

THE ITEMS

SATURDAY AUGUST 15, 1903.

LAND FOR EVERY MAN.

Shall the nation's great domain of western arid lands and the nation's money be used to enrich a comparatively few greedy individuals, or shall they be used to furnish security and happiness for millions of men, women and children?

Uncle Sam is still rich enough to give us all a farm. And an irrigated farm, at that. It is not a dream but a fact that the present population of the United States can be duplicated on the arid public domain in the West.

This can be done without making new competitors for those already engaged in agricultural pursuits in the East and in the South. On the other hand, this wonderful act of planting a new nation in what is now all but an unbroken wilderness will confer enormous benefits on those sections which are already covered with farms, factories and towns.

The subjugation and settlement of the great empire of public lands means that every factory wheel in the United States must whirl faster, that every banking house must handle more money, and that every railroad must transport more passengers and freight. This, in turn, means a larger and busier population in every Eastern and Southern town, and that, of course, will quicken and enlarge the demand for all the products of the soil in the older sections of the country.

In the meantime, that which is grown from the soil to be conquered by irrigation in the West will go almost exclusively to the feeding of new home markets to be created within the arid region itself and to the satisfaction of unlimited demands in the Orient and in the frozen North.

Congress has decreed that the great policy of national irrigation shall be entered upon without delay. Already the engineers and surveyors are doing their work and five great projects have been reported favorably to the Interior Department. Only about \$7,000,000 are required to carry all five to completion and the money is in the treasury awaiting the call. But upon the threshold of the greatest constructive policy to which this nation ever set its hand a new and appalling obstacle is encountered.

Almost every acre of these lands which the nation is about to prepare for the swarming of a home building population may, under existing laws, be stolen and used as the basis of a profitable speculation. And those who desire to secure these lands for speculative

purposes are strong enough to tie the hands of Congress until the deed shall have been done. This, too, in spite of the fact that the President of the United States has urged the repeal of these iniquitous land laws as something which is vital to the success of the national irrigation policy.

Shall the nation's land then, and the nation's money be used to enrich a comparatively few greedy individuals, or shall they be used to furnish security and happiness for millions of men, women and children?

This is the question which must be answered when Congress meets again. The answer depends absolutely upon the will of the people as it shall be made known to their representatives at Washington. No power of an aroused and indignant public opinion can save the arid region from falling prey to the speculators who are alive to their opportunity while the people are asleep.

In his last message, the President recommended the repeal of the Desert Land Law, of the commutation clause of the Homestead Law, and of the Timber and Stone Act. These are the provisions of existing statutes under which absolutely the most valuable property now owned by the American people is being systematically absorbed into private ownership by those who cannot use it, but who propose to sell it at enormous profit to real home-seekers when the nation shall multiplied its value an hundred fold by means of irrigation.

The nation has land for every man who will make his home upon it in good faith—who will break the sod, plant crops, build a house, and settle down to support his family from the soil. But the nation has no land—at least, it ought to have none—for the man who merely seeks to forestall the actual settler and sell out to him at a profit, or become a landlord collecting income from his tenants.

Under present land laws millions of acres are being taken by those who have no thought of breaking the soil, planting crops, or building homes. They are mere adventurers and speculators.

The Desert Land Law gives them a chance to obtain for a song, without residence and without cultivation, three hundred and twenty acres of the richest soil on earth—enough for sixteen families. The commutation clause of the Homestead Law gives them a chance to take up one hundred and sixty acres with but the barest pretence of residence, and that for only fourteen months. The Timber and Stone Act enables them to acquire forests and quarries for a bagatelle and to hold them for speculative advances.

Frank Stockton left the hero of his famous tale hesitating before two doors. If he opened one, it meant life and happiness; if the other, death. And the question was never answered—"the Lady or the Tiger?"

Uncle Sam stands at the door of the arid region. His foot is on the threshold, his hand is at the latch.

Shall it be the homemaker or the speculator? Shall it be life and happiness for millions, or a riot and a carnival of speculation at the expense of the people?

There is but one way to answer the question in the interest of the nation's welfare. That is to repeal the vicious provisions of the existing land laws, in accordance with the President's recommendation. —Ashland Tribune.

A curious prophecy is that which looks forward to a continuous city from Boston to Washington before the end of the present century. The trolley cars are at work building up suburbs in all directions and marking out the roads along which the population gathers. Rapid transit brings cities more closely together every year and also swiftly extends the limits of municipalities. In following up this line of development it is evident that Chicago will eventually be a suburb, and probably the largest one of St. Louis says the Globe Democra.

HARNEY COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM LIST

Following is a complete list of premiums to be awarded at the Fair, September 14 to 20, inclusive. All premiums will be divided as follows: Seventy per cent, first premium; 30 per cent second premium. A certificate accompanies each premium stating the grade of the prize awarded. Ten per cent of premium will be charged on all entries for prizes of \$2.50 or over.

