Progress of Western Development

OPENING OF ROSEBUD LANDS

Four Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand Acres Subject to Entry.

METHOD OF REGISTRATION

Lands Carefully Classified and Will Be Sold to Men Successful in Drawings at 25 Cents to Six Dollars an Acre.

DALLAS, S. D., July 21.—(Special.)—If it is true that the local sentiment is a correct measure of the importance of any event, the registration for lands in Mellette and Bennett county, South Dakota, is the greatest scheduled event on the public calendar for this fall. Regardless of of opinions that may be held in other quarters, the residents of Gregory and Tripp counties, where land is selling at $30 to $5 an acre, realize that it is something of a situation to be able to acquire contiguous lands of the same general character at 25 cents to $6 an acre.

Dallas is the registration point nearest to the lands to be opened and preparations are in progress for the rush expected during the registration dates, October 2 to 21, inclusive. It is predicted that the total registration for this opening will reach 150,000, establishing a new record in the government's land lotteries.

Selection of Lands.

Those who are fortunate in the land drawing this fall, to take place a few days after the close of the registration, will find a much more satisfactory system of land selection in force than prevailed in the previous openings. Many hardships have been caused, in the past, through mistakes of locaters, but the new arrangement gives complete protection to the entryman. All of the lands to be opened have been carefully classified and appraised by a competent crew and each person, at the time of filing, may select any class of land desired and pay only the appraised price on that classification. As a further protection the entryman is allowed fifteen days after reserving the tract before making his payment, which in each class amounts to one-fifth of the appraised value of the land. The remaining four-fifths is made in five equal annual installments.

According to the official schedule there are exactly 466,562.59 acres subject to homestead entry in Mellette and Bennett counties. Of this amount approximately 20,000 acres is classed as very choice agricultural lands and will be subject to entry at $4.50 to $6 an acre. About 100,000 acres are designated as second grade (good) agricultural lands and will be subject to entry at $3 to $4 an acre. The balance is classed as grazing land and is priced at 25 cents to $2 an acre. All tracts must be selected substantially in accordance with the appraised and classified outlines.

Method of Registration.

In the rules formulated for the coming opening, comparatively few changes have been made from those that governed similar events of the past. Each registration applicant will subscribe to a slip giving his name, age, weight and general personal descriptions. These slips are enclosed in envelopes and deposited in large steel tanks, where they are held until the day of the drawing. On the eventful day, set for October 24, all of the envelopes will be dumped on a huge plateform and the drawing will begin, the first 100 envelopes to be selected by little girls. The order in which the envelopes are drawn establishes the numbers, or filing rights of the applicants, and the lucky ones will be notified of the day, hour and place on which this right must be exercised. The number, in itself, gives no negotiable right, and cannot be transferred. A number holder may merely appear, in his order, and select any land then open, to the extent of not more than 160 acres, provided he has a valid homestead right.

Chadron is Coming With Big Exhibit

Northwestern Nebraska Will Be Largely Represented at the Land Show in October.

CHADRON, Neb., July 21.—(Special.)—At a special meeting of the Chadron Commercial club plans were made for a splendid Dawes county exhibit at the Omaha Land show. This was the only Nebraska county to take an exhibit to the first Land show in January, but their showing will be the means of bringing displays from all counties in northwest Nebraska. The meeting was addressed by W. O. Paisley, general manager of the Omaha Land show, and resolutions were adopted engaging space, and plans were made for a complete exhibit of products from Dawes county.

Crop conditions in the county are favorable and the people are enthusiastic over the future of the county. A large delegation attended the January Land show, but five times as many will attend in October.

Alfalfa will be one of the big crops here this year. The alfalfa seed from this county ranks as the finest quality grown and will grade high this season.

CAMPER USES TRUNK AS DRUM

F. M. Boyd Arrested at St. Joseph, Suspected of Being Escaped. Asylum Patient.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Living alone in a tent at a summer resort near here, F. M. Boyd, believed to have escaped from an asylum for the insane at Norfolk, Neb., was arrested today on a charge of annoying other campers. Boyd refused to talk and he will be held until the authorities at Norfolk are notified.

Campers complained that Boyd sat up all night in his tent and pounded on a trunk, keeping them awake. When asked to quit it, he refused, saying he could do as he pleased.

The Key to the Situation—Bee Want Ads.

MANY HOMESTEADERS COMING

Thousands of Dakota Seekers Will Be Here in October.

INDIAN LANDS ATTRACT THEM

It is Estimated that Sixty Thousand Visitors Will Be in Omaha During Period of the Land Show.

By a streak of good fortune a large per cent of the 120,000 people who are expected to file for claims in Mellette and Bennett counties, South Dakota, will pass through Omaha and will be given an opportunity to see the Omaha Land Show, at which the resources and opportunities of the entire west will be exploited. Thus it will be possible to directly interest thousands of persons who are actually seeking homes and who will be in the proper frame of mind to receive and absorb all the information that is thrust upon them.

