A MILLION ACRES OF CHOICE LAND TO BE ALLOTED IN OCTOBER

An Empire Will Be Offered to Those Who Are Willing to Take a Chance Among 200,000 Others.

Gregory, S. D., Sept. 8.—One million acres of fine farming land will be thrown open to homestead settlement Tripp county. South Dakota, in Oc-ber. When President Roosevelt affixed his signature to the proclamation a few days ago and the news was flashed over the wires that the rich and fertile lands of the Rosebud country in Tripp county would be open to settlers from October 5 to 17, happiness

was brought to a vast number of anxious and waiting citizens all over the United States.

More than three years ago the agitation for the opening of Tripp county began to take definite form and resulting to the bulk progressed at the first segan to take definite form and resur-ied in a bill being passed at the first session of the last congress in the month of February, 1907. This bill pro-vided that the unallotted Indian chil-dren and those members of the Rosebud tribe of Sioux who desired to change their allotments be permitted to do so before the lands were opened. It was the work of allotting these In-dians which has held back the opening of Tripp county for two years.

Registration Points.

Six registration points have been designated by the president, the places being Gregory, Chamberlain, Dallas and Presho, S. D., and O'Neill and Valentine, Neb.

tine, Neb.
Of these registration points Gregory and Dallas are the only ones lying along the reservation border and as such will have the greater part of the business. Both are reached by the Northwestern railroad and are new towns in the Rosebud country which was thrown open in 1904.
Gregory is the largest town in this portion of the state and is the metropolis of the Rosebud country. It is a city of 2,000 and has every facility to be found in a town of this size, albeit it is but a 4-year-old.

Dallas is the terminus of the North-

on the Milwaukee railroad through Lyman county and are 15 to 25 miles from the White river, which is the reservation border on the north. Both are hustling towns and will undoubtedly do a big business during the opening. a big business during the opening. Valentine and O'Neill are points in Ne-braska on the Northwestern line from Omaha to the Black Hills. Valentine omana to the Black Hills. Valentine is due south of the Rosebud agency in Meyer county and is some 35 miles southwest of Tripp county. O'Neill is the seat of the north Nebraska land office and is located 80 miles from the land to the southeast.

Qualifications for the Great Lottery.

The lottery system will be used by the government in opening the rich Tripp county lands. Homeseekers will register for the drawing in the places named and the names placed in a big revolving churn. The order in which the names are drawn from this churn will determine the order in which the settlers will be allowed to file upon the

Every unmarried citizen of the Unitsed States, male or female, over 21 years of age will have the right to register for the big drawing. Also the head and support of any family of either sex and any age has the right to register for the big drawing. The opening of Tripp county, South Daany age has the right to register for the drawing. No person who owns more than 160 acres of land or who has theretofore exercised the right of homestead anywhere in the United States, will be allowed to register.

Special Privileges to Soldiers. tery through an agent and if successful in drawing are permitted to file simply a declaratory statement which will segregate the tract of land he desires to homestead for a period of six months is deducted from the time which the government requires a settler to reside upon his claim before a title is ranted him, except that in every case such a soldier or sailor must reside upon and cultivate the land for at least one year.

Cost of the Lands. It is conservatively estimated that at least 200,000 persons will register for the Tripp county lands. Each settler will be allowed to take a quarter section of 160 acres. The lands filed upon within the first three months will cost \$6 per acre; those filed upon after the first three months and within the next three months will cost \$4.50 per acre. Upon all lands remaining after the first six months from the beginning of the filing the price will

Requirements of Homestead Law. When a person files upon a claim in Pripp county or any place else under the homestead law he will have six months from the date he files in which he must establish his residence upon the claim. He must then reside upon and cultivate the last week. The police claimed that must then reside upon and cultivate the land for a period of five years. However, at any time after 14 months' continuous residence upon and cultivation of his claim, any settler may commute; that is, he may prove-up and get a title to the land by paying the balance due the government for the land and by proving his residence upon and cultivation of the land by at at least two witnesses. One settler thus may act as witness for his neighbor in helping him to prove up on his land.

The amount which one will have to pay the land is divided. She was going to show him that he in helping him to prove up on his land.

