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Winning a Home in the Pacific Northwest.

Above is a typical scene showing a homestead in Oregon or Washington. Many a man has taken advantage of Uncle Sam's homestead policy and staked out a homestead in the foot hills or mountains. It takes grit and courage to do this, but many a man is independent now because of his effort. Homesteads covered with timber are hard to clear. From the standpoint of the farmer, the timber is a liability instead of an asset unless a saw mill is near by. Land covered with timber costs \$50 to \$100 to clear if the labor is paid in cash, but most of the clearing in the Northwest has been done by the settler who has not counted his labor as valuable at certain seasons of the year. After the cabin is up and the homesteader has a few acres cleared his fight is a little easier. When he has 20 acres cleared and a few cows he commences to be independent, especially if he is near a creamery. For cream and butterfat are cash.