

# ADVERTISING HOMESTEADS

Homeseekers Land Co. After Settlers With Another Leaflet Telling About Big Southeast Territory.

Below is published the major part of the text of a new leaflet being prepared for the Homeseeker's Land Co.

## Homesteads in Central Oregon.

### The New Klondike of the West.

This is the District that is now receiving the undivided attention of every man and woman from one end of the country to the other, who has any ambition to secure a choice piece of Free Government Land before it is all gone. Everyone who has investigated this subject to any extent has discovered that desirable Homesteads, like the Buffaloes and Antelopes that were once so plentiful in the West, are rapidly becoming a thing of the past. In fact, when this Great Central Oregon Empire has been settled up as it will be within the next three or four months, the last of the Free Government Lands will have been exhausted, and this accounts for the present unprecedented rush of people into this district, making a continuous stream of people traveling by teams, automobiles, hacks, stages, liveries, on horseback and even on foot from the nearest Railroad Station to this famous Valley nearly 100 miles distant, reminding one of the Klondike Rush of '97 and '98.

### The Valley an Old Lake Bed.

This attractive Valley which is at present the Mecca of all these Homeseekers, is located in Central Oregon, 45 to 75 miles beyond Bend. It is about 20 miles wide and 40 to 50 miles long, and was originally a large inland lake which has been filled up by the erosion of the surrounding hills and mountains and high plateaus for many miles in extent during all these ages of development.

### The Soil.

This process of transforming an old lake-bed into a beautiful and fertile Valley has gone on for ages until the soil is now 15 to 20 feet deep all over the Valley and is a Sedimentary Deposit of Rich Sandy Loam mixed with a sufficient blending of Volcanic Ash from the Cascade Mountains and extinct Volcanoes to make it extremely fertile for years to come, as indicated by the enormous growth of Sage Brush and Bunch Grass which it produces even in its present raw condition, both of which are positive proof of its exceptional fertility.

### The Climate.

The Climate is more uniform and ideal in this Valley than in any other section of Oregon. There is an average of 320 days of Sunshine each year, and 12 to 18 inches of rain-fall which will increase with the cultivation of the Soil. The Valley is not subject to excesses of heat or cold.

The temperature during the warmest days of the Summer usually ranges from 90 to 95 degrees, but this is nearly always counteracted by the cool breezes floating down from the numerous snow-capped mountain peaks, dotting the horizon on the West. The temperature in the Winter occasionally falls below zero, but on account of the dry, clear, atmosphere even this temperature does not seem nearly so cold as 32 degrees above zero in the damp, foggy, and cold, rainy Winter months in the Willamette Valley and Western Oregon and Washington.

### Fuel and Building Material.

The hills and mountains surrounding the Valley are covered with Timber, the Forest Reserve reaching down to the edge of the Valley, from which the settlers are entitled to 20 cords of wood, posts and building material every year free of charge. Also two sawmills in this same vicinity furnish ample supplies of lumber and building material for the numerous buildings now under construction.

### Cost of Living.

With the advent of the railroad the cost of living will be as low as in any similar territory in the Northwest. The cost, of course, depends largely on the size of the family and the amount and character of improvements desired.

### Game, Hunting and Fishing.

There is plenty of large Game in the hills and mountains surrounding this Valley, such as Bear, Deer, Antelope and Coyotes. While in the Valley itself there is an abundance of smaller game; such as Wild Geese, Ducks, Swans, Sage Hens and Jack Rabbits. Rainbow and Mountain Trout from 6 inches to 22 inches in length are plentiful in the headwaters of the Deschutes River. There are no rattlesnakes or other poisonous reptiles or insects in this entire district.

### The Reason Why.

You may think it strange that such a Paradise has laid vacant for so many years, but the lack of railroad facilities explains the whole situation, as it was more than 200 miles over rough mountain roads to the nearest railroad point. But now that two of the large Trans-continental Lines are headed in that direction, each one with a main trunk line surveyed directly through the center of the Valley, one from the Columbia River on the North and the other from the Snake River on the East, and each one coming as fast as money, men and teams can build them, it is no wonder that there is now a greater rush to secure these 320-acre choice Homesteads than has ever been witnessed in any other section of Oregon; for within a few months more, trains will be running through to Bend and these same lands will then be worth money in their present unimproved condition, for they are the same in soil, climate, etc., as the famous Wheat Sections of "Umatilla" and the "Palouse" of Eastern Oregon and Washington, which produce from 30 to 50 bushels of wheat per acre and are held at \$75 and \$100 per acre.

There are about 1500 claims in this Valley, and from investigation during the past year, we believe these to be the only desirable lands still open for Homesteads anywhere in the Northwest.

### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS.

