

TO REPEAL LAND LAWS

Federal Grand Jury Declares that Present Land Laws Foster Fraud and Corruption

The Federal grand jury which has been in session for the two weeks past, investigating alleged violations of Federal laws and especially the land fraud cases in Oregon, completed its work yesterday, says the Oregonian of April 3rd, and was discharged after returning 15 indictments and drafting a strong letter to the secretary of the interior denouncing the present land laws and demanding a repeal of them.

During its term the grand jury has returned 15 indictments. Three of these, which were returned yesterday, have not yet been made public because the parties indicted have not been arrested. Warrants are now out and it is expected that the arrests will be made in the next few days. It is understood that the three indictments involve alleged land frauds.

The grand jury, in delving into the cases that have been brought before it at this session have had ample opportunity to judge of the extent of the corruption in land circles. It has seen how unscrupulous men have hired others to perjure themselves for the sake of securing valuable land that they wanted for their own financial gain.

The letter to the interior department is as follows:

Hon. William A. Richards, Chairman; Hon. Gifford Pinchot, and Hon. Frederick H. Newell, Washington, D. C.—Gentlemen: We, the members of the Federal grand jury for the district of Oregon, now in session in the city of Portland, being chosen by lot from all portions of the state, a number of our members being farmers and stockmen, and all of us having had wide opportunities for observing the operation and effect of existing land laws in Oregon and other western states and beg leave to present recommendations for your consideration while preparing proposed amendments to the public land laws together with our reasons for these conclusions.

We believe that all the general public land laws should be unconditionally repealed, and that new laws framed to suit conditions which were but imperfectly understood when these laws were placed on the statute books, or which have arisen since, should be enacted in their stead.

The rapid absorption of the remaining public lands by syndicates representing enormous capital, whereby "the heritage of the people," so much vaunted in the halls of congress and on the hustings, is passing into the hands of a few landlords, is an evil that imperils the peace in all our public land states.

This acquisition of large areas under a single ownership is accomplished through the vicious legislation enacted from time to time, ostensibly in the interest of the honest entryman, but really to make it easy for the dishonest entryman to evade the law in the interest of the syndicate by whom he is employed and to whom he turns over the land upon making final proof. We refer particularly to the laws which permits entries and final proofs to be made before officers other than the Registers and Receivers of the local land offices which could hardly be more successful if they had been framed for the express purpose of promoting fraud and the pernicious effects of which are incalculable.

Another prolific source of crime, whereby perjury and subordination of perjury have become fine arts in the administration of land laws, is the commutation of the homestead law. This is another law that masquerades under the thin disguise of a

boon to the honest entryman.

Doubtless the time was in the settlement of the humid districts bordering on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, when the commutation clause was a benefit to the entryman, who was thereby enabled to obtain title after 14 months, and be in a position to secure a loan for the improvement of his property, but the practice has long since disappeared. No money-lender would place a loan on the arid lands at any rate of interest the homesteader could afford to pay, and such a rate of interest as would secure the loan would mean the foreclosure at the time of the first payment. It has been our observation as individuals for years that the commutation feature of this law is employed simply for the purpose of enabling the ultimate owner just behind the entryman to come the sooner into the possession of the land. Our deliberations as a grand jury have been for the most part in relation to violations of the land laws, and very largely concerning abuses of the commutation clause of the homestead law.

The desert land law, excepting the so-called Carey act, which is still in the experimental stage, is and has been used chiefly for the purpose of securing large tracts for grazing purposes and not for the reclamation of the land for agricultural purposes. It is even more of a burlesque than the late timber culture law.

The lieu land law whereby worthless lands within forest reserves may be exchanged acre for acre for the most valuable lands in the country remaining unappropriated is such a flagrant violation of the equities as to be indefensible by any rule of justice.

As a remedy to existing evils and to the end that a more profitable disposition may be made of the remaining lands, we recommend the following legislation:

First—A public lands commission, to examine and classify all lands, according to their natural resources and value under designations, for example, as (a) lands chiefly valuable in their natural state for agricultural purposes; (b) lands chiefly valuable for agricultural purposes and capable of being irrigated; (c) lands non forested and chiefly valuable for grazing purposes, without available or practicable water supply for irrigation purposes (d) lands chiefly valuable for timber and stone.

Second—A homestead law granting title to 160 acres of land in designated (a) to a head of a family or a single person over 21 years of age, or 80 acres in like manner to lands in designation (b) the usual restrictions being made as to citizenship and actual residence for five years without commutation feature.

Third—A law providing for the leasing to actual residents of the locality of lands in designation (c) at a nominal rental, in area not to exceed 640 acres to the head of a family or a house holder, said leasing to be for a period not to exceed five years but with a preference right to the lease holder to renew for a second term of five years.

Fourth—A law declaring it to be a settled policy of the government to retain in its possession forever the lands in designation (d) for benefit of the people, under such laws and regulations as congress may from time to time enact.