The amount which one will have to pay the government for the land is divided payments as follows: for \$6 land. into \$160 down, at the time of filing and \$160 per year for five years thereafter. \$4.50 land, payments as follows: \$160 down at the time of filing, and \$112 per year for five years thereafter. For \$2.50 land payment as follows: \$160 down at the time of filing and \$48 per year for five years thereafter. However, if a settler device the settl

sires to commute at the end of 14 months or prior to the expiration of five years' time, he must pay to the government the balance due on the land in full.

Soil. Climate and Rainfall.

The character of this land is the same

as in Gregory county, where 400,000 acres were opened to settlement in 1904. It is gently undulating prairie, thickly covered with buffalo and salt grass and some bluestem grass. The soil is a deep, rich, black loam, very fertile and very productive. The same soil in Gregory county along the line of Tripp county opened four years ago is producing now from 16 to 25 bushels of

wheat per acre; from 50 to 70 bushels of oats, and from 30 to 50 bushels of corn. Flax yields around 10 to 12 bushels per acre. This Gregory county Rosebud land which was opened in 1904 at \$4 per acre is now selling at from \$40 to \$55 per acre and some of the choice quarters well located are bringing even higher prices per acre. Potatoes and all garden vegetables

yield especially heavy in this soil.

The rainfall is about the same as in Iowa and is abundant for all agricultural purposes. In the past two years almost too much precipitation has fallen in western Gregory county along the Tripp coun-

Railroad Extensions.

The Burlington system will construct a line through Gregory from the Platte val-ley to Pierre soon, having run a preliminary survey over the proposed route a few The Northwestern line will be pushed westward from Dailas shortly after the opening and will traverse Tripp county and connect with the Pierre-Rapid City line at Philip, S. D. The Great Northern system took soundings at Northern system took soundings at Wheeler, on the Missouri river opposite Gregory county last summer, and is preparing to run a line from the city of Sloux Falls crossing the river at Wheeler and tapping this vast stretch of fertile

Profits One Can Make.

Land in Tripp county now, in a raw and unimproved state, where the Indians have been permitted to patent and sell part of their allotments, is selling at from \$20 to \$30 per acre-before the opening.

After the country is opened and begins to develop, within two years the price will jump to \$35 and \$40 per acre for lands with small improvements and perhaps not a fourth of it under cultivation. The building of railroads and the further velopment of the country will send the price to a much higher figure for good improved land.

With the opening of Tripp county to settlement several new towns will spring into existence, some of them perhaps to

Dallas is the terminus of the North-western and is a hustling town, two years old. In anticipation of the Tripp county rush, Dallas has many large business buildings. It is a town of some 800 or more. Both points will be overrun with homeseekers during the overrun with homeseekers during the next 12 months.

Definition of the North-become cases of the state of country, being 40 miles in breadth and 60 miles in length, so that the needs of an agricultural community of that size must necessarily be attended to. The government will set aside certain tracts for the state of the state of

Already two new towns have started up in Tripp county. They are both located upon Indian land to which the government has given a patent. Winona is located ten miles west of the line and Lamro is on Dog Ear creek about the middle of the county. Neither town has had very growth, Lamro being the larger and Neither town has had very much sisting of only 14 buildings. Fear that a government townsite may be located near to them has prevented investors from taking hold.

The Streams. Tripp county is well watered. The Keya Paha river and Ponca creek drain the southern portion, while Bull creek, No Moccasin, White Thunder, Dog Ear, Cottonwood and Oak creeks drain the cen-tral and northern portions. The White river forms the northerin boundary. Most of these streams timber along their banks. The valleys of

kota, in October will mean the adding of 1,000,000 fertile acres to the agricultural domain of the United States; it will mean opportunity of the long-looked-for poor man with a family who has been unable to lay by a "nest-egg." to get him-Soldiers of tailors of the United States service, or ex-soldiers or ex-sallors of such service, or their widows, are permitted to register for the lotand women, young and old, to start anew in a land where there are no "favored few;" it will mean the building of four or five hustling new towns, some of them perhaps cities of several thousand people it will mean a rush of home and landseekers unprecedented in the history within which time he must regularly file upon the land. A charge of only \$2 is made for the filing of such a declaratory statement. Also the time of service of such a soldier or sailor in service of such a soldier or sailor in starting all-at-once of a vast new comservice of such a soldier or sailor in starting all-at-once of a vast new com-the army or navy of the United States the army or navy of the United States sales and big profits; it will mean the many who have been denied the chance before: it will mean money to the person who takes advantage of the opportunity and the situation,