#### Railroads.

Among the more important things that are at present in progress within our borders, there are, according to the Portland Evening Telegram of recent date, six new railway systems, employing a total of 20,000 men and teams, building with all possible speed into this vast new undeveloped region, which has so suddenly sprung into importance on the railroad map of the world as to be almost incredible to one who has not been on the ground and actually seen the real network of railroad grades, roadbeds and surveys which cover this entire district in all directions. This means, according to James J. Hill, the great empire builder, that his trains will be running into Bend about June 1st, as the Oregon Trunk Railroad has its grade work completed to this point.

#### Water.

A good supply of pure water has been found in the valleys at depths of from 10 to 50 feet—50 feet being the deepest well at this time.

#### Scientific or Dry Land Farming.

Dry land farming without irrigation is the plan most generally adopted in this valley, the same as in the vast wheat belt of Eastern Oregon and Washington and the Palouse country, where the largest yield of 30 to 50 bushels of wheat per acre is often harvested on the highest and driest ridges without irrigation. The ground is plowed in the fall after the crop is harvested and left idle as summer-fallow one year. The next fall it is again plowed and sowed in grain, thus receiving the moisture of two successive fall and winter seasons, which is always sufficient to carry the crop through to maturity without additional rainfall during the late spring and summer. Pamphlets and books on this method of scientific farming can be procured from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., free of charge, for the benefit of farmers not familiar with this mode of farming. This is why Congress passed the Enlarged Homestead Act of February 19, 1906, so that each homesteader might have 320 acres of land and put 100 acres of it in crop each year and "summer-fallow" the other 100 acres; but of course, those who are preparing to irrigate their claims will be able to put the entire 320 acres in crop each year.

#### Enlarged Homesteads and Desert Claims.

After making your selection of a claim in this valley you have four different options for filing on it.

1. If you have never used your homestead right you may file on 320 acres under the Enlarged Homestead Act above mentioned; make your home on it for five years, cultivate 80

acres of it for four years, and receive patent from the government without additional cost. You cannot commute a 320-acre claim, but are allowed six months from date of filing in which to establish your residence on the claim. If you already own more than 100 acres of land, the excess above the 100 acres must be deducted from the 320-acre claim, as you are entitled to hold only 480 acres all told, including the homestead.

2. You may still file on the old style 100-acre homestead if you have not already used your right, and after fourteen months residence you may commute it and buy it at \$1.25 per acre, or live on it the full five years and receive your patent without buying it.

3. If you are a resident of Oregon, or will declare your intention of becoming such, and have never acquired title to any government land, you may take any 320-acre vacant claim in the valley, as a desert claim under the act of March 3, 1891, where there are no rivers, running streams, springs or other natural means of irrigating with surface water. You are not required to live on a desert claim, but must expend one dollar per acre on it for improvements each year for three years, part of which must be spent in procuring water and irrigating all the irrigable land on your claim. The total improvements for the three years, amounting to \$3.00 per acre may all be made in one year, if desired, and 40 acres put into cultivation, and you can then receive patent from the government upon paying \$1.25 per acre for it, or you may hold it for seven years before paying the purchase price to the government and receiving patent, thus saving seven years taxes.

If you have already had a homestead or other government land, the number of acres to which you acquired title must be deducted from the 320 acres, as no one may acquire title to more than 320 acres from the government under all the land laws.

4. If you desire, you may file on 100 acres as homestead and another 100 acres adjoining as a desert claim, and may commute the homestead in fourteen months and buy it for \$1.25 per acre and may also acquire title to the desert claim the first year, if desired, as explained above; thus giving you title to the entire 320 acres within the fourteen months. The advantage of this over taking the whole 320 acres as a desert claim is that you save the additional expense of \$3.00 per acre improvements and cost of irrigating one of the claims by taking it up as a homestead.

Remember that either single or married women can take up land under a recent law.

### Locating and Filing Fees.

The customary locating fee is \$100 per claim, payable after you have seen the lands, and substantiated the facts herein contained, and made your selection of a claim. This fee also covers the cost of surveying your land, locating the government corner stakes and monuments bearing the original numbers and descriptions.

The government filing fee on 100-acre homesteads is \$16.00, and on a 320-acre homestead \$22.00. On desert claims the filing fee is 25 cents per acre, which is deducted from the purchase price of \$1.25 per acre, leaving \$1.00 per acre payable when you prove up on the claim.

### How to Get to These Lands.

Buy your tickets to Madras, via the Oregon Trunk Railway, which connects with the North Bank Railway at Clark, Wash. One can also come over the Oregon Short Line to Deschutes and from there over the Oregon Trunk Railway to Madras. Then take stage or automobile to Bend, a distance of 45 miles. Stage fare \$5. Automobile fare \$8. We will meet parties of three or more if you will wire the date you are to reach Madras. Steel is being rapidly laid between Madras and Bend.

Hotels \$1.50 to \$2.50 per day. We then take our teams or autos and drive to the lands. If you locate, the fees stated above will be charged, but if you do not take land the expense of showing it will be \$15 to \$25, including all expenses after you reach Bend. You can now see your ticket agent and figure the exact amount of your expenses to these lands and return.

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