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ABOUT PUBLIC LANDS.

THE WAY TO GET A FARM OF ELEVEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY ACRES.

JUDICIOUS TAXATION THE BEST MEANS OF BREAKING UP GREAT ESTATES.

Thomas Donaldson contributes an article to the August number of the North American Review, in which many facts of importance are given. The public domain of the United States acquired by treaty from France, Spain, Mexico, Texas and Russia amounts to 2,894,255.91 square miles. From which it appears that the old Saxon spirit of land acquisition has had full play in this country, and at a time, too, when there was a vast domain within the original boundaries which was unoccupied. The land thus acquired from foreign sources amounts in round numbers to 1,852,310,000 acres, and it cost the government no less than \$322,000,000, of which sum it has received back \$200,000,000 for land sold, leaving a difference between receipts and expenditures for unsold lands of foreign acquisition of \$122,000,000. But besides the large area of public land within the original boundaries yet unsold, there is the whole of

The Immense Territory

Of Alaska, which at present appears to be held for the benefit of a single fur company. "Down to July, 1880, the government of the United States had disposed, by sale, of about 170,000,000 acres: Classification. Acres. By act of donation. 2,900,000 In bounties for military and naval service. 61,000,000 For internal improvements. 7,500,000 By grants of saline lands to states. 4,000,000 For town sites and county seats. 150,000 By patent to railway companies. 2,000,000 Canal grants. 4,000,000 For military roads. 1,500,000 By sale of mineral lands (since 1862). 148,000 Homesteads. 55,000,000 Scrips. 2,900,000 Coal lands. 10,750 Stone and timber lands (act of 1878). 21,000 Swamp and overflow lands given to states. 30,000,000 For educational purposes. 78,000,000 Under timber culture act. 2,520,000 Graduation act of 1854. 25,000,000

Mineral and Timber Lands.

Are now our most valuable assets. The pasturage lands are of nominal value apart from the mineral underlying them. Our remaining public lands, exclusive of Alaska were, in June, 1880, estimated: Timber lands, 85,000,000 acres; coal lands defined, 5,530,000; precious metal bearing lands, 64,000,000 acres, but this area will be increased as the pasturage and timber lands are explored; land in southern states, agricultural timber and mineral, 25,000,000; lands irrigable from streams, 30,000,000; pasturage, desert, including certain lands in Indian reservations and barrens, 565,000,000. The above is exclusively of Alaska. The homestead act of 1862 was the most important of all the land laws enacted. About 75,000,000 acres have been taken up since that date by homestead settlers. But the government has derived no revenue from that source, the fees only being about equal to the surveys and other costs. But in another way the country has been greatly enriched by more than half a million settlers, who have taken up this land and have formed prosperous communities. Probably

The Homestead Act

Has been the means of adding 3,000,000 to the population of the country. The writer holds that the swamp land grants and the graduation act of 1854, were the most indefensible of all the acts of congress touching the National domain. The railroad grants began in 1850 and ended in 1874. Under these grants about sixteen thousand miles of railroad have been constructed. The writer thinks it would have been better if a money subsidy had been given in place of land. An acre of land in the middle states means almost a sustenance for one person. In the Mississippi valley it means fifty bushels of corn; but on the plains it generally means a crop of sage brush.

A Colony Homestead Law

Is urged, so that colonists can, if they choose, live in villages and be considered actual residents of their lands. The pasturage or grazing lands, usually destitute of water, an enormous area lying in Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and Dakota, Indian territory, and land strip; claim especial attention. At present there is no law for their sale or disposition. Vast herds of sheep and cattle, and

bands of horses, worth millions of dollars, roam over these barrens fit for grazing. Cattle in the rough are produced and driven to Kansas, Nebraska or Iowa, where they are fattened upon the otherwise almost useless corn. Two-thirds of these lands are desert wastes, with here and there a stream or spring. The water commands the land. The owner of the water-holes, usually entered under the homestead or pre-emption acts, is supreme. A fraction of these lands can be reclaimed by irrigation from streams. At present, cattle ranges are held by consent, and herds are protected by brands and marks. It is in testimony that the grasses upon these lands are fast dying out, largely because of over-pasturing and neglect. In Utah it is said that in places 1,000 acres of these lands will not furnish more than subsistence for one ox, and the average in the most favored localities is from five to ten acres to a head of cattle. In the judgment of experts such pasturage lands are not worth more than five to ten cents an acre. The writer holds that the timber culture act should be repealed. The timber should be sold in alternate sections, the fee to remain in the government. Forest fires would in that way be prevented. At present

Millions of Acres of Timber Land

Are taken on mere declaratory statements, stripped and then abandoned. The average of the coal lands is now fixed at \$10 to \$20 and are held to be exorbitant. The bonanza mines, ten acres of which yielded \$111,000,000, were sold for five dollars an acre. For the reclamation of swamp and overflowed lands, 69,000,000 acres have been given away. It is held that the existing settlement laws are mainly for a condition which is past. Warning and prophetic voices are heard: Hold these lands for the generations to come. Does this mean that they are to come from Europe? The public lands are now the heritage of Europe and the United States, with a preference in favor of the former. A European, male or female, head of a family or single, above the age of twenty-one years—by the mere act, immediately upon landing, of declaring his intention of becoming a citizen, can at once enter upon and hold public lands, and those who are citizens, and were born and have lived in the United States 21 years, have no prior right. May not the time be near at hand when the question of uncontrolled immigration will be a vital issue of state-craft?

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