CESSATION OF ARDENT ATTENTION PROVOKES "AFFINITY" TO SHOOT

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 8 .- A telegram from Story City, la., says that Mrs. May Heitzman is under arrest there on the charge of shooting a man named Peters, who has been paying her at-tentions at her home in this city. Mrs. Heitzman followed Peters to Story City, where he has a sweetheart, and when she discovered that he was enamored of another woman, she took a couple of shots at him.

Mrs. Heitzman is a good looking

him that he could not lightly trifle with her.

BORN AND DIES A PAUPER.

TROUP, BRAYAN'S FRIEND, DEAD. TONY PASTOR LEAVES

New York, Sept. 8.-Alexander Troup, proprietor and editor of the New Haven Union and a former democratic national committeeman for Connectiin the waiting room of the Grand Cen-

regained consciousness.

Mr. Troup had just returned from an Mr. Troup had just returned from an active campaign in Vermont in behalf of the democratic nominee for governor. W. J. Bryan was a close friend of Mr. Troup.

\$10,000 TO ACTORS

New York, Sept. 8 .- The sum of \$10,-000 is left to the Actors' Fund of America by Tony Pastor, the socalled father stricken with heart failure of vaudeville in this country, whose died will was filed here. Abraham Humtral station last evening and died shortly after 9 o'clock without having mell, the disbarred lawyer, who is now in Europe, and his sister, Bertha Hum-

WESTERN FAVOR FOR TAFT

power.

When we come to contemplate the

vast field of natural western resources,

length and breadth and depth of the

riches with which Providence has

realize how every possible want, every

material aspiration of man can be

bountifully provided for; when we

consider how measureless are the

publican party is one of progress.

Alluring Vision of Greatness.

it to the maximum limit, but he also

the South Sea Islands and all the

South American republics whose shores

are washed by the expansive Pacific

ocean and whose products are destined

to augment the commercial supremacy

trade centers on all the transconti-

nental railroads. His well-known pol-

icies provide for the west as well as

Looking at the great War Secretary

from this viewpoint, is there any won-

der that the west is for Taft and Sher-

TAFT GAINING STRENGTH.

Independent Political Writer Finds

Republican Candidate Popular.

Walter Wellman, the Washington

correspondent of the Chicago Record-

Herald, thinks Taft is gaining strength.

"It is not denied that for some weeks

and pretentious efforts.

"Judge Taft's friends argue that to

the stump' to show the country what

be really is. They would like to have

the masses of the people look upon him

really gets to know him, as the firest

we have had in that office for many

the Republican candidate believe the

away possessions.

Judge Taft not only knows and

Republican Policy Father of the Arid Region.

Home Owners and a High State of loaded this section; when we try to Civilization Go Hand in Hand.

The West has at all times furnished values which will spring into being unthe strongest backing to President der the Republican policy of dealing Taft is the chosen leader of that party can be incorporated into the endurof initiative and construction which, ing structure of human society, we by its policies, has populated the count may begin to estimate properly the republic. The Republican party from harmed the priceless boon of civil libits birth has been a party of home erty which leaves the individual citiand enforced the laws, permitting each development, but to adopt such measat a mere nominal cost.

Uncle Sam and Home Owners.

When good homesteads began to grow scarce and corporations, by double dealing, had largely usurped the birthright of the individual, the party of freedom and justice began to look into the quesof land monopolists and to practically create a "new heaven and a new earth" for the builder of homes, upon which rests the cornerstone of the republic.

Uncle Sam owned the whole arid region--practically fifteen hundred miles square—and he owned the water supply too. Through the Republican party, he decided to bring the water to the land, the east, the north and south and farand by this union to make possible a measurcless bounty for the present and future generations. The Republican party passed the National Irrigation Act which became a law in June, 1902, man? authorizing the government to enter upon this work of reclaiming arid America. The semi-arid region extends over North Dakota, South Dakota, Western Nebraska and Western Kansas in to Oklahoma and the panhandle of Texas.

Taft and the West.

