

BOURNE HAS NEW HOMESTEAD LAW

Will Soon Introduce Bill Making
Production Necessary Rather
Than Residence to Ac-
quire Title.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—Senator Jonathon Bourne, Jr. will soon introduce a bill into congress embodying the idea that production of crops rather than residence upon a homestead is the essential of successful and efficient development of resources.

In regard to the matter Senator Bourne says: I am informed by Wm. Hanley, an extensive stockraiser in Harney county, that there are 20,000,000 acres of vacant land in eastern Oregon incapable of irrigation, but nearly all of it susceptible under the scientific methods now in vogue in "dry farming." Mr. Hanley's suggestion of substitution of crop-production for actual residence as the consideration for obtaining title increasingly impresses my mind.

Need Not Live on Land

"If the bill which I have prepared should become a law, the homesteader on non-irrigable land in what is known as the arid region need not live upon his land at all, but must live within the state. He must cultivate either personally or by a representative and he must show by annual proofs that within a period of five years that the land has produced crops of a total value of \$1500.

"Assuming that Mr. Hanley's statement that 20,000,000 acres of vacant land in eastern Oregon is correct and that same can be brought under cultivation by adoption of what is known as "dry farming", this area of land would furnish opportunity for 60,000 homestead entrymen, who, before they could acquire title, would be obliged to produce crops to a total value of \$90,000,000. Thus it will be seen that the nation, state and community would be benefitted in the development of our natural resources, wealth increased, and what is more important, a class of citizens gained who would be obliged to produce rather than merely live on the land—a population of workers.

Not Suitable for Homes.

"In the present condition and in the present state of settlement and of transportation facilities, most of this land is not suitable for home-making, though it could be cultivated by men who would make their homes elsewhere, or upon the land only through a part of the year.

My bill is based upon the theory that if a tract of land is made productive it will provide some family with a home even though that family lives in a town near the land itself, and that therefore, all of the essential objects of the homestead law will be accomplished. The great difficulty under the present homestead law is that a great many men who settle on land under the homestead act do as little cultivating as the law will permit and avoid as many as the Government's law provides, and their land is not made productive.

Production Real Essential.

"Believing that production is real essential, I made that the most important feature of my bill. Land suitable for "dry farming" is frequently such as a man would not wish to make his home upon for twelve months in the year, but the present law permitting an entry on 320 acres requires actual residence, and, I believe, without accomplishing any desirable end by such requirements.

"Under the plan proposed by my bill an entryman under the 320-acre homestead law, could keep his family in any town in Oregon, where his children could go to school and all members of his family have the advantages of attendance of church and social functions, and, at the same time, by complying with the law regarding cultivation and production, he could secure title to land. There would be no opportunity for fraud because the bill requires that annual proof must be submitted showing the amount of land cultivated and the character, quality and value of the crops produced.

"The theory of homestead law is that the Government should provide cheap homes for the people. This theory is in no way violated by my bill. Land taken under this measure would maintain homes for the entrymen even though these were a few miles distant rather than upon the land itself.

"In a great many cases the homesteader performs just as little work upon his land as possible, and as soon as he gets his title he removes his family to town where they can have the advantages of school and social intercourse. The real object of providing homes is not accomplished by the requirement of actual residence upon the land. This object would be

accomplished, however, by the requirement that a man shall bring his land into productivity. To produce, someone must cultivate the land. To cultivate economically, vitality, labor and intelligent attention are required of the entryman or his representative. The entryman's desire is the acquisition and ownership of the land; title can only be obtained through production; production necessitates increased population, either of entrymen or their representatives. The value of the land acquired by the entryman depends upon continuing production. Thus, it is certain that the land once acquired will, under normal conditions, continue productive, as otherwise there is no incentive for entry nor for purchase after title is acquired. Necessitated production eliminates the evil of idle land due to non-resident ownership.

"My bill requires that entrymen shall cultivate at least one-eighth of his land the second year, one-fourth the third year, one-half the fifth, and that he must file in the land office by the first of December of each year a sworn statement verified by the affidavits of two persons having knowledge of the crops produced by him.

"I would be pleased if the people of Oregon would advise their delegation in Congress of their views of this measure."