As an example of the great number of landseekers who will pass through Omaha in October, it is set forth that in 1904 106,000 people registered at Bonesteel. Four years later, at the Dallas registration for Tripp county lands, 114,000 seekers made filings. On these figures is based the estimate that there will be at least 120,000 registrations at Dallas, Gregory, Rapid City and Chamberlain for the Mellette and Bennett county lands. At least 60,000 of these are expected to pass through Omaha, which is the gateway to the west, and it will be possible to interest a great many of them in the opportunities offered in the region further west. The South Dakota registrations will be made between October 2 and 21, and the drawings begin October 24, while the Land Show will be from October 16 to 28. The dates of the show will give the homeseekers an opportunity of visiting in Omaha both before and after they go to South Dakota.

During the last South Dakota drawings most of the applicants came from Iowa, Illinois, Missouri and other states in the middle west, and the bulk of the coming registrations will be made by people from these states. It is these people that the west is now trying to interest through the medium of the Land Show.

Wyoming is Coming Big.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 21.—(Special.)—Wyoming will be represented at the Land show in Omaha on October 16 to 28 by the largest and finest exhibit of the state's resources ever gotten together.

The space selected by Commissioner Schenck in the coliseum at Omaha is in one of the best places in the large building, being next to one of the main entrances where all the people coming and going cannot fail to see it, and will be made one of the feature exhibits of the entire show that includes exhibitions from all the western states.

Commissioner Schenck is preparing the exhibits. There will be one large central exhibit for the state itself, showing all the resources of the entire state, mineral, agricultural and manufacturing, but in addition to this general exhibit, Mr. Schenck is interesting the various counties and communities of the state in making an exhibit of their own particular resources to supplement the state exhibit, and these will be arranged around the state exhibit in a tasteful manner so that each county will be properly advertised and exploited.

Gregory Makes Bid to Get Big Crowds

Commercial Club Will Give Free Information to All Who Go to Land Opening.

John P. Biehm, Joy M. Hackler and Loui Storms, three live representatives of the Gregory Commercial club, were in Omaha yesterday on business concerning the forthcoming opening of South Dakota lands. While they are doing all in their power to spread the news of the opening broadcast, they are devoting plenty of energy to boosting their home town as the real land office town of Dakota, laying special stress on the fact that it is nearest to the land to be drawn.

John P. Biehm, as spokesman for the trio, announced that the Commercial club is doing everything to see that the many land seekers are well taken care of. There will be quarters and provisions ample for all, and there will not be any gambling. The club is going to see that every visitor is well taken care of.

John Witten will be there to superintend the opening, as will also the experts who appraised the land for the government, and they will furnish free information to all who come. Maps will be distributed free to all by the commercial, and there will be no lack of information.

Many Strangers in Rogue River Valley

Grant's Pass is Much Encouraged by the Arrival of Mining Men and Farmers.

GRANT'S PASS, Ore., July 21.—(Special.)—This part of the Rogue river valley and especially Grant's Pass, has a bright outlook for the immediate future. Strangers are arriving daily who are looking for investments and a location. These are highly pleased with what they find in this section. Among the crowd of new arrivals may be seen, here and there, a group of mining men and prospectors. These have read the story of the find in the Red mountains and other districts and they push on into the diggings as soon as they can gather up an outfit. Taken all together, the outlook of Grant's Pass—the lands under irrigation and the mines—are decidedly favorable.

WONDERLAND OF THE WEST

Puget Sound Contains Much of Interest to All Tourists.

ANGLER FINDS HIS PARADISE

Interesting Trips, Either Long or Short, Can Be Taken on Boats of Puget Sound Navagation Company.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 21.—(Special.)—The eyes of the world are gradually being turned toward Puget sound, and no part of the world gives promise of a more glittering future than does this wonderland of America. With the scenery of Switzerland, the climate of Italy, richer soil than the valley of the Nile, a growing commerce that in time will rival London, it requires no Delphic oracle to predict the future of this sound country.

This vast inland sea, studded with emerald islands, extends its encircling arms far into the mainland, grasping the feet of the stately Olympics, and washing the skirts of the snowy Cascades.

Leaving Seattle, that most wonderful of modern cities, in its unprecedented achievements, the tourist may choose dozens of dozens of routes, varying from an hour's run to a month's cruise, as fancy dictates, while at every turn a bewildering variety of new and enchanting scenes is unfolded before his wondering eyes. Five leading routes of the Puget Sound Navigation company, following the natural channels of this inland sea, take the voyager to Tacoma via the left arm of Puget sound, Union City via Hood canal, to Bellingham and Blaine via Everett, Anacortes and Deception pass; to Victoria or Cape Flattery via Juan de Fuca, or to Vancouver via Georgia straits. Any one of these trips affords an experience never to be forgotten—one which once taken will be oft repeated. The trip to Tacoma, "the city of destiny," takes only an hour and a half one way, and it is one of the most effective antidotes to tired nerves. Tacoma has the largest wheat warehouses in the world, the largest smelter in the United States, and the city has just completed a stadium 480 feet long, the largest arena on the Pacific coast; it will probably be the scene of the next Olympic games that are played on this continent. Nature gave this wonderful stadium to Tacoma, requiring only the labor and expense of seating and concreting, and it will seat 25,000 people. The stadium may be seen near the high school from the "Indianapolis" when leaving or approaching Tacoma.