In this area the home-building policy of the Republican party is to perfect Writing of his candidacy recently he one of the greatest experiments of said: civilization. Mr. Taft is thoroughly familiar with conditions here and loves the West. His prescient vision of the naut with Titanic achievement for this future garden spot of the world. He knows the sources of the western water supply. He is the stalwart repres-atative of the party that is busy with aid, and that he is only a starking horse law and order is better now than it the conservation of the natural resources of our country, and what section of our land is to be half so much benefited by this promising movement as the arid region?

Homes and Independence.

prosperity of all other industries. Upon was entertained by men who knew the what he says will be heeded by the the upbuilding of homes rests the in- facts, who knew Taft himself, who Christian church with intense interest. dependence of the nation. Irrigation were familiar with the strength of his Influence of Christian Civilization. and conservation, encourages small character, his independence of mind. two Republican policies have a boundmental in rearing the mightlest empire less will there be of this mistaken no. how the door was to be opened. of ancient days. In India they are to tien that he is overshadowed by anday revivifying and modernizing a is but beginning, yet it gives promise of untold blessings to man.

Possibilities of Electric Energy. One of the most valuable assets that is to come to the arid region through the policy of the Republican party, will be the vast electric energy possible by harnessing the mountain streams. They will thus not only give life to the country, but through power generated, will inject into that life the greatest possible useful activities. In the arid re- in the same way as he is looked upon gion multiplied millions of horse-power can be created through the natural so well known. Ask any man of the gravity system of water. There are rational capital, be he Republican or hundreds of valleys ranging in length Democrat, what he thinks of Judge from a few miles to nearly one Taft, and he will tell you that Taft thousand miles where ample water is one of the biggest, strongest, finest Republican Party Will Continue can be had for all power pur- characters we have ever had in public poses, as well as for heat and life. This is my own opinion, and for light. So when the life-giving fluid is twenty years I have known and watchapplied to the parched plains and the ed most of the important men of Condesert is transformed into the orchard, gress and of the government of both the water then furnishes the source of parties. I am not a hero worshiper, energy for mill, factory, electric plants nor a partisan. But Taft has impressed for lighting and heating and all possi- me, as he impresses every one who ble mechanical devices.

Perhaps at no other point on the type of man this country produces, and earth's surface are such combinations better fitted by temperament and trainpossible to such a degree of utility. i.g and experience for the difficult Having the climate, the scenery, the task of the presidency than any man soil, the sunshine, the water, the timber, the minerals of all kinds, the years. The friends and admiras of wrong. stone, and in fact all of the products of the earth, both from its surface and country should know the man as he from its bowels so readily at hand, is and as he is known to be; and they here in the western portion of America | think the best way to bring that about is destined to be wrought not only the is for him to travel and speak from highest civilization, but the highest one end of the country to the other.

Political Notes. weight because he is afraid of his own shadow.

Missouri has become the first state in lead mining, as well as zine mining. If ores are to be admitted free, as Mr. Bryan advises, what will haplevel and in many cases the mines will

When Mr. Bryan goes campaigning Mr. Taft is not trying to reduce his down South some man may be thoughtless enough to interrupt him in the middle of a speech by asking him how he stands on the Negro ques-

tion. "How will Mr. Taft explain to the pen to the wages of American miners? tion?" asks Mr. Bryan. Bless your Bee.

standard of citizenship and patriotism providing the party of construction APPEAL TO and enlightened citizenship remains in CHRISTIAN CHURCH Responsibilities of Dominant Party.

available for food, for industry and Made by Judge Taft in Behalf of for commerce; when we attempt to the Filipinos. grasp in one act of thought, the

> "A Great Missionary Work That Is Certain to Promote Christian Civilization."

The extension of a vitalizing Chris-Roosevelt and the West turned first with the west, and how these values tianity among the Filipinos as advoto Judge Taft as his logical successor. when once created are solid and real, cated by Judge Taft both before his speech of acceptance of the nomination to the presidency and in that document itself has been widely comtry, connected our two coasts with measure of responsibility which rests mented upon in the pulpits of the bands of steel and has opened the door upon this nation and its chosen rulers. United States. The voice of the clerof opportunity to every citizen of the This is not merely to preserve un- gy has given earnest commendation to the attitude of Judge Taft, who when governor general of the islands steads for the people. It has enacted | zen free to do his share in work of exerted the utmost influence for amelioration of the condition of the inadult citizen of the United States to ures as will prevent the waste of nat. habitants of the archipelago, and that, establish his own home and roof tree ural resources, clear the way of too, at the cost of great self-sacrifice progress and promote the final triumph on his own part in refusing the seat of civilization. The record of the Re- on the supreme bench, to which he was both called and commanded by President Roosevelt.

