

Bill Before Congress to Amend Homestead Law

Washington—Just before the adjournment of congress the senate passed a bill by Senator Kendrick of Wyoming, amending the 640-acre homestead law in such way that an entryman, who had already entered under the 160 or 320 acre homestead law, may, if qualified, enter an additional tract to bring the total holding to 640 acres without being required to live on the land last entered. The Kendrick bill is intended to correct an oversight in the language of the original stock-raising homestead act.

It was the intention when that law was framed to permit a homesteader who under one of the former laws had taken up land of the arid character described in the stockraising act to make such additional entry of the same kind of land as to give him a total of 640 acres.

It was provided that such an additional entry must be made within a radius of the original homestead, but the language of the act was such that if the homesteader could secure for his additional only land not contiguous to his original, he would be obliged to establish a residence on the additional. On the other hand, if his additional land were contiguous the homesteader

would not be obliged to build a new home. Under the law as it is now worded, the department of the interior has no choice but to adopt the interpretation that the homesteader who takes up an additional entry on non-contiguous land must not only build and maintain his home on the original but must begin all over again and establish a residence on the original as well.

The bill passed by the senate amends section 3 of the 640 acre homestead law to read as follows:

"Provided that a former homestead entry of land of the character described in section 2 hereof shall not be a bar to the entry of a tract within a radius of 20 miles from such former entry under the provisions of this act, which, together with the former entry, shall not exceed 640 acres, subject to the requirements of law as to residence and improvements, except that no residence shall be required on such additional entry if the entryman owns and is residing on his former entry: Provided, further, that the entryman shall be required to enter all contiguous of the character herein described open to entry prior to the entry of any non-contiguous land."

Proper Tree Pruning Helps Check Diseases

Pruning for an open condition of the top so as to admit plenty of light and air to all parts of the tree is an important means by which losses from fungous infections may be materially lessened. The most successful fruit men know this fact and bear it in mind when pruning, says H. R. Brass, plant pathologist, O. A. C.

It is positively known that the continued presence on fruits or foliage of moisture from rain, dew or fog is exceedingly favorable to the germination of such fungous spores as those of apple or pear scab, brown rot, peach blight, leaf spots, etc., while any condition which tends to bring about a rapid drying off of the leaves and fruit is decidedly unfavorable to infections. Sunlight and air movement are nature's great drying agencies. Open pruning by judicious thinning is therefore of great value because it permits air circulation and sunshine within the tree while ordinary heading back without thinning favors the formation of a dense top and this retards evaporation. Correct open pruning is worth dollars and cents both from the standpoint of crop production and disease reduction.

OWYHEE

(BY OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT)

Mrs. Sam Watson went to Payette Monday for a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Alma Wiseman.

H. Walters and E. F. Pratt recently marked, branded, dehorned and vaccinated one hundred head of their cattle.

Cecil Smith, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith, is very sick this week, threatened with pneumonia.

Don Forbes has charge of the Mortensen place near Mitchell Butte and is taking steps to put it under cultivation this year.

Messrs Von Readon, Bender and Chas. Thompson of Arcadia and R. R. Overstreet of the Colony, were business visitors in Owyhee last week.

Rev. Blom, of the Baptist church of Ontario, is holding services at the school house every evening this week. He is making the Chas. Bradley home his headquarters while here.

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Rev. B. F. Winters is scheduled to preach at Owyhee school house on Tuesday evening February 5. A good attendance is desired to hear this interesting speaker.

Miss Ray, a daughter of John Ray of Nyssa, is going the rounds this week, learning the rural mail route. She will have full charge of the route beginning February 1.

Messrs Chas Garrison and Hite and sons Louis and Oral motored to Vale Sunday afternoon to hear the addresses of the Canadian soldiers, who are returned from the trenches at the front, in Europe.

The grader has been smoothing the bumps out of the Owyhee ditch bank road lately. It will be appreciated for the road has been pretty bad for some time, in places.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Newbill motored to Ontario Tuesday for a short visit with relatives.

Mrs. W. Guy Thompson, Mrs. Anna Thomason and children, Jessie and Blanche, Mr. Andy Hansen, Mr. Fred Snively and Mr. and Mrs. E. Hatfield motored to Ontario Sunday evening to hear the Canadian soldiers tell of their experiences on the battle front of Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bradley and family were the guests of Grandma Harris at dinner Saturday.

For Sale.

A No. 1 fresh Jersey heifer. J. C. Beam, one mile from Nyssa. 1t.

For Sale.

Four young Holstein cows, fresh. n25 2tp Fred Koopman.

A number of plans have been suggested for "ignoring" Col. Roosevelt. They have all failed.

A lady friend insists on calling the Cossacks the Cassocks, and we are wondering if they aren't more like that.

Thirteen states can block prohibition. That number 13 is going to be unlucky one way or another.

This is the year, the new Wonderful Year, in which the forces of civilization are to crush the Hun.

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