

PROPOSED LAW IS CRITICISED

The following letter from Jonathan Bourne, Jr., relative to his proposed law to give the privilege of enlarged homesteads to Oregon settlers has been received by the Enterprise and is given publication for the information of its readers. The proposed law was criticised by this paper, for the reason that it will give homesteading privileges to settlers who are too tender hearted to brave the hardships of the residence clause now in operation. Following is his letter:

Editor Enterprise—Sometime ago I sent you a copy of a circular letter concerning a bill which I introduced in the senate for the purpose of amending the enlarged homestead law so far as it applied to the state of Oregon. My bill was based upon the principle that production rather than mere residence should be the prerequisite to the acquirement of title to non-irrigable arid lands.

I requested discussion of this measure and have received a large number

of letters concerning it. A large majority of these were favorable to the bill. Nevertheless, there was considerable opposition, and, owing to this opposition, I thought it best not to urge the bill for enactment at this time, although I believe that eventually the correctness of the principle involved in my bill will be generally recognized.

The senate committee on public lands reported an amendment to my bill so as to make the Utah law apply to the state of Oregon. The bill as amended has passed the senate. If it should become a law it will bring the state of Oregon within the provisions of section 6 of the enlarged homestead act, which section has heretofore applied only to the state of Utah. For your information I enclose a copy of this section as it will then read. Yours very truly,

JONATHAN BOURNE, JR.

Sec. 6. That whenever the Secretary of the Interior shall find that any tracts of land, in the state of Utah or Oregon, subject to entry under this act, do not have upon them such a sufficient supply of water for domestic purposes as would make continuous residence upon the lands possible, he may, in his discretion, designate such tracts of land, not to exceed in the aggregate two million acres, and thereafter they shall be subject to entry under this act without the necessity of residence: Provided, That in such event the entryman on any such entry shall in good faith cultivate not less than one eighth of the entire area of the entry during the second year, one-fourth during the third year, and one-half during the fourth and fifth years after the date of such entry, and that after entry and until proof the entryman shall reside within such distance of said land as will enable him successfully to farm the same as required by this section.

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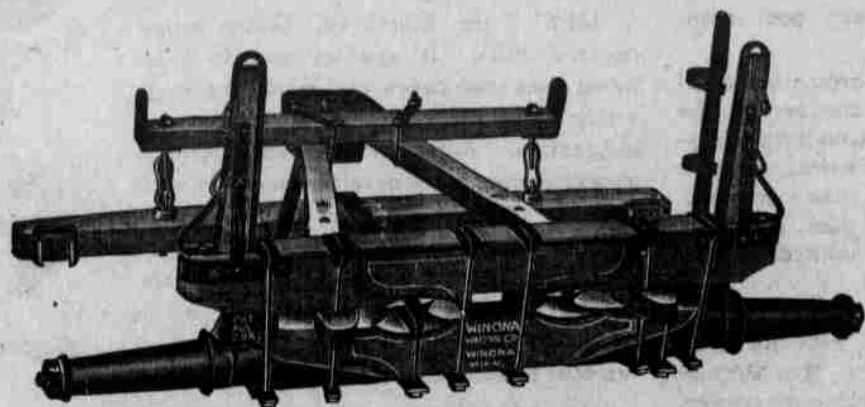
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Resolved: That the sympathy of this lodge be hereby extended to the bereaved wife and children, trusting that He who has promised to care for the widow and fatherless will be their stay and support, and

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be given Mrs. Jaspersen, a copy to the local press for publication, and a copy be spread on the minutes of Lyon Lodge.

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