Never since he first assumed the burden of the governorship of the Philiploves the west, and favors developing pines has the welfare of the Filipinos tion of reclaiming the arid West. It knows Japan, China, the Philippines, Judge Taft. In his speech of acceptance again he reminded the Americans that it is the duty of this country as a strong, Christian and enlightened ration to give spiritual as well as material aid to the distant brown brethof our Pacific coast cities and the

Taft's Appeal to Church. Rev. Albert Hurlstone, paster of Roberts Park church, Indianapolis, Ind., in a recent sermon thus spoke of people of America:

"Mr. Taft used words of wisdom in referring to this question in his notification speech. His appeal is not only to his party, but it is to the Christian had a presidential candidate before who church of America. It seems to me that every man whose heart beats loyally to Jesus Christ must rejoice in the statement so truthfully made. Mr. Taft said: 'We have established a government with effective and honest executive departments in the Philippines and a clean and fearless administration of justice; we have created and are maintaining a comprehensive school system which is educating the after the Chicago convention there was youth of the islands in English and in in the East, at least, an undertone of industrial branches; we have congreat destiny of the republic is preg- prejudice against Judge Taft, springing structed great government public from the belief that he was a mere works, roads and harbors; we have echo of Roosevelt; that he was "not induced the private construction of 800 his own man," that he could not have miles of railroad; we have policed the been nominated but for the Presidents' islands so that their condition as to

> for the man at Oyster Bay. Curiously has ever been in their history.' enough, many men who like Soosevelt, "Mr. Taft is better fitted to speak and would vote for him if he were to on this question than any other man 'un again, felt lukewarm toward Taft in the government to-day by virtue of because of this belief that he was only his close connection with the problem, the President's shadow. Now this feet his experience and personal observaing is largely wearing away. It never tion of the work b

"More than ten years before Dewey holdings and increases the number of Put the men who did entertain it are sailed into Manila, Bishop Thoburn, those who call no man master. These beginning to perceive that he is his our missionary bishop for fifty years own man and a strong one at that. in India, predicted that ere long the less potency for civilization. On the The more speeches Taft makes, the missionary would find an open door in desert sands of Egypt they were instru- more frankly and plainly he talks, the the Philippines, but God alone knew

"Now we hear Mr. Taft saying: other. Taft's frank talk on the labor are engaged in the Philippines in a wasted land. In America their mission and injunction questions and his plain, great missionary work that does our blunt denial of the foolish story that nation honor and is certain to prohe once said \$1 a day was wages mote in a most effective way the inenough for a working man, has done fluence of Christian civilization. It is him more good than his more labored cowardly to lay down the burden until our purpose is achieved.' True, nor do we believe that the American peosome extent he has been a misunder- ple will allow this to be done. The stood man, and they want him to 'take sacrifice has been made, the song of the redeemed people will ere long fill heaven and earth with gladness. The selfish are ever lonely and joyless, but they who bring the sacrifice to the by residents of this city, where he is altar will find the joy of the Lord arise

THE ROOSEVELT POLICIES.

Roosevelt Work.

(From Sherman's Speech of Acceptance.)

Our platform, as it should do, pledges adherence to the policies of With a man for president who is afraid President Roosevelt; promises to continue the work inaugurated during his administration, to insure to persons from the fact by claiming a great and property every proper safeguard, growth for them, and running on the and all necessary strengthening of administrative methods will be provided candidate, and for a party which the to furnish efficient inspection and supervision, and prompt righting of power for a short interval in fifty every injustice, discrimination and years, and which wrecked all interests

Not a Wail for Bryan.

"Let us have the worst," says the Brooklyn Eagle. That sounds like, though it isn't a declaration for Bryan. other farmer ought to help your fund. -New York Tribune.

