of redistricting 18 new administrative units will be established from the existing national forest area. The attempt is being made by the forest service to reduce the area of the administrative

units to an average of approximately 1,000,000 acres. This will not be possible in all cases, as is shown by the fact that under the plan of redistricting there will be 144 supervisors who will administer more than 155,000,000 acres of national forest area.

"Dry" Democratic Convention.

There will be no liquor sold in the convention auditorium in Denver where the national democratic convention will meet in July, says a dispatch. A large sum was offered the committee on arrangements in charge of the convention for a concession for a bar in a section of the auditorium which is near the committee rooms, but the committee unanimously voted to refuse any concession for a bar or other means of selling liquor on the auditorium premises. The nearest licensed saloon to the convention auditorium is one block away. No bars of a temporary nature will be allowed nearer the building, however, than those at present in operation.

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