DIVISION A—HORSES.
Draft Stallion, \$20.
Sweepstake Stallion, \$20.
Jackass, with colts of his get, \$20
Mare and colt, draft, \$20
Mare and colt, roadster, \$20
Best team of draft horses or mules, \$25

Double driving team, \$20
Single driver, \$15
Best reined saddle horse, \$10
DIVISION B—CATTLE.
Bull, two years and over, \$20
Milch cow and calf, \$20
Beef cow and calf, \$20

DIVISION C—SHEEP.
Ram, one year or over, \$25
Ewes, pen of three lambs, wool, \$20
Ewes, pen of three lambs, for mutton, \$20
Best fleece, \$10

DIVISION D—SWINE.
Boar, one year or over, \$7.50
Brooding sow and pigs, \$5

DIVISION E—POULTRY.
Trio of Brahmans, \$3.50
Cochins, \$3.50
Hamburgs, \$3.50
Leghorns, \$3.50
Domineckers, \$3.50
Plymouth Rocks, \$3.50
Pair Turkeys, \$3.50

DIVISION F—FARM PRODUCTS.
Display of sheaves of grains, all kinds, not less than five sheaves of each, \$5
100lbs barley, \$5
100lbs wheat, \$5
100lbs oats, \$5
Display of alfalfa, \$2.50
Timothy grass, \$2.50
Natural meadow grass, \$2.50
Corn, \$2.50

DIVISION G—HORTICULTURE.
Display 1 pk apples, \$5
1 pk peaches \$5
1 pk pears, \$5
1 pk plums, \$5
DIVISION H—GARDEN PRODUCE.
Bush Onions \$2.50
Turnips \$2.50
Beets \$2.50
Potatoes \$2.50
Tomatoes \$2.50
Cabbage 1 doz heads \$2.50
Pumpkins \$2.50
Sugar Corn \$2.50
Squash \$2.50

Display of Kahlrabi, Carrot, Kale, Cauliflower, Mangel-wertzel etc., \$2.50

DIVISION I—DAIRY PRODUCTS.
Butter \$5
DIVISION J—HANDIWORK.
Neatest piece of Mechanism in Iron \$3.50
In Brass \$3.50
In Tin \$3.50
In Wood \$3.50
In Stone or Brick, \$3.50

DIVISION K—ART AND FANCY WORK.
Landscape painting in oil on canvass \$5
Marine painting in oil \$5
Portrait on canvass \$5
Largest display portrait painting in oil on canvass, three specimens \$5
Largest and best display of portrait painting in oil by one person \$5
Best painting in Water Colors by the artist \$5
Largest and best Crayon drawing five or more specimens by one person \$5
Photographic views, two, large size by one person \$2.50
Photographic views, largest number by one person \$2.50
Largest and best display of Photographs by one person \$2
Autumn leaves drawn in water colors \$2.50
Sea cross in frames \$2
Sign painting, work by artist \$2.50
Specimen of oil painting on Fatin by the artist \$2.50
Specimen Etching by artist \$2
Display by one person feather work \$2
Display by one person Zepher flowers \$2

Pencil sketch from nature by the artist \$1.50
Architectural drawing by the artist \$2
Pastel drawing by artist \$2

DIVISION L—POT PLANTS.
Exhibition of pot plants, not less than ten pots \$2
Rustic stand not less than three feet in height filled with choice plants \$1.50
Exhibition of Pansies not less than 20 varieties \$1
Fancy basket of flowers \$1

DIVISION M—PASTRY ETC.
Loaf salt rising bread \$1.50
Hop rising bread \$1.50
Potato yeast \$1.50
Soda biscuits \$1.50
Assorted cakes \$1.50
Largest display of Jams \$2.50
Largest display of Jellies \$2.50

DIVISION N—NEEDLEWORK.
Best display crocheted work by any one person \$1.50
Best display patchwork quilting \$1.50
Best display pillow slips and sham \$1.50
Best worked toilet cushion \$1.50
Best ladies' worked scarf \$1.50
Best display tatting \$1.50
All entries must be made with the Secretary not later than Wednesday, September 16. No exhibit will be entered in the contest after that date. All exhibits will be carefully looked after. Feed will be furnished livestock, and an employee will see that ample care is taken of all exhibits in this line.

SPECIAL PREMIUMS.

The M. M. Co., of Ontario, will give a \$20 cash prize for the best fleece of wool, for Malheur and Harney Counties.

H. W. Welcome & Co., a large doll, valued at \$5, to the prettiest girl baby, at the Fair Sept 19.

Miller & Thompson, \$5 worth of merchandise for the best display of farm products by one person.

John W. Biggs, a \$12 prize for the best colt sired by Kaladar.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon, Aug. 12, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that Marcellus B. Hayes of Lewis and Clark county Oregon, as filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert-land claim No. 309, for the NE 1/4, S 1/2 and SE 1/4, Sec. 22, Tp. 24, R. 32, E. W. M., before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on a Friday, the 12th day of September, 1903. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Clarence W. Drinkwater, George W. Clark, Charles T. Miller and William Catterson, all of Lewis, Oregon.
Wm. FARRE, Register.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF.

U. S. Land Office, Burns, Oregon, July 21, 1903.
Notice is hereby given that Lydia L. McMullen of Drew county Oregon, as filed notice of intention to make proof on her desert-land claim No. 418, for the SW 1/4, Sec. 25, Tp. 21, S. R. 24, E. W. M., before the Register and Receiver at Burns, Oregon, on Saturday the 12th day of September, 1903. She names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: Note 4 land: Frank Halliday, Jacob Wright, Jesse M. McMullen, all of Drew county, Oregon.
Wm. FARRE, Register.



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