Fifth—A law for the acquisition by purchase of any and all lands in private for restoration to the homesteader on any unperfected homestead within the limits of any forest reserve.

All entries and final proofs to be made before the register and receiver of the district in which the land is located.

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FINAL PROOF.

Land office at Lakeview, Oregon, March 17, 1904. 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 Edward J. Catlow, U. S. Commissioner at his office at Bonita, Oregon, on April 30th, 1904, viz: Samuel Hall, 44d Entry No. 2841, for the lot 2, sec. 1, T. 39 S., R. 23 E., N. 31 W., and SE 1/4 NW 1/4, and SW 1/4 SE 1/4, sec. 23, T. 39 S., R. 23 E., N. 31 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon an cultivation of said land viz: M. M. Doan, Robert Doan, Dan DeLoughbaugh and E. Van Boren, all of Bonita, Oregon. J. N. WATSON, Register.

DESERT LAND PROOF

Lakeview, Oregon, March 25, 1904. Notice is hereby given that Anna Flook of Plush Oregon has filed notice of intention to make proof on desert land claim No. 422 for the SE 1/4 SE 1/4, sec. 21, w 1/4 SW 1/4 sec 22, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, sec 27, N 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4, sec 28 T. 34 S., R. 27 E., W. M. before Register and Receiver at Lakeview Oregon, on Saturday, the 7th day of May, 1904. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: W. H. Shirk of Lakeview, Oregon, A. W. Manning, of Lakeview, Oregon, W. E. Beaumont, of Plush, Oregon, and Edward Bond, of Plush, Oregon. Mar 31 13 J. N. WATSON, Register.

TIMBER LAND NOTICE.

United States Land Office Lakeview, Oregon, Mar 14, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as amended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, Roy B. Hurley, of 406 Fourth St., County of Multnomah, State of Oregon has, this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 2196 for the purchase of the SE 1/4 of Section 25, T. 38 S., R. 14 E., W. M. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes and to establish his claim to said land before James H. Briswell, County Clerk, at his office at Klamath Falls, Oregon, on Saturday, the 25th day of June, 1904. He names as witnesses: George Jolley of Portland, Or., and J. O. Hamaker, of Bonanza, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 25th day of June, 1904. J. N. WATSON, Register. Mar 31 13



To take effect, Tuesday, Apr. 1, 1903.

No. 1		No. 2
9:00 a. m.	Lv. Reno	5:30 p. m.
9:47 a. m.	Lv. Summit	4:50 p. m.
10:03 a. m.	Lv. Ft. Bidwell	4:25 p. m.
10:30 a. m.	Lv. Frenchburg	4:10 p. m.
11:35 a. m.	Lv. Purdy	3:30 p. m.
11:55 a. m.	Lv. Plumas	2:45 p. m.
12:08 p. m.	Lv. Chilo	2:18 p. m.
12:28 p. m.	Lv. Camerota	2:10 p. m.
12:38 p. m.	Lv. Red Rock	1:47 p. m.
12:53 p. m.	Lv. Constantia	1:35 p. m.
1:15 p. m.	Lv. Davie	1:15 p. m.
1:40 p. m.	Lv. Logan	12:50 p. m.
2:20 p. m.	Lv. Ameslee	12:10 p. m.
3:30 p. m.	Lv. Ameslee	11:30 p. m.
3:35 p. m.	Lv. Hot Springs	11:13 p. m.
3:57 p. m.	Lv. Morisy	10:47 p. m.
4:26 p. m.	Lv. Karlo	10:20 p. m.
5:25 p. m.	Lv. Horse Lake	9:40 p. m.
5:50 p. m.	Lv. Waverly	9:10 p. m.
6:20 p. m.	Lv. Terry	8:35 p. m.
7:15 a. m.	Lv. Brockman	7:55 p. m.
7:40 p. m.	Lv. Madeline	7:30 a. m.

SIERRA VALLEY RV	
5:00 pm	10:35 am Lv. Plumas Ar. 4:30 pm 9:30 am
5:45 pm	11:20 am Lv. Yreka Ar. 5:15 pm 8:40 am
6:20 pm	12:05 am Lv. Beckwith Ar. 2:30 pm 7:30 am
7:30 pm	12:55 am Lv. Clatsville Ar. 1:40 pm 7:00 am

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In Effect June 28th, 1903.

WEST		DAILY		EAST	
No. 1	No. 3	Passenger & Freight	No. 4	No. 2	No. 7
a. m.	p. m.			p. m.	a. m.
9:30		POKEGAMA		6:20	
9:30		Junction Siding		6:20	
9:51		Summit		6:05	
10:12		Upper switch back Spur		5:23	
10:17		Lower "		5:21	
10:22	3:30	Hot Springs Station	2:39	5:14	
10:27	3:35	Fall-Creek Spur	2:24	5:09	
10:43	3:51	Steel Bridge	2:09	4:45	
11:28	3:36	LAIRD	1:15	4:00	

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