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GRAZING ON PUBLIC LAND

BILL DRAWN UP BY CATTLE-GROWERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Long Expected and Much Discussed Measure Has at Last Been Hatched at President Lusk's Home.

The following bill for the leasing for grazing purposes of vacant public domain and reserving all right of homestead and mineral entry has been drawn up at Chico, Cal., and will be presented to congress:

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that all vacant public lands west of the 100th meridian west from Greenwich shall be leased for stock grazing purposes, subject to the right of homestead and mineral entry under existing laws of the United States, and when so entered, to be canceled from the lease.

Sec. 2. Leases of such land shall not be subject to bid. The uniform rental shall be 2 cents per acre per annum, payable annually in advance, and preference for such leases shall be given to owners of cultivated agricultural land, for leaseable lands abutting upon their freeholds in proportion of 10 acres of leasehold to one acre of freehold. A like preference of 10 acres of leasehold to one acre of freehold shall be given to stockgrowers who are also freeholders, this preference shall apply only to lands within the counties upon which their stock habitually range. If in case of either of the preferences above provided there shall not be sufficient leaseable lands in the county to give each person entitled to the preference the maximum proportion of 10 acres to one, then said lands shall be prorated between the persons entitled to such preference. The further preference to lands not leased under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be given to stockgrowers who are in the actual use and occupancy of said lands during the year ending on January 1, 1901, to be leased to them in proportion to their respective interests in and use thereof. Where the states lease state lands the bona fide holders of such state leaseholds shall be beneficiaries of the preference given above to stockgrowers who are also freeholders; providing that such state leaseholds are not held by any one person in tracts exceeding 640 acres in any one body. Freehold rights under this section shall not apply to townsite property, nor to any lands deriving title from Spanish or Mexican grants.

Sec. 3. All leases to run 10 years, with the privilege of renewal for a second term of 10 years, the first lessee having the preference for such second term, provided he shall have complied with the requirements of this law and the terms of his lease, and has not allowed his leasehold to deteriorate.

"Sec. 4. The revenues derived from the leases herein authorized shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, and the net revenue, after deducting the expense of administering this tract, shall be held in trust to be paid to such states and territories within the leaseholds are situated, as provided a state engineer and other proper means for devoting the same to the diversion or storage of water and its distribution for irrigation of agricultural lands. Only such revenue as is derived in any state or territory shall be returned to it for such purpose.

"Sec. 5. The Secretary of the Interior shall have the power to cancel a lease when its holder becomes ineligible, and shall administer this act, making all needful rules and regulations for that purpose.

"Sec. 6. Nothing in this act shall deprive the United States of control of all reservations for any purpose, now existing or hereafter created.

"Sec. 7. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

The following is a statement of the purpose and effects of the bill:

"The purpose of the proposed legislation is to prevent the further free use in common of the public domain in the arid grazing region, and thereby to prevent the destruction of the forage by overstocking the same, by which process the land is becoming desert, the country more arid, and springs and water courses losing their flow. Used held by the United States in trust for the use of the states where it is derived, in the storage and distribution of water. Such use of the rental will be the devotion of an existing public asset to a public purpose of supreme importance to the arid west, and will render unnecessary the demand that the taxpayers of the whole country be burdened for that purpose by Congressional appropriations.

"It is intended that the bill shall protect the forage of the public range, get revenue from its use, defend the rights of present freeholders, exclude no existing interest, however small, and shall accelerate settlement and tillage by conservation of moisture and the support of irrigation.

"With these ends in view, it is submitted to Congress by order of the American Cattlegrowers Association, through its committee on legislation.

"JOHN P. IRISH,
"Oakland, California.
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"Denver, Colorado.
"A. B. ROBERTSON,
"Colorado, Texas.
"BARTLETT RICHARDS,
"Ellsworth, Nebraska.
"M. K. PARSONS,
"Salt Lake, Utah."

Horse Business at Ontario.

A press dispatch from Ontario, published in a recent issue of the Boise Statesman, is of much interest to the horse men of this section. It says: Monroville brothers of Butte, Montana, have instituted an inspection of horses at Ontario which promises to be one of the best things in the history of the country for the raiser of range horses. The work is in charge of Oliver H. Wallop and is briefly outlined in the fact that Mr. Wallop has instructions to purchase several hundred car-loads of the western range horses, bring them to Ontario, inspect them and break them for the English government and then to Europe.

Mr. Wallop has a large force of riders employed, 15 experts in this line having arrived here from Butte. The Steele & Adams ranch near town has been bargained for and is to be the headquarters for the horses that are being broke.

The riders put the animals through a peculiar and certain training that is calculated to better fit them for the cavalry, and to insure the rider against any tricks usually met with in the range horse as he is broken by the average rider of the western range.

After inspection and training here the horses are reshipped to Missouri points, where they are once more touched up for the soldier. The Oregon range will be stripped of its best horses during the season, it being, however, only the lighter smooth animal that is wanted for the English army.

McKinley Memorial.

Washington, 7.—The board of trustees of the McKinley Memorial association are in session here today. Judge William R. Day, president, and Ryerson Ritchie, secretary, reported that within ten days the whole country will be covered by the state and local committees. Arrangements are expected to be made for harmonizing the work for memorials at Canton and Washington.

To Pension Mrs. McKinley.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Taylor of Ohio yesterday introduced a bill to pension Mrs. McKinley at the rate of \$5000 a year, beginning September 14, 1901, the date of the death of the late President.

Hundreds of homeseekers are pouring into Oregon. But they will come "no more forever" if the bill to lease the public domain shall become a law.—Lakeview Examiner.

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