

A BILL.

To provide for the leasing for grazing purposes of vacant public domain and reserving all rights of homestead and mineral entry, the rentals to be a special fund for irrigation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all vacant public lands in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming shall be leased for stock-grazing purposes, subject to the right of homestead and mineral entry under existing or future laws of the United States, and when so entered to be cancelled from the lease.

Sec. 2. That leases of such lands shall not be subject to bids. The uniform rental shall be two 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 freehold. A preference of ten acres of leasehold to one acre of freehold shall also be given to stock growers who are also freeholders; preference shall apply only to lands within the counties upon which their stock habitually ranges. 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 ten 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 stock growers who were in actual use and occupancy of said lands during the year ending January first, nineteen hundred and one, 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 States' leaseholds shall be beneficiaries of the preference given above to stock growers who are also freeholders: Provided, That such State lease-

holds are not held by any one person in tracts exceeding six hundred and forty acres in one body. And any lands not subject to lease under the foregoing provisions, or which are not leased to the person entitled within six months from the time they shall be ready to lease under such regulations as may be provided therefore by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be leased to the first applicant. Freehold rights under this section shall not apply to town-site property, and any lands deriving title from Spanish or Mexican grants shall not have freehold privilege except as to twenty thousand acres in any one ownership.

Sec. 3. That all leases shall run ten years, with the privilege of renewal for a second term of ten 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. That the revenue 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 Act, shall be held in the Treasury as a reclamation fund to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior in providing such irrigation works for the storage, diversion, and development of waters including artesian wells in the said States and Territories, as are necessary for preparing the arid and semiarid land for settlement under the existing or future homestead Acts.

Sec. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior shall have the power to cancel a lease when its holder becomes ineligible, or for nonpayment of any installment of rent, in whole or in part, and shall administer this Act; and he is hereby authorized to perform any and all acts, and to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this Act into full force and effect. All leases shall be subject to assignment or abandonment, in whole or in part, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall provide therefor.

Sec. 6. That leases shall be made only to citizens of the United States or corporations created under the laws of any of the States.

Sec. 7. That live stock which are herded or grazed upon any land so leased without the permission of the lessee shall be liable for all damages done while being herded or grazed thereon, together with costs and reasonable counsel fee, to be fixed by the United States court trying an action therefor; and said live stock may be seized and held by attachment process issued from said court, in the same manner provided by the general laws of the State or Territory within which said land is situated in actions upon contract, as security for the payment of any judgment that may be recovered.

Sec. 8. That nothing in this Act shall deprive the United States of control of all reservations for any purpose now existing or hereafter to be created, or effect the right of way for irrigating or mining ditches over the public lands of the United States given under the existing or future laws of the United States. And the Secretary of the Interior may cancel any lease at any time as to any land that may be required by the United States or any State for irrigation works for the storage, diversion, and development of waters, including artesian wells; and as to any lands that may be condemned by any private person for such uses, and in any such condemnation suit, the lessee shall not be entitled to any damage by reason of the condemnation of his leasehold interest therefor, and as to any arid lands that shall have been reclaimed and made subject to irrigation, under any system authorized by the laws of the United States or of any state, or by private enterprise and capital.

Sec. 9. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

In the matter of the Estate of John Maher, deceased. Notice is hereby given to Kyran Maher, a brother; John Maher, Margaret Maher, Katie Maher and Lizzie Maher, children of Dennis Maher a predeceased brother; Mrs. Margaret Moylan, a sister, and Mrs. Ellen Delaney, a sister, and to all persons having an interest in the estate of John Maher, deceased, that the administrator has filed his final account as such administrator and the court has fixed Monday, March the 3rd, 1902, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day at the county court room in Burns, Harney County, Oregon, as the time when all objections to said final account will be heard by the court and the final account of the administrator settled, and all persons having objections to said account are requested to file the same on or before said date.

Dated this 1st day of February, 1902. W. E. HUNTON, Executor of the Estate of John Maher, deceased.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Land Office, Burns, Oregon, February 3, 1902. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, March 18, 1902, viz:

Prestley Smyth, Hd Entry No. 664, for the W1/2 Sec. 34, T. 27, S. 2, E. 3 W. M. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: A. E. Brown, of Burns, Oregon; E. H. Brown, William Phelps and A. T. Clark, of Diamond, Oregon.

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