Paradise of Anglers.

About sixteen miles from Port Angeles is Lake Crescent, lying like a new silver moon among the snowy Olympics. Here the angler finds his paradise, especially if he likes game fish; the lake abounds in trout of such varieties as the Dolly Varden, Rainbow, Tully, Cut Throat, Half Breed, Crescent, Silver and Beardslee, the latter variety being found only in this lake; the Beardslee is considered the wildest and gamiest of the trout species. At Lake Crescent you can forget the world and make the world forget to interrupt you for awhile.

The largest and most prosperous of the Puget sound group is the San Juan island, the scene of the last struggle between the British and American forces. Relics of the old forts are to be found at either end of the island. Friday Harbor is the chief town of the group, and is the seat of the county government. It has one of the most beautiful harbors to be found on the sound. The town is lighted by electricity, and has a fine local and long-distance telephone system and a wireless telegraph station.

At East Sound, Olga, Friday Harbor, and in fact all the points reached by the steamer on this route, good accommodations can be found at hotels and private homes, and the tired worker who is looking for a complete rest will find this an ideal spot to spend a summer's vacation.

"Beautiful Bellingham," the home of the greatest salmon canneries on the coast, lies at the terminus of the Puget Sound Navigation company's Seattle-Everett-Anacortes-Bellingham route, and is one of the most prosperous and substantial cities on Puget sound.

Blaine, about thirty-two miles by water, north of Bellingham, the home of large salmon canneries and saw mills, is a very interesting point for the sightseer.

Great Commercial Arch.

Vancouver, which Kipling describes as "the key to the greatest commercial arch in the world," is also reached by this line.

At the opposite end of the sound and a strong contrast to the winsome beauty of the San Juan islands, lies Hood canal, wild, bold and rugged in its mountainous steeps as the Himalayas, more beautiful than the Swiss Alps, a miniature reproduction of the famous inside passage to Alaska. Its densely wooded hills offer the greatest variety of big game to be found in the United States. It is the last stand of the elk. Protected in the government reserve, 5,000 of these noble animals roam at will over the jagged peaks of the Olympics. Deer, bear and cougar also abound in this region. No person should miss the opportunity to make this trip down Hood canal and get closer than ever before to the great heart of nature. On opposite sides to the entrance of Hood canal lie Port Gamble and Port Ludlow, two of the most important lumber towns on the coast. A visit to their huge saw mills, where the giant firs and cedars of the Olympics are converted into lumber, affords to the uninitiated a most interesting experience.

Ashland is Enjoying Substantial Growth

Oregon City Has Many Municipal Assets and More Are Being Added Constantly.

ASHLAND, Ore., July 21.—(Special.)—Devoid of boomed phases, Ashland, Ore., still continues on its steady progress towards substantial betterments, and its advancement along these lines is notable.

The major improvement, bitulithic pavement, is being steadily extended the present season, and the close of the year 1911 will witness the completion of a large extent of paved area, supplemented by miles of cement walks, curbs and gutters.

In the line of public buildings there are a number of structures under way, among them being a new high school for which an appropriation of $75,000 is available. Work on this fine educational institution is already in progress, and it bids fair to be one of the most complete in its appointments of any like building on the coast. A new Carnegie library is being built at a cost of $15,000. Ashland is also to have a new armory costing $30,000, the expense of which is to be borne by state, county and city, in the proportions of half by the state, and a quarter by the county and city each, respectively. Deeds for the site of this notable improvement have already passed.

The city has a commercial college in addition to being the center of churches and schools; a thriving chautauqua association, the scope of whose influence is even recognized beyond state boundaries; a modern hospital; two large natatoriums; one of the best equipped creameries which draws patronage for miles around; lumber manufacturing concerns, iron works, canning factory, fruit and produce association—in fact, about everything which counts for progress in the work of town building.

Chief assets also are climatic and scenic advantages. These are not dwelt upon at length here, but they constitute attractions unrivalled, and ideal conditions in these respects are found amid the elegant drives, romantic canyon and beautiful parks and residence districts of "The Granite City" in the famed Rogue river valley section of southern Oregon.

PAROLED MAN BACK TO JAIL

Charles Clausen, recently paroled by Judge Estelle, sold an automobile belonging to a Thurston county man, and the result is that he has been given a berth again in the county jail. Judge Estelle declares that if the Thurston county officials do not prosecute Clausen he will give the prisoner an indeterminate sentence. Clausen was involved in a forgery episode when he was paroled.