

GOOD NEWS TO HOMESTEADERS

CONCESSIONS MADE BY DEPARTMENT

Modification of Regulations in Respect to Cultivation Made Through Land Office—Ruling in Favor of Three-Year Entrymen.

It having been found that concessions should be made in the case of three-year homesteaders who are unable to cultivate the prescribed area, the Interior Department has issued, in the form of a letter to the commissioner of the General Land Office, instructions for the modification of the regulations which will be of importance to all three-year homesteaders in Central Oregon. The circular is as follows:

"It is found in the administration of the three-year homestead law, act of June 6, 1912, that the regulations issued February 13, 1913, governing the reduction of cultivation, should be made more specific. Section 7 of said regulations is therefore amended to read as follows:

"The secretary of the Interior is authorized, upon a satisfactory showing, therefore, to reduce the required area of cultivation. The homestead laws were enacted primarily for the purpose of enabling citizens of the United States 'in good faith to obtain a home' and the provision of the statute in regard to reduction in the required area of cultivation will not be permitted to so operate as in any manner to relax the rule that the entryman must so reside upon, use, occupy, cultivate and improve the tract of land entered by him as to satisfactorily show that he is in good faith at the time of such entry intended to make the land his bona fide home and that it has been his home to the date of final proof.

"However, if the tract of land entered is so hilly or rough, the soil so alkaline, sandy, compact, swampy, the precipitation of moisture so light as not to make cultivation practicable to the extent of the required amount, or if the land is generally valuable only for grazing, a reduction in the area of cultivation may be permitted.

"The personal or financial disabilities or misfortunes of the entryman existing at the time of entry will not be considered sufficient cause for reduction in the area of cultivation, but if after entry and actual settlement, through circumstances which at the time of entry could not reasonably have been foreseen, the entryman has met with misfortune which renders him reasonably unable to cultivate the prescribed area, upon satisfactory proof thereof at the time of making final proof, a reduction in area of cultivation may be permitted during the period of disability following such misfortune, provided notice of such misfortune and the nature thereof shall be submitted under oath within 60 days after occurrence thereof to the register of the land office of the district in which the land is situated.

"Tilling of the land or other appropriate treatment for the purpose of conserving the moisture with a view of making a profitable crop the succeeding year will be deemed cultivation within the terms of the act, where that manner of cultivation is necessary or generally followed in the locality.

"No reduction in area of cultivation will be permitted on account of expense in removing the standing timber from the land. If lands are so heavily timbered that the entryman can not reasonably clear and cultivate the area prescribed by the state, such entries will be considered speculative and not made in good faith for the purpose of obtaining a home."

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If it were customary or possible for the king of Great Britain and Ireland rigidly to exercise his royal prerogatives he would in the course of a few months become the owner of many vehicles, especially motorcars, that tra-

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A Plea For the Kitchen.
The kitchen should be the refinery, the laboratory, the factory of the home and the pivot point about which the activities of the home revolve. Costs should be considered thoughtfully; no scrap of food should be wasted. It can be and should be used again in various ways. By buying staple food supplies in large quantities from 15 to 30 per cent can be saved. Any one wishing to do so may economize in this way. Housewives must not look upon their art as mere drudgery; they must bring education, intelligence and concentration into practice. They should learn, as manufacturers have, that the best results are to be obtained in a workshop that is well lighted, properly ventilated and comfortably large, suitably furnished and sanitary in all its equipments.—Dr. Adeline G. Soule in Lee-Je's.

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Claimant names as witnesses: James R. Benham, of Laidlaw, Oregon; Willbur X. Hummel, of Laidlaw, Oregon; Albert Hurrayman, of Bend, Oregon; A. Sam Collins, of Bend, Oregon.
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