Bull's Eye Shots.

The "new diplomacy" inaugurated in the foreign policy of the United States proclaims truth and frankness as its characteristics. It is the absolute candor of Mr. Taft in consulting openly admirers have been assuring him that with his predecessor in the White he can win in a walk. average man the benefits of protec. House upon questions relating to the public good as allied with Republican The wages will go down to the foreign heart, the average man understands it victory that so confounded his critics. without any explanation. - Omaha There is nothing so dazzling as the white light of courageous candor.

FARMER WRITES TO BRYAN.

In Terse Terms Tells Peerless One

Why He Won't Contribute. Here is a letter sent by an Illinois farmer in response to the Democratic appeal for campaign contributions: "Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincoln, Neb.:

"My Dear Sir-As a farmer, in my reply to your request that the farmers contribute to your campaign fund, I will say that I cannot give you anything, as your speech accepting your nomination shows that, as President, you could not accomplish anything. You say that, if elected, you will only serve four years, and that promptly after your term begins you will call Congress in extra session, so that you can begin to reform the abuses at once. But if, as you say, nothing can be done while Congress, or even the Senate, is under Republican control, why convene an extra session, as all know the Senate cannot possibly change in less than four years, if then?

"I frankly admit your many good qualities and generous impulses, but it seems to me that a man who would seriously propose your dangerous free silver and government railroad ownership schemes, as you have done, has not that practical business tact required to make a safe President. You did well to drop these lunacies from your platform, but when, to still public alarm lest, if elected, you would call them up, you promised in your speech to only favor as President what was in your platform, you made a most serious mistake, which effectually ties your hands and disqualifies you for the presidency, as scores of issues and subjects outside of your platform, and which are vital to the country's interests, may press themselves upon you for action.

"No presidential candidate ever made such a promise as that before. The fear of these two mistaken hobbies marred your whole speech. It was another fatal mistake when, to draw attention away from these two hobbies, Judge Taft's appeal to the Christian you declared there had been great popular growth in your views and policies, when, in fact, these two, which were your only prominent ones, had been left out of your platform. We have never proposed to bring in such a millennium of reforms, who had to make so many quirks in his speech of acceptance to conceal and cover up his most important views rather than to justify and explain them.

"The abuses of which you speak are the fruits of the evil inherent in human nature, which are present in one form or another under the rule of all parties, and republican rule no more created them, as you charge, than it created your abuse of your party's confidence, or the crimes of your party in robbing a large element of our voters of their ballots in several states, and which, though claiming that the people's rule or rights was the issue, you were afraid to even mention in your speech, much less condemn.

"It was a great abuse of your party's confidence when, with your speech for free silver before a former convention, you deceived it into nominating you for president with your false claim ing done: hence that the country would be ruined with the gold policy of the republican party unless you were chosen to destroy it with your free silver plan. But you now see it would have wrecked the country's interests, and you have even kicked that lunacy out of your present platform and, inferentially, made a solemn promise in your speech to never call it up again. That abuse was more dangerous than all the other present abuses combined; but you will agree with me that republican rule did not create it. That was a bad business, but you are just as confident now that the nostrums in your present platform, with you as president to apply them, will bring in the political millennium as you were when running before, when your success would have ruined the

> "If you are afraid that Mr. Taft will be too tardy in publishing his campaign subscriptions, or that if the rich people give his campaign fund anything it will prevent him, if elected as president, from reforming the abuses, why don't you publish the vast gifts of the barons and silver kings to your campaign fund, when a former candidate; or why did you take them? Or perhaps you would have been too good for such gifts to have corrupted you had you been elected president. "It is a pity that every other candi-

date is a rascal but you. If you are to be elected the outlook is not auspicious. to put his chief views or policies in his platform, and then to draw attention assumption that he is the only honest people have only intrusted with the with its blunders, what grounds have we to hope that the country can prosper?

"No, I can't give you anything on this outlook, and I don't think any "AN ILLINOIS FARMER."

The Soft Pedal.

Readers of the New York World are wondering what has become of its Bryan map.

Mr. Taft doesn't seem quite so anxious for a big, strong horse since his

Twelve years of talking on the part of Mr. Bryan having failed to cure the public of its lack of confidence in his statesmanship, he will do some more talking.