

LAND IS "TAKEN UP IN TRICE

Ten Thousand Acres Secured by Settlers in Three Minutes.

MANY WERE WAITING FOR IT

Gained an Impetus from the Fact that Land Was Recently Opened for Homestead Entries—Big Rush at Opening.

OMAHA, Feb. 13.—(Special.)—Close to 100 acres of land in Iron county, Minn., was taken up under the enlarged homestead act at the local United States land office...

This indicates the way the 150,000 acres of land opened to public entry looks to those persons who know it. They want it, and are glad of the chance to be on hand early to get some of it.

Yet so anxious were these men to do this, and such a bonanza did they consider the land thus opened up that they had all these formalities completed, and the affidavits made out in proper form, and were on hand before the land office officials showed up to open the doors for the day's business.

It was probably the biggest land rush in the history of the local United States land office, and it is the largest "designation" of land ever made in the state by the government.

The land included in the designation covers 250 square miles, all of which is deeded to be suitable for dry farming and upon which the government gives exceptionally liberal terms to homesteaders.

Two kinds of entries. The tract is opened under sections 2 and 6 of the enlarged homestead act. Section 2 grants 20 acres of land and requires residence, while section 6 grants the same amount of ground and does not require residence.

In the general rush a number of conflicts occurred, several people filing on the same tracts. To settle the disputes an auction was held and the homesteads went to the highest bidder.

Surveys are watched. The first intimation that the land would be opened for entry went out when the government surveying party went over the ground last spring.

The United States surveyor general then made plans of the land and filed these in the land office a month ago. The law requires that the land be open for settlement under the original homestead laws providing 160 acres to the homesteader as soon as the plans were filed.

The filing of the plans was the signal for intending homesteaders to get busy. The news of the designation seemed to spread rapidly and by this morning the entrymen were numerous.

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HOUSE SERVICES FOR DEAD

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Freshmen Engage in Fight as Result of Snowball Battle Between Students.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 12.—A body of Yale undergraduates, mostly freshmen, clashed with the police today as the outcome of a snowball battle between student occupants of dormitories on opposite sides of a street.

A policeman who attempted to stop the engagement was hit by a snowball and when he attempted to make an arrest the students made common cause against him.

Reinforcements of policemen arrived, however, and four students were arrested, two charged with breach of the peace, one with interfering with an officer and one with breach of the peace and resisting an officer. The students arrested were all freshmen.

At the Theater

Attractions in Omaha.

"Polly of the Circus" at the Brandeis. "Cleopatra" at the Boyd. "Vandeville at the Orpheum."

"Cleopatra" at the Boyd. Miss Lang and company in "Cleopatra," a drama in six acts, under stage direction of O. D. Woodward and Ralph Marley. The cast: Cleopatra, Eva Lang; Caesar, Octavia, Ethel Valentine; Charmion, Eugenia Dillards; Antony, Kathryn Sheldon; Messala, John McCabe; Mephistopheles, Frank Beal; Mithras, Messenger, Frank Beal; Mithras, Messenger, Frank Beal; Mithras, Messenger, Frank Beal.

"Vandeville at the Orpheum." Whenever a dupe can be made to believe that he is something little short of wonderful, he is what Dick, a French poodle, does this week at the Orpheum.

Dick can do everything but talk, and to cover this apparent deficiency, he can make signs which his master understands as well as if he were talking. Dick adds, subtracts and multiplies numbers with beatness and dispatch and Dick draws angles, circles and squares with pen and ink. He writes his name and then closes his part of the program by drawing a picture of a donkey upon his master's request to draw his picture.

The Saturday, a clever Japanese juggler, do some conjuring, juggling and balancing with his feet. George W. Jones and Ben Deesey present an amusing sketch, "The Hotel St. Beckless." The sketch gives Deesey an opportunity to display his ability as a negro impersonator. W. H. Murphy and Miss Blanche Nichols, assisted by Miss Deesey, present a laughable skit, entitled "The 22nd St. Lumber Yard." Miss Nichols is clever and furnishes the main part of the fun in the skit. Andrew studies in china and ivory give three young men a series of pretty facts and figures on op-

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portunity to show their charms and capabilities as posers. Their work is good and the studies are fine. The settings are superb and go a long way in making the act what it is. Paul Florius and "Radiant" Radio Furman furnish the other numbers on the bill. Florius gets all sorts of music out of his xylophone, while Miss Furman entertains with comical impersonations.

Vandeville at the American. Just as clever a mixture of comedy, music and character acting as one could wish to see is "The Four Flushers," a one-act sketch which serves as the headline attraction at the American Music hall this week.

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