

# You'll find your opportunity in the new West



## Daniel Webster's mistake

One day in 1843, while addressing the United States senate, Daniel Webster uttered a statement that we must consider today as his most serious error. His speech, in part, follows:

"What do you want of that vast and worthless area, that region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts, of shifting sands and whirling wind, of dust, of cactus and prairie dogs? To what use could we ever hope to put these great deserts and those endless mountain ranges, impenetrable and covered to their very base with eternal snow? What can we ever do with the western coast, a coast of 3,000 miles, rock bound, cheerless and uninviting?"

That region of savages and wild beasts, of deserts and prairies, of shifting sands and whirling winds of dust has been turned into veritable granary and garden spot. Those impenetrable mountain ranges are yielding up vast treasures, and today they are the nation's playgrounds, full of sublime beauty and grandeur, where man may rest and gain health and strength. That 3,000 mile coast has hundreds of resort cities that are today the "mecca" of a whole world of pleasure seekers.

*This is the section that*

## The Western Land-Products Exhibit, To be held in Omaha January 18 to 28, 1911

Will help you to get acquainted with, for it will show, as nothing short of a trip through the country itself could show, the actual conditions in which the people of the west are making good. To show Omaha people what one of Omaha's foremost citizens thinks of THE WEST read the following:

OMAHA SUNDAY BEE, OCT. 16, 1910.

### Dodder Buys Big Tract of Utah Land

Omaha Business Man Gets a Fine Section Under a New Ditch.

PROVO, Utah, Oct. 16.—Deeds, contracts of sale, certificates of purchase to almost 150 acres of land amounting in price to almost \$50,000, lying on or near to the United States Strawberry irrigation project, all close to this city, were filed in the register's office at Provo today. These papers represent the aggregate purchase of E. L. Dodder of Omaha.

Mr. Dodder has been making a number of investments in western lands, but on a recent visit to the west at the solicitation of W. H. Ray, the mayor of the city of Provo, and formerly a resident of Missouri, Mr. Dodder visited Provo and took an automobile trip over the farm lands lying around this city, and over the Strawberry Valley irrigation project of the United States government. The result is that Mr. Dodder has converted a very large part of his eastern holdings into cash which he is investing in property around the city.

While here Mr. Dodder declared to Mayor Ray that he believed that Provo

and the territory immediately tributary to this city will show the most wonderful increase in population, land values and wealth within the next few years of any city in the inter-mountain west.

"I believe," said Mr. Dodder, "that Provo will rapidly come to be a city of at least 25,000 people. I am confident that if the people of Omaha and our section were as well informed concerning the wealth and opportunities of this intermountain west as I am that you would literally have trainloads of homeseekers and investors pouring into the gates of your city every day in the year. I believe this so firmly and am so confident that the spread of this information is only a question of time, that I am inviting my money in Provo and in the Utah valley, because I am certain of doubling what a short time every dollar that I put here."

Mr. Dodder has returned to Omaha and before returning expressed his intention of making other investments either for himself or his friends in this section.

## The Omaha Bee and The Twentieth Century Farmer

Wish to convince the people about the wonderful possibilities of the west, and they are backing up the Western Land-Products Exhibit because they realize that an exhibit of this kind will show people more of the real truth about this wonderful section than any amount of pure talk and the real interest in the upbuilding of the empire is due to the fact that they realize that it is upon the west that Omaha must depend for its future progress and greatness.

### Land information bureau

So many of our readers have written us from time to time, asking us for reliable information as to soil, climate and value of land in localities in which they were thinking of locating or buying for investment, that we have decided to establish a Land Information Bureau.

This bureau will make investigations and gather data, so that it will be able to either answer inquiries direct or give parties wanting information the names of reliable persons to whom you can write.

When writing, address, Land Information Bureau, The Twentieth Century Farmer, Omaha, Neb.

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