"BELLE OF BUTCHERTOWN" KILLED BY JEALOUS LOVER

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 1.—The detectives today transferred to Oakland their search for George Besser, a longshoreman charged with the murder of Elsie Fieber, the "belle of Butchertown," who was shot and killed in front of her home Saturday night. The officers have clues which lead them to believe the fugitive is in hiding and an arrest is expected soon.

The girl was the cause of a duel in February, 1906, when Bernard Meyers shot and killed Eugene Peguillan. Meyers was convicted and sentenced to a year in prison.

Miss Fieber has had many admirers, but recently Besser was the most prominent in his attentions. Witnesses allege that he quarreled with her because she had agreed to dance with another man at an entertainment to which she was going with Besser, and that in a frenzy of jealousy he shot her as she fled from him.

Though her widowed mother is very poor, the "belle of Butchertown" had a romantic career and her beauty brought her much grief. Feeling against the murderer runs high in the neighborhood where she lived.

ALUMNI AID WORK TO DEVELOP THE O. A. C.

At the present time the alumni association of the Oregon Agricultural college is planning many progressive movements toward the betterment of their Alma Mater. The local association is strongly united and their meetings are unusually spirited. Among the many improvements under discussion is the erection of an arch or gateway at the main entrance to the campus. The association at Corvallis realizes that such a project is a big undertaking, but with the aid of all the graduates throughout the state and the support of the classes now in college, they expect to carry the movement through. Another big undertaking is the formation of an alumni directory, showing the address, location and other useful data that is daily wanted or being asked for by the many friends and graduates of the institution. This directory will soon be out.

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To lay bare the channel of Rogue river for the distance of 2 miles, beginning at a point less than that distance from Gold Hill, and clean up the river bed of the gold that has been deposited there for ages, is the daring project proposed by H. W. Dikeman, formerly a leading Chicago attorney, who now sojourns in Southern Oregon for the benefit of his health, says the Gold Hill News. Mines and mining and the geology that pertains thereto, have claimed a good share of his attention for several years.

The Rogue river between Gold Hill and Gold Ray, in its course around the mountain known as "the old Gold Hill," furnishing a name for the town, describes a great bend or semi-circle. Mr. Dikeman, after close and careful observation covering some years, has decided that a portion of the river bed one mile in extent is susceptible to drainage so that it may be laid bare for easy panning. "It is one of the most tempting propositions in Southern Oregon, and can be carried through with an expense of not to exceed \$10,000," said Mr. Dikeman.

"Here is the way the old Rogue may be made to fork over a few of the millions that he has been clutching for so many centuries," he continued, as he produced a notebook and displayed a neatly-drawn map. "A natural swale or depression extends across section 12, in township 36 south, range 3 west, from south to north. All that would be necessary to lay bare a whole mile of the

present river channel would be to extend the southern end of the swale a few feet, so as to intersect the river at a point opposite the lower end of a small island, which in itself forms almost a natural dam and may be utilized to divert the waters of Rogue river into the swale.

"The gravel in the river bed is shallow and could be worked at little expense. In ages gone by Rogue river flowed through the channel now represented by the swale, or depression, and gradually worked its way easterly to the location of the present channel. The bedrock between the present channel on the east and the swale on the west is deeply covered with river gravel. The bedrock itself is a hard, rough formation with many crevices and pot holes wherein the gold may have lodged or been deposited from solution in the water.

Hotel Arrivals.

The Nash—R. M. Whitman, Eagle Point; F. L. Walker, New York; B. L. Pike, Salt Lake; C. B. Drake, Virginia; R. J. Breward, Charlotte, N. C.; H. D. Maynard, Portland; T. H. Judge, San Francisco; I. D. Grant and wife, Morrisville, Vt.; J. P. Dawson, Los Angeles; H. J. La Burt, New York; E. T. Downey, San Francisco; C. E. Dangel, Junction; E. F. Sayfor, Eugene; J. N. Smith, Wendell; A. P. Smith, Chicago; H. D. Mizard, G. H. Fitzgibbon, Portland; T. Jones; M. W. Harmon, Ayres.

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